

# Happy Christmas Morning



MORACE NICHOLS

## Merry Christmas for Alice

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RUTH ALICE lay abed late Christmas morning. What other girl of eighteen would have stayed lazily in bed with the marvelous Christmas presents waiting her attention that were waiting Ruth Alice's? She was the only daughter of an enormously rich father. She was also, on that Christmas morning, the one shining hope of half a dozen rich beaux. So you can imagine what gifts were hers.

At ten o'clock Ruth Alice's personal maid, Flora, came rather timidly, but determinedly, into the luxurious bedroom where Ruth Alice lay dreaming among her pillows, her beautiful eyes half closed.



"All Right, Flora, Bring Me My Slippers."

pers. I'll get on some clothes and go down to Dad. I needn't spoil his Christmas." And it was with this determination not to mar her dear dad's Christmas that Ruth Alice ran down the stairs and tripped into the library with a smile. But such a forced smile! The maids noticed it, and the butler, too. And they all puzzled about it and whispered among themselves. They were all very fond of pretty Ruth Alice, and it grieved them to see her so, out of sorts, on Christmas of all times.

"And she's been like this for more than a week," Flora sighed to the butler. "Just isn't interested in anything. Oh, yes, there's one thing still can excite her. That is the postman. She sends me out forty times a day to see if he's dropped letters in the box and forgot to ring. Yesterday she

"Well, Flora, why are you disturbing me? I'm not going to get up yet a while."

"But, Miss Ruth Alice! Your father is just walking back and forth in the library, and asking every half minute when you are coming down."

"Oh, bother the flowers! I don't want them. But, tell me, has the postman come yet?"

## A Christmas Carol

By James Russell Lowell

WHAT means this glory round our feet?  
The magi mused, "more bright than morn!"  
And voices chanted clear and sweet,  
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

"What means that star," the shepherds said,  
"That brightens through the rocky glen?"  
And angels, answering overhead,  
Sang, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

All round about our feet shall shine  
A light like that the Wise Men saw,  
It is our loving-will incline  
To that Sweet Life which is the law.

So shall we learn to understand  
The simple faith of shepherds then,  
And, clasping kindly hand in hand,  
Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

And they who do their souls no wrong  
But keep at eye the faith of morn,  
Shall daily hear the angel song,  
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

on a door, and under it, scrawled in a bold masculine hand, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Miss Norman." That was all except the signature, "Jack Dalton."

But suddenly Miss Ruth Alice laughed merrily and seized Flora by both hands. She whirled her around in a happy dance. "Merry Christmas, Flora," she cried when it was done, and rushed toward the library. She passed the butler on the way. "Merry Christmas, Walker," she cried to him. Then they heard her Merry Christmas-ing her dad!

## OUR HEART-RADIOS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

God owns the biggest broadcasting station in the universe, and what He sends forth to all corners of the world is love. Every human being has a radio—a heart-radio. If we take the trouble to "tune in," we are in a fair way of becoming good receiving stations. And a good receiver may hear harmonies that will vibrate through his being like chords on a harp. At Christmas time we should have heart-radios in perfect condition that we may know the beauty of God's love, which manifests itself in kindness, friendliness, happiness and good cheer.

"Tune in," friends, and who knows but we may hear the angels caroling on Christmas Eve!—Martha Ranning Thomas. (© 1924, Western Newspaper Union)

## IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

### THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The South-land Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

#### Foreign—

Dispatches from Managua to San Salvador say the greater part of the Nicaraguan cotton crop has been ruined by caterpillars.

A revolution has broken out in Albania, according to refugees reaching Jugoslavica. The Albanian premier is reported to have fled and panic reigns at Tirana.

Premier Akel of Estonia has tendered his resignation owing to ill health. M. Jaakson, former minister of justice, has been invited to form a new cabinet.

Winston Churchill, chancellor of the English exchequer, and one of the most spectacular and combative personalities in British public life, has firmly announced his country's intention to participate in any payments France may be able to make.

The German cabinet, headed by Chancellor Marx, has decided to resign, owing to the refusal of Foreign Minister Stresemann's Folks party to enter a four-party coalition government which would include the Socialists. Marx has arranged an interview with President Ebert to determine the date of the cabinet resignation.

Germany has not entirely complied with the disarmament provisions of the treaty of Versailles, but she could not prepare for war within less than four years, according to an officer close to Marshal Foch.

