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with an evil word."—  
Shakespeare.

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## World Joins In Celebration Of Nazarene's Birth

### Roosevelts Hear "Fear Not" Sermon Delivered In High-Domed Foundry Methodist Church

### LINDBERGH AT SEA

### Brilliant Electric Star Shines On Spot Believed To Be Place Where Savior Was Born

After a day of reverence and gaiety, the world bade adieu to the Christmas of 1935 last night. Summoned by bells of Bethlehem, the faithful throughout Christendom trudged to houses of worship in reverent adoration of Christ.

In Bethlehem itself a brilliant electric star cast its beams on the spot believed to be the one where the stable stood in which the Savior was born.

Churches were packed to their capacity. In Washington President Roosevelt and members of his family attended the annual Christmas services of the Washington federation of churches, held in the high-domed Foundry Methodist church. Much of the rest of the chief executive's day was taken up by Sara Roosevelt, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roosevelt. She was up early to rush to the fireplace in the president's own room.

The weather man helped with a Yuletide touch of snow, and low temperatures throughout much of the upper half of the United States. Snow drifts were piled high in some localities. In Europe, for the most part, rains washed away what little snow there was.

The Dionne quintuplets, by proxy, bought their mother and dad gifts purchased with the infants' earnings. A sombre note intruded on Italy's observance of the day. War's rigors dampened the celebration. Afield in Ethiopia, the Italian soldiers for the most part attended masses. Some, however, had to keep on fighting.

Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh and their 3-year-old son, Jon, spent the day on the high seas, en route to England to escape kidnap threats. Meanwhile, in New Jersey state prison at Trenton, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted as the slayer of the Lindbergh's first born, spent a lonely day in his cell.

Here and there was a touch of humor. At Mattoon, Ill., Maurice Spurlin, 32, pondered what may happen as a result of a Christmas eve lark. He was accused of borrowing a locomotive to speed over the rails until the engine collided head-on with a freight train.

A movie fan sent Jean Harlow a decrepit motor car, telling her it was the "only four-wheel Christmas card your admirer ever knew."

Friends of Representative Church, Republican, of Illinois, an opponent of the new deal's potato amendment, received potatoes from him as Christmas presents.

## "Lobby League" Is Name Given Shouse's Group By Harrison

Washington, Dec. 26.—The American Liberty League, which has been sharply critical of the administration, was attacked today by Senator Harrison (D.), Miss., in a statement terming the group "The American Lobby League" and "Apostles of Greed."

The statement was distributed by the Democratic National Committee, stirring immediate speculation as to whether the administration is considering a counter-barrage against the league.

Harrison, who is close to the administration, fired his denunciation the day after the league came out with a 12-point "constitutional recovery" program calling for "the legislative branch of the government to reassert its constitutional prerogatives."

Among the league's leaders are Alfred E. Smith, John J. Raskob, Jouett Shouse and Representative James Wadsworth (R) N. Y. Harrison mentioned no names.

## Sales Tax Deplored By Professors At New York Meeting

New York, Dec. 26.—College professors deplored the growth of the sales tax as a vehicle of government financing, terming it a "regressive" tax at a meeting today of the Tax Policy League.

Professor Denzel C. Cline, of Princeton University, said that "many of the sales taxes will probably remain as a permanent regressive tax under the guise of affording relief to real estate."

As an alternative to a sales tax, now employed by 23 states and New York city, professor Cline urged a more inclusive income tax with lowered exemptions.

## Lindberghs Plan To Make Future Home In England

### Depart Secretly From New York Sat. Night. Friends Say Fear For Safety Of Son Is Felt

New York, Dec. 24.—Because, friends said, of business and a growing apprehension over the safety of their three-year old son, Jon, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and his family were on board an unpretentious freighter Monday night, which was taking them to a self-imposed exile abroad.

Close friends of Colonel Lindbergh at Englewood, N. J., where he lived with his family, stated unequivocally that the famous flier was taking up residence in England to escape increasingly ominous threats of kidnaping against little Jon.

In London, however, responsible American sources expressed the belief that Colonel Lindbergh's reasons had their basis in his connection with the forthcoming establishment of transatlantic air service, in which he is vitally concerned as technical advisor to Pan-American Airways.

