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"With or without offense to friends or foes I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

### Hitler Isn't Celebrating

While Stalin may have cause for celebrating—though any reason for it in the humbling the red army is receiving in Finland is hard to fathom—certainly the other dictator, Adolf Hitler, who has plunged the world into another war, has little reason for rejoicing. A review of his recent accomplishments comprise:

- The adoption of a suicide policy for German warships, liners and freighters—a candid admission that Germany has little chance of victory and has abandoned hopes of a blitzkrieg.
- The bringing of bolshevism into his own borders and the surrender of his basic program for expansion in the east.
- The surrender of the Baltic as German waters and the making of it into a Russian lake.
- The placing of Russia in position for a Baltic drive to the loss of Germany.
- The losing of Italy as an active ally and the possibility that it will join his enemies.
- The loss of power and prestige in Spain, secured by participation in the Spanish civil war.
- An effective embargo on German exports and imports by sea, despite some losses inflicted by submarines and war-planes—which merely dent Britain's sea power.
- A deadlock on land, with a vast army idle because of the proven futility of attack.
- A bankrupt country, drained of its resources and money to build inadequate armaments and facing attrition from lack of essential supplies and foodstuffs.
- A loss of superiority in the air.
- Discontent in his own empire by forcibly annexing millions of sullen and rebellious Czechs and Poles, awaiting only the signal for revolt.
- The loss of world opinion and moral support, now on the side of his enemies.

All these odds that Germany faces have been brought on by one man, Adolf Hitler. How much longer will the German people tolerate him? He is no longer a hero to be hailed.

### Soviet Russia Celebrates

The whole Soviet union is celebrating Josef Stalin's 60th birthday today. Newspapers, movies and books stressed the new Russian czar's career and the people's love for him. Exhibitions of paintings, murals and sculpture devoted to his activities were opened in all major cities. Excursions of workers, students and intellectuals were staged to the town of Gori in Georgia, his birthplace.

The megalomania, characteristic of sadistic dictators, has never been more marked than in the case of Stalin, who craves and enforces by terrorism and bloody purges his own worship as a deity. It seems impossible to satisfy his egotistic cravings. The whole population must not only pay for his cruel system of oppression, exploitation and tyranny but must bend the knee at a thousand shrines to the bloody monster for his sterile accomplishments, to escape the knout and the firing squad or death by starvation in isolated prisons.

To gratify Stalin's insane lust for power, tens of thousands of his countrymen are being needlessly hurled to death in the frozen, blizzard swept fields of Finland along with thousands of Finns bravely defending their land from the greedy aggressor. To especially celebrate his birthday the hospitals and civilians in defenseless cities of Finland are being bombed, an act in keeping with his paranoid character.

And this is the man whose word is law to 165,000,000 people. And all this relapse to barbarism happens in the enlightened 20th century! A fine tribute to the progress of a civilization and its culture he is bent on destroying to enhance his own glory!

### Eleventh Hour Santas

Christmas for something more than 300 children in and around Salem has already been assured through the generous donations of contributors to the Capital Journal's annual Christmas Cheer movement. For those unfortunate families who have not been temporarily "adopted" for the holiday by generous volunteers scores of packages of food, clothing, toys, books, candy, nuts and trinkets and some money with which to fill particular needs have been pouring in to keep pace with the mounting demands for assistance.

For days now the Santa Claus editor and her assistants have been busy collecting and sorting donated gifts and making up baskets and bundles to fill the needs of each case.

So far the donated articles, augmented by small purchases to supply unusual needs, have been ample to meet demands. But from now on until Saturday night there will not be time to collect, sort and repair donations with which to provide for tardily reported cases. These must be supplied chiefly through purchases which will require more money than has yet been contributed.

From now on until Christmas eve every dime will be a material help to insure the unfortunate children of the community and their parents against a drab and cheerless yuletide; help build a barrier of thoughtfulness against the prospect of empty stockings on Christmas morning and barren tables for the Christmas day.

Eleventh hour Santas with a few dimes, quarters or dollars to spare are what is needed now.

## Novelties In the News

(By Associated Press)

### Nuts to Taxes

Oglethorpe, Ga.—Farmer Alva B. Robinson never worries about paying taxes. He just picks some nuts. His back-yard pecan tree, 50 years old and "still going strong" has paid his taxes for 25 years. One year, its yield was worth \$146.