The threat of the French Communists to hold a great demonstration to protest against the expulsion of foreign communities brought about three thousand policemen, troops and republican guards to the vicinity of the Saint Lazarre station, where the demonstration was to have been held, but only about two thousand Communists were brave enough to put in appearance.

The Swiss federal assembly elected Dr. Jean-Marie Musy president of the Swiss confederation for the year 1925. Msey is a lawyer. The outgoing president is Dr. Ernst Chuard.

The countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, formerly Daisy (Marguerite Hyde) Leiter of Chicago, suffered two broken ribs when she fell from her horse while hunting near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, England.

David Lloyd-George, leader of the lost legion of Liberalism in the house of commons, has begun a bitter offensive against Premier Stanley Baldwin's Conservative government in an effort to force the British government either to block the proposed Franco-American debt settlement or to obtain a slice of the golden pie for England. Ramsay MacDonald and Lloyd-George sallied forth to the attack on the Conservative statement of policy like a couple of Quixotes in a forest of American steel windmills.

#### Domestic—

Five officers and enlisted men attached to the squadron number 2 of the battle fleet air squadrons, were killed and three others probably fatally injured when the huge twin-motored H-16 type seaplane, in which they were engaging in aerial target practice, nose-dived 1,200 feet into the sea at San Diego, Calif., the other morning. The accident was the worst in the history of aviation.

Isadore Lucas, former vice president of the United States bank, Des Moines, Iowa, has been returned, to that city from Memphis, Tenn., to face charges of embezzlement, but he decided not to plead guilty, and will go on trial soon.

"Franklin experts"—officers of the International Benjamin Franklin society—hastened to the defense of the kite and key story of the colonial American's electrical experiment, which a Boston professor had declared to be a myth.

Maj. August Belmont, 71, financier and turfman, died at his apartment, in New York City, the other day, after an illness of little more than 24 hours. He went down to his office and in a few minutes complained of feeling ill. A short while after he was operated upon, and his end came as a surprise.

Jack Wakefield, one of the most brilliant preparatory school football players in the South and former member of the St. Louis National league baseball team, shot and killed himself at Memphis, Tenn., recently.

Announcement is made at Dillon, S. C., that the Carolina Textile corporation, capitalized at \$1,200,000, has purchased and taken over the Dillon and the Hamer, S. C., cotton mills, aggregating 45,000 spindles.

Wage increases of two per cent are reported to have been granted to all Baltimore, Md., shopmen, motormen and conductors of the Baltimore street railways.

Eight persons shared the \$6,000 reward offers for the solution of the murder of Robert Franks for which Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jr., are now serving life sentences at the Joliet, Ill., penitentiary.

Stockholders of the Prairie Oil and Gas company have voted to reduce the par value of shares of capital stock from \$100 to \$25 and to increase the capital stock from \$60,000,000 to \$70,000,000, it is announced in Kansas City.

The third shipment of gold by J. P. Morgan & Co. to the German reichsbank amounting to three million dollars, brings the total withdraws of proceeds from the sale of the German loan up to ten million dollars.

A jury in circuit court at St. Louis, Mo., return a verdict of not guilty in the trial of Mrs. Kathryn Kearney, a widow and former artist's model, who pleaded self-defense in slaying C. W. Morris, her married admiral, who was shot by her in her apartment May 31.

The little way which Charles R. Forbes had with women is responsible for the fact that the government is now prosecuting him on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the letting of hospital contracts. It is stated by the Chicago newspapers.

The estate of the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, whose will was probated at Salem, Mass., recently will run approximately to a million dollars, it is announced.

Gov. Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, speaking before the Southern Society of New York the other night, said the time has come for the Republican and Democratic parties to get back to their old issues—the tariff and states' rights.

S. Glenn Young was indicted by the East St. Louis, Ill., grand jury on five counts for impersonating a government officer in Williamson county liquor raids. He has been arrested and has given a ten thousand dollar bond.

Lem Motlow, a Tennessee distiller, is on trial in St. Louis, Mo., for the killing of Conductor Clarence T. Pullis on the Louisville & Nashville train. Motlow claims that he slew the conductor when the negro porter attacked him.

The Southern Railway company was fined \$900 in federal court at Greensboro N. C., by Judge E. Yates Webb on charges of violating the federal safety appliance act.

