

## SPECIAL MEET COMES TO END

**Congress Closes "Goose-Egg" Session With Little Done. Housing Program and Crop Control Face Final Enactment After Holidays.**

Washington, Dec. 22. — Congress ended its five-weeks special session late today without completing action on any of President Roosevelt's legislative recommendations.

The senate passed the housing bill, 66 to 4, the house sent it to conference and, with these things done, congress gladly concluded its special session and began thinking about Christmas.

Some of the departing members were calling it "the goose-egg session," because, although much preparatory work was done, not one of the Roosevelt bills it was called upon to consider was finally enacted.

The wage and hour bill, rejected by the house, was reposing in a labor committee pigeon-hole, the farm and housing bills, approved by both branches in different form, were in the conference stage, government reorganization and regional planning had received no more than committee consideration.

The congress completed action only on bills to pay the traveling expenses of the membership and the wages of the pages, a bill to lend four portraits to an art gallery, one to amend the credit union act and a resolution asking the agriculture department what had been done to prevent the distribution of an elixir of sulfanilamide.

The senate devoted the final day to debating the housing bill, a measure intended to promote a boom in home-building by reducing the financing cost. It would do so, among other things, by cutting the present down payment on small homes in half, and cutting interest and carrying charges on more elaborate types of construction.

Meanwhile many of the house members were already homeward bound. The remainder spent most of the day in recess, awaiting the senate's action on the housing bill. They killed some time listening to the speeches which from time to time well up within the bosoms of legislators.

House leaders have freely conceded that since last Saturday, when the housing bill was passed there, it would be exceedingly difficult to produce a quorum.

Because the only action arranged for the week was the formality of sending the housing bill to conference, leaders assured numerous members that they might leave the city without fear of missing anything important.

So when the question of action on the housing bill came up, all factions obligingly shut their eyes to the fact that there was scarcely a quarter of a quorum in the chamber, and acted anyway.

The decision to adjourn today came as a surprise. The administration leadership had intended to stay in session until Thursday if necessary to complete conference action on the housing bill and send it to the White House, thus making it possible to say the session had produced one major enactment.

## Masons To Hold Sunday Service

Campbell Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free Masons, will celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday evening at 7:30. The service will be held at the First Baptist church of this city, with Dr. Charles Haddon Nabers, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greenville, as the guest speaker.

The churches of the city have withdrawn their evening services to join with the Masons in this special service. Members of the lodge are asked to meet at the Masonic Temple at 7:00 o'clock to march to the church in a body, and all Masons, whether members of the local or other lodges, are invited to be present. The public, including both men and women, is invited, while a special invitation has been extended to members of the local Eastern Star chapter to join with the Masons in the observance of this special occasion.

## U. S. Proposes To Protect Citizens

**Navy Can't Leave War Scene At Once and Not Disavow Obligations.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—The United States government reaffirmed today a policy of maintaining protection for Americans in the Sino-Japanese war zone.

Answering a letter from Senator Smathers (D-NJ), who favored the withdrawal of American ships and citizens from the danger zone, Secretary of State Hull said the present "does not seem an opportune moment."

The secretary asserted that the government long had expected to withdraw American ships and citizens from the Far East, but only "when their appropriate function is no longer called for."

"In a situation such as now prevails," he wrote Senator Smathers, "many of our nationals cannot suddenly disavow, or cut themselves off from the past, nor can the American government suddenly disavow its obligations and responsibilities."

A new demand for withdrawal of American ships and troops came from Representative Cannon (D-Wis) in a radio address tonight.

He charged that the American Gunboat Panay was not carrying refugees at the time it was sunk by Japanese airplanes, but was "protecting the property of the Standard Oil company and conveying their oil boats through the line of fire."

Cannon said the American state department should not be "joining with England" in sending notes to Japan. England's interests in China are in excess of five billions of dollars, he declared, "while the United States could liquidate all of the property interests of the American citizens in China for the price of 10 battleships."

The state department, meantime, waited for results of the official American investigation of the Panay bombing. This investigation is being conducted aboard the flagship Augusta of the United States Asiatic fleet.

The department also waited a Japanese reply to this government's formal protest at the bombing.