### False Alarm

Ahhhh, Tex.—"I just saw a man kidnapped," a woman screamed over intercom.

the phone to the police desk sergeant. She said she saw two men put another in the baggage compartment of a coupe.

Capt. Harry Hutchins of the highway patrol found the car. He saw two men let a third out the back. "I was trying to locate some body squeaks," the "victim," a mechanic, explained.

### Safety First

San Diego, Calif.—Anthony G. Klein was fined for driving too slowly.

The arresting officer told Judge Clarence Terry Klein had caused a traffic jam.

"Two dollars and license suspended five days," Judge Terry declared. "There are times when driving too slow is dangerous."

### Life's Little Disappointments

By Beck



## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

While Salem hasn't been keeping up with latest European styles in "blackouts" it did pretty near as well the earlier part of this a. m. with a "fog out" which would be quite an impediment to an air raid, if anybody had such an idea.

What the pea soup fog of this morning did reveal was presence of a few very expert drivers. They were able to drive 30 or 35 miles an hour with their car lights out right through town. Whether they hit anyone or not we couldn't tell as one was unable to see more than 10 feet in any direction. But it sure takes a banqup driver to race around in the fog suchwise.

There was quite an argument among some of the town's best arguers this morning as to whether this or tomorrow is the shortest day in the year. It has been reported both ways from apparently authoritative sources said to be close to headquarters in the situation and far be it from us to stick our neck out either way. At any rate, by Saturday we can be assured the days will begin to lengthen out a couple of seconds a day and we'll be on the threshold of winter.

We've received calendars from a number of sources and a Christmas thermometer greeting from Curly the dairyman, and now Spaulding's have doubled up and sent a combination thermometer and calendar, so we'll not only know when we've turned the heat on but what day

we're doing it. Christmas is coming to the county jail with some new beds and some brand new mattresses as well. We suppose Andy Burk is fixing up his hotel so nice so the guests will be able to sleep sound and not know when Santa Claus comes.

Joseph Stalin has just celebrated his 60th birthday and from all reports apparently that's too old to be starting a war.

The third-term idea has received a serious set-back in Oregon with announcement that the commonwealth federation is behind the plan. It's convenient to have an organization handy which is a sort of political blight that wilts whatever it touches.

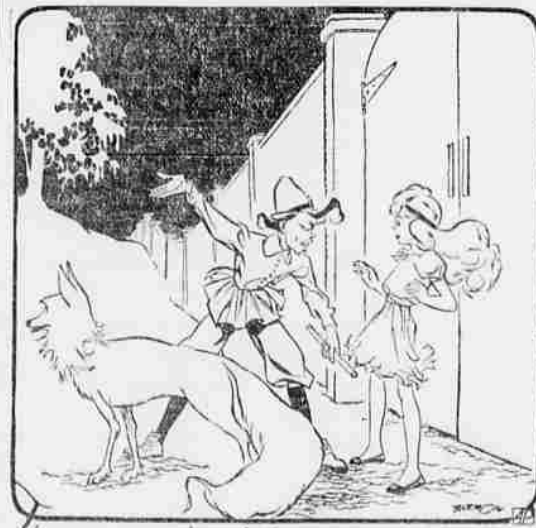
There're still a couple of days to get in touch with Santa Claus via our favorite paper and furnish something that will cheer a cheerful home or gladden the hearts of some youngsters. A few turns of the dial at 9573 and the trick is as good as done.

We happened to be standing by on Liberty street the other day and heard an especially fervent "God Bless You" from a Salvation Army lassie. A passerby had dropped a five dollar bill in the kettle.

Incidentally, don't forget to do your Christmas shopping as early as you can.

## Santa and the TALKING DOLL

By SIGRID ARNE



The great gate clanged shut after them.

The Story so Far: Eric, the son of Lightning, and Leezan, a doll, have broken the spell of an evil king who makes friends quarrel. Leezan has run away from the King of Westphalia although she was made for him by the fairies.

### Chapter 16 Not Yet Free

Outside the castle of King Chatter, Eric and Leezan could see nothing moving. Guardsmen slept leaning against the walls. The great gates clanged shut after them. "Now we must be free," said Eric.

"Not yet," said a small voice. It was the Queen of Fairies again. "But at least you have broken the spell of King Chatter for ten years. Now he will sleep and the world will have peace. But Leezan, you almost failed in the test. You went for three months of each year you must join the winter winds and go crying around people's roof tops to remind them of their lost friends."

