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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

"PEACE on earth; good will to men." Such is the message of the Christmas season.

Suppose that throughout the earth today there were peace. Suppose that in every country and among all kinds of people there were good will.

How much better off we would be!

LET'S go back a little farther.

Suppose that in 1914 there had been peace on earth and good will to men. In that event, there would have been no world war.

If there had been no world war, the evils from which we are suffering today, and suffering so severely, might not be present.

ABOUT a century ago, Emerson said that the real test of civilization is the ability of people to get along together.

How true that is! If the people of Europe had been able to get along together, there would have been no world war.

If there had been no world war, the frightful depression of today would probably not be upon us.

WE have problems, plenty of them, here in Medford. We wonder, sometimes, if these problems can ever be solved to our complete satisfaction.

How easy their solution would be if we could all sit down together, in complete good will and understanding, talk over our troubles in a wholly unselfish spirit, arrive at a fair and reasonable decision, as to what is best to be done and then all get out and work together, without jealousy or selfish interest, to put the decision into effect.

Working together in such a spirit, there is NO SITUATION that we couldn't meet.

BOTH the senate and the house vote to give the Philippines their independence, the senate proposing a date ten years hence and the house proposing only eight years.

The difference of two years will have to be adjusted in conference, along with a few other differences.

The independence bill will then go to the president.

WILL independence be a good thing for the Philippines?

Neither the senate nor the house worried much over that question, both senators and representatives being much more concerned with this one: Will Philippine independence be a good thing for US?

The general opinion is that it will.

WHY? The answer is simple. As long as the Philippine Islands remain a part of the United States, their products are entitled to enter the American markets DUTY FREE.

Many of these products are competitive with MAINLAND products—sugar, for example.

And copra, from which comes the oil of which oleomargarine is largely made.

AS long as the Philippines remain a part of the United States, immigration from them can not be limited—any more than immigration from California to Oregon can be limited.

Philippine labor is cheap labor, with Oriental standards of living. It comes into competition with our own higher-paid labor.

THE passage of the independence bill, you see, isn't dictated so much by what will be good for the Philippines as by what will be good for US.

In times like these, even idealistic America is beginning to look out for Number One.

HERE is a little item in the day's news that may or may not have met your eye:

"The Democratic leadership of the house has decided to order the arrest of members absent from next Tuesday's session. The arrest will be, of course, in the event that a quorum is not present upon reconvening after the Christmas holidays."

My, my! Is the Christmas cheer

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Grave Creek Mine Files for Water

SALEM, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The engineer's office announced application of L. E. Klump of Ieland for permit to appropriate three second-foot of water from tributaries of Grave creek for mining purposes in Josephine county.

DEMOCRATS PLAN SURVEY OF NEEDS TO EVEN BUDGET

Leadership In House Decides On Canvass To Determine Course—Running In Red Must Be Brought To Halt.

By Cecil B. Dickson (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Democratic leadership in the house has decided to have the entire fiscal condition of the federal government surveyed with a view to determining what course to follow at this session to bring the treasury into balance during the fiscal year 1934.

The decision to explore the situation was reached at conferences of leaders today after the senate Democrats in caucus yesterday ruled against adding any additional revenue proposals to the beer bill pending there.

Must Balance Budget In announcing the plan, Speaker Garner said:

"Congress must balance the budget at this session of congress. I believe that it is imperative. With the federal government running \$100,000,000 a month in the red, you can not expect private individuals to go ahead until that situation is cleared up.

"I think a balanced budget is the cornerstone of recovery. How this is to be done remains to be worked out."

Chairman Collier issued a call for the house ways and means committee to meet January 4 to begin a study of the situation including treasury needs, refinancing of maturing debt obligations, economies and the foreign debt problem.

Mills To Be Called Secretary Mills is to be called as the first witness.

"I am glad," Speaker Garner said, "the ways and means committee is going to meet to canvass the tax situation and the fiscal condition of the federal government. There are 25 members of that committee and they ought to be able to size up that situation."

Asked how the budget would be balanced and whether a general revenue bill would be formulated, Garner replied:

"That is another problem."

"When the committee gets the

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SALES TAX PLAN RECOMMENDED BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

Necessity of levying a sales tax to care for the unbalanced state budget was emphasized here Friday at a meeting of the Jackson County committee on taxation and a group of Jackson county citizens, at which a resolution was passed asking for a sales tax of not less than three per cent, to be levied on all retail sales made in the state.

The resolution, adopted, was mailed yesterday to all bankers, chambers of commerce, and legislators of the state.