Senator Connally (D-Tex), called attention of his colleagues to the apology voiced by Hiroshi Saito, the Japanese ambassador, in a radio address to the American people last night.

In the house, Representative Fish (R-NY), declared that carrying a national "chip on the shoulder" might lead to war.

## Clinton Plans Quiet Christmas

Saturday—Christmas day—will be generally observed in the city.

The banks, cotton mills, postoffice, offices, merchants and business firms will be closed, with indications pointing to a quiet, happy Yuletide season, and a holiday spirit pervading the entire community.

The spirit of Christmas is now in evidence everywhere with crowds on the streets and in the stores, buying and carrying gifts to loved ones and friends, receiving in turn other appreciations of love and esteem, and making final plans for the coming of Santa Claus on Friday night. Many Clintonians will spend Christmas out of the city visiting relatives, while others have returned to their homes here for the holiday season.

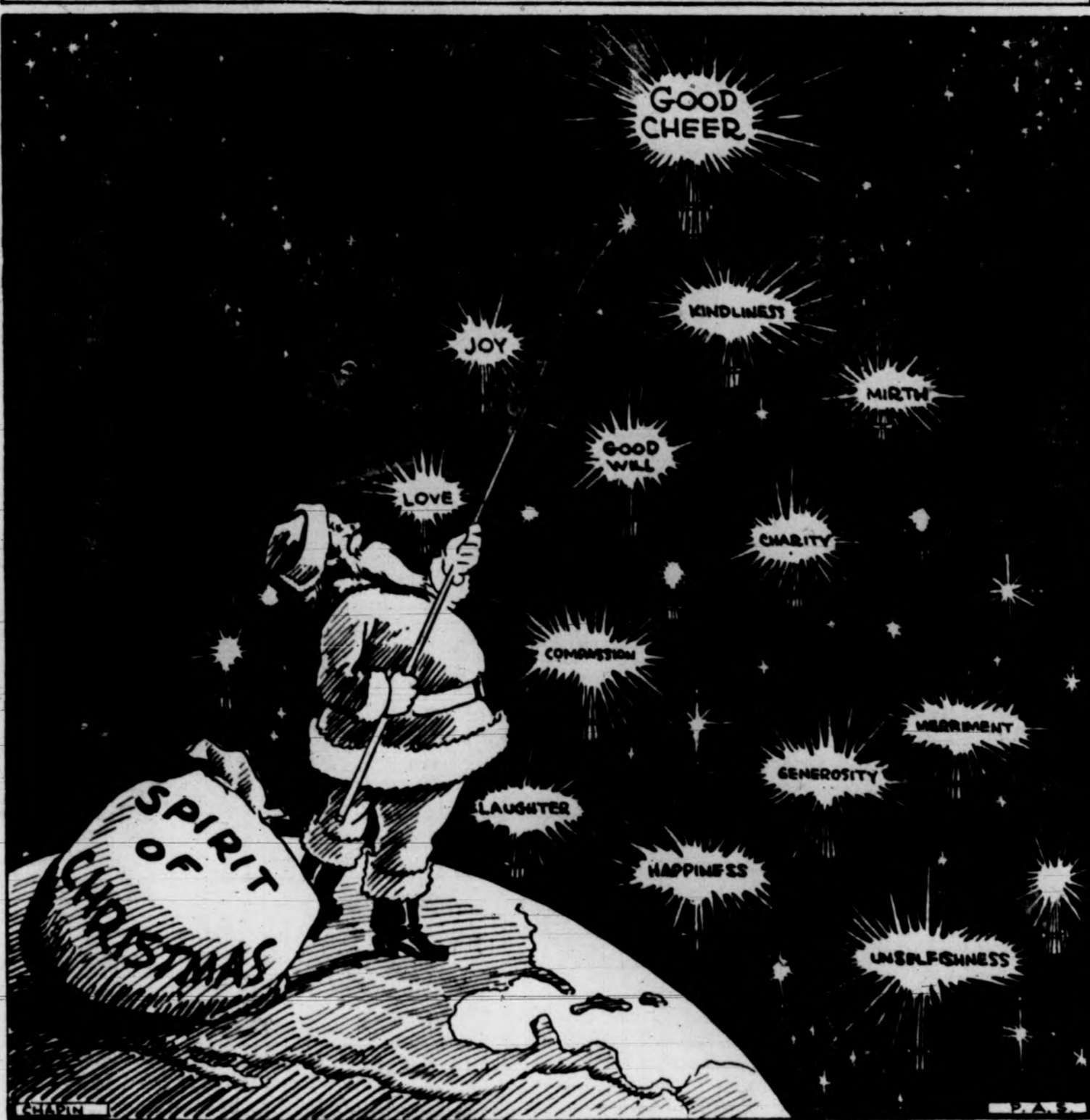
## \$45,000 Savings Paid Out By Mills

More than \$45,000 in Christmas club savings was paid out Monday to several hundred employees of the Clinton Cotton Mills and Lydia Mills. Under the plan worked out by the management of the mills, funds are paid in by members of the Christmas club weekly and the savings distributed in December in time for the participating employees to have additional money with which to do their Christmas buying.

In speaking of the distribution, W. J. Bailey, president of the mills, said he hopes to see a substantial increase in this amount next year with a still larger number of employees becoming members of the club.

## The Jolly Old Lamp-Lighter

by A. B. CHAPIN



## We Send Sincere Greetings

Twenty centuries ago a guiding star . . . a star of hope promising much to expectant mankind . . . led three Wise Men to a lowly stable in the little town of Bethlehem.

Twenty centuries, and today, as a world pauses, humble and shot with a glowing spirit of happiness, your newspaper comes to you asking that it may continue in its chosen course . . . tireless and unflinching service to you and your community.

It is our wish that THE CHRONICLE, dedicated to the provision of news, and the sponsorship of moral and civic idealism, be permitted to carry into your homes, not for this one time only, but for an entire lifetime, this same spirit of unselfish service to all.