New York City is to have an 88-story office building, outranking in height the Woolworth building, which has 51 stories, according to information emanating from real estate circles of that city. A test to determine when the Woolworth tower sways in winds of high velocity is said to have been planned in contemplation of the skyscraper's construction.

## DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Rocky Mount.—E. R. Wolfe, Atlantic Coast Line switchman, was instantly killed at the South Rocky Mount yards when he was struck by an engine switching cars. Just how the accident happened could not be ascertained. His body was badly mangled.

Chapel Hill.—The contract for the erection of the new Chapel Hill Methodist church was awarded here to Jewell and Riddle, of Sanford, who submitted the low bid of \$156,000. The contract does not include furnishing or heating plant. The contractor agrees to complete the work by December 1, 1925.

Charlotte.—Tom P. Jamison, former minister of the Methodist church, and well known in State political circles, will become the managing editor of The Charlotte Herald, weekly labor paper here, it was announced. James F. Barrett will continue as editor of the paper.

Asheville.—At a hearing before Magistrate M. A. Cressman, J. H. Milan, one of four persons arrested a week ago in connection with the death of William M. Davis, was bound over to Superior Court without bond on a charge of murder. Three other persons, two women and a man, were released.

Greensboro.—Lemuel Wroten, a negro, tried to set the house of his landlady on fire it was charged at a hearing and he was bound over to Superior Court without bond on a fire degree arson charge. He had lately been arrested on charge of assault upon the woman, Alice Ginzard, and witnesses testified seeing him under the house with a torch.

Wilmington.—While hunting ducks on the upper reaches of Cape Fear river, a row boat, occupied by Dr. Colin Shaw and Julian Keith, of Still Bluff, and a negro paddler, overturned and the negro was drowned, while Dr. Shaw and Mr. Keith barely escaped with their lives.

Salisbury.—B. M. Cole, sent up by county court here for four months for abandonment, is in more trouble, a wife other than the one he was charged with having abandoned having put in an appearance. When brought into court a second time both women confronted Cole and he waived examination. His case goes up to the February term of superior court when he will be tried for bigamy.

Winston-Salem.—The shoe found with a human skeleton in a well near this city was identified by a shoe dealer here as the ones he sold Bruce Snipes over four years ago, just a short while before the young man disappeared from his home, and the records in the office of a local dentist are expected to prove without a doubt that the bones found were the remains of Bruce Snipes.

Statesville.—Mr. John Davidson, of Alexander county, aged ninety, and Miss Vida Wallace, of Wilkes county, aged seventy-five, were married in Taylorsville by Rev. L. L. Moore. This makes the groom's fourth marriage. The bridal couple made the trip to Taylorsville in a buggy drawn by a jenny, with the groom driving.

Edenton.—A negro youth David Jones, was convicted of first degree murder in Superior Court, for the murder of Sam Small, a farmer living near this town. Jones has confessed that he was a member of a band organized to terrorize the vicinity by highway robberies. He has implicated four of the band and the grand jury has been instructed to investigate his charges.

Maxton.—Liberty school house, situated six miles south of Maxton, was burned. It was a new brick building, modernly equipped, originally costing around \$28,000. It was entirely destroyed, as there was no fire protection and when discovered the fire had gained such headway that it was beyond control.

Asheville.—J. Alvin Ensley, 29, of Sylva, Jackson county, was instantly killed, and L. H. Gedney, of Asheville, seriously injured when a touring car in which they were riding went off a mountain road about nine miles from here. Gedney was rushed to a local hospital, where it was said he will recover.

Winston-Salem.—The directors of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, at a meeting held here declared quarterly dividends as follows. On its preferred stock, \$1.75 per share and on its common stock, 75 cents per share, all payable in cash January 1, 1925, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 18, 1924.

Durham.—Mrs. Emma McDonald, widow of the late W. B. McDonald, of Erwin avenue, West Durham, was painfully, although not fatally, burned, when she fainted before a open fire place and fell partially in the fire. One side of her face was seriously burned.

Edenton.—Editor B. G. Shackell of the Edenton News says that the statement attributed to Senator P. H. Williams, of Elizabeth City, that a bridge over the lower Chowan would cost seven million dollars is incorrect and the estimated cost of the bridge