

Empty Stockings  
Business  
Man Lauds  
Christmas  
Program

BY FRANK SPOLES  
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ONE of Charlotte's busy business men took time off not only to send a generous check to the Empty Stocking Fund but to write a well-appreciated letter offering further assistance. It is needed. A few more such Charlottemen as Frank F. Jones, the real Santa Claus, would be a guarantee that there would never be any empty stockings in the Queen City on Christmas morning.

"The letter was so nice as the contribution was generous, and those in charge of the campaign felt that it should be published. The letter reads as follows:

"Enclosed I take pleasure in sending you check for \$50 for your Charlotte News Christmas Stocking Fund. You will please acknowledge this from Peggy Jones and Mrs. Paul Sheehan Jr. (my two daughters). In this connection may I add, I think this is my little piece of charity work, you and your company sponsor Christmas gifts to give you much pleasure to so many little children who otherwise would doubtless find something of 'Santa Claus.' I found years ago, however, that the real hardship in this world is doing something for others, instead of having others do something for you. You certainly must be a mighty happy man at this season of the year, by reason of your kindness to so many little children.

"I might add: I try to give ten per cent of what I make to some form of good charity (which I think is no more than any other man should do). The check I send you represents ten per cent of a commission I have received today. I have had a great deal of knowledge and 'real' you have in mind for this Christmas for your Empty Stocking Fund, but I have some other funds coming in later in the month—in commissions—and if you later find you are running short, I would be happy to send you another check as I know of no better place to give such funds at this time than your 'Empty Stocking Fund.'

"Wishing you every big success you might desire for this particular 'frank. I am, very truly,

"FRANK F. JONES."

Preparations for Christmas for the underprivileged of Charlotte have begun now, but no plans can be made without sufficient funds. That's why sending in Empty Stocking gifts is so important. Send your Christmas gift to the underprivileged.

Total to date .....\$121

THE MARSHALLS

Many Ships Tied Up By Maritime Union Strike



MAYBE THE CHIMNEY WAS TOO SMALL—This, frankly, is a posed picture of two little girls looking up their chimney for a Santa Claus who didn't come. Today, the picture is a cute shot of two pretty little girls; repeated on Christmas morning, it will be nothing short of tragedy. Your contribution to the Empty Stocking Fund will keep this from happening. (News staff photo by Tom Franklin's Studio.)

Navy Captain Faces Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy formal accused Capt. Charles E. McVae III today of negligence and culpable inefficiency in the loss of the Indianapolis in the closing days of the war.

Every man aboard the Indianapolis was a casualty when enemy action sent her to the bottom of the Philippine Sea last July 30. Dead or missing totaled 860, the wounded 316.

Called 'Inadequate' Short's Reply To War Warning Hit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maj. Gen. Sherman A. Miles said today that the reply Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short sent from Hawaii on Nov. 28, 1941, to a war warning message was "totally inadequate."

By JACK BELL  
Miles testified before the Senate House army investigating Pearl Harbor. Thursday the committee is to hear General of the Army George C. Marshall who sent the warning message.

Slowness Of Vets Return Is Protested

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of members of the CIO National Maritime Union throughout the nation left their jobs today in a 24-hour work stoppage that tied up loading and sailing of hundreds of ships and halted repairs on others.

The walkout was called to support the union's position that return of overseas veterans was being delayed because some ships it claims were suitable to carry soldiers were being used for commercial purposes.

Deny Goods Held Back

WASHINGTON (AP)—A CIO-United Electrical Workers' assertion that General Electric and Westinghouse Electric Companies are "holding back" their products to raise prices was denied today by both companies.

New Housing Plan Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Contending that "corrupt speculators are piling profit on profit at the expense of the home seekers," Representative Patman, Texas, advocated today creation of a Federal housing stabilization fund to build what he termed a "national crisis."

Wasn't Bluffing Hitler Was Ready To Hit Czechs At Time Of Munich

By WES GALLAGHER  
NUERNBERG (AP)—Hitler was not bluffing when his threats of war in 1938 led England and France to sign the Munich Pact; secret German war plans introduced at the international war crimes trial of twenty leading Nazis disclosed today.

Intervenes Truman Asks GM People To Return

DETROIT (AP)—President Truman intervened directly in the nationwide strike of General Motors workers today, informing Congress that he was asking them to return to work immediately.

Drama At Chicago 'Suicide Squad' Gave Atom Experiment Aid

CHICAGO (AP)—A scientist disclosed today a "suicide squad" stood by as the first atomic reaction was started here in a secret experiment to save the city had exploded threatened.

Fact-Finding Boards Set Up To Deal With Strife

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Drive Close To Mukden

CHUNGKING (AP)—The rich industrial city of Mukden in Manchuria lies only 30 miles ahead of the Nationalist spearheads. Chinese Central News Agency reported today.

Yamashita Put Back On Stand

MANILA (AP)—U. S. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita declared at his war-crimes trial today that one of his military orders, which gave the life of death over prisoners and was helpless to intervene.

Special Message Goes To Congress

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Weather

Mostly cloudy and mild warmer today and tonight with light rain tonight. Tuesday weather: cloudy; rain and cooler.

It's Delicious! Jap Who Ate Australian Gets Death

SYDNEY (AP)—A Japanese army officer who turned cannibal because he was hungry and wanted to bring back his strength today was hanging as a war criminal.

Won't Run In Straight Numbers For 100 Years

NEW YORK (AP)—Don't wait up for the next time; it won't happen again for one hundred years.

SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS  
8 SHOP EARLY  
The list was not, the clothes he had been wearing on a winter day.