There is no other news we bring you that fills our own hearts with gladness as the tidings of another Christmas fill them.

We consider Christmas an institution successfully serving an inner need, an institution based on old, well-founded precepts, as well adapted to the needs of today as it was twenty centuries ago, an institution capable of fulfilling an age-old requirement . . . that of joy to mankind.

And so, as this year draws to a close, in this spirit and appreciation of the tokens of friendship from its readers and advertisers, THE CHRONICLE extends to all the compliments and felicitations of the season and wishes for you a Happy Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Your attention is directed to the large number of "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Greetings" appearing in the advertising columns of today's paper.

These messages, full of beautiful Christmas sentiment and appreciation, come from Clinton merchants and business firms as a means of publicly expressing their thanks to their friends and customers for the patronage given them during the year now drawing to a close, to pledge their best efforts throughout 1938 to serve the public, and to extend the Season's greetings.

## City Licenses Due In January

According to an ordinance appearing in today's paper, the time for the payment of city business licenses for 1938 has been set on or before January 15th, with a penalty of 10 per cent applied if not paid on this date, and with February 15 set as the final payment date without action being brought by the city under section 5 of the ordinance.

The business fee for 1938 for all forms of enterprises in the city will be approximately the same as for the past year, it was announced recently following passage by city council of the new license ordinance.

Mrs. Gilbert Blakely and children have gone to Montrose, Ga., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Simmons.

## Conferences For Presbyterians

**Stewardship Meetings Will Be Held In Three Cities In January By Synod Committee.**

The chairman of Stewardship for the Synod of South Carolina, Dr. Roswell C. Long, of Greenwood, announced Tuesday a series of three regional conferences for Presbyterian ministers and one layman from each church for January 17, 18 and 19 to be held consecutively in First Presbyterian churches of Greenville, Columbia and Florence. Each of the three conferences will begin at 4 p. m., and close at 9 p. m.

