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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And it came to pass in those days, that they went out from Caesarea Phila... (And this tazing was first made when Cerynus was governor of Syria.)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night... And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

IT HAS long been an annual custom at The News for the publisher to take this opportunity of extending Christmas greetings to three large groups of people upon the continued growth of this newspaper, and its opportunity to render service, depend.

an advertiser as of mutual benefit to each other. The newspaper must show a profit if it is to remain in business as an independent organ of public opinion. The advertiser must have an effective medium of reaching his customer if he is to prosper.

NOT PEACE BUT A SWORD

HE IS, in a sense, a good Christmas. It is probably the best Christmas the nation has ever known, insofar as things to buy and money to buy them with is concerned. Our homes are comfortable this Christmas, 1950. We are well-fed. The spirit of Christmas is warm and pleasant today.

what Stalin is waiting for. When he thinks he has the most to gain and the least to lose, there will be his initiative is his. How can we prevent war? There are currently two answers given when the question is asked.

Wilson Will Have To Whack Capital's Famed Red Tape

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

WILL CUFFY has a new book titled "The Decline and Fall of Practical Bureaucracy," which a city Santa Claus would do well to keep under his many Washington stockings.

Yet on such a fundamental matter as the expansion of aluminum production a long series of delays have occurred. The end of August the first moves were made. Some delay resulted from a controversy over whether production should be expanded in Canada or in the United States.

Deferment Of Smart Youths Would Violate Equality Rule

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

THERE is a proposal, about to insure the draft position of bright boys, or juvenile double-drafters, and we wonder if the stand Congress will take under the money for a million "under-drafts" tests this year.

This would put a life-or-death premium on scholastic marks of college men. The poor genius who fails in college would not be considered for exemption in any category of vague manner, known as "special deferment."

IT CAN'T BE DONE. It is not possible to sit down and create an elite corps of brains, plucked from the masses by tests. It is not possible to invade personal dignity so far as to make a thinker out of one category of men and another without first subjecting all to the original indignity of the draft.

Formation of mass exemptions based on a flimsy criterion as "talents" or "abilities," in sociology erects a flimsy artificial basis for abuse of general heredity of manpower.



Is There A Santa Claus?

(NOTE: The following editorial by Frank F. Church first appeared in The New York Sun in 1949. It has not been reprinted since, but it is one of the finest Christmas stories of this nation.—Editors, The News.)

WE TAKE pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their senses. It is the saddest thing of our man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with our Godless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By EDITH JOHNSON

DOES any word have greater variety of meanings than Christmas? To the majority of children it means Santa Claus, a jolly, greeting card and receiving anticipation, the contents of a stocking hung under the mantle but far other a Christmas tree holding gifts.

To adults it brings participation in a family gathering attending parties, shopping, gift wrapping, making Christmas cards, and receiving cards, often, about "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbors. In many a business house Christmas is inseparable from an annual bonus, large or small. In more than one newspaper description of the 30 or 100 "best" gifts, suggesting that the needs be met from the full purse and the generous heart.

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your life its highest beauty and joy. What ho! merry would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It is said that as a young boy there were no children faith, then, no hope no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood this world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairness! You might get your papa to divert you to watch in all the churches on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that there are no fairies dancing there, or that you imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

Some have harsh comments to make on "orthodoxy," a "symptom of ignorance," to their way of thinking, and there are clergymen in this group. One of them says that "the doctrine of Jesus is not the cross out of Christianity. The Cross of Jesus was a false mistake. An empty pity of it is that we have no reason to believe in it."

HOW do such people, themselves Christmas, really feel about Christmas as they come even nearer to that day? Would they, too, take the time to be Christmas and make of it a beautiful secular holiday?

What are their thoughts about the Christmas message that affirms the loving of our own nation, and while we have poured great largess in food and money to our European friends that have all but wrecked man. Man and a half? "The Herald Angel sings" Or are they from their point of view?

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

ABOUT two years ago I published "A Gipsy's Plea for Peace" written by John Crow, a paralyzed war veteran. The book was a source of inspiration to several of my friends.

My name is John Crow. I am a paraplegic at Hatteras, N. C. I was injured in the war. I have been in comparison with my spiritual world. I have come back from death to a world that I no longer care for. I who was once a man of great energy and vigor, now I am a man of no energy and no vigor.

Christ Must Be Heard Behind Curtain

WASHINGTON

ways of each individual man multiplied by a hundredfold. When the moral life of the world, but it seems to me that man-packed body caused him to overlook some of the great accomplishments we have made in our 2,000 years struggle toward the great goal Christ set for us—the Sermon on the Mount.

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ONE WORTH REPEATING

A FALL-FLAVORED piece we like is the papaw editorial by William Allen Howe. We printed it several years ago. Here it is again: "Bill Colyar brought us in our annual papaw today, and we have tucked it away where it will do us the most good. We do not know how it may affect others, but we have tucked it away where it will do us the most good. We do not know how it may affect others, but we have tucked it away where it will do us the most good.

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ing the aroma and consistency of the one, and the bones and sins of the father. "But it is the saddest fruit in the world, too. It recalls woods and fields that are streets now, times that are gone now, days that are memories, and boys who are dead."

Our Failure

HERE are our greatest failures. While we have graduated our forward Christ, and we have not, and while we have poured great largess in food and money to our European friends that have all but wrecked man. Man and a half? "The Herald Angel sings" Or are they from their point of view?