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## MERRY REVELERS GREET NEW YEAR

### Delayed Celebration Fills Hotels with Riotous Throngs.

The curtain fell on the holiday season last night after one of the gayest New Year evening celebrations which Washington has known for some time. It was a merry climax to the Yuletide season.

It seemed as if the whole population of this city flocked to the hotels and cafes last night, which were scenes of revelry until an early hour this morning. At five of the city's largest hostelries it was estimated that 3,000 persons were gathered.

Although the celebration of the dawn of the New Year was delayed a day it did not throw a damper on the spirit of the crowds. Perhaps most persons were glad of the extra day of rest after a week of strenuous going.

The hotels and cafes were riotous scenes of merry-making. The management of the various places left nothing undone to entertain the crowds to their heart's content. Decorations were elaborate, special dinners were served, there was augmented music, wagon-loads of favors and souvenirs and everything imaginable to create and add to the festive spirit.

**No Customary Toasts.**

While there was no drinking of the customary toasts at the strike of 12 last night, which is a custom of all New Year Eve celebrations, midnight last night was the occasion for a climax of the fastivities. In one hotel a shower of confetti fell upon the diners and dancers. In another place baloons floated out over the heads of the revelers conveying the compliments of the season as the clock struck 12.

It was further a signal to increase the volume of noise which was continuous during the evening and was made with all manner of devices from horns and bells to pans and rattles.

In nearly all the hotels and cafes favors featured the evening. These were many and grotesque and added greatly to the liveliness of the evening.

The festive spirit was evident elsewhere last night. Theaters and other places of amusement were crowded to their capacity. Entertaining was carried on extensively.

Yesterday clubs and other places celebrated with open house and special programs. The day was also observed with a number of church entertainments, and in the missions and other institutions.

This morning people will wake up and it will no doubt take them some time to realize that the big time is all over, and it will further take some days for persons to again adjust themselves to normal conditions. Many will perhaps wonder if the holiday season was worth the money they spent, the energy wasted, and the sleep lost. But there should be no regrets for everybody enjoyed one of the best Yuletide seasons ever known in Washington.

**Dancing at Willard.**

An enthusiastic welcome to the New Year was extended at the Willard last night. More than 500 persons made merry in the big hostelry until an early hour this morning.

A supper de luxe was served in the dining rooms from 10:30 to 1 o'clock. During supper Meyer Davis and his band of twenty-five pieces played in the corridor gallery. At 1 o'clock this morning all service in the dining rooms stopped and the entire party was transferred to the large ballroom on the tenth floor, where the band played for dancing until after 3 o'clock.

Unique and original entertainment features, souvenirs and decorations marked the celebration, which was one of the largest New Year affairs in the history of the hotel.

The large dining rooms were a picture of beauty with soft lights, each table being decorated with flowers and a pink color scheme which delightfully blended with the general tone of the rooms. The ballroom was equally attractive with its special decorations.

Hawaiian music and singing featured the entertainment program. There were a number of solos. Favors of all descriptions were given, from the grotesque

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## WOULD CONNECT TWO CONTINENTS BY RAIL

### Railroad from New York to Buenos Aires Urged.

A railway extending from New York City to Buenos Aires, the capital of the Argentine Republic in South America, is strongly urged in the report of the International High Commission made to President Wilson yesterday. The commission points out that this would not be difficult of accomplishment because many existing stretches of railway in both North and South America could be connected up to make a continuous intercontinental line. Private capital is to be urged to undertake this tremendous enterprise, the report says.

The International High Commission, which has been in existence but two years, is devoted to the bringing of the Pan-American nations into closer relationship.

Better inter-American communication facilities are urged. The report traces the history of the commission and states that long strides have been taken in the cementing of friendly relations between the United States and the Latin-American republics.

### BRITISH CUTTER BLOWN UP.

London, Jan. 1.—The cutter Protector has been blown up, a Lloyd's dispatch today said. The number of lives lost is not known.

