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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

With a Christmas Gift.

At Christmas time long years ago
"Good will to men" the angels sang,
"And peace on earth" their message rang
Across the sky's celestial glow,
At Christmas time
Long years ago.

The loving wishes of a friend
That comes today.

At Christmas time in future years—
And all the other days besides—
May life for you always provide
Its laughter all unmixed with tears
At Christmas time
In future years.

At Christmas time that comes today
This message of good will I send—

—W. R. Murphy, in Christmas St. Nicholas.

BRIGHT EYES AND DOROTHY JANE A CHRISTMAS STORY OF TWO DOLLS



like her mother I am going to love her." Bright Eyes was laughing by this time, and interrupted to say, "You must be a missionary rag baby then. How funny!" "That's what I am," cried Dorothy, "and unless Jennie expects too much of a rag baby, I believe that I will make her happy. Do you think that the little girl where you are going will love you?" Bright Eyes moved uneasily in the box and was slow to answer. Finally she said: "I don't know whether she will love me or not. I don't care. I am pretty and they will show me to everybody. I like the idea of moving in high society, and won't worry about their loving me."

Dorothy Jane knew nothing about society, and did not fully understand Bright Eyes' idea of life. All she

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could think about was Jennie Reed, and whether or not they would be happy together. "Get that big French doll out, Bill," said the driver to his assistant, as the wagon suddenly stopped. It startled Dorothy Jane, as she had about made up her mind to tell Bright Eyes that she had missed entirely the object of life when she made love secondary. All she had time to say, as she put an unshapely rag hand in one of Bright Eyes' was, "Make that little girl love you." But Bright Eyes tossed her head scornfully as Bill ran with her up the brownstone steps. "If you ever get up into high society call on me," were her parting words.

Bill complained bitterly to the driver about being overworked after he had handed Dorothy Jane over to Mrs. Reed, on the fifth floor of the East Side tenement house. Mrs. Reed took the rag baby and quietly sat her in the fireplace, facing Jennie's little bed. When Mrs. Reed had kissed the sleeping child and tipped out of the room, Dorothy looked around for other Christmas wishes. At first she saw no one else, and began to feel the responsibility which had been thrust upon her of being little Jennie's whole Christmas. Finally, however, she spied a little pink candy box, and she told her that he, too, was there for Jennie.

The next morning Mrs. Reed peeped into the room in time to see Jennie jump around in an ecstasy of joy, with Dorothy Jane clasped close to her breast and the pink candy box in her hand. The affection of the child for Dor-

thy Jane grew from day to day, until the neighbors talked about it. Wherever Jennie went, Dorothy Jane was with her.

Bright Eyes, on the other hand, had a hard time of it. When she arrived at the house she found that there were many other presents costlier than herself, and, moreover, a little old rubber doll was the favorite of her mistress.



All her visions of coming out into fashionable society faded away before a week had passed. She never went out of doors, but lay tucked away in a closet. One day, Jip, a little fox terrier, mistook her for something else. Before he was through the

NORTH CAROLINA IN BRIEF

DOCTOR SENT TO JAIL.
Well-Known Rutherford County Man Gets 15 Months in Federal Prison.
Charlotte, Special.—Dr. S. A. W. Haines, well known in Rutherford county, where he is a practicing physician, has been sentenced to spend fifteen months in a federal prison for violation of the internal revenue laws. The case of Dr. Haines is a rather unusual occurrence, and as he is a man of some prominence in his section, his sentence will come all the more as a surprise, but Judge Boyd has demonstrated that he will now bow close to the line, and let the chips take care of themselves.

State Treasurer's Book Examined.
The Legislative Committee having in charge the examination of the books, accounts and vouchers of the State Treasurer's office, completed their work last week and found no errors. The financial report is as to the General Fund, starting the fiscal year on December first, 1908, with \$555,020.34, receipts of \$3,139,087.21, a total of \$3,694,107.55. The disbursements were \$3,562,197.10, leaving a balance of \$131,910.45. In the Education Fund the fiscal year began with a balance on hand of \$7,392.08, receipts \$72,430.81, making a total of \$79,822.89. The disbursements were \$68,969.46, leaving a balance of \$10,853.43. The total balance in the treasury after the transactions of the past twelve months is \$123,830.48.

