

To One and All.

Merry Christmas

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, possibly rain on the coast Sunday. Monday fair and somewhat warmer.

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WORLD TODAY OBSERVES BIRTH OF CHRIST CHILD

Something Of Spirit Of His Life Will For One Day Rule All Hearts

Family Circles Once More Draw Together Around Old Home Fireplace

YEARLY XMAS PARTIES HELD IN MANY CITIES

Man Cesses His Labor and For Brief Space Looks Into Greater Things

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Over a nation at peace with the world the Christmas spirit settled down tonight to be hailed nowhere more joyously than in its capital.

The vast machinery of the government was at rest and its chief executive and first lady joined with the rest of America's millions in preparations for the morrow which throughout the Christian world signifies peace, good will to men.

The thoroughfares in the business district, like the main streets from coast to coast were thronged with last minute shoppers, including Mrs. Coolidge, who for a short while today rubbed elbows scarcely noticed with the bundle loaded crowd.

The shopping throngs were increased by thousands of government workers who had been given the day off by special order from President Coolidge and who, one and all, apparently turned out to complete their purchases for the holidays.

The White House was bedecked for the Christmas season. The windows were garlanded with wreaths while over the door, of the portico at the north entrance, one wreath, larger than the others, was illuminated with red, green and white lights. Inside the huge reception hall was banked with poinsettias, their red blossoms standing out vividly against a background of green.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge have arranged to leave the city tomorrow for a visit to Sapelo Island off the Georgia coast.

While it is not certain whether the president and Mrs. Coolidge will return in time for the customary New Year's reception many in official life usually present at the ceremony have left Washington. Included in the group who have returned to their homes are a number of cabinet officers and members of the Senate and House.

In the capital's Christmas eve program two events drew attention—the lighting of the community Christmas tree by the president and the traditional singing of old Christmas carols on the lawn of the White House.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Carolines today prepared for the one day in the year when virtually everybody takes a day off from work to celebrate the birthday of Christ.

Throughout North Carolina and South Carolina preparations were being made for the usual extensive celebration.

But few industries planned to continue operation and in most instances work was suspended that employees might remain at home with their families or attend special church services.

Many of the churches yesterday held special programs with Christmas music and sermons.

At Raleigh and Columbia state employees were leaving for their homes today and offices were either closed or manned with a skeleton force. Many will not return to the capitol for several days.

In virtually every city in the two states charitable organizations prepared to see that the poor received the provisions necessary for a Christmas dinner, and that the little ones of these families were fed by Santa Claus. The Salvation Army, the Elks and other organizations

COURT SETTLES 3 JAIL CASES

Shoplifter To Begin 8 Months Term With Christmas Dinner On Chaingang

No court defendant will be unnecessarily held in jail today—Christmas day—Judge D. H. Bland and Solicitor Edmundson having held a short session yesterday to clear jail cases, all other actions were continued until December 31.

Jasper Hayes will begin an eight months sentence for shop lifting by eating the fine Christmas dinner served annually to county prisoners. Articles found hidden by Hayes in an old house on the edge of the city were identified as having been stolen from Esford's, Belk's, R. G. Thompson's, and the Army store.

Paul Pate was released under \$100 bond for appearance next Monday, to answer to driving an automobile while drunk in the accident in which his machine collided with the truck of A. J. Jenkins east of the city. Norman Dail was injured in the accident.

Henry Kornegay was fined \$50 and costs for driving an automobile while drunk.

HOME PROGRAM AT 9 O'CLOCK

100 Children Will Have Their "Greatest Christmas" Says Warren

The "real Christmas" for the 100 children of the Odd Fellows Home here, provided through action of citizens following a Christmas appeal published in The News, will take place at 9 o'clock this morning in the dining room of the home. "We are going to have the greatest Christmas we have ever had," said Superintendent C. H. Warren yesterday.

More than \$100 cash, a large quantity of food and clothing were secured through the efforts conducted through the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce.

Following breakfast this morning the children will remain in the dining room. There will be a program consisting of Christmas songs, secular recitations, and the members of this year's graduation class and alumni back at the home for the holidays will distribute presents.

Land Insurance Company Is Being Formed Rapidly

Early in January the American Land and Insurance Company, new company being formed with Tom O'Berry as president, is expected to begin business operations. It was learned yesterday. Though permission to sell stock was granted only last week, and though only a few people have been approached, purchases of interest in the new company yesterday approximated \$30,000. It was announced by Mr. O'Berry.

The company is being organized through the American Holding Company, a corporation formed to organize the land insurance company.