**Sleeping Car to Fairmont, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.**

For the accommodation of patrons to Fairmont and Morgantown, a sixteen-section Pullman sleeping car leaves Washington at 9:05 p. m., arriving Fairmont 5:15 a. m. Passengers may remain in sleeper at Fairmont until 6:45 a. m.; arrive Morgantown 7:59 a. m.—Adv.

## Sprains Ankle Chasing Most Elusive of Roaches

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—John Gabel, turnkey of the Fourth and York streets police station, is the victim of 1917's first accident. It happened right after last midnight while the bells were still tolling the arrival of the New Year.

Mr. Gabel sprained his ankle when he leaped to kill an insect with his foot in the station house. He was successful in that venture, but fell and thus hurt himself. He was taken to his room.

That insect, it was reported at the station house, had been having the run of the building for several weeks, all efforts to kill it proving vain. Mr. Gabel finally succeeded, but at a considerable cost to himself. The insect was a roach.

## TO CONSIDER LAW

### Senate Committee Takes Up Railway Act Today.

Legislative consideration of the recurrent strike crisis in the railroad situation will begin here today, when the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee open hearings on President Wilson's program of railroad reform measures.

The hearings will center about the President's recommendation for a law suspending interstate commerce strikes pending investigation by the Federal government, and his suggestion that he be empowered to take over and operate the railroads in time of military necessity.

Administration Senators will make every effort to rush action in the committee and in the Senate on the President's bills, in order that effective legal weapons may be at hand if a general tie-up of the commerce of the country becomes imminent as a result of the strike situation. Labor leaders, headed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will conduct a bitter fight before the committee to defeat the bills which they characterize as instituting "involuntary servitude" and as "conscription."

They were outspoken last night in the statement that if the committee attempts to jam the bills through he Senate they will organize a filibuster among Progressive Republican Senators, which will not only block the passage of the disputed bills, but will throw the entire legislative situation into hopeless deadlock.

Chairman Newlands of the committee, said he would make an effort to close the hearings in three or four days. He likewise promised to hurry the consideration of the measures in the Senate.

Labor leaders were vigorous in their opposition to any effort to put the bills through without full and complete hearings, and they promised trouble.

## NO STRIKE EXPECTED BEFORE COURT ACTS

### Complications in Rail Issue Caused by Switchmen's Award.

(By the International News Service.)

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Both railroad officials and leaders of the trainmen today expressed confidence that there would be no strike, or even sporadic outbreaks, pending a decision by the Supreme Court on the Adamson eight-hour law.

Announcement was made that 640 grievance chairmen of the employes would meet in Chicago on January 11 to consider the reports of the heads of the four brotherhoods who have broken off negotiations with railroad officials. The Supreme Court is scheduled to take up the eight-hour case on January 8.

Complications aroused by the award of an eight-hour day and an increase of 5 cents an hour to the Switchmen's Union of America will be one of the serious matters to be discussed at the meeting here. The railroads offered to extend the award to the 25,000 switchmen who are members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, but the offer was rejected on the ground that the Adamson eight-hour law gave them ten hours' pay for an eight-hour day.

## NEBRASKA MAY PASS "LIQUOR BREATH" LAW

### That's All They'll Need to Jail the Offenders.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 1.—The way of the toper, like that of transgressors, is always hard, but the Nebraska Dry Federation purposes to throw still more stumbling blocks in his way.

If the prohibition bill which the organization will submit at the next session of the legislature becomes a law a "whisky breath" or any other kind of "breath" which indicates that its owner has partaken of liquor in any form will be subject to arrest. Hey, Pete, pass the cardmom seeds.

Unsuspecting husbands, who have been welcomed with the wifely kiss on returning home an hour or so late for dinner, only to be accused of lingering too long over the flowing bowl, will realize the serious situation which such a law would establish. It is hard enough to "get away" with it at home, but what chance has the convivially minded individual if he has to run the gauntlet of breath sniffing policemen and peace officers?

It will also be an offense, under the proposed legislation, to advertise intoxicants in any manner. The sale of "whisky tablets" or flavoring extracts is to be prohibited.

Last, but not least, if you are approached by a stranger who asks you, "for the love of Mike, can't you tell me where I can get a drink?"—beware! He's likely to be a detective. For it will be a crime also to tell a "thirsty soul" where he may obtain relief.

