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## The Will for Peace

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ON this anniversary of the coming of the Prince of Peace to earth the chief topic of conversation is war. After almost nineteen and a half centuries of seeking to interpret through daily living, the gospel of peace, more nations and people are engaged in war than any one conflict has brought before. We are told that the present struggle may be a long one and that even more nations are likely to have their part in it before the finish. It would seem that Christ has failed.

While "Peace on earth, good will toward men" is almost totally defeated in the light of world affairs today, yet I believe we are safe in saying that there never was a time when greater effort was being put forth for peace. We can say without question that America did not want war and has tried by every possible means to maintain peace and I think that Christ and His gospel is responsible for that attitude. And there are other nations now in the struggle which did not want war, and it isn't unlikely that if a plebiscite had been taken in any one or all of the present warring nations there would have been an overwhelming majority in favor of maintaining peace.

That attitude in favor of continued peace was not present at the time of the birth of Christ. It has come since. Now and then national and world leaders appear upon the scene who deny the authority of Christ, but for the most part, men high and low accept His teaching as basic and seek to conform in their dealings together to the great principles of the Golden Rule of the Master Teacher: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Our great concern at the present moment is the winning of this war into which we have been drawn, along with others, but even as we follow the daily progress of events, we are thinking of the peace that is to follow. We are not living to make war. We are living and giving for peace, a peace that will be more wide-spread and more lasting than any peace that has been established so far. Even as we are giving ourselves and what we have for the purpose of bringing this war to a successful conclusion, it is for the ultimate purpose of establishing the order of the Prince of Peace.

## The Christmas Story

(From the Gospel According to St. Luke)

AND Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, 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 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 was 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 around about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for 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 heavenly hosts 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 were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us."

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

## LUZON GRAVELY THREATENED BY PINGERS DRIVE

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Wide World War Analyst

The gravity of our position in the Philippines has been increased by the new Jap invasion of the coast of Luzon island, only 75 miles southeast of Manila—a strategic move calculated to place the capital in a pincers movement through coordination with the enemy forces already ashore at Lingayen gulf to the north of the city.

General MacArthur thus is being forced to defend two fronts at once—a nasty business at best. A possible measure of the seriousness may be seen in the fact that U. S. army headquarters in the Philippines today was considering declaring Manila an open city to spare it as much as possible not only from air attack but from ground assault.

It is a matter of vast pride and some encouragement that American and Filipino troops were reported late today (Manila time) to be resisting stubbornly in both sectors, despite the fact that they were greatly outnumbered. However, the Japs continued to land forces and we should be foolishly optimistic if we didn't recognize that the fate of the Philippines is on the knees of the gods.

Lack of air and naval forces sufficient to meet this onslaught adequately, at least in its early stages, is clearly evident. Still, war can't be all honey and flowers, and we must recognize that the present conflict is bigger than the China sea or even the mighty Pacific.

The focal point of this world war is—incongruous though it seem—the charming old-world village of Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps, meaning the abode of the creator of that abnormal code we know as Hitlerism.

Our first and main job is to smash the axis in Europe. Any other operations are subsidiary. So we shouldn't thoughtlessly criticize the allied leadership for not stripping the European theater of fighting arms in order to meet this new emergency in the Far East. That's exactly what Hitler wants the allies to do, so that he can recover from his Russian disaster and strike another blow elsewhere. It is precisely to maintain an even balance in the direction of the whole allied effort that the great conference is being held in Washington.

Whatever disposition of forces may be decided upon by the allied supreme council, we have this to remember:

If we should lose the European side of this war to Hitler, we are done for; but a temporary triumph of the Japs in the Far East wouldn't beat the allies. Nippon

could be taken care of in due course, and there is no possible doubt that it will be smashed, whatever the vicissitudes of the fighting may be.

Evidence accumulates that Herr Hitler is plotting further trouble for the allies, but his objective remains obscure. Even the far-seeing British Premier Churchill has said in Washington that while he expects a new offensive he doesn't know where the blow will come.

Some signs point to a possible resurrection of Hitler's plan of reaching new African bases through Spain. This presumably would involve French colonies and the French navy. Some color is lent to this idea by the report that Marshal Petain, French chief of state, is about to resign because of German pressure for concessions which he doesn't want to make. However, that report hasn't been confirmed.

No matter what may be the nature of the attack, the allies have far less striking power than it had when it embarked on its disastrous campaign against the Muscovites. Not only have there been huge casualties among the Nazi shock troops, representing the best which the fatherland could produce but can't immediately replace, but the amount of war material and supplies claimed by the Reds as destroyed or captured is colossal.