The plan, submitted, asks that one third of all revenue derived from these taxes be used for state expenses, and that two thirds be allocated to the several counties in the following manner:

"Each home owner in the state being the continuous owner of record of property in the state six months previous to March first in the year in which the property is assessed, and who occupied this property during this period as his home, shall be exempted to the assessed value of \$1500 from all state, all county taxes, and as much of the school taxes as may be provided for out of the two thirds of the sales tax collected."

"That the total amount of revenue received in any year from this general sales tax shall be divided by the sum total of the home exemptions allowed in the several counties of the state, and a 'millage base of return'

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Klamath Indians Facing Pen Term

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Facing revocation of their paroles, two Klamath Indians, Edna Duffy and Dean George, were brought to Portland Friday. They were paroled from their sentences during the last session of the federal court. The woman is accused of giving liquor to a minor, and George was charged with attending church on the reservation while intoxicated.

No Paper Monday

In accordance with long custom and so that the employees may enjoy the holiday at home, there will be no issue of the Mail Tribune on Christmas Monday, Dec. 26.

Movie Treat For Children Is Last On Christmas Day

After all of the Christmas packages have been opened today, one treat still will be in store for all the boys and girls in Rogue river valley—The Mail Tribune-Fox-Craterian morning matinee is scheduled for Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and will be free to all children.

A special program of features which will interest the children, has been arranged by Manager Geddes of the Fox Craterian, and Manager Elno Hommila of the Fox Hiatio. The same show will be put on at both theatres.

Contributing apples as favors for the children are the Pinnacle, Big 7, Southern Oregon Sales, Egobel and Day, and Charles A. Wing.

PILGRIMS GATHER IN BETHLEHEM IN CHRISTMAS RITES

Echo Of Observance Heard In Every Corner Of Globe—Rulers Voice Wishes For Peace And Good Will.

(By The Associated Press)

Under a starry sky which recalled that night 1932 years ago when Christ was born, pilgrims from many lands gathered in Bethlehem last night to begin an impressive Christmas observance, which had its echo in every other corner of the globe.

While church bells rang out the clear night, throngs filed into the grotto manger in Bethlehem to which three wisemen of the east had wended their way centuries ago with gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Many of the pilgrims were Americans, pausing on a round-the-world cruise to visit the Holy Land.

Armistice In South The birthday of the prince of peace brought a 24-hour armistice in the Chaco war in South America, in which 70,000 Paraguayan and Bolivian troops have taken part since July.

Pope Pius XI in a Christmas message to the universe proclaimed a holy year during which he hopes the world will benefit by a cessation of all talk about reparation, war, debt, armament and other troubles, and turn to thoughts of "expiation" and "reform."

In England, King George became a country squire as he banished cares of state and sat around a blazing Yule log with his children and grandchildren.

In Germany, President von Hindenburg, after issuing a Christmas appeal on behalf of the nation's unemployed youth, joined in a family gathering, gladdened by news of the arrival of another granddaughter.

Germans of all classes spent the evening in the traditional fashion, close to family hearths.

Wilhelm III Former Kaiser Wilhelm, suffering from a cold and rheumatism, was ill and it was announced that his wife, Princess Hermine, would preside in his stead at the family's Christmas party at Doorn, Holland.

In the United States, President Hoover was on a sea cruise with his wife and a few intimate friends.

President-elect Roosevelt, with children and grandchildren gathered around him, began his family's holiday festivities at his estate on the Hudson.

Throughout America, church chimes called Christians to Christmas eve services, while relief workers kept busy long into the night packing boxes of food, clothing and toys for those in need.

DEATH FOR THREE CHRISTMAS EVE

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Christmas eve brought death to three Tacoma men and serious injuries to two others in a series of disastrous traffic accidents as automobiles and police answered nearly a dozen wreck alarms.

A wide search was begun for the driver of a car which ran down an unidentified bicycle on St. Paul avenue and then dragged the body a half block, until it was mangled beyond recognition.

The dead: John Nease, 68. Mrs. Mary Jane Leo, 80. An unidentified bicycle rider.

The injured: George Crepps, 45. W. C. Huston, 62.

Tornadoes Hit LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Dec. 24.—(AP)—Striking in three widely separated sections of Arkansas late last night and early today, tornadoes caused considerable property damage and injury to at least three persons.

Killed On Highway ROEBURG, Ore. Dec. 24.—(AP)—Andrew C. Hansen, 49, of Roeburg, was killed today when he was hit by a truck driven by Homer Rand, also of Roeburg, on the Pacific highway near here.