### TAX ON CATSUP USERS.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Another item is to be added to the high cost of living. Beginning today a charge of 10 cents was made by Boston's leading restaurants when patrons use catsup. Restauranters say they are hard hit by the upward trend of food prices and must retrench on the catsup.

## GERMANS INVADE MOLDAVIA REGION

### Russians Lose 1,000 Prisoners, According to Berlin Report.

The Teuton invasion of Moldavia has begun.

Gen. Gerok's forces, forming the left wing of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army chain attacking the Sereth front, is more than eight miles within the Moldavian border, according to official admission from the Petrograd war office.

The Russian statement further admits that the Teuton center is only thirteen miles west of Focsami and that the right is only ten miles from Braila. Focsami, the pivotal point of the Sereth line, is the objective of three armies driving against it from the north, south, and west. The fall of Braila is expected momentarily by Berlin.

At the vital points of the whole line, from the Pinsk marshes down to the Black Sea, the Russians suffered serious reverses, according to the German war office statement, borne out and supplemented by Russian official admissions.

It becomes more and more apparent that Mackensen aims to launch an offensive along this whole huge battle front as soon as the Sereth line has fallen.

One thousand prisoners, four cannon and eight machine guns, Berlin asserts, were captured yesterday in the Dobrudja. A party of fifty Russians who had crossed the St. Georges, met disaster at the hands of a Bulgarian river guard, the Muscovites being annihilated.

In a fierce battle south of Pinsk the right wing of the Bavarian Prince Leopold scored a short lived success, the Russians wresting from the attackers a position they had gained after three violet assaults. Further south, a Teuton offensive movement was stifled in the Russian battery of fire.

The Teutons resumed the "drum-fire" against the Russian lines in northeastern Galicia, south of Brody. No infantry attacks are as yet recorded in that area.

The Berlin war office reports the capture of several heights between the Uz and Putna valleys and the repulse of violent Russian and Rumanian counter-attacks. It further announces the capture of two towns, Herestrau and Ungureni. These are in the region where the Teutons are beyond the Moldavian border line.

## AMERICAN AVIATOR IN SENSATIONAL AIR DUEL

### George R. Lufberry in Drawn Fight Over Battlefield.

(By the International News Service.)

Paris, Jan. 1.—A thrilling duel high in the air between George R. Lufberry, an American aviator, and a German adversary is chronicled in the dispatches from the front.

The duel came just after Lufberry had shot down his sixth enemy flier. Intent upon avenging his comrade, a German sailed out to give battle. He succeeded in putting five bullet holes through the American's machine before Lufberry could get into position to retaliate. Both men were using monoplanes and could only fire from the front end. Round and round in a circle they chased each other. Neither was able to fire effectively, and finally the German abandoned the fight and flew back to his own lines.

Lufberry's machine was seriously damaged by the German's first shots and he had difficulty in making the French lines.

## POLICE FIND BUT 17 FELL OFF WATER WAGON

### Careful Scrutiny of All Precincts Discovers King Rum Lost.

Old man booze was defeated by a large majority by the water wagon squad yesterday.

At 12 o'clock last night, with returns in from all precincts, the police reported that but seventeen individuals had fallen from the good ship water wagon, and it was suggested by some one that the seventeen got up to give a lady a seat, and loosing their balance, fell to the cold earth.

The Second, Third, Tenth, Eleventh and Harbor precincts reported the vote in favor of the water wagon in their districts was unanimous so far as arrests were concerned. The Fifth, Eighth and Ninth precincts recorded but one dissenting vote. No. 6 locked up three, which is the lightest day for a long while for this precinct. No. 1 in the business section of the city, leads with six arrests on intoxication charges. All captains report the number of drunks is either far below the average or just ordinary.

### SKATING IN "PHILLY."

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—There is skating today on all the lakes in Fairmount Park and the suburbs. Every little pond and stream has skaters on it, but the larger lakes are drawing the crowds. These include Concourse, Gustine, Centennial and Chamounix, in the park; Woodside Park Lake, Chestnut Hill Lake, at Whitemarsh, and the Merion Cricket Club Lake at Haverford.

