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## President Coolidge's Christmas Greetings to Boys and Girls

### Reminds Them of Their Opportunities—Says It Has Not Been So Very Long Since He Was a Boy Working on the Farm

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Coolidge, in a Christmas greeting today to boys and girls of the nation, pointed to the values of unselfishness, obedience and self-control.

The greeting was addressed to the Boy Scouts, the Lone Scouts and the 4-H clubs.

"As you are representatives of the organizations of boys and girls of America who live in or are interested in the open country with which I come into an official relation," he said, "I want to extend to all of you a Christmas greeting. It seems a very short time ago that I was a boy and in the midst of farm life myself helping to do the chores at the farm, working in the corn and potato fields, getting in the hay and in the spring time doing what most of you have never had an opportunity to see—making maple sugar.

"I did not have any chance to profit by joining a scout organization or a 4-H club. That chance ought to be a great help to the boys and girls of the present day. It brings them into association with each other in a way where they learn to think not only of themselves but of other people. It teaches them to be unselfish. It trains them to obedience and gives them self-control.

"A very wise man gave us this motto: 'Do the duty that lies nearest you.' It seems to me that this is the plan of all your organizations. We need never fear that we shall be called on to do great things in the future if we do some things well at present. It is the boys and girls who work hard at home who are sure to make the best record when they go away from home. It is the boys and girls who stand well up towards the head of the class at school that will be called on to hold the important places in political and business life when they go out into the world.

"There is time for play, as well as time for work. But even in play it is possible to cultivate the art of well doing. Games are useful to train the eye, the hand and the muscles and bring the body more completely under the control of the mind. When this is done, instead of being a waste of time, play becomes a means of education.

"It is in all these ways that boys and girls are learning to be men and women, to be respectful to their parents, to be patriotic to their country and to be reverent to God. It is because of the great chance that American boys and girls have in all these directions that to them more than to the youth of any other country there should be a merry Christmas."

## FURSUIT SLOW IN CASE OF OLD TIME BANDIT

### But His Chances of Life After Capture by posse Were Slim

Los Angeles—Mounted, somebrosed robbers of the early days, who attacked stage coaches as they rumbled over rough trails, had a slight advantage over the present-day bandit in so far as escape was concerned, but once caught, justice descended more swiftly.

In making a comparison of the strokes of justice leveled at mail robbers in the frontier period with those of to-day, local police and postal inspectors reached this decision. The officers had just captured six members of a gang that had executed a bold half-million dollar hold-up of a mail truck in October.

When captured, the old robber usually was hanged to the nearest tree, while the modern outlaw is indicted, arraigned, has legal counsel for protection at trial and does not fear the gallows, unless a murder has been committed in connection with the hold-up.

Pursuit of the old stage robber began several hours after the hold-up by a hastily recruited posse, with but a vague idea of the criminal's identity. To-day a fingerprint on a coffee mail bag may lead to the capture of an entire gang. Photography, telephone, radio, complete criminal record bureaus and many other attributes now hasten the capture of robbers.

## EXTRA SESSION TEXAS LEGISLATURE IS OFF

### No Move to Impeach Governor Ferguson Will Be Made in Near Future, It is Said

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Immediate prospects for a special session of the Texas legislature for investigation and impeachment of Governor Miriam Ferguson were quashed today by Speaker Lee Satterwhite of the state house of representatives.

Declaring that a special session of the legislature might complicate litigation started by Attorney General Dan Moody in connection with state highway contracts Mr. Satterwhite declined to call the session as requested by more than 50 members of the house. Previously he had made known that the question of expenses for the legislators and any witnesses who might be summoned was a stumbling block.

The Texas statute provides that the speaker may call a special legislative session for investigation and impeachment only, and Attorney General Moody ruled that such a session would lack authority to appropriate funds for expenses. Numerous persons offered to "underwrite" a special session but the attorney general declared this would be illegal.

The calling of a special session was put directly up to Speaker Satterwhite when Governor Ferguson refused the demand of legislators that she call it, declaring that there was no need for it and that much legislation already enacted "might be undone."

Several legislators petitioned Speaker Satterwhite to call the special session and an ultimatum was sent to the governor declaring that unless she called it Satterwhite would do so.

## WYATT TO ASK FOR CLEMENCY

### Attorneys Have Announced Intention of Seeking Extension for Beginning Sentence

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Jesse Wyatt, former detective captain of the Raleigh police, petitions for executive interference in the judgment pronounced Friday by Judge Garland Midyette, sentencing him to from 8 to 18 months in the state prison. Governor McLean will be asked to sit with Commissioner Sink on the case and hear the matter "once and for all," Mr. Sink said this afternoon.