Confesses in Crime 16 Years Ago.
Asheville, Special.—After a lapse of sixteen years interest in the murder of Ling Gin, a Chinaman, who was killed in the mountains of Madison County late in November, 1903, has been revived by the confession of C. Morris, residing in Cooke County, Tenn., made a confession giving the names of those concerned in the murder of the Chinaman. It is said by Deputy Sheriff R. A. Green, of Cooke County, that Morris supposing himself to be dying, recently confessed to his physician that two men, whose names he gives, killed the Chinaman, and that he (P. C. Morris) then hauled the body into Tennessee to conceal it, and that later two Madison County men dragged the body to the place where it was found.

To Survey For New Road.
Wilmington, Special.—It is learned here from a very authentic source that the Atlantic Coast Line directors at their meeting in New York recently authorized the survey for a new line of railway from Harts-ville, S. C., via Mcbee, S. C., to Monroe and thence to Charlotte, also another survey from Wadesboro to Monroe. It is believed that these are preliminaries of important railroad developments expected to take place in the two States within the near future. The Coast Line and Norfolk & Western are now building the South-bound from Winston to Wadesboro, a connection of the Atlantic Coast Line, and the surveys now authorized are regarded quite significant in the same connection.

A Large Purchase of Sugar.
Winston-Salem, Special.—The largest sale of sugar in one lot ever made in North Carolina, probably, was that made here by J. A. Glenn, of this city, representing a St. Louis concern, and the B. B. Horn Company, candy manufacturers, were the purchasers. The firm purchased in one order 547,500 pounds of clarified sugar.

Elliott Gets Five Years.
Greensboro, Special.—The jury in Guilford superior court returned a verdict of manslaughter against Hiram Elliott, who was indicted for murder in the first degree for killing his brother-in-law, Simpson Coble, in Greene township, November 9. In his charge to the grand jury Judge Biggs instructed that a verdict of not guilty be returned as to Dan "Foot" Coble, the aged father of the dead man, who was indicted as an accessory after the fact. Elliott was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years and will enter upon his sentence at once.

For Public Buildings.
Washington, D. C., Special.—Senator Overman has introduced bills for public buildings at Waynesville, Shelby and Rocky Mount. Appropriations of \$50,000 are asked on each of these buildings.
New \$10,000 Hotel.
North Wilkesboro, Special.—A company has been organized here to build a new \$10,000 hotel at Lithia Springs. Work on the building is to be begun at once.

TO BE CHARLOTTE'S GUEST

Southern Educational Association to Gather Th's Month. MANY SUBJECTS ON PROGRAM.
The Association is Almost as Extensive as That of the National Educational Association.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The next meeting of the Southern Educational Association will be held here on the 28, 29 and 30 of this month. This will be one of the largest, most important and notable educational gatherings that ever assembled in the South. The last meeting at Atlanta was the largest in its history. The association has been largely reconstructed and has now developed an organization almost as extensive as that of the National Educational Association. Among the subjects that will be discussed in the general session are the following: Educational ideals and problems of the New South as compared with the Old South; the industrial development of the South—the development of Southern rural life and public schools in relation to it; the movement for the improvement of school houses and grounds; the call for educational citizenship; national aid to Southern schools; educational legislation and progress during the year; the trend of state administration to public schools; present status of illiteracy in the Southern States; methods of state aid local taxation for public schools; present conception of negro education in the South; methods of educational campaigns; the service of the state university; present status of college education; higher education of women; the movement for the education of adults; the supervision of rural schools; the improvement of teachers; Southern summer schools; development of rural high schools; secondary agricultural education in the South; secondary education in Europe; European and American trade schools, etc.