### ANIMAL CEMETERY SOON.

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—The site of the final resting-place of departed dogs and cats may be decided at a meeting at 3 p. m. Friday of the animal cemetery committee to be held at the studio of Mrs. W. W. Ford.

Miss A. Page Reid, treasurer of the committee, said this morning that subscriptions are coming in very nicely, and that the indications are that the cemetery grounds will be laid out very shortly.

### BREAD RULES TO SAVE FLOUR.

London, Jan. 1.—The first of the new administrations' food-saving measures went into effect today, when England began baking standard loaves. A saving of 18 per cent in flour will be effected.

## Eight-Hour Law Author Marries Georgia Woman

Newman, Ga., Jan. 1.—Representative Adamson, author of the eight-hour law, was married to Miss Ellen Sellers Camp today. Only the immediate family of the bride and Mr. Adamson's private secretary, Wilts J. Travis, were present. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. I. N. Orr.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Adamson left for Washington.

## SOCIETY SHAKEN

### Prominent Philadelphians May Be Involved in Murder.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—A sensational turn to their investigation of the brutal murder of the woman known as Mrs. Grace Roberts, the beautiful artists' model, found dead in her apartment at the Wilton on Saturday night is predicted by detectives.

The nature of this new development was not disclosed by the police further than the net of circumstantial evidence is closing about a man well known both in this city and New York.

Information in the possession of the detectives points to a prominent Philadelphia reformer and official as one of the brilliant coterie of friends with which the "onyx girl" surrounded himself.

Already the first sinister whisper of possible arrests has shaken Philadelphia society to its depths. The report that a number of photographs of Philadelphia and New York clubmen were found in the room where the 20-year-old victim lay was confirmed today.

Detectives have gone to Milford, Del., to bring back Miss Roberts' colored maid, Eleanor, who is expected to shed light on the identity of many of her mistress' visitors.

According to employes of the Wilton apartment, among her admirers was a man known to the employes only as "Bull Dog," a title they themsleves bestowed on him. The "Bull Dog," until several weeks ago, was a frequent caller at the model's apartments.

According to Richard Benjamin, the janitor, he was a man of aggressive, powerful physique, stocky and pugnacious. He always drove up to the Wilton in a large seven-passenger touring car, and whistled up at the window before entering the place.

**Window Shade Thrown Up.**

If a shade was thrown up from the Roberts window, he would enter. Otherwise he would drive away at top speed. The "Bull Dog," in the opinion of the investigators, is none other than a prominent social reformer whose activities in reform lines have greatly interested Philadelphia.

A mysterious stranger, said to be a wealthy contractor from another city, was brought to the detective bureau at 4 o'clock this afternoon, but was released at 8 o'clock. His connection with the case could not be learned. Immediately after his release, he was spirited away in a taxicab by friends.

That a man of high intelligence committed the crime is the conviction of the police. All the finger prints found on the blood-stained blue silk pajamas in which Mrs. Roberts' lifeless body was clothed and on the walls and furniture had been blurred so as to make recognition impossible.

Among the model's effects were found a Chicago time table which gave rise to a theory that one of the dead woman's out-of-town visitors might have been her assailant. This theory was strengthened by a girl friend who reported that Mrs. Roberts had expressed fear of a visit from a Chicago man.

The maid Eleanor, the detectives expect, can tell of many gay parties in the privacy of the Poplar street apartments. Marie Collins, a girl whose apartments were on an upper floor of the same dwelling place, has enlightened Detective Captain Tate somewhat to that effect already.

## *Telegraph Tips*

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 1.—The Second New York artillery has entrained at McAllen for New York, to be mustered out of Federal service.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Hampton Terrace Hotel, a winter tourist resort in North Augusta, was destroyed by fire, believed to have been started by crossed wires. The loss is estimated at $600,000.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Promptly at midnight "Tom" Browne's Aurora Band began to play in the Cell Block, and for fifteen minutes all the prisoners were permitted to cheer and call New Year greetings to one another.

