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The Immortal Story.

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And he were out a decree from Cassar augustus, that all the world should be trade, that all the world should be trade, that the tains use first mode when Cassar to be lazed, every one into his own other. And all seems to be lazed, every one into his own other, and Joseph also went up from Gallier, out of the City of Navareth, into Judaca, winto the City of Davids, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of Davids.)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wite, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in sucadding clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, to, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were are afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Pear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all seeple.

For unto you to born this day in the City of David a Sautour, which is Christ the Lord.

the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host prais-

Ana succession of the heaventy now, ing God, and saying:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—St.
Luke, 2; 1-14.

Of Faith

WE think of this edition of THE NEWS as a Christmas card. Bad news may creep into its pages, since our obligation to report the world as it is holds even in this sentimental season, but it is incidental to our principal purpose on this day—the extension of greetings to all those who have myde the 58th year of this newspaper's life a pleasant and rewarding one.

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The task is not easy A newspaper is a peculiar institution, and we maintain an oddy intimate relationship with many thousands of persons—employees, adverteers and subscribers. The News itself is no more than the sum total of that relationship; the institution lives by the faith of those who make it, who advertise in it, and who read it.

The readers, of course, are the largest group. It is toward them that all our diverse activities are finally simed, and it is they who must finally judge our success. They have been kind to us through these twelve months, those old friends who have long relied upon us for news and entertainment and ophnion, and those new friends who have paid us the ulti-mate compliment of a subscription. To them goes a greeting mixed with gratitude.

them goes a greeting mixed with gratitude. With our advertisers we minitan a working relationship—they help us pay our bills, we help them sell their goods. It's been a good and prosperous year, for them and for us, but it has been much more than that. As partners, Try News and its advertisers have worked together in the building up of this business community. Our success will be measured, in part, in a thousand year-end statements, but it will also be measured in the years to come. To the manufacturers and the distributors

and the retailers, to the purveyors of goods and services, to all the diverse business in-stitutions of our town, we say thanks for past favors, and for the privilege of serv-ing you through this year.

ing you through this year.

The third of the three associations is perhaps the closest of all. Certainly it is the most constant, and in this we take deep pride. The men and women who write and edit the stories, sall the sds, set the type, 'run the presses, deliver the papers, and send out the bills, are associates, for the most part, of years standing. They are the heart and soul of the institution; it can never be better than they are.

Last year in this space we wrote: "Nowhere can be found more loyal men and women, responsible to duty and responsive to opportunity beyond duty. Their and our observance of this Christmas is blessed with the return of so many of them from the service of their country, an occasion of such great gratification as can be exceeded in gratification only by the return, comedity of the country of the return. That time of greater gratification form." That time of greater gratification is now at hand: they are back now, all form." That time of greater gratification is now at hand; they are back now, all of those who served in the armed forces. And this Christmas is indeed a time for special rejolding, not only because we can resume the personal relationship interrupted by the war, but because TRN News itself is so much better for their presence.

To all of these—co-workers, advertisers, readers—we extend the greetings of the season, and the assurance that they come

-W. CAREY DOWD JR., J. E. DOWD, For THE NEWS.

Of Hope

In the midst of our Christmas shopping I the cold breath of Winter touched the tired old battery in our tired old automobile and threatened to unhorse us. Batteries, we soon learned, are among the last of the Great Shortages, and in our round of service stations we turned up many reminders of Christmas Past, and at least one warming look into the future.

We were greeted at the first few stops with the shaken head, the rueful smile, the shrugged shoulder. Tit's lead, I guess." the gentlemen 'in overalls told us. "Anyway, whatever it is, I used to get more batteries during the war than I'm getting now. Been trying to find one for my brother-in-law for the last three weeks."

In the end we had to abandon the direct approach across the top of the counter. The faint greaning under the hood, the wavering beam of the headlights, reminded us that catastrophe was rushing upon us. We took advantage of a personal relationship once removed, and called on the friend of a friend.

friend of a friend.

This benefactor came out of his office as the boys were taking the battered carcass of the old battery out of its green-encrusted frame. In accordance with the tradition of the war years we runked forward to tug our forelock and express our genuine gratitude. He littled us graciously from our best knees and we stood to-great shore it like equals—the man who wanted it—starting out as the harried shop-ward of the starting out as the harried shop-wanted it—starting out as the same who wanted it—starting out as the same show the same show

pers rushing past in the thin December

"You know," he said, "This is all wrong. You shouldn't be thanking me: I should be thanking you. You have come to my place to spend your money, and I'm going to make a profit out of your visit. People like you keep me in business.