"What we are organizing," said Mr. O'Berry, "is the American Land Value and Insurance Company, which will at first insure the value of lots in city subdivisions. For instance, our plan would be like this: We would insure a lot over a period of five or ten years to be worth as much as the

Rockefeller Church a Flaming Torch



The new \$4,000,000 church, being built at Riverside Drive and 122d street, New York City, was swept by a fire which, after destroying costly interior, mounted to the lofty tower. Here firemen are fighting the flames as they roar high above the street. Heaviest subscriber to the new church was John D. Rockefeller, Sr., multi-millionaire philanthropist.

Cool Eggnog Mighty Scarc In These Here Parts Now

The old-time eggnog is gone forever in this neck of the woods, and there isn't any more rum, apple-jack, rye, and other ingredients for real, good eggnog in the days of prohibition, but the usual indications point this year to some form of "nog" for the oldtimers of Goldsboro who still insist that Christmas is not Christmas unless the once-popular preparation is on the table in the home.

City and county officers have been busy in trying to get the boldest of the rum-runners and blockade runners in the past two weeks, but the boys in the back room are whispering that this Christmas will be just its "wet" as last year's. Rum-runners kept pretty well hidden from officers until the middle of last week, but detectives heard of many loads of hooch being distributed here. Several cars

thought to have contained the contraband were chased through city streets but high-powered automobiles outdistanced the police cars and motorcycles.

One thing is noticeable, say those on the inside of the whiskey traffic. The demand this year is not coming up to the expectations of the bootleggers. Hard times seem to have struck the whiskey trade, too. People inclined to buy up large quantities of hooch for Christmas have found other things for their money. It is thought.

Drunkness has decreased in the city during the Yuletide season for the past few years and the authorities are hopeful that the demand will steadily force the bootleggers out of business. The police, however, think that they will have to crusade against the whiskey traffic in some form for years to come.

SAFETY FINGERS

LAKE AMMER, Bavaria, Dec. 24.—Successful have been made here with a new device for insuring of vessels in foggy weather. Two mechanical fingers are suspended over a map, and wireless control continuously indicates the ship's position.

Marriage License Rush Is Going On

The Christmas rush for marriage licenses continued yesterday, four couples having secured licenses by three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

John Howard and Bettie Ruth Fields, both of Indian Springs township.

Carl O. Daugherty of Lenoir county and Sue Tyndal of Jones county.

Jesse James and Daisy Katherine Altman, both of Goldsboro.

Charlie Barwick and Ruth Moxing, both of Indian Springs township.

FOUND GUILTY KIDNAPING BOY

Police Double Guard Cell In Which Pettiti and Henchman Are Confined

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Angelo Pettiti and Andrew Cappellano, convicted of kidnaping 10-year-old Billy Ranerio, brooded in separate cells today, over a fate that rolled in with the Christmas tide. Meanwhile Chicago police, fearing reprisals, doubled guard over jurors and principals in the trial that ended yesterday.

A jury found them guilty of kidnaping for ransom and fixed the penalty at 25 years.

Police said today the doubled guard would be maintained until Pettiti and his henchman were taken to Joliet prison. They charged that Pettiti was the head of a huge extortion ring. Next month, he faces another trial on that charge with Pasquale Caputo and Frank Mastrolanni.

The verdict yesterday ended a trial, and the staying of one important witness, O. Scholly, cousin of Billy Ranerio.

Tony Cappellano, 18, son of Andrew, who was tried with his father and Pettiti was acquitted and given his freedom today.

A. Frank Ranerio, father of Billy, refused to let fear of the extortion ring spoil his prospects for a happy Christmas with his family, although he has received threats that he was the next to die.

CHAIN STORE THUG CAUGHT

Forces Four Women To Crawl Under Desk While He Lifts Cash

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Dense Christmas shopping crowds prevented the escape of a man after he had robbed the W. T. Grant chain department store of \$5,000 here late today.

The robber walked into the store carrying a pistol and what appeared to be a handful of dynamite. Climbing to the mezzanine floor he forced four women who were counting cash to crawl under desks and give him the money which he jammed into a suitcase.

He fled down the stairs, brandishing his pistol, but the crowd was too big for him. He was surrounded, disarmed and turned over to the police.

The bundle with which he frightened the office help, proved to be sticks of soap wrapped in cotton.

Neva River Rises To Flood Heights

LENINGRAD, Russia, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The Neva river rose last night to menacing level, flooding the Volodarsky factory district.

Many Children Made Happy At Salvation Army's Tree

Several hundred children were handed out affectionate little presents and occasionally a big fat hug to the more fortunate of the children.

A Christmas program arranged under the direction of the Memorial Building staff presided the distribution of gifts. But the kiddies could hardly wait the end of the program.

