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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS

AND she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling 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 lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

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

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ 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, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go and see Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.—Luke 2:7-20.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
MERRY CHRISTMAS! Humbug! Out upon Merry Christmas! What right have you to be merry?

What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough!

Thus Old Scrooge, in Dickens' famous Christmas carol, replied to his nephew when that cheerful young personage extended to his crabbed uncle the compliments of the holiday season.

And thus some solemn-faced souls, with their eyes on blood-soaked Europe, cry to-day.

"No Merry Christmas this year," they say, and bid us observe the joyous season in sackcloth and ashes.

To such we would reply in the language of Scrooge's nephew, when he responded to the old gentleman's tirade, thus:

"Come then, what right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? You're rich enough!"

wherewith to make Christmas real to millions who would but curse the day were it not for Christian America.

THE TREATY OF GHENT
DISPATCHES from New York recall the fact that had the European war not interfered, there would begin to-morrow night, in Ghent, Flanders, a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent by representatives of the United States and Great Britain.

The burgomaster of Ghent was to have tendered a banquet to fifty American, fifty English and fifty Canadian delegates in the hall where the treaty was signed.

Later, Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of George Washington in England, was to have been presented to the American people by the British peace centenary committee.

The home already has been purchased. It probably will be rehabilitated and presented later.

Believing, despite the war, the anniversary should not pass unobserved in the United States, a number of widely-known citizens of this country who are interested in the movement last night issued a communication asking that the day be remembered and celebrated at specified dates beginning February 14, and it is to be hoped that the idea will be well received.

Now is the time to talk peace. We have no thought of war in our hearts. Every tie that will strengthen the peace bonds between the United States and any other nation ought to be fostered.

In light of the fact that Ghent is now the very center of a bloody war in which England is one of the contestants, it is interesting to note that one hundred years ago to-day there was signed in that city the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, which marked the close of what has happily proved to be the last war between English-speaking peoples of the earth.

The American Peace Centenary Committee rightfully holds that this anniversary ought not to be allowed to pass without inviting the thoughtful attention of their fellow citizens to the contrast presented by the century-long period of peace which English-speaking peoples have enjoyed among themselves on the one hand and the appalling destruction of life, property and great monuments of civilization which the European war involves on the other.

It had been the commission's hope that the example which the English-speaking peoples set in their relations with each other would be followed by the other great nations of the earth in their several international relations and that the spirit of peaceful and friendly co-operation which each of these peoples manifests toward the people of the United States would also mark their dealings with one another.

But notwithstanding the untoward circumstances that have marred the anniversary, the celebration should not be entirely abandoned. We are quite in the mood to jubilate over the blessings of peace.

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TO CURE COLD IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. BROWN'S signature is on each box. 25c.—Advertisement.

ON THE WAR MAP
THE war in Europe has brought to our daily notice many names of places which most of us would rather read in silence than try to pronounce aloud.

twisting monstrosities that masquerade as geographical locations in other lands. It is all a matter of familiarity.

EVENING CHAT

As a matter of fact there is no reason why Harrisburg should go out of Dauphin county or at least very far away for its Christmas trees.

The mountains above the city, the York hills and the Cumberland Valley's two ridges are filled with trees that make the very best kind of Christmas trees.

Some of them are large ones, too. As a rule the trees from this county do not run very large, but this year show what can be found in this county.

When it is considered that the upper end of Dauphin county is belted by mountains and that there are hills throughout the rest, many of them wooded, it can be seen that there are plenty of trees. Some of the spruce trees brought to the city are fine ones, the kind that make people talk about the splendid decorative properties of trees, while pines of a fine variety have also been found not ten miles from the city.

There are probably a good many more people who have gone into the woods and cut or brought their trees from the soil and they have obtained bargains as well as the enjoyment of going after them.

The valleys back of Dauphin and Halifax are noted for the trees they contain and the fires raging this Fall did not do as much damage as feared. The valleys back of them for its fine trees and some splendid specimens have been cut in the last few years almost in sight of the State Capitol dome.

In olden times such a thing as a Maine tree or even one from Monroe county was not known here. The people got their trees right around home. With a little care the mountains near here could be made to bear many fine trees for the home markets.

A certain Harrisburg home has recently acquired a player piano. The head of the house is not a musician and before the arrival of the "player" had to be content to sit quietly in a corner while his wife performed.

While dinner was in the course of preparation on the day the instrument arrived, "hubby" thought he would do a little experimenting and while the piano was rattling off a lively air his 3-year-old son happened into the room and after one amazed glance fled to the kitchen crying: "Oh mother, come see. Father's learned to play the piano and he's doing it with his feet."