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"But it's been this way for five years now. We haven't had enough of anything we sell—lires, batteries, all the rest of it. In the bearining I sort of liked it. I've put up with a lot in the last 35 years, and stand out in front here and try to bring people inside with anything from charm to main strength. But it went sour in a burry. Ob, we made some money during the last years. But making money is only part of any business. With customers atanding in line to bee for what you've got—well, it's been like shooting fish in a barrel.

"But the last years, and the shooting fish in a barrel."

"But the stuffs coming fish in a barrel.
"But the stuffs coming in again now.
We're getting caught up. We're got some
items on the shelf that have even been
there long enough to collect dust." He began to amile now. "Delieve our business
is going to be a whole lot worse in 1947.
Why, before the year's over I expect to
be out working both sides of the street
for customers and worrying about my inventory in between times. ..."

The smile was broad now. "And, you know, I'm going to like it. I'm going to like it a lot ..."

Of Charity

THE final figures are not in as this is written, but it is certain that The News Empty Stocking Fund has set another new record in this, its sixtenth year. And, therefore, it is also certain that Santa Claus will vait every needy child in Mecklenburg County this night.

We are, as always, gratified by the over-whelming response to our annual appeal to the community conscience. In the list of contributors there appear many familiar annue, people we have come to know well makes, people we have come to know well that the town's empty stockings are filled. There are the school children who flock them the building to bring their collected them and dimes: there is the woman, determined under the school of the school o

institution, and this year it has served to replace some of the individual efforts made at this season by clubs and church groups. at this season by clubs and church groups. We have attained considerable efficiency over the years, and for that we owe thanks to the Community Council and its special Charlotte Christmas Bureau. This is the agency that actually disbursee the fundamaintaining the lists and checking to avoid duplications and to see that no needy family is overlooked.

The Fund has grown into an established

And we are especially proud of the fact that The Empty Stocking Fund, even though it is become rather a substantial enterprise, still clings to the simple principles upon which it was founded. There is no overhead. Every cent donated to the Fund goes to bring Christmas to some child who would not otherwise know it.

On behalf of the hundreds of children who will benefit from their bounty, we say to all those who gave to the Fund what we believe the children would say if they had collective voice: God bless you,



People's Platform

Thoughts At Christmas

Editors, The News:

CHARLOTTE

To just one year to the very day since Christmas

Assaon that brings a thousand joys and a feeling
Of friendly cheer.

With friendships old, and friends new
And a heart full of love

Some kind deed do, now Christmas time is here.

THE shops are looking their prettiest, the people are Jolly and gay, The gitts that were fashloned within the home, are Securely put away.

Securely put away, Such planning—and whispered secrecy—it's worth All the fun, and more For it seems each time old Santa comes he is kinder Than the year before.

THERE'S a loving surprise for Mother, not to men-

It ton
That gift for Dad,
And a string of pearls for Sister Sue—the finest ahe
Ever had,
There's a bicycle for Buster, and books and games to
Play,
If you want to see a happy home, drop around this
Christmas day.

If there is plenty good food on your table and your Home is cheery and warm Send your bit to those aiding the needy—for there's Mario sad and foolom.

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Blessed to give, than receive.

If a quarter—that's part of a dollar, and a dollar Some poor one relieve.

If there is plenty of food on your table, then there Is a little to spare.

Make a place for some cherished acquaintance who is shake a place for some cherished acquaintance who is shake a place for some charge and cider. I dare not Mention more causing and cider, I dare not Mention more than the case—the causing and cider, I dare not Mention more keep a light burning bright on Christmas night, And the key handing out side the door.

THE shops are looking their prettiest, so spend if You've got it to spend, It doesn't take much to cheer a soul if but a letter

A You've got 11 to cheer a soul if but a state.
You send,
And you try make some heart that is sad feel the
And you try make some heart that is sad feel the
Contributes cheen
It's good to be aiding old Santa Claus, with the
Ending of each year.

—JESSIE RANKIN SEDGWICK.