Christmas Spirit Again Reigns Over Land



'Twas the night before Christmas

PLANE IN TROUBLE SEEKS LANDING IN DEAD INDIAN AREA

Three residents of the Dead Indian district, reported Saturday morning to the state police that a plane, bearing the numeral designation N. C. 035 was sighted Friday afternoon, about three o'clock, flying precariously low over the snow-covered treetops with motor sputtering. It was feared that the plane had crashed into a mountain side.

Neither the state police, nor airport authorities were able to obtain any definite information Saturday.

The Oakland and Los Angeles airports reported that the numeral designations were similar to those used by Department of Commerce planes, but that all such were accounted for.

Airport officials thought that the numeral had been mis-read.

The plane was first sighted by a woman living on the George Jennings ranch in the Dead Indian area, and by people on the Walter Hask and William Lindsay ranches.

A number of residents of the Dead Indian section searched Saturday afternoon, over the territory, where it was thought the plane would fall. This was on a precipitous mountain side, covered with rock and brush.

According to the Medford airport officials, no Department of Commerce plane was flying in this section Friday afternoon, and there is no record of a private plane in the area.

All the regular air line planes were accounted for.

The Dead Indian country is far off the regular air course.

The first report of the "missing plane" was telephoned Saturday morning to the Ashland city police.

People who saw the plane said it was flying low, evidently from motor trouble, and that the pilot was trying to gain altitude.

A plan to send a plane over the district was abandoned because of storms and the low visibility.

Americans Worship at Birthplace of the Christ

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Hundreds of Americans are celebrating Christmas in the Holy Land amid familiar scriptural surroundings.

They are tourists on a world cruise aboard the liner Empress of Britain, and arrived in Jerusalem today.

These evening automobiles carried these tourists and pilgrims to worship at the cradle of Christ's birth here.

Above them was a starry sky which recalled the actual night of the Nativity 1932 years ago, when three wisemen of the east came to this manger bringing gifts of frank, incense and myrrh for the newly born savior.

Brighter, however, than all the stars tonight was the electrically lighted cross above the Church of the Nativity, which, from a distance, resembled a large star hovering above the darkly shadowed rooftops of Christ's town.

Following one's way through the jostling multitude in the spacious courtyard, one had to bend his head to enter the low doorway which is

Christmas Here and There

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Boston Traveler today maintained its Christmas tradition. For the ninth consecutive year the front page of the paper was devoted entirely to Christmas stories, all news of crime and disaster being printed on inside pages.

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., Dec. 24.—(AP)—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., today celebrated the day before Christmas by playing two holes of golf, his first venture onto the links since he came south for the winter.

Chatting gaily, Rockefeller declared he was "glad to be on the links again and glad to start playing golf again."

WINNEPEG, Dec. 24.—(AP)—There will be one Christmas tree here from which the presents will not be handed down, and which will not draw the usual cries of delight from the children with its bright lights and tinsel; but its beams send forth a message of hope and encouragement to the whole world.

For five years, little Julia Johnson, Winnipeg's "lost child," has been absent from a humble cottage on Austin street, but each year the same loving hands have erected the Christmas tree and strung it with decorations so dear to the hearts of children.

Every Christmas eve the tree is lighted for Julia and the light she used to place in the window, gleams forth.

GENERAL GRANT PARK, CALIF., Dec. 24.—(AP)—In a setting of white, members of the nation's Christmas tree association will gather here tomorrow at the base of the General Grant tree, one of the oldest living things in the world, for their eighth annual Yule program.

The General Grant tree, second largest of all Sequoias, is upwards of 2,000 years old and was a sturdy thing even when Christ was born. It was picked by the association as a symbol for all Christmas trees in the United States.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—State street, home of some of the world's largest department stores, was in a happy frame of mind today. The merchants were enjoying what they described as a record turnout of belated Christmas shoppers.

No figures on sales were available, but the general comment was: "We are going far ahead of what we had expected."

HOOPER LUCKLESS ON FISHING JAUNT

OSSABAW ISLAND, Ga., Dec. 24.—(AP)—After an afternoon of luckless fishing, President Hoover tonight took part in a Christmas eve party on the moss festooned island, with an oyster roast featured rather than his expected fish dinner.

Under the guidance of a local Izak Walton—Gus Ohman, who is known along this coast as "King of Daufuskie Island," S. C.—the chief executive angled throughout the afternoon from the deck of a 40-foot enst guard patrol boat, but without luck.