"O-o-o," said Leezan. "And the other nine months?" asked Eric.

"Those she may spend with you," said the Queen. "But there is still one more task for you. You must find a suitable queen for the King of Westphalia to take the place of

Leezan. When that is done, you may go where you wish."

A Queen for the King  
The fairy queen disappeared into the air. Eric and Leezan looked at each other. Said Eric, "Let us hurry to Westphalia. I want to see Elsa whom I brought from Toyland."

So they sat on the back of the white fox and he leaped off across the snow covered hills, through great, silent pine woods and finally when their hands were getting cold they saw the lighted castle ahead of them. They rushed down the slope through the castle gate and into the great hall where the King was sitting with Elsa near him. She was knitting and humming a song.

"Oh, children!" said Elsa, so pleased her face shone. "Ah, friends!" shouted the King. So Eric and Leezan told them their adventures but they didn't tell the most important part: that they must find a Queen for the King. They kept that secret.

But Eric had a plan. "Elsa," he said to the King, "your subjects are peaceful. It is getting near Christmas up in Santa's Toyland. It would warm your heart to see him. Come with us there."

"Why, fine!" said the King. But just then dawn began to turn the

## Kelly Says:

Congress Boldly Doctors Own Baby

Practical Men Few In Labor Act Office

President Sits as He Greets Foreigners

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Dec. 21.—Phenomenon of congress seriously investigating a government organization, an agency of its own creation (the current probe of NLRB), may be repeated, inasmuch as a complaint of the wage-hour act will cause a demand for an inquiry into that body at the coming session. As a rule, a congressional investigation concerns itself with activities outside of government—lobbying, war munitions, Wall street, holding companies, practices of employers in labor troubles, etc.

Things have to be pretty bad for congress to decide that something

sky pale blue. Leezan's eyelids fluttered, she smiled and then she stiffened and became only a doll.

"Poor little doll," said Eric and he stroked her yellow curls. Then he turned to the King. "I'll hold Leezan and ride on the fox's back. You ride your fine, white horse and Elsa can ride with you."

Off to Toyland  
So hiyehdashrdlu  
So they had a big breakfast of hot cakes and chocolate and sweet, golden figs. And then they started out. Eric peered ahead, anxiously looking for those mountains he had seen on the way to the King's castle. They were the mountains that only grow higher when people climb them. But he didn't see them. So he told the King. The King laughed and said, "They are only for the young, hasty people like you. Once you have passed them you never see them again."

So the party rode on as lightly as the wind. By dusk they hadn't sighted Toyland yet, and the King and Elsa were growing very cold. So Eric took out his flute and played a lovely, teasing tune and suddenly the air was filled with slim, gray ladies whose long hair streamed behind them.

"How far to Toyland?" shouted Eric. "Ma-a-a-any miles," the gray ladies whispered. "But we are the winds that blow ships home. We will carry you." So they picked up the whole party and whisked them through the air and put them all down in front of the Toyshop.

Tomorrow: The five princesses.

is wrong with one of its own children. But with the increasing independence of congress, the gradual return to conservatism, the legislative branch of government is becoming curious about how some new deal experiments are operating.

### WPA Probes Suspended

First to be placed under the microscope was WPA, with special reference to the theatre and writers' projects. The WPA inquiry has not been completed, merely suspended. Now the NLRB has the center of the stage with other agencies on the anxious seat.

With the fundamental principles of the Wagner labor act and the wage-hour act, little fault is found. What appears to be wrong is the administration; too many lawyers (450 in NLRB organization), and insufficient number of practical men. These laws, in brief, are good—require some amendments—but the individuals appointed to execute the statutes are the wrong men for the jobs.

There is no intention of scuttling long-needed reform legislation, but congress appears of the opinion the laws will be discredited and an effort made to repeal them, unless some house cleaning is conducted and the administrators replaced. Chief enemies of the laws are the officers.

### Court Tests Few

To date wage-hour administra-

tion has been conducting its operations by rules and regulations, few of which have been tested in the courts. The wage-hour officials are attempting to undertake what the NIRA (blue eagle) failed to do. Blue eagle codes endeavored to tell every employer what he could do, but each code was administered by men covered by the code, such as lumbermen administering the lumber code; furniture manufacturers testing their code's. These code administrators were familiar with their particular industry.

