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SANTA CLAUS BROWN BY MILDRED GILMAN

CAST OF CHARACTERS
SANTA CLAUS BROWN—Beloved friend of all children.
ALICE BANKS—a pretty young school teacher.
JERRY DONALDSON—pampered son of the city's richest merchant.
BETTY CARTER—awaits the coming of Santa Claus.

YESTERDAY, Mr. Donaldson angrily orders Jerry to start work the day following Christmas in the Palais Royale. He is through spending money on his son. Mrs. Brown leaves Alice, goes to Carters' to await the return of Santa Claus Brown. He is late. It is almost midnight when Betty awakens, sees Mr. Brown coming down the street. She can hear his reindeer on the roof.

CHAPTER VII
 Jerry parked his car in front of the Carter house. The street was deserted, except for Santa Claus Brown stumbling homeward, so tired he was hardly able to walk. Across the street from his boarding house, he stopped and leaned against a tree to rest. Alice and Jerry did not see him. "This isn't where I live—this is the Carter house," Alice said to Jerry.

"Well, you live right next door—and I'm parking here, I want to talk to you, and not have all those boarders listen to me."
 "Sure you just want to talk, Jerry?" she asked.
 "Yes," Jerry said. Then he embraced her suddenly. "And look—I want to tell you I really think you're a swell girl!"
 Alice pulled away.
 "That's all over, Jerry. You're just—drunk."
 "All right, if that's the way you feel about it," Jerry said bitterly. He started the motor again. "Thanks for the lovely evening, Prince Charming."
 Jerry looked at her hard.
 "Going formal on me? Okay, home for you."
 He started the car suddenly. Neither of them saw Santa Claus Brown as he started to cross the street to the boarding house. The car shot out, bore down on him. There was a grating of brakes, a sharp stop then silence.

"You've killed him—you've killed Santa Claus Brown!" Alice screamed. "Oh—Jerry—"
 Together they bent over the old man.
 "Darling, it wasn't my fault—he walked right into the path of

German Freighter Escapes British Into Florida Port

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 20 (AP)—Defying a warning shot, a German freighter outran a British cruiser along Florida's coast Tuesday and found haven in peaceful Port Everglades harbor.

The chase, first of its kind hard by U. S. shores in this war, ended in view of the ocean front and not far from scores of pleasure fishing craft.

The cruiser—believed to be the Orion—dropped anchor outside the three-mile limit of territorial waters after the fleeing merchantman churned across the line and on into the harbor, where she may remain indefinitely without fear of internment if she estab-

lishes herself as a harmless trader.


The vessel was tentatively identified as the Arauca, a ship of some 5,000 tons, out of Tampico with a cargo believed to include oil. Captain Frederick Stengler of the German ship said she was proceeding warily northward along the gulf stream when a warning shot boomed across her bow.

Defied Shot
 Captain Stengler said the warship made no effort to hit him, but he declared his ship was only two miles and a half away from shore when the warning shot was fired and was clearly within U. S. territorial waters.

The man-of-war signalled him to turn east, away from the coast, he said, but instead he swung directly to the west put on all speed and slipped into the safety waters of territorial waters with little to spare.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

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WMS Has World Outlook Program Tuesday Afternoon

The Missionary society of the First Methodist church had its monthly World Outlook meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. T. Anderson. The house was artistically decorated in the Christmas theme. Mmes. John Shertzer and T. J. Dean were co-hostesses.

Mrs. W. G. Powell was in charge of the program, which included a scripture reading by Mrs. Sam B. King, the devotional, "The World City," by Mrs. W. M. Joyner, and missionary topics on the subject, "Our Available Resources for Meeting the New Day." Those taking part in this phase of the program were Mmes. Joe Lovelady, J. T. Fields and C. A. Shockey. This was followed by a report of the various officers of the society.

As retiring president, Mrs. J. T. Fields was presented a gift from the members, a picture for her collection. Refreshments were then served to Mmes. W. G. Powell, William Reagan, S. H. Nance, W. M. Joyner, Roy A. Langston, Joseph I. Patterson, J. T. Fields, Sam B. King, Holland, J. E. Crawford, W. E. Ricks, M. A. Northup, Roy Westfall, Joe Lovelady, B. D. Barnard, C. A. Shockey, James E. Harvey, L. E. Vaughn, C. E. Hickman, T. E. Richardson of Longview, H. A. Lewis of Hebronville, and the co-hostesses, Mmes. Anderson, Dean and Shertzer.

AGRICULTURISTS predict the western chestnut, chief source of commercial tanning, will be extinct within 20 years due to blight.

ARIZONA'S EIGHT national forests have a total area of more than 11,000,000 acres.

Nursery School Children Have Christmas Tree

The children of the Cisco Nursery school will be entertained with a Christmas party and program at the school Friday afternoon. It has been announced by Mrs. O. C. Lomax, manager of the school. The program will be sponsored by the city and the Cisco Garden club.

The program will be for the nursery children and other kids in town from the ages of one to five, inclusive, and gifts will be presented them from the welfare association.

Parents of the children and any others who wish to attend are cordially invited.