Ordinarily all parole hearings are conducted before the pardon commissioner, and the governor acts upon his recommendation.

Attorneys for Wyatt have definitely announced their purpose to ask for an extension of the date on which he is to begin the sentence, and have indicated that they will petition for the suspension of the sentence. Wyatt's wife will be confined soon, and he is particularly anxious that his sentence shall not begin until after the birth of the child. Judge Midyette fixed January 2 as the date on which he should begin serving.

Both the morning and afternoon papers here commented favorably on the sentence given Wyatt, who was convicted at the November term of Wake superior court of manslaughter for the death of Stephen S. Holt, Smithfield attorney, who was killed when the officer fired to stop a car he suspected of carrying liquor.

The News and Observer declared the sentence imposed by Judge Midyette shows "that justice has been upheld and mercy invoked," while The Raleigh Times said the punishment of the former detective "will do more to promote respect for the courts and their officers than a thousand years of imprisonment imposed on chicken thieves, bootleggers, dope peddlers and wife-beaters."

## Assaulted Officers Got 5-Years in Prison

Winston-Salem, Dec. 17.—Five years each in the penitentiary was the verdict of Judge Finley today in the case of Richard and Anne Parks, each charged in two cases with assault with intent to kill in connection with the fight between them and Deputy Sheriff W. T. Perry, Jr., and motorcycle Officer J. R. Crutchfield which occurred several nights ago when the officers attempted to arrest the two men who had drawn guns on them.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON FINDS BIBLE LAND DISTURBED BY WARS

### Less of Atmosphere of Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men

Jerusalem, Dec. 20.—Christmas season this year finds the Bible lands once more disturbed by fighting and with less of that atmosphere of "peace on earth and good will towards men," which is the conventional greeting on this greatest of Christian feast days.

In Jerusalem, which stands on a lofty plateau, as if holding itself aloof from the quarreling Mohammedan Druse tribesmen and Christians in the valleys below, the missionaries and American Near East relief organization are providing hospitality for pilgrims, tourists and refugees in the spirit of the season.

Weary pilgrims from far countries are climbing the roads to the city, 2,500 feet above sea level, to rest in hotels, hospices and convents before filling out the single road to Bethlehem, to worship at the marble manger which marks the traditional spot of the birthplace of Christ.

### American Touch

There will be a distinctly American touch to this year's celebration. With funds sent from the United States, the American Y. M. C. A. is providing for the first time in history, a community Christmas tree which is to be for all denominations. The tree will be set up in the field of Boaz, where the shepherds watched their flocks by night, and it will be lighted by electricity and decorated like the community trees in the United States.

Thousands of pilgrims and tourists will see the tree as they come over the good road from Jerusalem on foot and by donkey, horse and automobile. Among those who will walk are 700 children from the Holy Cross and Saint James orphanages of the Near East Relief. They will be part of a picturesque crowd of American and French priests, Spanish and Italian monks, English tourists and native country people who will greet each other with:

"May your day be happy and blessed."

### Day Before Christmas

This procession will start the day before Christmas and pass David's Well and the White Domed burying place known as Rachel's Tomb, winding up in the courtyard of the Church of the Nativity.

Young merchants have put in their stock of picture post cards, olive wood and mother of pearl souvenirs of the Holy Land, and the peasant women who sell flowers and vegetables have laid out their most gaily colored dresses for the great day. Camels, donkeys, goats, sheep, horses and American motor cars will join the crowd in picturesque confusion.

### In Glittering Vestments

All of Christmas eve and Christmas the people will squeeze through the small doorway of the fortresslike wall of the church and emerge into the wave where the Latins or Roman Catholics are conducting their services, and clergy and acolytes in glittering vestments are marching around the simple interior. From a corner of the church a pushing jostling throng will wind its way down the poorly lighted slippery stone steps to the grotto where the people will kneel and kiss the brass star on the floor and will kiss the manger and pray.

Much the same scenes will be witnessed on January 7, when the orthodox Christians have their nativity festivities from their wing of the church. The Armenians, who formerly held their festivities on January 19 have announced that they will henceforth hold them on the orthodox nativity day.

## Tom Greatest U. S. Jew Named

Readers of The Jewish Tribune just decided that the following are the 10 Jews who have served America best: Nathan Straus, merchant and philanthropist; Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice, United States supreme court; Louis Marshall, lawyer; Julius Rosenwald, merchant ( Sears, Roebuck and Co.) and philanthropist; Haym Solomon, who provided without interest finances for Revolutionary war; Oscar S. Straus, diplomat; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise; Jacob H. Schiff (dead), financier; Adolph S. Ochs, newspaper publisher; Felix M. Warburg, financier.

