

STORY OF 1909

Important Events at Home and Abroad.

THE NORTH POLE REACHED

Happenings the World Over Classified—Political and Personal Affairs, Sporting Contests, Accidents Due to Storms, Floods and Earthquakes—Conventions and Items of Miscellaneous Interest.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL

JANUARY. The president's special message on the secret service rejected by the house of representatives.

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AN IMPRESSIVE LIST.

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OCTOBER. 15 injured on the battleship North Dakota by the explosion of a boiler tube during a speed test.

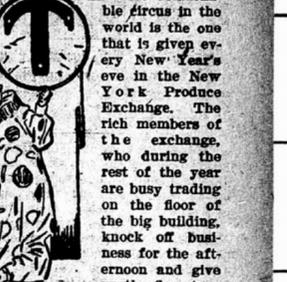
NOVEMBER. Explosion in the St. Paul Coal company's mine near Cherry Hill, resulted in the death of nearly 300 miners.

DECEMBER. 14 killed and over 50 hurt in a wreck on the Southern railway near Redville, N. C.

17 operatives killed in a spot fire in Philadelphia.

THE JOLLIEST SHOW IN ALL AMERICA.

By ROBERTUS LOVE. [Copyright, 1909, by American Press Association.]



HE most remarkable circus in the world is the one that is given every New Year's eve in the New York Produce Exchange. The rich members of the exchange, who during the rest of the year are busy trading on the floor of the big building, knock off business for the afternoon and give up the floor to a circus performance for the light of the poor children who live in the lower section of the great city.

The Produce Exchange stands close to the lower end of the island, on which the older part of New York city is built. This is not a residential section, being the area in which the wonderful skyscraper sky line of the city appears to the view of people a-sail on the bay or the rivers. Yet many families inhabit the older and shabbier buildings in the vicinity. Most of these families are quite poor and the children numerous. Santa Claus frequently forgets to visit them, but the children have their Christmas tree provided by the Produce Exchange men. A huge tree trimmed with candles, lanterns and all the finery of Santa Claus Land is lighted up for the children, while hundreds of baskets of luxuries and necessities are distributed.



Rows of seats arranged in a circle, tier upon tier, accommodate the delighted little ones. In the center is a real circus, with tanbark on the floor—same as Barnum's, Last New Year's eve a uniformed band of eighty-five pieces from Roman Catholic institutions in the neighborhood furnished all the music the children wanted and more than some of them cared for, inasmuch as the tots were there to yell with delight when the ringmaster, a member of the exchange, stepped into the ring, cracked his long whip and introduced the performers.

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TWELFTH NIGHT CAKE.

A Twelfth Night cake in England is as much a part of the holiday festivities as is the Christmas tree itself. On Twelfth Night various gayeries and reels are arranged, the cake being finely drawn in by the children on a decorated cart or borne aloft by the servants on a board trimmed with Christmas greens. A recipe for making the cake comes from England: Beat to a smooth cream two pounds of unsalted butter, then add two pounds of powdered sugar, a whole nutmeg grated and an ounce each of powdered cinnamon, ginger, mace and allspice. Beat this mixture ten minutes and add gradually twenty eggs, beating the cake after that for twenty minutes. Stir in, a little at a time, two pounds of flour, four pounds of currants, a half pound of bruised almonds and half a pound each of candied orange and lemon peel and citron, beating the cake lightly after each addition. Last of all add a quart glass of brandy. Line a large cake tin with well buttered paper and fill it three-quarters full of the dough, which will leave room for the cake to rise. Cover the top with the buttered paper and put a tin under the cake to keep it from burning. It should bake for four and a half hours in a slow but well heated oven.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE. The possibilities of advertising are not as yet fully realized in this country. Our English cousins can still give us pointers. This is not a jest; in fact, it is a very grave matter. A tombstone in the churchyard at Greenwich bears the following inscription: Here lies Clara Hines, Wife of Joseph Grant, Who Kept a Chemist Shop at No. 21 Berkeley Road, And Died Only in the Purest Drugs.