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## Looking at Washington

**LOOKS TO NEW YEAR**

Washington, Dec. 25.—Looking ahead to the New Year is the principal pastime in Washington just now. Everybody is asking: "What comes next?"

The new Congress is beginning to shape up. The efforts of Vice-President Garner to make Sam Rayburn Speaker have failed. The President preferred Rayburn to Joe Byrns of Tennessee, but didn't say so loud enough, so Joe gets it. The big fight in the House Democratic caucus will be a three-cornered one, between Representative James M. Mead of Buffalo, N. Y., William B. Bankhead of Jasper, Ala., and John W. McCormack of Dorchester, Mass., for the floor leadership.

**BONUS QUESTION UP**

Senator Wright Patman of Texas, the big bonus man, has been counting noses and reports enough votes for the immediate cashing of the adjusted compensation certificates to pass the bonus appropriation over a Presidential veto. Administration has thrown up its hands, and is trying to work out some method of distinguishing veterans who are "in actual need" from those who don't need the money but would like to have it. The hope is to get Congress to accept some bonus scheme which will only cost the taxpayers about five hundred million dollars, instead of the two thousand million the full payment would come to.

**PROFITS FROM WAR**

"Smart politics" is what the folk on Capitol Hill call the President's proposal to submit a law prohibiting profits from war. It is pointed out that the Senators who have been getting the most profit out of the "exposures" of war-time profits made by the Senate investigating committee are both Republicans, Nye of North Dakota and Vandenberg of Michigan. This is a Democratic Administration, so why should Republicans be allowed to get away with anything?

What the President has done is to haul out the blue-prints of a plan which has been kicking around Washington since the Wilson Administration, providing that in time of war everything, not only soldiers, must be subject to draft—capital, factories, farms, mines and all of the nation's activities. Martial law, in effect, for the entire populace if we ever get into another scrap. Bernard M. Baruch, head of the War Industrial Board in the Great War, originated the plan. Presidents Wilson, Harding and Coolidge warmly indorsed it and President Hoover actually had the bills drawn ready to offer to Congress, just about the time his Congress ran out on him. How much farther the present plan will go nobody knows yet. The biggest profits made by American industry in the last war were made from selling supplies to the Allies before we got into it.

**JOHNSON IN PICTURE**

The President has brought General Hugh Johnson back into the picture, as the man to put over the new anti-war-profits scheme. Washington will be more picturesque with the General back here.

**HOUSECLEANING**

Coming to the front is a gigantic project, based on the report of the National Resources Board, for spending upward of 100 billion dollars over a period of years in such things as straightening and cleaning up rivers, eliminating soil erosion, developing every possible horsepower of all the nation's waterways, taking over all so-called "marginal" and submarginal agricultural land, conserving mineral resources and in general giving the whole United States a thorough housecleaning.

Just how far the Administration will get behind the idea, in urging it upon Congress, is still uncertain, but Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, is chairman of the group that advocates it. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, gleefully predicts that it "will give everybody a job for 25 years," and the Secretaries of War, Agriculture and Commerce join in the recommendations.

**CRIME**

Another important subject which will call for Congressional attention is the proposed extension of the Federal Government's powers in the war on crime. Something like a Federal training school for detectives and a national Scotland Yard are being talked about. The purpose is to eliminate not only ordinary forms of crime but to clean up the drug-traffic situation, which is becoming serious all over the nation.

**COTTON**

Administration officials are

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## Roosevelt Leads Nation's Worship Christmas Day

### Chief Executive, With Members Of Family, Go To St. Thomas Church For Christmas Service

Washington, Dec. 25.—President Roosevelt and his household spent more than an hour today in Christmas church and communion service, leading the nation in its religious worship on the one thousand nine hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of Jesus Christ—the Man of Galilee. With a half hundred embassies observing the day in accordance with the religious and other customs of their own countries, the national capital made a vivid cross-section of the whole world's Christmas. The day was fair and mild on the Potomac. Large crowds collected in the street about Gothic St. Thomas church, both for the arrival and leave-taking of the large presidential family.

It took a fleet of cars to carry them and their secret service escort. Included in the church-going party were Mrs. Roosevelt, wearing black; the president's mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt; his half-sister, Mrs. J. R. Roosevelt; blonde Anna Dall, wearing a close little hat with nose veil, and her children, "Sistie" wearing a little green beret and green coat, "Buzzie" in a blue coat over blue sailor suit; Mr. and Mrs. James Roosevelt, whose little daughter Sara had been left at the White House; and the two tall sons from Harvard, Franklin, Jr., and John.

