

BENEFITS TO VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—Pensions and other benefits for war veterans and their families to the aggregate of \$132,509 were secured during November by the Veterans' Service Division of the State Department of Labor, Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford has announced.

THOUSANDS OF POLES DIED IN UPRISING

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18.—Between 250,000 and 300,000 Poles were killed in the unsuccessful Warsaw uprising this fall, a Swedish newspaper reported. It said the division handled 1,194 cases, arranged hospitalization for 23 veterans and obtained pensions for 83 others.

ISH WOMAN WHO LIVED THROUGH THE LONG BATTLE TOLD REPORTERS ON HER RETURN HERE.

The eyewitness was Elna Gustedt, a one-time Warsaw grand opera star. She said the destruction in city was slight "compared with the present situation."

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CHRISTMAS AGAIN

We greet our readers again at this blessed Christmas season. Another year has come and gone since we wrote our last Christmas message. Thank God for His mercy and love to us all. He has done wonderful things for us, whereof we are glad. We feel to say with the Psalmist, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." (Psalm 107). Truly God is good to us. He is always mindful of our lives, our souls, and supplies our every need "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." O how we should love Him, reverence and adore Him, serve and worship Him! He is indeed the Lord of lords and King of kings.

At this blessed time of year we always think of the shepherds who were out on the Judean hills near Bethlehem keeping watch over the flocks by night when "lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall come to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:9-14).

That blessed event has thrilled the hearts of millions of people across the centuries of time, no doubt, and it still thrills their hearts. How we delight to think of our precious Savior's birth! Though many great men have been born into the world since the birth of Christ, yet no other birth has meant so much to mankind. In fact we doubt if the birth of all good and great men combined equals that of Jesus. He was the Son of God. He came to make the plan of salvation so we could be saved from all sin, live godly lives, overcome the devil and the powers of hell, and reach the Celestial City of God and receive a crown of everlasting life. This is enough to fill and thrill our hearts and souls with joy unspeakable, Hallelujah!

Today the world is rent and torn with war. Many thousands of our dear American sons have lost their lives on far-flung battlefields as well as multitudes in other nations. The hearts of many, many dear fathers and mothers, wives and sweethearts, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors have been saddened by the departure of these brave sons, husbands and brothers, fathers, sweethearts and friends. Many homes have a vacant place in them that can never be filled. On the walls of these homes hang their pictures, but they have gone to meet God. It is indeed sad, but all the tears we might shed can never bring them back. All we can do is to live for God and look forward to meeting them in a better world than this, if they died in the triumphs of faith and godliness. So we would say to all those who have lost loved ones in this mighty war and all who have loved ones in the camps and on foreign soil, look up to Jesus. He is upon His throne, but loves us, can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, sympathizes with us, hears and answers prayer, and sends sweet comfort to troubled hearts and souls.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He is not the author of war, strife, hatred and bloodshed. This belongs to the devil. Jesus came to save life, not to destroy it. He loves us, but the devil hates us. O that we may realize how it pays to live for God rather than the devil! No one ever regrets letting Christ come into his heart, soul and life and having full dominion. However, all men, sooner or later, regret letting the enemy take possession of them. Jesus blesses, but the devil curses. Jesus makes life noble and sublime, but the devil makes it ignoble, or base. Jesus leads heavenward, but the devil leads hellward. Jesus saves, but the devil destroys. Then let's give ourselves wholly, unreservedly unto Christ.

May this blessed Christmas season draw our readers closer to Christ than they have ever been. O that the sweetness of His love and grace, goodness, righteousness and holiness may come in like a healing balm and make life happier and sweeter than we have ever realized before! May we love Him out of tender, pure hearts fervently. And some glorious day may we meet each other around the snow-white throne where He will wipe all tears from our eyes, and where we shall sing and shout His praises as the cycles of eternity roll, Amen.

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SALE OF AUTO TAGS SERIOUSLY LAGGING

Sale of State automobile license tags is running behind schedule, according to Ben S. Guion, manager of the Gastonia office of the Carolina Motor Club, 150 East Airline Avenue, distributing agent for this area.

Through Saturday only 1,972 passenger car tags had been sold

341 truck tags and 37 trailer tags. Every car, truck and trailer operator must have a 1945 tag on his vehicle by January 1. In order to avoid delays a last minute rush would occasion Manager Guion urges all car owners to get the tags at once.

During the same period the city tax office had sold only 200 tags

The municipal tag is uniform in price for all cars, trucks and trailers, namely \$1. The price of state tags varies with the horsepower of the vehicle. Color of the 1945 state tag is brown with black lettering.



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E. C. SULLIVAN, Manager



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TROY C. HOMESLEY, Manager

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