It was also asserted by the Englewood sources that the family's decision to seek safety in England was hastened by the re-

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## Rep. Fish Says Borah Can Carry North Carolina

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Borah-for-president campaign was given added strength today by announcement of Representative Hamilton Fish (R-N. Y.) that he would lead a fight in New York for the Idaho senator.

Fish announced he had called a conference of twenty prominent New York Republicans after a meeting yesterday with William E. Borah, in which plans for instructed delegates to the Republican National Convention were discussed.

Borah, who has not announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination, was given "encourag-

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## Doughton Back In U. S. After Attending Inauguration Of New Philippine Gov't. Head

### Says Dome Of Capitol Never Looked Better To Him Than It Did On Morning Of Return

### "NEVER AGAIN," COMMENTS REP. WARREN

### "Farmer Bob" Does Not Believe Philippine Independence Is Of A Lasting Nature

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Sparta, representative from the Ninth district of North Carolina in the national House of Representatives, returned to Washington last Thursday, with a buffalo horn measuring more than five feet from point to point as his prize souvenir, after having witnessed the launching of the new Philippine government as an independent state. Other members of the congressional delegation accompanied the North Carolina congressman back to the capital.

After traveling half around the world Doughton said he was convinced there was no place like the United States and during his quarter of a century here the Capital dome never looked better than it did on the morning of his return. He left Thursday night for his home in Alleghany county, admitting that he is homesick for the mountains of Western North Carolina. Meeting North Carolina newspaper correspondents at his office, the House ways and means chairman devoted an hour relating some of the impressions which the various countries he visited made upon him.

"The most interesting thing I saw was the activity in Japan," he said. "There was no loafers and no idlers there. Everyone was at work, and I think I saw more bicycles and babies than I thought existed in the world. I was astonished at the use of bicycles for transportation purposes. Each has a rack on the rear and I saw riders carrying loads as heavy as 400 pounds."

The North Carolinian said Tokyo was the cleanest city in the world, and probably Honolulu was the most beautiful city he saw on the trip. "I was so homesick I doubt if I appreciated its beauty," he added. Representative Doughton doubts very seriously that the Philippine Islands will be able to maintain their independence.

"We have carried out our promise and I hope the islands succeed in maintaining their own government, but they are confronted with many serious obstacles," he asserted. He referred to a lack of national patriotism in the islands because of the number of provinces with different ideas and the pressure which will come from business interests there for the United States to maintain control in order to enjoy duty free the American market for sugar, coconuts oil, cordage and other products.

The congressman does not look for any armed invasion from Japan, but believes that country may try an "industrial conquest."

Doughton visited textile mills while in Japan and marvelled at the growth of the industry there. He said the Japanese textile industry was a threat to the industry of any nation. "I stood on a top of a building in Tokyo and the smokestacks made you think you were in Pittsburgh," he asserted. Asked about labor conditions in the mills, he stated:

"The labor standards so far as working conditions are concerned are high. No children under 14 years are permitted to work in the mills. Those between 14 and 18 are permitted to work eight hours and no person works more than nine. The wages are low, but it does not take much for the workers to live on. They live in shacks and are not used to eating as much as Americans."

Asked if he thought American mills would suffer as a result of the development of the textile industry in Japan, Doughton said:

"If we cease industrial strife and have industrial peace I don't see why we should have anything to fear from the Japanese textile industry. We will, of course, have to maintain a reasonable tariff but not a prohibitory one. We must not forget that Japan is a large consumer of American products, especially raw cotton and automobiles. If we expect this trade to continue we cannot have tariffs so high as to shut out Japanese exports to us."

Doughton has been away from the country so long he would not comment on state or national issues. He said his committee would not meet until after January 1.

It seems that "Farmer Bob's" ability as a close trader was evident in the Philippines. When the native came up selling the caribou horns the largest set he had attracted the veteran cattleman's eye. "How much?" he asked as he looked over the beautiful finish with hand-carving representing at least a week's work. "The best I can do is \$12," came the reply. "I will give you \$4." "Sold," said the native.