The Celebration

CHRISTMAS was not one of the first festivals cele-brated in the early Church. One reason was uncertainty as to the actual date of the birth of the Saviour. Nowhere do the Gospels give the date, which had to be set by deduction from other hap-

multaneously. Dec. 25 seems to have come into se in most of the early Christian communities to-ard the end of the Fourth Century. The Armenian hurch stuck to Jan. 6

lengthen.

Sir James G. Frazer in "The Golden Bepoints out that Augustine exhorted his Christient to celebrate Dec. 25 not because of birth of the sun, as the heathen did, but becau the birth of Him who made the sun. Frazer q an early Syrian writer, a Christian:

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"It was a custom of the heathern to celebrate on the custom of the system of the custom of the custom of the custom at which they kindled lights in token of festivity, in these solemnides and festivities the Christians also took part. Accordingly when the doctors of the custom of the

The English word "Christmas" is derived from "Christ's Mass." The German word "Weinacht' bears testimony to the birth of Jesus during the night. The French and Italian words derive from the Latin root for "birth."

root for "pirth."

The church historians agree that some festivities now associated with Christmas were originally onon-Christian serior, from the control of the control

open.

In the New World the early Puritians felt similarly, and in 1650 the General Court of Massachusetts made Christmas observance a penal offense. The day is still observed with some restraint in Scotland.

cay is suil observed with some restraint in Scol-land. Only in Angio-Saxon lands are presents widely given at Christmas. Latin countries are spit to use some control of the control of the control of the old Russian Orthodox Church used Twelth Night old Russian Orthodox Church used Twelth Night in gift-spiting. In Latin countries cradies are fre-quently set up in the churches on Cristmas. The sending of Christmas cards became the Christmas tree was originally a German custom; is was popularized in England by the German-born husband of Queen Victoris. The use of mistietoe is probably Gelic origin. Bealth Nicholas the patron saint of children, gradually became amalgamated with the Christmas rites. "Saint Claus seems to be a corruption of the Dutch "Sant Nicolasas."—Editorial Research Reports.

World Trade Outlook

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Samuel Grafton

Unexciting Campaign

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Drew Pearson's: Truman Asks Santa For Fewer Strikes

AFTER a careful check of highly reliable authorities, the lowing Onristmas list. It reveals what the great and near mass stockings to get—or else should get—in their Christmas stockings.

Here's hoping Santa Claus is good to them!

Harry Truma—A note in his stocking asks for fewer strikes, full production, a four-year subscription to Men's West

mocratic convention.

Senator Bob Tait—Bigger and better Gallup polls.

Senator John Bricker—"How can I keep my big mouth

The Garsson brothers—A hung Jury.
Ambassador O. Max Gardner—Some knee breeches (footlegs should not be hidden
legs should not be hidden
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e dreamhouses. Labor Leader Bill Green—A cabana in Havana. Generoso Pope—To find the New York cop who be-nded him when he was a homeless waif in Manhattan 45 rs ago. Paul Porter—A simple Greek-American dictionary. Leon Henderson—A million Havana cigars and a good

Loon Henderson—A million Havana cigars and a good umba band.

Ed Pritchard—A wedding ring.

Secretary of the Interior Cap Krug—A chance to slug Secretary of the Interior Cap Krug—A chance to slug Senator Tom Connaily—Take me home to the range."

Rey Howard—A pair of Adlers elevated shose.

White House Jester George Allen—A few dosen industrial actionships and a tip on the horses at Hisleah.

Handsome Clark Clifford—A charge account at the ran I seading tailor. He already knows a haberdasher well.

Secretary of the Navy Jimmy Forrestal—Any job Jimmy es isn't using.

enator Alben Barkley (from all of us)—Years and years od cheer.

Senator Cowboy Glen Taylor — A mortgage-free home heath the Capitol dome.

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Mike the Doorman at the Mayflower—a few good tips on the stock market.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska—One newspaper man who would take him seriously.

Senator Curty Brooks of Illinois—A long life for Col. Robert McCornick of the Chicago Tribune—without whom, he considered the Compact of the Chicago Tribune—without whom, he considered the Chicago Tribune—without whom, he considered the Chicago Tribune—without whom, he considered the Chicago Tribune—without whom, he can be considered the Chicago Tribune—without whom, and the considered the Chicago Tribune—without whom, he can be considered the considered th

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The Democratic Party—Patience and victory in 18.

All of us—Peace, Prosperity, and Happiness.

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