Hitler likely has a lot of striking power left, but it isn't the same old fuhrer who strode onto the sweeping plains of Russia last June.

### UTAH WINS, 55-44

LA GRANDE, Dec. 24 (P)—A rugged Utah State basketball team defeated Eastern Oregon College of Education here last night, 55 to 44.

In a rough game which saw 37 fouls called, 19 of them on the victors, Utah State took command of the backboards in the early minutes and never relinquished the lead.

## WAR MOTIF CREEPS INTO TRIBAL FETE

PENDLETON, Dec. 24 (P)—The Indians of Umatilla reservation will beat long-dusty drums and shout old war chants in earnest at the tribal long house tonight.

Although it will be a part of their annual Christmas celebration, braves, women and children alike expect a slightly different atmosphere as they beat out the traditional rhythm pattern with moccasined feet this year.

"We're sharpening up our tomahawks," explained the solemn brave who announced the dancing—with a gesture toward the Orient, "just in case they're needed over there." Already a number of young men from the agency are in some branch of US military service.

Tom-toms will start the dancing about 9 o'clock and Christmas day will be well along before the last headdress and beaded jacket is put away. High spot for Indians and their guests alike are the contest dances for war-painted toddlers, chubby diminutives of the older Indians who have been looking forward to this full-dress celebration.

Besides specially originated dances for the Yuletide, husky lunk will chant for ancient festival motifs and there will be

the Indian version of ballroom dancing—a shuffling circle of quick rhythm and laughter with both braves and women choosing partners. And no one will be surprised if drummers call for the old war dances, "just in case."

Tomorrow the Indians will hold their annual Christmas feast, winding up the celebration.

### Courthouse Records

TUESDAY  
Decreases  
Chris Nell Madison versus Marie Pauline Madison Granted divorce. Don. F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.  
Justice Court  
Loren F. Meeker, parking on highway. Fined \$5.50.  
Clarence L. Crapo, no chauffeurs license. Fined \$3.50.  
Robert Mead, no warning device. Fined \$5.50.  
E. M. Marsha, over limit on goose. Fined \$32.50.  
E. M. Marsha, shooting on enclosed land. Fined \$32.50.  
Mrs. E. M. Marsha, shooting on

enclosed land. Ninety days, suspended.  
Officials say the U. S. navy's

new Helldiver is the answer to the German Stuka and will outperform any foreign-made dive-bomber.

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**FALLS DOWN SHAFT**  
SALEM, Dec. 24 (P)—Raymond Leonard, Portland, employee of the Otis Elevator company, was killed yesterday when he fell 42 feet down a shaft at the state penitentiary, where he was installing an elevator in the new dining room and hospital building.

**ENDS TODAY**  
HIT No. 1  
"COURAGEOUS DR. CHRISTIAN"  
HIT No. 2  
"SMASHING THE MONEY RING"

**STARTS THURSDAY**  
A BOX FULL OF ENTERTAINMENT  
Waiting for the GALA XMAS SHOW  
TWO BIG HITS!

HIT No. 1—  
Walt Disney's Full-length Feature  
"THE RELUCTANT DRAGON"  
HIT No. 2—  
Charles Starrett  
"RIDERS OF THE BADLANDS"

**PLAYS TODAY and THURSDAY**

Two Happy Hits!

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LAUGH HIT No. 1  
**MARRY THE BOSS'S DAUGHTER**  
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LAUGH HIT No. 2  
**HARRY LANGDON CHARLIE ROGERS "DOUBLE TROUBLE"**

Extra LATEST NEWS OF THE DAY  
CONTINUOUS THURSDAY

**PELICAN!**

Thursday - Friday  
**SPECIAL XMAS SHOW**  
HIT No. 1  
**HE-MAN ACTION! BAD MEN OF MISSOURI!**  
Dennis Morgan  
Arthur Kennedy  
Wayne Morris

HIT No. 2  
**GIRL LOVES BOY**  
Cecilia Parker - Eric Linden  
Continuous Thursday

**VOX**

Starts Thursday

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Uncle Sam Gets Around  
She's A Good Neighbor  
I'll Settle For You  
It Happened, It's Over.  
Let's Forget It  
My Old Man Was An Army Man

CONTINUOUS CHRISTMAS DAY  
Doors Open 12:30  
FEATURE TIMES: 1:25 - 3:40 - 5:55 - 8:05 - 10:15

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LAST TIMES TODAY  
LORETTA YOUNG  
"THE MEN IN HER LIFE"

**PELICAN!**

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