Washington, Dec. 19.—"Never again," said Rep. Lindsay C. Warren, of Washington, N. C., upon his return from the Orient. Warren, author of the potato control law, said he "simply couldn't eat" the food in Japan, one of the first nations visited by the congressional delegation that attended the inauguration of the new Philippine government.

He enjoyed the trip, he said, but didn't think he would like to make it again.

"I'm glad to be back where I can eat good American food," he added.

## Early Battle In Congress On "Vets" Bonus Seems Certain

Washington, Dec. 26.—Early and lively congressional battles over neutrality and soldiers bonus legislation became a certainty today as President Roosevelt and capitol spokesmen outlined plans for the second session of the 74th congress, opening a week from tomorrow.

The president, cloaking himself in the White House proper, spent virtually the entire day on his annual legislative and budget messages. Both probably will be submitted during the first three days of the session.

On capitol hill, announcement came from a senatorial quarter close to the administration that efforts would be made to work out a compromise bonus bill with the executive. It was added that no general tax legislation would be put forward at the session.

## Violent Deaths Come To Nearly 150 At Christmas

### Highway Accidents And Tragedies Of Various Kinds Turn Holiday Into Day Of Gloom For Many

Symbolic throughout the world of a birth—that of the One who came to give life and to give it more abundantly—Christmas brought violent death to nearly 150 persons in this and other lands.

Highway accidents claimed the heaviest toll but tragedy invaded many a family gathering, too. A Christmas Eve train collision at Gross Heringen, Germany, killed 36 persons and injured 72 in the holiday's worst catastrophe. Fire and exposure killed others.

One woman was burned to death, an undetermined number were missing and five were injured in a theater fire at Hot Springs, Ark. A woman and two children were burned fatally in residence fires in Oklahoma.

Missouri led the nation in traffic fatalities, with 10, as sleet made slippery death traps of some highways. Nine died on Illinois roads. Los Angeles police

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## Poll Continues To Show Majority Favoring New Deal

The Washington Merry-Goround Forum announced Monday results covering 32,875 letters returned in the first three weeks on the question "Should President Roosevelt Be Re-Elected?" This shows almost a 2 1/2 to 1 vote in favor of President Roosevelt's reelection.

In contrast to the Literary Digest poll sent to a selected list of names which finds popular sentiment running 53% against New Deal "acts and policies,"

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## Italy Preparing For Action While England Is Alert

### Military Precautions In Southeastern Nations Are Speeded By Tenseness Of Situation In Europe

### ALLIANCES TIGHTENED

### A Scouting Plane Of Italy's Fleet Is Shot Down And Its Pilot Is Beheaded By Ethiopians

London, Dec. 26.—In reliable Rome quarters, Premier Mussolini's navy is reported to be preparing for action while Great Britain's army, navy and air forces are on the alert from Gibraltar in the western Mediterranean to Aden in the Red Sea.

Approximately 13,000 naval specialists, most of whom formerly served in gun or powder rooms, were reported recalled for duty, said dispatches from the Italian capitol.

Informed sources there believed the navy was preparing for possible "events" in case Anthony Eden, the new British foreign secretary, persuades the League of Nations to impose oil sanctions on Italy.

The tension in Europe caused southeastern nations to speed up military precautions of their own, to tighten their alliances and to examine the possibilities of new agreements.

General staffs of the little entente powers—Rumania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia—were understood to be ready for any necessary action. At the same time the increasing complications of Italy's foreign relations were reported to be worrying Mussolini's friends in the Danubian basin.

Warfare in Africa went on. One of Italy's fleet scouting planes was shot down and its pilot beheaded, the Ethiopian government announced.

The plane was reconnoitering with another over Daggah Bur on the southern front. The pilot was not immediately identified.

It was the boxing day holiday here and the foreign office was deserted, but many thousands of British soldiers, sailors and airmen kept a sharp vigil along the "empire route" through Egypt.

Italy pushed on with its Ethiopian campaign, while Rome expectantly awaited the next move on sanctions by Anthony Eden. Britain's new and young foreign secretary.