"Christmas trees have been sold in Market Square ever since I can remember," said one of the old residents of town yesterday. "Back in the days when the market houses stood there my father always went to the Square for our tree. I do not regard Christmas as fairly at hand until the trees are placed on sale there."

Technical high school students remembered in a unique way the other day the fact that Professor Jesse F. Rees became a father for the first time. The child, a daughter, whom it has been decided to call "Betty," was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rees. Proper and unanimous observance of the occasion could not be held by the student body until Monday afternoon, that allowed a little more time for preparation. So immediately after chapel exercises the ceremonies occurred. These consisted in the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Rees of a tall flowering azalea purchased by a general subscription fund of students and faculty.

To the topmost blossom was attached a tiny bank filled with pennies. A card attached to the bank was inscribed "For Betty Only."

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AUNT ESTE'S XMAS WISH

If Aunt Este were only Alladdin She surely would be, oh, so glad, and She'd rub her queer lamp, 'Til the genie would tramp To her, if she were only Alladdin.

Then she'd say, "Oh dear Mr. Genie, I guess sure I must be a greenie, I don't know just how I should act when you bow— Please don't laugh at me, dear Mr. Genie.

"But I want to have all of my children— My dear little newspaper children— I want them right here, Every wee precious dear, Yes, each blessed one of my children."

Then the Genie would run off a-hopping, Nor ever a minute be stopping, 'Til he'd brought you right here, Then I'd shout out so clear— "MERRY CHRISTMAS," 'til I felt like dropping!

But as Aunt Este is not Alladdin, (If only, if only, she had been!) She'll put down in ink— What she surely does think— MAY YOU HAVE EVERY WISH, like Alladdin! —EDNA GROFF DIEHL.

PENROSE THROWS LIGHT ON PALMER

Senator Says the Post Office Distribution Is Little Short of a State Scandal

DENOUNCES THE DEALS

Civil Service Organizations Come in For Some Share of the Senator's Comment

Senator Boies Penrose last night turned the light on the underground operations of the Palmer wing of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania in the distribution of post offices, declaring that it was a scandal.

The Senator's declarations came as a reply to Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, who represented the Senator's holding up of post office appointments until he was satisfied that they were without stain.

Palmer's statement reads: "If all the stories concerning corrupt and collusive practices in the distribution of post offices under the Palmer leadership are anywhere near true there is presented a scandalous condition calculated to astonish the people of the State.

"I have no doubt that there is foundation for a large number of these reports. In the early days of the administration the scandals were confined mainly to Schuylkill and York counties. I can safely say that three-fourths of the post office appointments under the present Democratic leadership are involved in scandal and the severest kind of criticism.

"This condition of affairs may in a large measure account for the defeat of the party in the State for placing the Democratic party in the third rank in Pennsylvania.

"The promises of both the Postmaster General and Mr. Palmer that postmasters with good records would be permitted to serve out their terms have been cast to the winds.

"Postmasters have been ruthlessly removed or their resignations have been requested, on trumped up charges simply to get rid of Republicans.

"A stigma has been placed upon men of good character who have been competent officials in this way, with no power on their part to answer back or to get vindication.

"All branches of the classified postal service are completely demoralized and the morale of the employees completely destroyed.

"Wherever possible colored letter carriers and other colored employees have been dropped from the service simply because of their color.

"A score of reputable young colored men in the service at the Philadelphia Post Office have suffered this fate.

"The delivery of the mails has been broken down throughout the cities of the State.

"On top of this comes a number of absurdities advanced in the House of Representatives by Democrats in the consideration of the postal appropriation bill, including propositions to increase the number of working hours of postal employees, the curtailment of the

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

A Black Head The barber wanted to singe my hair, but I said no. Your caution was commendable. He might have started a wood fire.

Yes and No Your friend, Miss W is quite chic, Miss B. She (a trifle enviously) Clara may be a trifle chic, but she is no chicken.

THE NIGHT BEFORE XMAS By Wing Dingier 'Tis the night before Christmas, And all through the place In haste that's quite feverish, Daddy will chase.

First down to the cellar, He'll go at top speed, To bring up some boards That for platform he'll need.

And then he'll trot down Once again for the tree, Doing all by his lonesome Enough work for three.

The tree being set, Then he'll hike up the stair, To bring down big armfuls Of ornaments there.

Then up on a ladder For hours he'll stand, As tree trimmer, while others Remark, "Ain't it grand?"

At two in the morning, All others in bed, He'll finish his job, And feel pretty near dead.

But when in the morning He hears the kids shout He'll quickly forget that He's all tired out.

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