A section of seats in the midst of the congregation, instead of the president's usual far-front pew, had been reserved for them. The president walked down the long church aisle on the arm of his son, James.

The Christmas theme he gave to the country last night was "courage and unity." The theme he heard today was spiritual peace.

His pastor, the silver-haired Rev. C. Earnest Smith, read again the simple Christmas story of shepherds watching their flocks by night, and drew from it the lesson that peace may prevail in human hearts in spite of bitternesses between nations, and strife between classes.

The church walls within are of gray stone, its vaulted ceilings beamed. On its white altar today red poinsettas in silver vases, on either side the silver cross, and two untrimmed evergreen trees told their Christmas story as simply as the pastor told his.

Dr. Smith and his assistant brought the bread and the wine of the communion service to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Other members of the family joined in the observance of the congregation, going quietly together to the altar.

Many a "Merry Christmas" was called from the crowd as the White House cars—the president's open as usual—sped back to the family celebration. The president bowed and smiled and waved his hand, and Mrs. Roosevelt called back "Merry Christmas!"

## High Prices Of Fertilizers To Be Probed

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus has taken action to obtain lower fertilizer prices for North Carolina farmers.

Upon receipt today of the announcement that on January 9, 1935, the NRA will receive testimony for or against the price-fixing feature of all codes and with regard to alleged excessive prices, Ehringhaus requested Agriculture Commissioner William A. Graham to compile data on this subject for presentation at the Washington hearing.

He also wrote Chester C. Davis, the agricultural adjustment administrator, suggesting that if results of investigations by the consumers council and the Federal Trade Commission "into this situation" should be made available at the January 9 meeting, they might prove useful.

**N. Y. RELIEF COSTS HIGH**

New York, Dec. 26.—New York will spend $641,649 a day for relief during the next two months, it has been estimated.

## Hoover Smiles At Inflation Remarks Wed.

Escondido, Calif., Dec. 26.—An automobile bearing a stocky, tired-looking man and two younger men drove up today to a filling station.

One of the younger men tendered the proprietor a $5 bill in payment for gasoline. The change included a $2 bill.

"Can't you change this for two 'ones'?" asked the younger man.

"Nope, but this 'two' is practically the same thing with inflation."

The older man smiled. He was Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, driving with his two sons, Herbert Jr. and Allan.

## Body Of Colored Youth Found In Ruins Of Home

### Had Been Engaged In Altercation Friday Night At Christmas Program Gathering

The body of Garnett Richardson, 22 (colored), was found Saturday morning practically cremated when the house near Furches belonging to his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Richardson, with whom he resided, was burned.

According to reports, young Richardson and his grandmother attended a Christmas program Friday night at a nearby school house and while they were there an altercation is said to have arisen between Richardson and other colored boys. It is said that Richardson had been drinking. Mrs. Richardson, the grandmother, went home with her daughter, Mrs. O. G. Spicer, it is understood, and the youth had further trouble later in the night at another house to which he went. Richardson was the son of Mrs. Spicer.

Mrs. Richardson's house was found burning early Saturday morning, and young Richardson's body, which apparently had been tightly rolled in quilts, was found lying where a bed had stood. The legs and arms had been burned from the body and the head was nearly burned off when the discovery was made.

Two young colored men, Robert McMillan and Samuel Maxwell, were placed under arrest Monday in connection with the case and are now in jail awaiting a preliminary hearing to be given them Friday (tomorrow).

## State Police To Enforce License Laws

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—The state revenue department will continue its policy of "rigid enforcement" of automobile license laws, inaugurated last year, A. J. Maxwell, revenue commissioner, announced today.

The state highway patrol will begin arresting all violators at sunrise January 1, Maxwell said.

"The public has been given ample notice that the law will be strictly enforced," he added, "and the department trusts that those car owners who have not already purchased their 1935 tags will do so between now and the end of the calendar year."

Captain C. D. Farmer of the state highway patrol issued the following order to all highway patrolmen in the state:

"Beginning at sunrise on January 1, 1935, you are hereby ordered to arrest any one found operating a motor vehicle with North Carolina 1934 tags on same, and indict such parties in the nearest court. No extension will be granted for the use of North Carolina 1934 tags.

"Please solicit the aid of all local law enforcement officers to assist us in enforcing this law."

**ROOSEVELT FEELS FINE AFTER HOLIDAY EATING**

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt said today he felt fine after his Christmas holiday, chiefly because he didn't get a chance to over-eat.

## 'Mid Turmoil and Shouting—Happy New Year

EVERYWHERE . . . Here he is folks, the first picture of young Mr. 1935, scheduled to make his appearance on the stroke of 12 midnight next Monday. . . He will be startled, as all young new years have been, at the turmoil and shouting, wishing all things good from him by all. Scenes: dancers gay and a New York New Year street crowd of yesteryear.