Promptly at 5 o'clock yesterday, as had been scheduled, Santa arrived at the Station here, and was greeted by a yelling, cheering throng of children as he piled into the big shiny red truck presided over by Acting Chief Gurley and his brass buttoned firemen. A short but rapturous tour through the streets and Santa was at the Memorial Community building where there were other yelling, cheering Christmas-maddened children who wanted to get a good look at him.

Tired as he was from visits to many cities in many countries, Santa was still good-natured and jovial and

City Delivery Service Extensions Effective Beginning January 1st

The News Will Omit Tomorrow's Edition

In keeping with its usual custom, The News will tomorrow omit publication. This is done in order to allow employees of the paper a day in which to enjoy Christmas with their families. Publication will be resumed on Thursday morning.

THREE CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMES

Roman Candle Ligated By Customer Causes Explosion In Store

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Death today claimed three children who were earning Christmas money as temporary clerks in a fireworks store when a roman candle lit by a customer caused an explosion which enveloped the building in flames. A fourth was burned probably fatally.

The charred bodies of William Shaw, 12, and Frances Shaw, 15, children of the proprietor of the store, C. Davis Shaw, and Mary Dodd, 16, were brought out of the blazing building by firemen, who were forced to fight the flames for 15 minutes before they could enter.

Mary Kennedy, 18, who with the three other children was earning money, was burned so badly, physicians believed she cannot live.

Hugh Padgett, 11, was severely burned and his father, Paul Padgett, was badly cut about the face in escaping through a shop window.

J. R. Shellhorn, 17, dashed into the burning building and attempted to carry the Dodd girl outside, but crazed by the sudden blast of heat she fought him off and rushed back into the flames. The youth made his escape with both hands badly burned.

Shaw, proprietor of the store, told police and unidentified men, whom he believed to have been drunk, entered the store in which a number of persons were shopping and snatched a large candle from a counter.

Before anyone could stop him, Shaw said, he had lit the fuse and began firing the balls of flame about the store. Other fireworks were ignited and while the men with the roman candle was being taken outside, the swift staircase of the small crackers were set off.

The entire store immediately was enveloped in flames, only a few in the building escaping without minor burns.

Patrons Must Provide Proper Receipts For Deposit Of Mail

LARGE TERRITORY WILL GET THIS NEW SERVICE

Names of Streets and Designation of Territories Included In Ruling

Postmaster E. A. Simkins announced yesterday that he had been authorized to extend city carrier service to additional territory in the city but that it would be necessary for all houses to be provided with mail receptacles, either a box at the door or a slot in the door, before service to any of the new territory would be commenced.

The authorization, Postmaster Simkins stated, is effective January 1 provided that those who live in the territory taken in and desire mail service will provide proper receptacles by that date. The new territory includes part of two streets in the Little Washington section, the Bellevue section up to Grantham's store on a street, the section on North James street known as Kadistown, and additional streets in Edgewood and Pineview. Postmaster Simkins advises that anyone who is in doubt as to whether their residence is located in the territory included or who wishes information on the subject is requested to inquire at the postoffice between now and January 1.

Detailed description of the streets and blocks to be taken in follows: North George street from A. C. L. R. Smithfield branch, to a street, Workman street from George to Virginia, Russell street from George to Virginia, Pearson street from George to Virginia, James street from A. C. L. R. Smithfield branch to Workman street, Seaboard street from Ripway to Russell, Ripway street from Seaboard to Center, Durham street from Elm to Hemlock, Canal street from Parker to Moore, Ash street south side from Pineview to Audobon, Mulberry street from Audobon to Andrews; Evergreen avenue from Lindwood to one-half block east of Oleanwood; Audobon from Evergreen to one-half block north.

On December 31 a check will be made over the territory to ascertain whether the houses have been provided with mail receptacles and on that will depend whether or not the service will be commenced January 1.

WALESHUNTS

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The Prince of Wales went hunting today with the Quorn hounds, the first time he has been in the field since his return from Africa.

DIES 7 DAYS AFTER HUSBAND

Funeral Services For Mrs. S. A. Bowden At Calypso At 3 P. M.

News was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. S. A. Bowden, of Calypso, who husband preceded her in the grave a week ago.

Funeral services will be held from the old home near Calypso at 3 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by W. H. Moore of Kingston, assisted by Rev. Mr. Brooks and Rev. the pastor of Calypso. Interment will be in the family burying ground near the home.

The deceased was a fine Christian character, 68 years old, and for many years she served as a teacher in the DuBois County schools.

She is survived by four daughters and one son: Mrs. Addison Rosen of Calypso; Mrs. W. H. Reed and Mrs. W. M. Duffie of Kingston; Mrs. Bowden of Calypso; Bowden, Jr., of Calypso.