## BANK CASES NOW VIRTUALLY OVER

### Remaining Indictments in Salisbury Crash Will Likely Not Be Tried

Greensboro, Dec. 20.—The Salisbury bank cases, pending since January, 1935, were over tonight except for a single indictment against J. K. Doughton and a joint one against him and M. L. Jackson. These will probably never be tried.

J. D. Norwood is under sentence of three years in the federal penitentiary but with an appeal. It was a hectic week here in federal district court.

Starting last Monday, two trials were held, resulting in a mistrial, a conviction and an acquittal, the latter by the directed verdict route. Norwood, who was chairman of the board of directors of the People's National Bank, of Salisbury, was tried first, that lasting three days and a stubborn jury, which voted a long day through, seven to five, in favor of conviction, was dismissed for being unable to agree. The defendant was charged with abstraction of the notes of the bank.

The second trial, that of Norwood and Doughton, who was president of the bank when it failed, and who is now a business man in Raleigh started Wednesday and came to a climax Saturday at noon, when Judge H. H. Watkins, of the Western South Carolina district court directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of Doughton. The two defendants were tried on a charge of misapplication of funds of the bank, three counts, and charges of false entry, three counts. Norwood was convicted on the first three counts. He appealed from the three year sentence and is out under bond of \$15,000.

The jury took only one ballot, however, agreeing in one hour and one half and voting 12 to 0 for conviction.

Norwood is a broken man. He was once worth \$600,000 net. That was when he was head of the Mecklenburg chain of cotton mills, comprising the Mecklenburg at Charlotte, Clyde and Newton at Newton, and Nancy at Tukertown, Montgomery County. That is all swept away. He went to Birmingham, Alabama, to go in business after everything was in receivership, mills, bank and his private affairs, and after he had been convicted, James Simpson, Birmingham man, gave him a good name, said that he was honest and open and above board in Alabama, with many friends. Norwood was once chairman of the North Carolina Democratic State Executive Committee, and as such waged the 1922 campaign.

Since the judge directed the Doughton verdict of not guilty, it does not seem worth while to proceed with trial on the other indictments against him singly and jointly with M. L. Jackson, who was a director in the bank and in the Mecklenburg Mills Company. Frank A. Linney, District Attorney, indicated that the cases might be dropped. They were, however, continued until the next term of criminal court here in June.

The bank lost about \$500,000 in the crash, according to evidence of the receiver Earl E. Fouts, who said that a forty per cent dividend had been paid depositors and that more will be paid, but evidently not much. He said that most of the collections had been made.

## Flock of Hens Nets Him \$600 in Year

### Albemarle, Dec. 12.—A flock of 145 hens yielded T. H. Almond, of Mount Pleasant, during the past year a net profit of \$600.00.

This is the report made by County Agent O. H. Phillips, who explains that the eggs secured and the birds culled from the flock were sold for \$915.91, and the addition to the flock of 55 pullets at an average selling price of \$1.25 each, made the total income amount to \$970.95. Paid for the year cost \$370, which, when deducted from the total income left a net profit of \$600.95.

Two poultry houses were built by Mr. Almond at a cost of \$200, but since these are considered permanent improvements, they were not deducted from the profits.

Mr. Almond has two sons, Hugh and Worth, who are members of the poultry club in Stanley county, and much of the credit for the showing made by the flock is given the boys and the training they received in their club work by Mr. Almond.

## Carroll County Awake to Its Present Road Needs

### ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT PROPOSE ENOUGH FARMER LEGISLATION

### Only One Bill is Introduced by The President—Upon Co-op Marketing

Washington, Dec. 21.—Demand for more extensive farm relief legislation than proposed by the administration was voiced in the house today coincident with introduction of Secretary Jardine's co-operative marketing measure.

This bill, the only farm measure bearing the indorsement of President Coolidge, was introduced in the senate by Senator McNary, Republican Oregon, and in the house by Chairman Haugen of the agriculture committee.

Senator McNary, however, also re-introduced the McNary-Haugen export corporation bill, frowned upon last session by the President, and Representative Dickenson, Republican, Iowa, declared in the house that farmers demanded some legislation aimed to regulate the sale of surplus crops.

"The co-operative bill," said the Iowa member, "is a sugar pill that may soothe for the moment but will do no harm, and if given a long time and proper care may do some good."

### To Consider Others

Chairman Haugen also announced that other farm measures would be considered by his committee, which he called today to meet January 11 to start hearings on the co-operative bill "as well as others."

He joined in the opinion that more than one farm bill would be presented to the house by the committee.