## J. A. Hartness Passes Away In Statesville

### Former Secretary Of State Succumbs Suddenly To Heart Attack. Funeral Today

Statesville, Dec. 27 (Thursday)—James Alexander Hartness, 71-year old former North Carolina Secretary of State, passed away about midnight Tuesday night in the H. F. Long hospital from the effects of a heart attack. Mr. Hartness was for three decades clerk of Iredell county Superior court, leader in many battles for the cause of democracy and pro-

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## Erwin Deplores Low Pay Received By N. C. Teachers

### New State Supt. Of Public Instruction Addresses Gathering Held In Raleigh

Raleigh, Dec. 25.—The childhood of the State is paying the bill for low paid teachers, so teachers salaries must come first in the rehabilitation of the educational system of the State because of the close relation to their efficiency, Clyde A. Erwin, new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, told several hundred education-minded people who gathered from all over the State

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## Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

CHERRY BLOSSOMS—Raleigh politicians are inclined to take the newly-hatched boom in behalf of Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, for Speaker of the 1935 House of Representatives with a grain of salt. The opinion is expressed freely on Capitol Hill that Mr. Cherry's friends would like to see him get chairmanship of an important committee and it is known by one and all that a good way to assure that is to line up some votes in the Speakership race.

CONSOLIDATION— Sentiment for county consolidations is growing in North Carolina but the prognosticators will stake their reputation that the idea doesn't get beyond the dream stage during the coming session of the General Assembly. Home-town courthouse politicians would howl to high heaven if their Representatives begun talking about abolishing their jobs and the natives would get into no end of squabbles about the county seats of the new districts. Capitol Hill believes that consolidation of counties will be among those things not done by the Legislature next year.

BIG WAR—The opinion is growing over the State that North Carolina is going to witness another political "Battle of the Century" in the spring of '36 between the forces of Senator Josiah W. Bailey and those of Governor Ehringhaus. There is no doubt that the sparks will fly if these two political Hercules lock horns. Certainly Senator Bailey is going to seek re-election and if Governor Ehringhaus resists the pressure that is being brought to bear to get him to make the race he'll be "a better man than you ar, HUNKA TIN."

DEADLY—Death takes few holidays on North Carolina's highway system. The total highway fatalities reached the all-time high for one month during November when 115 persons were killed. The next General Assembly is almost sure to pass some sort of drivers' license law but the more important thing is enforcement. It will take money to do the job and many more highway patrolmen will have to be employed, in the opinion of authorities on such matters. The money is in the highway fund to pay for the job but a lot of folks want to use it for something else.

AT IT AGAIN—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt and State Treasurer Chas. M. Johnson are throwing bricks at one another again. Mr. Brummitt started when he dug up his pet row about who should audit books of the School Commission. Mr. Brummitt ruled that the Commission didn't have a legal right to advance teachers' salaries before Christmas but added that since the Commission didn't follow his ruling on the audit proposition it might go ahead and disregard him. That got a rise out of Mr. Johnson but the smoke is clearing away once more.

MONEY MAN—The grapevine reports that Representative Reginald Harris, of Person, who held the Speakership in the 1933 session, will head the House Finance Committee in 1935 if either Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender, or Laurie McEachern, of Hoke, are elected Speaker. If Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, gets the Speakership that will change the picture and Tam C. Bowie, of Ashe, friend and supporter of Lumpkin, probably will get one of the major committee posts.

SANTA CLAUS—You can find plenty of politically-wise people

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## Roper Pleased With Business Outlook For 1935

Washington, Dec. 26.—The business outlook for 1935 is "very satisfactory," Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper said today.

He predicted a decided forward movement in the spring in the heavy goods industry which the administration is attempting to stimulate through the housing program and other new deal projects.

"Every place I go, faces and features and the approach of persons indicate a more optimistic outlook than has been in evidence for some time," Roper added.

## To Hold State S. S. Convention In Greensboro

### Internationally Known Speakers To Participate In Meeting To Be Held January 21, 22 And 23

The North Carolina Sunday school convention, sponsored by North Carolina Sunday school association, of which Rev. Shuford Peeler is general secretary, to be held on January 21, 22 and 23, 1935, in the First Presbyterian church, Greensboro, promises to be the most outstanding event in the realm of religious education in the state and a fitting start for the new year. All denominations will participate in this meeting.

Among internationally known men who are to appear on the program are Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, of the World Sunday school association; Dr. Charles L. Goodell, of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; Harry C. Munro, of the International Council of Religious education, and Prof. H. Augustine Smith, of Boston university.