West Ward PTA Hears Pupils of Mrs. Paul Woods

The West Ward Parent-Teacher association met Monday afternoon at the school. An interesting program was presented by pupils of Mrs. Paul Woods, with Joe Tom Poe as leader. Those participating were Bernice Ann McCrear, Mary Philpott, Pearl and Pauline Farley, Mary Louise Kleiner, Irene Virginia Stiles, Patsy Ruth Nance and Fairy Lynn Huddleston.

After the regular order of business, the Rev. Joseph I. Patterson spoke on "Some of the Ways of Meeting the Religious Needs of Today."

In the room count, Mrs. R. E. Grantham's room won for the lower grades, and Miss Ester Walter and Miss Estes' rooms tied for the higher grades.

Cradle Roll Dept. Has Party Monday

Mmes. Harry Schaefer, O. W. Kean, A. L. Thomas and Cecil Huffman, superintendent and teachers of the cradle roll department of the First Baptist church, entertained their pupils with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Schaefer Monday afternoon.

The house was decorated in holly, mistletoe, roses and a beautiful Christmas tree. Presents were distributed and refreshments served.

Those present were Jane McCauley, Tiny Robertson, Don Poe, Juan Gale Moore, Dona June Aldridge, Joyce Weathers, Cynthia Sue Gallagher, Wilma Lee Thomas, Jimmy White, Nannette Farquhar and Barbara Schaefer. Others present were Mmes. R. L. Poe, L. Weathers, Aldridge, and the co-hostesses.

First Baptist WMS In Mission Program

With approximately 40 members present, the women of the First Baptist Missionary society met at the church Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 in a missionary program presided over by Circle Four. Mrs. W. D. Hazel directed the program.

The room was cleverly decorated for the occasion, with a Christmas tree and other seasonal appointments.

Mrs. W. V. Gardenhire, W. M. S. president, led the devotional, a Christmas story. An impressive playlet, which portrayed the various phases of religion throughout the world at Christmas time, was given by Mmes. Jack Leech, E. L. Jackson, W. H. LaRoque, B. B. Hurst, C. Pittman and Franklin Blackstock. After each part, Mrs. W. W. Fewell sang a hymn appropriate to the part illustrated.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. A. I. Skiles.

O. E. S. Celebrates White Christmas

The Cisco chapter, Order of Eastern Star, observed its annual white Christmas at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening. A lovely Christmas tree was the center of attraction, and numbers were drawn for the exchange of gifts. Gifts were taken from the tree and presented the members and guests by H. T. Huffman.

The regular order of business included the initiation of members. There were three substitutions in officers. A number of members who had not attended regularly were welcomed by the order.

Included in the 36 present were Winnie Wynn, Mable Hart, Mrs. H. Lindsey and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, all of Eastland.

OF North Carolina's area, 3,620 square miles is water.

Mrs. Greenhaw is Hostess at Party

Mrs. C. C. Greenhaw entertained members of Group Four of the First Christian council in her home Tuesday evening. Roses and pot plants, together with the seasonal Christmas motif, formed an attractive decoration for the rooms.

Each member received a gift from the tree, after which pecan pie with whipped cream and coffee, was served.

Those present were Mmes. Troy Powell, J. F. Benedict, Lonaie Shockley, I. A. Brunkenhoefer, Clare Swartz, Ace Lucas, Harold Farquhar, Leon Cagle, George Groeclose, Misses Marie Tune, Della Smith, Ethel Mae Wilson and the hostess, Mrs. Greenhaw.

German Freighter--

(Continued from Page Three) Inside territorial waters, he said he did not know, but added that nobody had been sunk yet. Informed that the skipper of the freighter reportedly had asked for a pilot, he smiled and said that if that were true, he would get pilot duty.

Aerial War--

(Continued from Page One) reported, their land forces continued a successful offensive north of Lake Ladoga, repulsed an assault further north and inflicted heavy losses on Russian troops attacking on the Karelian isthmus.

TRANSPARENT paint that prevents window-glass shattering is on sale at London stores specializing in air-raid precaution equipment.

750 Million--

(Continued from Page One) soy beans (for beans), 87,409,000 bushels; 62,729,000, and 21,833,000; cowpeas (for peas), 8,316,000, 8,330,000, and 6,357,000; peanuts, 1,179,505,000 pounds, 1,305,800,000, and 969,014,000; sweet potatoes, 72,679,000 bushels, 76,047,000 and 70,690,000; tobacco, 1,769,639,000 pounds; 1,376,471,000, and 1,360,400,000.

Three-Days Holiday For Court Officers

All offices of the county court house will be closed Friday evening till Tuesday morning, according to arrangements agreed upon by court house officials. While no one assumed authority to speak for the whole, all agreed that officials would observe the three days holiday.

"However," one official stated, "there will be some one to answer emergency calls, such as issuing marriage licenses, filing papers, or making complaints. The court house will remain open Saturday, but will be closed Monday, Christmas day. If you have business with any of the departments Saturday your wants will be supplied by telephoning the officer or any of his deputies."

VIRTUE'S WORTH

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