### Logger Incomes Cut

Loggers in the woods of the Pacific northwest find they are making less income under the wage-hour act than before this statute became law. In the Ponderosa pine belt, where snow, mud and bad roads prevent all year operation wage-hour officers have refused to recognize seasonal exemption, as provided by law. There is no fruit or vegetable cannery in Washington or Oregon that has not been affected by arbitrary regulations.

Boiling up in the house of representatives is a storm of wrath which will one day break over the wage-hour act and its administration. Original objective of wage-hour advocates was to assist sweatshop workers in the east; not to interfere with hours, pay and conditions, and not interfere with farmers marketing their perishable crops. Administrators of wage-hour law recognize

no such inhibitions.

### Few Pay Income Tax

Based on national average, cash income per farm in Washington and Oregon in 1939, was \$1,102, or \$238 per capita, but with the government payments added, the per capita income is estimated at \$239. Out of the 2,000,000 people on the farms of the United States, the number who pay an income tax is almost microscopic. Cash income does not include the domestic requirements raised on a farm, which city dwellers must buy.

Here is something some republicans may turn to campaign account: At his formal official reception to the diplomatic corps last week President Roosevelt, like the Mikado, King George, et al., sat upon a throne and before him made obeisance the foreign representative in their brilliant uniforms. That was something new in the White House (President Tyler's young wife sat on a dais, causing gossip), for the president always stands and shakes hands.

Ambassador Rips Pants  
It is a physical strain for Mr. Roosevelt to stand for two hours, leaning upon a cane and giving handshakes, so he had a comfortable high-back chair placed for him. Mrs. Roosevelt, however, stood.

Life's darkest moment: One of the ambassadors was bending low when a seam in his trousers ripped.

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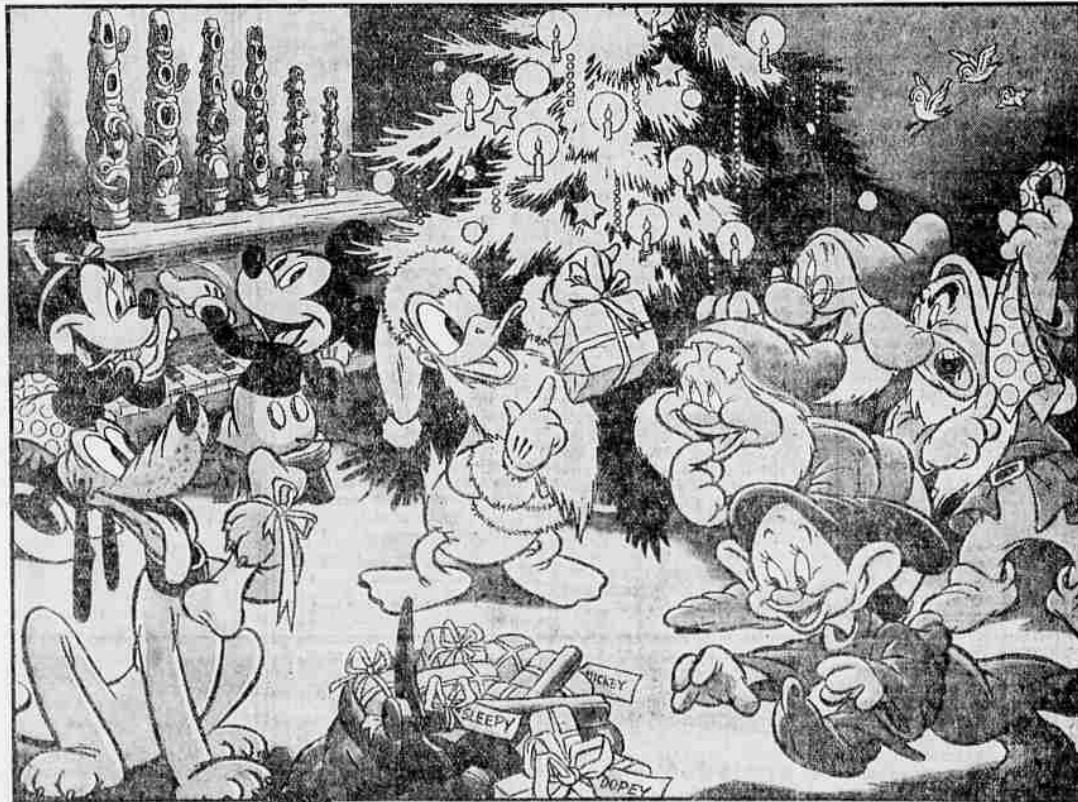
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