Dr. Hopkins, bringing a wealth of knowledge from first hand contacts with the Sunday school movement in many countries of the world, will present challenging messages on "The World Outreach Of The Sunday School Movement," "Principles Underlying Religious Education," and participate in other ways. Undoubtedly he will have some message, also, concerning the World's Sunday School convention scheduled for 1936 in Norway.

Closely associated with Dr. Hopkins in the World's Convention in Tokyo, Japan, and in Brazil was Prof. H. Augustine Smith, who had charge of the music of these conventions as well as directing their pageants, who will be with the state convention for the entire three days. Prof. Smith

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## C. Of C. Asks More Freedom For Industry

Washington, Dec. 27.—The right of industry to formulate its own rules of fair competition and complete revision of labor clauses under the NRA to protect employees against coercion, was demanded by the membership of the United States Chamber of Commerce in a referendum vote which closed today.

An overwhelming majority of the ballots, it was announced, favored new legislation in the Seventy-fourth Congress to replace the present NIRA which expires June 16, 1935.

In demanding that industry be permitted to formulate its own rules of fair competition in the future NRA set-up, business leaders who participated in the referendum stipulated that the government's part in the program should be confined to approval or veto.

An analysis of the vote showed that only 251 ballots opposed termination of the NIRA in accordance with its present provisions while 1,693 favored it. However, 1,495 demanded new legislation to replace the present act while 419 opposed it. Only 88 members went on record as being opposed to industry drawing up its own fair practice provisions, while 1,779 voted "yes."

## Winter Launches Bitter Attack On Mid-West

### Many Tales Of Death And Hardship Told As Minimum Readings Are Recorded

Old Man Winter launched his most bitter assault of the season on the mid-continent yesterday (Wednesday).

The boreal blast swept into the upper Rocky Mountain region from Canada, roared across the northwest, descended on the middlewest and then moved south and east, although it was expected to lose some of its stinging force as it proceeded.

Tales of death and hardship were told as these below zero temperatures were recorded:

Eleventh, Minn.—30; Bemidji, Minn.—37; Devils Lake, N. D.—34; Duluth,—26; Watertown, S. D.—20; Minneapolis and St. Paul.—18; Havre, Mont.—18; Mason City, Ia.—15; Sioux Falls, S. D.—12.

The thermometers in these places ventured upward during the day but forecasters warned states east of the Mississippi to prepare for the cold wave. The weather bureau at Chicago predicted the mercury would shrink to 10 below zero in Chicago suburbs during the night. But the central states were promised some measure of relief today.

Several score of fatalities, most of them due to collisions on icy highways, were heaped upon the holiday toll of at least 175 killed.

As investigators probed the wreck of a train in Canada which cost 15 lives, a passenger limited struck an automobile in Harvey, Chicago, suburb, killing seven relief workers. Some passengers on the Chicago train saw both wrecks.

Daniel Devine, of Lost Nation, Ia., froze to death. A Chicago grave digger succumbed to a heart attack induced by the cold. A similar case was reported in Minneapolis. H. H. True, Ottertail, Minn., was killed when he fell on the icy pavement, discharging a pistol in his pocket.

Fire accompanied the cold. A Grand Rapids, Mich., resident died of shock and burns when flames attacked his home. Six firemen were injured at St. Paul when their truck crashed into a street car. Thirty-seven students and priests fled a fire which razed a monastery at North Edmonton, Canada. Guests were put to flight by a blaze in a hotel at Onita, Ia. A hospital and bunk house at a CCC camp near Wellsboro, Pa., were burned.

Twenty persons were forced to evacuate an apartment building in Milwaukee by a 3-alarm fire.

Snow blocked many secondary roads in the northern midwest. Many Iowans were forced to abandon their cars. Communications lines were snapped at scattered points in Minnesota. Four persons were frost bitten before they were rescued from an isolated road near Albert Lea, Minn., with the temperature at 12 below zero.

**AMBASSADOR IN RALEIGH**

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Dr. William E. Dodd, Ambassador to Germany, was a visitor in Raleigh Christmas day.

## ALMANAC

*"He who is afraid of doing too much always does too little."*

DECEMBER

24—1812 war, U. S. vs. England, ended by treaty, 1814.

25—The Merriest of Christmases to you!

26—Survey of Mason and Dixon line completed, 1767.

27—Movie theaters are called nickelodeons, 1908.

28—Woodrow Wilson, 28th President, is born, 1856.

29—First postage stamps used in the U. S., 1847.

30—Iroquois theater fire in Chicago kills 602, 1903.

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