

The Immortal Story . . .

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus 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.

Of Faith . . .

WE think of this edition of Tex 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.

and the retailers, to the purveyors of goods and services, to all the diverse business institutions of our town, we say thanks for past favors, and for the privilege of serving you through this year.

Of Hope . . .

IN the midst of our Christmas shopping the cold breath of Winter touched the tired old battery on our tired old automobile and threatened to unhorse us.

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, sell the ads, set the type, run the press, deliver the papers, and send out the bills, are associated by the most part of years standing.

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pers rushing past in the thin December sunshine. "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."



People's Platform

Thoughts At Christmas

CHARLOTTE I'S just one year to the very day since Christmas Time was here.

THE sheeps are looking their prettiest, the people are jolly and gay. The gifts that were fashioned within the home, are securely put away.

THEIR's a loving surprise for Mother, not to mention That gift for Dad, And a string of pearls for Sister Sue—the finest she Ever had.

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World Trade Outlook

WASHINGTON THE State Department negotiators who have been outlining of the proposed International Trade Organization have returned from London.

There are several very high hopes for the success of the organization can be approved. There are skeptics on both sides of the Atlantic who believe the project will never get beyond the stage of a hopeful dream.

On both sides of the old suspicions and prejudices are strong. Before the British will sign on the dotted line, they will demand that our intentions to lower tariffs and remove other barriers that now stand in the way of our trade with the rest of the world.

That is why a showdown conference has been set for April in Geneva, Switzerland. That conference will be the opportunity of all nations participating a chance to work out bilateral trade agreements.

BLUFF CALLED: The United States will be held at Geneva to put up or shut up. It will make broad trade and tariff concessions to the British, the Canadians and the French.

Above all, the British want to know whether the new world trade organization will be a success or a failure. They are watching the results of the Geneva conference with keen interest.

LONG before the Geneva meeting the Senate will hold hearings on the proposed organization. Those hearings will be held in the United States.

Samuel Grafton

Unexciting Campaign

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MATTER OF MANAGEMENT Mr. Barley, for example, in coming to New York, seemed to feel that the Democrats would have a change if only they would change their attitude.

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ONLY in Anglo-Saxon lands are presents widely given at Christmas. Latin countries are apt to use New Year's Eve instead.

THE sending of Christmas cards became the vogue only about 1850. The first Christmas card was originally a German cartoon.

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The Celebration

CHRISTMAS was not one of the first festivals celebrated in the early Church. One reason was uncertainty as to the actual date of the birth of the Saviour.

Many church historians believe that the birth of Christ was generally celebrated on Jan. 6, when the birth and the baptism were honored together.

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Drew Pearson's: Truman Asks Santa For Fewer Strikes

WASHINGTON AFTER a careful check of highly reliable authorities the Washington Merry-Go-Round is able to publish the following Christmas list. It reveals what the great and near great are hoping to get—or else should get—in their Christmas stockings.

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