The most progressive Southern university, colleges and normal schools will make exhibits of their equipments, special facilities, etc., hearing especially upon the professional preparation of teachers in secondary and elementary schools. Some of the leading Southern industrial and elementary schools, also several kindergarten schools, will exhibit the work they have done. The railroads have granted half rates and hotels will also give special rates. Charlotte is a large commercial and industrial center, and an excellent place for meeting.

Madrid Will Accept Office.
Managua, Nicaragua, Special.—Jose Madrid, judge of the Central American court of justice, at Cartago, who has been put forward as candidate for the presidency to succeed Zelaya, received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here. Long before he reached the capital Madrid was the object of cheering crowds. He was met by delegations from various departments, and acclaimed all along the way from Corinto to Managua. I shall accept the honor which has been offered me. I am not the candidate of Leon, but of the entire republic. My chief concern will be to appease the ancient sectionalism which has divided certain localities.

To Meet in Charlotte.
Charlotte, N. C., Special.—There is to be held in Charlotte Tuesday, January 4, a meeting of all the cotton yarn spinners of the South and representatives of the leading commission houses of the North, for the purpose of considering conditions in the cotton yarn trade with the view to securing a better price of yarns.

Superintendent and Guard Indicted.
Atlanta, Special.—After a rigid inspection of conditions in the city prison a grand jury indicted Superintendent D. M. Vining and Guard P. Corner, and pronounced the conditions "inhuman, incredible and vile." The jury's report told of overpowering stenches, infectious filth, torture machines and other alleged horrors seen in the men's and the women's quarters, white

Paid Homage to Leopold.
Brussels, By Cable.—The body of King Leopold lay in state in the royal palace Sunday, while thousands who had patiently waited their turn to be admitted, filed silently before the catafalque and paid homage to their late sovereign. In the presence of Prince Albert and the officers and dignitaries of the court and government, the coffin had been borne to the mortuary chamber, while priests chanted the Miserere and a procession of nuns, with bowed heads, told the rosary for the dead. The ceremonies were elaborate.

Standard Oil Files Appeal.
St. Louis Special.—The appeal of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, its subsidiaries and the seven individuals, against whom the government recently won its dissolution suit in the United States circuit court, was filed here. Sixty-five instances in which the circuit court is alleged to have erred are cited as reasons for taking the case to the supreme court of the United States.

KING LEOPOLD DIES

IN SUDDEN COLLAPSE
Belgian Crown Passes to Albert Leopold, His Nephew.
NEW RULER IS VERY POPULAR.

Brussels, Belgium.—The death of King Leopold is being mourned throughout Belgium, but it is with great relief that the people welcome the ascension of Prince Albert Leopold, and his beautiful wife, the former Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. The King died at 2:37 p. m., lit aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse came suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hope for his recovery. Throughout the night medical aid was given from the apartment which progressive in its nature, and a large drainage of the wound was perfect, as no fever was present, and the King had been able to take nourishment. The public at large was satisfied that the King was on the road to recovery, but when in the pavilion where the King lay there was a feeling of anxiety, chiefly because of Leopold's great age. After a restful day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period. But toward 1 o'clock alarming symptoms appeared. Suddenly the King turned and called to Dr. Thiriaz, doctor, doctor, doctor, doctor (in a soft voice). Dr. Deage was summoned and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail. The end came quickly and, after a spell of weakness, peacefully. Prince Albert arrived at the death bed about twenty-five minutes later. He was accompanied by Princess Clementine. Albert kissed the dead King and left the chamber weeping. Baron Gofinet, the King's secretary, started immediately for Brussels to notify the members of the royal family. It appears that the doctors were totally unprepared for such a fatal termination. It was a nun acting as a nurse who first noticed the heavy breathing of the King. She called Dr. Thiriaz to the bedside. Both doctors Thiriaz and Deage resorted to injections of morphia, but these had no effect. The King died at 2:37 p. m., lit aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse came suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hope for his recovery.

