

YOUNG 1917 GREETED BY 'DRY' BROADWAY

New Year ushered in with enthusiasm, but drinking stops at 12:45 A. M.

CONCERTS IN BIG HOTELS

Jewells and Tin Horns Much in Evidence, but Real Toots Are Fewer.

Even at Jack's they dug up an old key place last night—this morning, rather—and looked the doors upon a dancing mob that stood out in Sixth Avenue pleading in vain why Jack himself should not waken out after reason.

James H. Rezan of the Knickerbocker had been saying stally and by means of placards in his hotel for weeks past that he cared not for the powers that be. He was going to next wide open with a regular New Year's eve celebration Sunday or on Sunday, and regardless of what the Mayor, the army and navy, the police, the Irish Volunteers, the S. P. C. A. or anybody else said.

Headed of the Merry-makers.

There were paper hats and noise makers and all that sort of thing for the patrons, and all the boys and girls were privileged to sit around the tables as long as they wished. But with the setting off of the booze supply a general set in, thus causing an exodus.

Police Hunt for Violators.

It was any of them didn't the town will now about the backsliders to-morrow, for after 1 o'clock this morning Police Inspectors John Daly and James O'Connell strode forth with their entire staffs looking for violators of the closing law.

Concerts at Big Hotels.

The Waldorf, St. Regis, Ritz-Carlton, McAlister, Vanderbilt, Majestic, Ansonia, Claridge, Belmont, Biltmore, Manhattan, Astor and other leading hotels celebrated only with dignified concerts and the Village has numerous parties of a private nature at the Square or the Village ever arrange.

Horns Are Steadily Blown.

Down in Park Row the horns blew steadily from early evening on, but not with the rancorous the Newspaper Row had heard in other years, when the boys and girls with horns and bells flourished south to hear the chimes ring at midnight. The horns were as full-throated, but there weren't so many of them.

Down in Park Row

In 12th street from Morningtide east to Third street at 25,000 jostling the police estimated at 25,000 jostling along. Inspector Ryan and 100 blue-coats kept Harlem's main street in passable condition by making the noisy folk go east on the south side and west on the north. Also Harlem celebrated with its principal tree of light in Mount Morris Park and with the ringing of the chimes at St. Andrew's.

Some 200 men and women celebrators

In Daly's grill, 29 East Forty-second street, were treated to a novelty in the way of a New Year's eve celebration.

Chimes and Songs Usher in New Year

Bells of Old Trinity Ring Out Old 1916 While Thousands Are at Devotions. Many Church Services. Impressive Peace Meeting Is Held at Midnight at Washington Arch.

Thousands of voices brought together

at big public gatherings and in more than a score of city churches ushered in the New Year at midnight with a great burst of song. Other thousands stood in silence while the majestic chimes of old Trinity performed their traditional ministry of heralding in this latest prof of the march of Time.

Resolution Sent to Wilson.

Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, Ohio, presided at the meeting, and Dudley Field Malone delivered the main address. A responsive peace litany was read by the big gathering and at exactly midnight a resolution was adopted and sent to President Wilson. This was one of a chain of similar demonstrations held elsewhere. Telegrams were sent last night conveying messages to the Chicago and San Francisco meetings.

Churches Held Services.

Besides the Trinity Church services watch night was observed at St. George's Episcopal Church, Church of the Holy Trinity, Church of the Heavenly Rest, Church of the Puritans, St. Nicholas Avenue Presbyterian Church, Old First Presbyterian Church, Mount Morris Baptist Church, John Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church and Hamilton Grace Reformed Church.

FOR SOUTH AMERICAN PEACE.

International Parliamentary Union Proposed as First Step.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 31.—The Chamber of Deputies has approved a motion proposing the elaboration of a project for the creation of an interparliamentary union, having as its object the study of all questions of international law, measures for the establishment of peace on the continent and the publication of all international acts of the American nations.

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requirements of various localities, both in and out of the State. "2. To prevent the publication of false and misleading market quotations and insure that such quotations as are printed or published in the public journals or market papers of the State are correct and free from manipulation. "3. To make rules and regulations prohibiting the manufacture or sale of fraudulent foodstuffs within the State either for human or animal consumption. "4. To prevent the use of dyes and coloring matter in foodstuffs when such dyes and coloring matter are designed to deceive the purchaser as to the quality or kind of material used therein. "5. To investigate fully into the production, manufacture and sale of foodstuffs of every kind offered for sale or intended to be offered for sale in this State and for that purpose to have power by subpoena to compel the attendance of witnesses for the production of books, papers, documents and other evidence. "6. To this end the broadest possible powers should be given to the State department of markets. "Market functions in the New York city government now are distributed among various departments and in order to have a department of markets, as suggested by the report, it would be necessary to make changes in the city Charter. Causes of High Cost of Living. In setting forth their findings in inquiries which the three committees have been making for a long time, the investigators said the fundamental causes for the high cost of foodstuffs were due to the lack of a comprehensive market department in the State and the absence of any centralized market department whatsoever in New York city. "In New York city such few market functions as exist are distributed among a number of city departments," they said, "the result being that what is everybody's business is nobody's business. Because of the lack of proper market departments the people's interests in this all important matter have been left almost wholly in private hands. "This is in striking contrast to the State's policy in other important activities where the people's welfare is concerned. For example we have in this State a Department of Health, a Department of Education and a Department of Highways, each with broad and comprehensive powers. "We also have two Public Service commissions to look after the people's interests in the matter of transportation, yet it is estimated that but 10 per cent. of the average man's income goes for transportation, while upward of 40 per cent. of his income goes for food. "The investigators said the transportation and distribution facilities of the State need immediate improvement, the State now having much the same system and the same methods that were in vogue years ago when the population of its cities was much smaller. In this city millions have been spent for improved facilities for the transportation of passengers, but practically no time, thought or money has been spent to enlarge and improve facilities for handling food supplies. MRS. BRYAN A DIPLOMAT. Helps Wisconsin Suffer Out of Tangle With the Dry. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31.—Mrs. W. J. Bryan has cut the Gordian knot which had the Wisconsin women's suffrage movement and the prohibition campaign tangled and which threatened to make trouble in the camp of the suffragists. Mrs. Bryan had accepted an invitation to be the chief speaker at the opening of the Wisconsin suffrage campaign in the Legislature. Then the suffragists discovered that her husband was booked similarly and almost at the same time to open the Wisconsin dry campaign. To be involved as part of the dry campaign would mean death for suffrage chances, and a considerable element wanted the invitation recalled. Others insisted that this would be a discourtesy to the wife of the Governor, but Mrs. Bryan was tactfully told of the difficulty by Mrs. Catt, who was appealed to for advice, and has recalled her acceptance of the invitation. CELEBRATION IN WASHINGTON. President Wilson Will Hold New Year's Reception. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—New Year's Day will be celebrated quietly here to-morrow in comparison with past years. President Wilson will hold a New Year reception, and Secretary Lansing will not give the diplomatic breakfast customary before the war. Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels will hold receptions at their homes. The President's only engagement for the day is a call of courtesy by Prince Mahidol, brother of the King of Siam. He will be presented at the White House by the Siamese Minister.