Representatives Dickenson and Haugen both believe the competitive bill which provides for a division of co-operative marketing in the department of agriculture to collect information and assist the co-operative organizations would have little opposition. The bill has the signed indorsement of representatives of 31 co-operatives associations.

### Depression Threatens

Discussing the Jardine bill before the house and urging that it be considered in a non-partisan spirit, Mr. Dickenson asked "why trifle with the farm problem in this manner?"

"If this depression lasts even three years longer" he said, "it will not be confined to the Mississippi valley, but will be knocking at the door of every interest which has any business connection with the people of that country."

While he was not in favor of tariff revision as a remedy for the situation, he declared that "unless the price disparity is corrected, there can be but little doubt that certain commodities now on the protected list may have the rates reduced in order to relieve the purchaser to some degree of his purchase handicap."

## DREAM OF PROMISED LAND PROVES UNREAL

### Mennonites Leaving Mexico To Return To Canada

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12.—Their dreams of a "promised land" in the valley of the Rio Grande have faded and the Mennonites who sought to colonize in Mexico are yearning for their native home in Canada, disillusioned and destitute. Theirs is a story of a land of milk and honey that failed to materialize.

The weary people two years ago followed a great hope into the southern republic, they expected to prosper on the fruits of the land. And now they are homeward bound, longing to renew the more conservative life in the land where once they lived.

Their failure is best told in the halting Spanish of a boy.

"We like Mexico," he said, "but nothing will grow—and my father says we must eat."

How they were beset with crop failures and famine was explained by half a hundred downhearted members of the religious sect who changed trains here yesterday on their journey to Manitoba, Canada.

They predicted that more of the people will follow from the valley to which they said they were lured by rosy promises of abundance in colonization enterprise. Several groups of Mennonites have passed through here recently on their way to Canada.

### Citizens and Officials Continue Their Work Toward Improvement of Road System in That County

The following news item from the Carroll News, of last week, tells of the interest that is still manifest in that county as to good roads. The people of that county are vitally interested in securing a county system of good roads and they are constantly bringing the subject before the public.

"Carroll was well represented at the road meeting in Pulaski Wednesday. The two factions, one for the Greenbrier and the other for the Floyd Pike got together and asked that both roads be taken over for maintenance. Both roads had a large number of advocates not only from the county but from outside sources. The Pulaski people offered to build a road to the Carroll line if the state would take the road over. The Coal to Cotton highway directors were strong for this route and presented the proposition to the highway commission.

The Floyd Pike had strong advocates from Roanoke, Floyd and Carroll and in addition the State Chamber of Commerce in Richmond sent a letter asking that this road be taken over. \$1700 has been subscribed for the road and it seems more than likely that this road will be taken over.

The Supervisors have agreed to put all funds received from the gas tax and all state maintenance money on these two roads that all indications are favorable to completing these two roads with all possible speed even if the state should refuse to help with the construction.

The rock on the Woodlawn road has finally met and now there is a surfaced road that cars will be able to travel all winter. While in some places the road is very thin and narrow the two sections have been joined and Mr. Gallimore has given the information that the whole surface will be completed by the 10th of January.

One crusher will be kept on this job for the remainder of the winter while the other is to be moved to the Fancy Gap road and rock put on it beginning at the edge of town. Another crusher is on its way here from Salem to be put on the same job.

## WOULD STOP DECEIT IN REVENUE FORCES

### Use of Trickery in Obtaining Evidence Would be Banned by Avowed Dry Member

Washington, Dec. 21.—Prohibition enforcement methods, which have been subjected to vigorous attack recently, became a voting issue in the house today for the first time this session.

Representative Tucker, Democrat, Virginia, an avowed dry, initiated a move designed to prevent a repetition of the much debated Hotel Mayflower incident, in which a dry agent masqueraded under the name of a member of Congress to obtain evidence at a cost of more than \$900 to the government.

The vehicle employed by Mr. Tucker was an amendment to the annual treasury-postoffice supply bill, which carries funds for dry law enforcement for the next fiscal year. A vote on the proposal was deferred until tomorrow.

The amendment which was directed at a section of the bill making \$250,000 available for procurement of evidence in the next fiscal year, would prohibit the use of "trick, deceit or falsehood" in the expenditure of any part of this sum.

Chairman Madden, of the appropriations committee which reported the bill asked if the amendment was designed to prevent the purchase of evidence.

"If carried on by fraud or deceit, I say yes," replied Mr. Tucker.

When Mr. Madden interrupted again to ask if the amendment would prohibit an agent from stopping a truck on a highway and buying a "case" for evidence he asserted that it was "intended to do what it says," calling attention to the fact that he had voted for Volstead act and stood for appropriations to carry it out.