FOUR DEAD IN EXPLOSION.
Powder Blow-Up Starts Fire at Mine, Making 70 People Homeless.
Punxsutawney, Pa.—Four foreigners were killed, seventy others made homeless and one mortally injured in a fire which destroyed House No. 6 at the Froberg mine of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company near here. Shortly after the explosion of a keg of powder into which a spark had accidentally been dropped a greater quantity of the explosive blew up, and the two-story building was destroyed. Six families lived in the building, but nearly all succeeded in escaping before the second explosion occurred. The bodies of Joseph Mango, his wife and two children were found in the debris by firemen who were called to the scene to extinguish the fire.

\$550,000 FROM MISS DODGE.
American Woman Made Donation For Shakespeare Memorial.
London, Eng.—The Daily Mail says it understands that the donor of \$550,000 toward the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon was Miss Mary Hadley Dodge, a wealthy American woman who a year or two ago leased Warwick House at St. James'.

Suicide After Quarrel With Sister.
After a quarrel with his sister, at Middletown, N. Y., Leonard Freer, a former member of Company L of the Seventh United States Cavalry, shot himself dead. He attacked his sister during the quarrel and injured her severely.

Dog Kills His Grandmother.
Harry Endley, Jr., ten years old, of St. Louis, Mo., accidentally shot and killed his grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Payne. Mrs. Payne was the widow of former Representative James L. Payne, of Kentucky. She came to St. Louis from her home in Kentucky to spend Christmas with Harry's parents.

To Share King's Estate.
The Princess Louise, now in London, has been asked to recover a large share of King Leopold's estate.

ZELAYA RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

Quits to Bring Peace in His Unhappy Country.
Managua's Ruler Unable to Withstand the Pressure of Defeat and American Hostility.

Managua, Nicaragua.—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the Presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of Congress. Apparently there was no other course for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports. Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya surrounded himself with an armed guard. But even the populace have deserted through the streets, crying for the end of the old, tyrannical (as his enemies say) regime. Accompanying his resignation Zelaya sent the following message to Congress: "The painful circumstances in which the country is situated call for measures of protection and pacification on the part of good citizens who are the witnesses of the oppression of the Republic by the heavy hand of fate. The country is staggering under a senseless revolution which threatens the National sovereignty, and a tyrannical and unjustly intervenes in our affairs, publicly providing the rebels with arms, which has only resulted in their being defeated everywhere through the heroism of our troops. To avoid further bloodshed, and for the reason that the revolutionists have declared that they would put down their arms when I surrender the executive power, I hereby place in the hands of the National Assembly the abandonment of the remainder of my term of office, which is to be filled by a substitute of their choosing, with the hope that this will result in good to Nicaragua, the re-establishment of peace, and particularly the suspension of the hostility of the United States, to which I do not wish to give a pretext for intervention." A committee of five Representatives has been appointed to draft a bill to accept Zelaya's resignation, which is now considered a mere formality. There is no doubt that Congress will act quickly on the resignation, for the people have demanded it. Zelaya's action has not served to abate the public opposition to Dr. Madriz, now the only person supposed to be eligible for the Presidency.

WOMAN DEAD, 6 TEEN HURT.
Mrs. Alice D. Bennett, of Hartford, Victim of Arizona Wreck.
Flagstaff, Ariz.—In a railroad wreck at Winona, Ariz., Mrs. Alice D. Bennett, of Hartford, Conn., was killed and eighteen other passengers were injured. A coroner's jury is trying to learn what became of a large sum of money said to have been carried by Mrs. Bennett.

2 KILLED, 8 HURT IN GEORGIA.
Northbound Passenger Train Crashes Into a Second Class Train.
Macon, Ga.—Two persons were killed, one fatally injured and seven more or less seriously hurt when a Central of Georgia northbound passenger train at Harris City, Ga., crashed into the combination second class baggage and mail car of train No. 42, eastbound, of the Macon and Birmingham road.

NEGRO WINS FORENSIC PRIZE
First of His Race to Get Such a Position in Missouri.
St. Louis, Mo.—For the first time in the history of the Missouri bar, a negro has won a forensic prize. It is Edward Drake, and he is a native of Newark, Del. Drake passed the service examination at the law school.

Many old residents are reported when they saw the body handling the state, but he is quiet, obliging and caring, and