ROOSEVELT GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt gave a Christmas party for sixty orphans at the executive mansion today, then piled Christmas gifts into a big sedan and set out for a Christmas reunion with his family at his home in Hyde park.

After starting a 70-mile trip down the Hudson valley, Governor Roosevelt announced that Monday had been definitely set for the visit of Norman H. Davis, American representative at the Geneva disarmament conference.

FEAR 52 MINERS TRAPPED UNDER SLIDE OF ROCK

MOWEAQUA, Ill., Dec. 24.—(AP)—They prepared an emergency morgue in this mining town of 1400 on Christmas eve.

Fifty-two men, workers in a cooperative mine, were trapped by shale and rock some 700 feet underground in a coal mine.

Rescue squads, working feverishly in shifts of 20 since morning when an explosion buried the men, struck gas late this afternoon. Driven out, the squads donned gas masks and went back to frantic burrowing in an effort to bring the victims alive to the mine opening, nearly a mile from where they were entombed.

Huddled about the pit mouth were the wives, children and friends of the trapped men, quiet, but fear-stricken. Christmas was completely subdued by tragedy.

They took some heart at the words of John Millhouse, director of the state department of mines and minerals, in charge of the rescue squads, who said:

"If the men were fortunate enough to have barricaded themselves, they escaped the deadly mine damp and we can get to them in time."

But Millhouse and others, not telling the relatives, arranged for the emergency morgue in a vacant store. Also they saw to it that the town's tiny 30 bed hospital was ready to receive any who might be rescued.

FIGHT ON RUM RETURN PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Saying the time had come "when the reserves must be brought up" in the fight against prohibition repeal or modification, Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, presiding bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, announced tonight that leaders of a number of denominations would gather here in March to "consider the present temperance situation."

The call for the conference, it was said, was not at the instance of any single denomination and leaders of a number of churches have already indicated their purpose to urge a general and representative participation.

WARM AND WET CHRISTMAS DAY

By The Associated Press A warm and slightly wet Christmas is in store for most of the country, the forecasting chart of the weather bureau in Washington calling for higher temperatures, clouds and showers in most states.

But the Rocky Mountain group provides an exception, with predictions of snow in Idaho, cold in New Mexico and Wyoming, and in at least two of the Great Lakes states, Michigan and Wisconsin.

A touch of rain is expected in Washington and Oregon, fair weather is called for in California and the middle western states, with local showers in the southwest.

AL SMITH SLATED TO FILL COPELAND PLACE IN SENATE

Democratic Head Men Say Deal Will Come Off After January 1—Copeland To Take Diplomatic Post

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By Paul Mallon WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The yarn about Al Smith coming to the senate soon in Copeland's place begins to look good. Some top-notch Democrats swear the deal will come off after January 1. A diplomatic job is supposed to be in the making for Senator Copeland.

The transaction has developed to the point where some of Copeland's office workers are seeking to line up new jobs for themselves.

It appears almost certain there will be no general tariff revision any time soon. The Democrats may deny it but they nevertheless have a little private understanding about that among themselves. They are virtually agreed the tariff should not be taken up at the special session of congress expected to be called on March 4. Business is too sensitive, they think.

That means the Roosevelt policy of tariff reciprocity will probably be permitted to find its own course as he wishes it to do.

The Republicans in Congress are doing all they can underneath to force the calling of a special session March 4. Governor Roosevelt is especially against it according to his friends. They are talking about the possibility of delaying it until June.

That may be difficult. The budget will be unbalanced when the short session is over. It will have to be put in balance by legislation before June 30.

Meanwhile Washington is in the throes of almost unprecedented inertia. Nobody wants to do anything before Roosevelt comes in. The president is handling only routine matters which must be disposed of, so is congress.

The president's holiday trip to Florida is being planned largely to get out of the New Year's day reception. "That is a cruel ordeal. If he is in town he must shake hands with between 6,000 and 8,000 persons.

Pistols for two will be in order shortly for the French ambassador and a certain Hearst newspaperman. Their relations have become so serious.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—This technocracy thing, we don't know if it's a disease or a theory. It may go out as fast as Eskimo pies or miniature golf courses, but people right now are in a mood to grab at anything. They are sure of one thing, and that is that the old orthodox political way of running everything has flopped.

There is not a man in the whole world today that people feel actually knows what's the matter. If there was he would be appointed dictator unanimously by the whole world.

Our "big men" won't admit they don't know. They just keep on hoping they can "bull" their way through. The case has simply got too big for the doctors, but the doctors haven't got big enough to admit it.

Yours,

Will Rogers

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