The speakers from outside the state will be Dr. Edward D. Grant of Richmond, Va., Dr. H. Kerr Taylor of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Claude H. Pritchard of Atlanta. Each of these gentlemen will speak in the afternoon on the "Stewardship of the Task Before Us" from the viewpoint of his own work, and at the evening session of "Why we should make a success of the annual every member canvass." Each church is asked to appoint the local chairman of the EMC prior to these conferences and send him with his pastor to the conference nearest his local church. Assisting Dr. Long in preparing for these conferences are: Dr. H. Tucker Graham of Florence, Rev. R. G. Wickersham of Walterboro, Dr. D. M. Melver of Bishopville, Dr. S. K. Phillips of Columbia, Rev. F. T. McGill of Cross Hill, Dr. R. F. Kirkpatrick of Anderson, Dr. Flournoy Shepperson of Greenville, and John A. Hafner of Chester. These men are the stewardship chairmen in their respective presbyteries.

## Depository Pays 1937 Dividend

The board of directors of The Commercial Depository at their meeting Tuesday, voted the payment of a 6 per cent dividend to its stockholders for the year now closing. The directors at the same time authorized an increase of \$1,000 in the surplus fund from the undivided profits account.

The Depository was organized in 1934 by a group of local business men. Since its organization it has enjoyed a steadily growing business, the past year being the most satisfactory in its history. Their statement shows total assets of \$280,408.96, with \$269,904.66 deposits.

Miss Rebecca Stevenson is in Abbeville to spend the holidays with her parents.

## PEACE STAND BY PRESIDENT

**Policy of "Peace At Any Price" Spurned, However, In Telegram To London. U. S. Ready To Cooperate To End International Unrest.**

Washington, Dec. 21. — President Roosevelt served notice on world powers tonight that the United States will not remain aloof from international unrest and that it will cooperate and even lead efforts to restore general peace, cost what it may.

The president's views, made known in an exchange of messages with former Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas, 1936 Republican presidential candidate, were interpreted as a warning to so-called "bandit" nations that this government rejects a "peace-at-any-price" foreign policy.

The messages were made public at the state department upon instructions from the White House after Secretary of State Cordell Hull had lunched with Mr. Roosevelt and while the chief executive was conferring with Chinese Ambassador Wang.

The former Kansas governor reiterated a pledge, made after his defeat by the president, to co-operate with him toward "difficult foreign situations" confronting the New Deal. He also congratulated Mr. Roosevelt for firmly opposing the proposal by Representative Louis Ludlow (Democrat), of Indiana, requiring a national referendum before war could be declared. Ludlow's measure comes up for house consideration in January.

"You and I both know the American people want peace, but they want a peace that will enable us to maintain the respect of the other nations of the world," Landon said.

Mr. Roosevelt seized upon the message as a medium to emphasize this nation's attitude toward world strife, after thanking his vanquished foe for renewal of the pledge which "not only strengthens the hand of the government but gives all of our citizens a good example."

Agreeing with Landon that an overwhelming majority of Americans want peace, the president said that nevertheless "throughout our long history we Americans have rejected every suggestion that ultimate security can be assured by closing our eyes to the fact that whether we like it or not, we are a part of a large world of other nations and peoples."

"As such," he said, "we owe some measure of co-operation and even leadership in maintaining standards of conduct helpful to the ultimate goal of general peace."

Trained observers saw the president's message as further bulwarking this nation's foreign policy which has stiffened perceptibly since Mr. Roosevelt's speech in Chicago last fall in which he projected "quarantining" aggressor nations if necessary to maintain world peace. Likewise, it was seen as a move to end the impression among some foreign powers that the United States is too proud to fight and too busy with economic troubles to worry about the affairs of other countries.

Landon's message was believed to have been inspired by the Japanese bombing of the American gunboat Panay and three Standard Oil steamers in the Yangtze river.

The messages were made public without comment. The president did not comment on the messages at his press conference and said he still was awaiting more official reports on the Panay bombing. He said he was gratified by the whole-hearted response from the press and the people toward the policy he has pursued in regard to the Panay incident and disclosed he had received a letter from Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News and 1936 Republican vice presidential candidate, praising his stand.

At the capitol, however, Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, ranking minority member of the house foreign affairs committee, bluntly advised Landon to leave "the Republican party attitude on foreign affairs to members of congress." He said all house Republicans while supporting President Roosevelt in demanding full apologies from Japan for the Panay bombing are opposed to the chief executive's contention in his Chicago speech that "we are on the brink of war" and his advocacy of "quarantines" for aggressor powers. Representative Edith Nourse Rogers (Continued on page eight)