Premier Laval, of France, was threatened with a possible overthrow when the chamber of deputies debates on foreign policy tomorrow. He was co-author of the Anglo-French peace plan, now dead, which forced the resignation of Sir Samuel Hoare as Britain's foreign secretary because of widespread resentment to it.

French leftist parties demanded that Laval abandon his "easy attitude" toward Mussolini so he will make approval of his policies the question of a vote of confidence.

In Addis Ababa, there were unconfirmed reports that the govern-

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## CUTS HOLIDAY SHORT

The Supreme Court will return from its holiday recess January 6th instead of January 13, thus enabling it to hand down decisions on the AAA, TVA and Bankhead Cotton Control Act three days after Congress assembles. The surprising change of program, cutting a week off the usual three-week recess, was noted in a recent order. It does not necessarily indicate anything as to the conclusion of the Court, although there is a general idea that a decision in the Hoosac Mills case and that of the Rice millers will be handed down immediately after the recess. Argument on the TVA was completed last week, thus clearing the way for a decision. If the Court should read its opinion on January 6th, with Congress in session, the Administration would be in a position to approach Congress for emergency legislation in case of an adverse decision.

## G. O. P. PICKS CLEVELAND

The Republican National Committee meeting in Washington with optimistic hopes of defeating the New Deal decisively in 1936, set June 9th as the date for the National Convention, and selected Cleveland as the city for its meeting. Chairman Fletcher declared that "the New Deal is slipping" and "we can win next year." A fight over the 1932 convention rule allotting a bonus of three delegates at large to each state that cast its last previous electoral vote for the Republican candidate, with certain other additions based on congressional representation, failed. The convention will have 997 delegates, a reduction of 157 from the 1932 convocation. Nearly all states, except the six that cast their electoral votes for Hoover, will lose delegates.

## CANDIDATES UNCERTAIN

The Republicans have, so far, not centered upon a candidate although many of them regard Governor Landon as the leading contender for the nomination at this time. The attitude of Senator Borah has some of them puzzled and there can be no real crystallization of sentiment until he indicates definitely his course. The Landon supporters think they will be greatly benefited if the Idahoan does not make the race. The Kansas Governor has been making some gains in the East, although his support of Prohibition and the AAA are used against him.

## KNOX, BORAH, LANDON

Col. Frank Knox, the Chicago publisher, considers himself on equal footing at this time, although a recent declaration favoring immediate payment of the bonus, thus reversing his previous stand, has not helped him in the East. Former President Hoover's activity is said to represent a sincere desire to secure the adoption of a sane platform and the nomination of a safe candidate rather than promotion of his own nomination.

## HOOVER'S ATTACK

Herbert Hoover continues his campaign against the Administration by turning his artillery on the President's recent assertions. Mr. Hoover insists that the depression actually was turned back throughout the world in June and July, 1932, but that the New Deal caused this country to lag two years while other nations progressed. He blames the 1933 bank panic on hysteria, induced among the depositors by the incoming administration, calling it "the most political and most unnecessary bank panic in all our history."

## BLAMES THE NEW DEAL

His idea is that fear of the incoming New Deal and realization that Democratic campaign promises were to be "violated" and the currency "tampered with" caused the panic. Mr. Hoover also attacked the relief situation, proposing to decentralize control and cut government allotments to the states by more than half. He would stop "wasteful" projects and look to true relief from honest productive jobs, which "would return quickly" if the currency were "stabilized," the "torrent of unnecessary expenditure" stopped and the budget "balanced."

## SEEKING BIG TAX

It has been known for some time that the Federal Government has been conducting a criminal investigation into the affairs of the Associated Gas and Electric Company, one of the world's largest utility holding companies. While not generally known, an investigation was started during the Hoover administration but

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**NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS**

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DECEMBER

- 24—Matthew Arnold, poet and critic, born 1822.
- 25—The Merriest of all Christmas to you!
- 26—First patent on coffee percolator issued, 1863.
- 27—Famed "Texas Rangers" founded by law, 1855.
- 28—First settlers reach Cincinnati, Ohio, 1795.
- 29—Canadiana burn U. S. steamer near Niagara, 1857.
- 30—Alfred Emanuel (Ali) Smith, born 1873.