Elyria, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Two young women and a man were killed and another mortally injured when the automobile in which they were returning from a New Year's dance was struck by a New York Central freight train at a grade crossing in this city.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 1.—The present delivery of shells from Canadian munitions factories is below the quantity promised, it is learned from an appeal issued by the imperial munitions board, urging every munitions worker to sacrifice the New Year's holiday.

Charleston, Jan. 1.—Victor Brown, master of the American schooner George W. Truitt, jr., was washed overboard and drowned in a gale off Cape Hatteras, December 15.

Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 1.—Miners at the Bear Valley Colliery, a Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron operations, refused to work because a pet mule had been transferred to another working. An attempt was made to have officials return the mule, and upon their refusal the men went to strike.

Elizabeth, N. J., Jan. 6.—If Dame Fortune smiles with favor on Fanwood for another few hours the little township will have the distinction of having entered upon its fourth year without having a fire. At the same time the volunteer fire department will find itself without a chief, for Charles Sheeian, after sixteen years' service, has resigned.

**Florida, All East and West Coast Points** reached. 4 trains daily via Atlantic Coast Line. 1406 New York ave. n.w.—Adv.

## LAWSON IN BLAST HITS HIGH HEADS

### Says President Wilson's Advisers Knew of Peace Leaks to Market.

"Other high government officials in close touch with the President know every circumstance connected with the leaks that played hob with the stock market and they can check up to a certainty every statement I have made in respect to them," declared Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, as he stepped from an afternoon train at Union Station yesterday.

Lawson had come to Washington with the expressed intention of remaining until something definite was done with regard to the promised investigation of the recent leak of confidential information on international matters which had caused the slump of December 21 on the New York Stock and Cotton Exchanges.

He has an appointment for 10:30 today with Chairman Henry, of the House Committee on Rules. Following his opening statement Lawson said:

"When I see Chairman Henry I will tell him that if this investigation is aboveboard, serious, and on the square, I will co-operate with him. However, if I see it is only the usual political clap-trap, I will have nothing to do with it. I have come prepared for a fight or a frolic, and if this thing is taken up whole-heartedly the most sensational revelations will be forthcoming.

"I doubt if the wary legislators will want to go very far with it, though."

Lawson is most pessimistic—in his expressions—with regard to the future trend of the stock list. Referring to his promise of another sensation, he said:

"The next leak will happen in three weeks and will bring financial ruin to thousands. It will tumble stocks until all are dizzy from the fall."

Lawson declined to explain the matter of the leak he promised for holiday week, which failed to materialize.

"Perhaps I was pointing my artillery too low," he admitted with a wink.

Representative Wood, of Indiana, author of the resolution calling for a Congressional investigation of the alleged leaks of December 20 and before, called on Chairman Henry yesterday. He explained to him in detail the suspicions upon which his resolution was based and indicated what should be the course of the investigation.

"I could not get much satisfaction out of the chairman with regard to his intentions," commented Mr. Wood.

## WOMAN'S LEGS BURNED AWAY, STATES WITNESS

### Defense Suffers by Testimony at Broker's Murder Trial.

(By the International News Service.)

Ossipee, N. H., Jan. 1.—Gruesomeness continued to hold sway today at the trial of Frederick L. Small, the Boston broker, who is accused of murdering his pretty wife in order to collect $20,000 life insurance.

Elmer Loring, a village butcher, detailed on the stand the finding of Mrs. Small's half-burned body in the ruins of the Small summer cottage at Mountain View.

Accompanied by two village physicians, Drs. Horne and Hodson, the butcher said he went to the ruins of the cottage. Dr. Horne tramped in among the ashes, he says, and began kicking away the embers. Suddenly, he said, the physician's foot struck something soft and yielding, and, stooping down, a woman's face was disclosed. The legs had been burned entirely away; only the upper part of the body, lying in a shallow pool of water, remained.

A damaging blow was dealt the defense in the testimony of Clinton H. Fall, a painter, who said he accompanied Small and the physician to the cottage.

"He walked straight to the abutment of the chimney," testified the painter, "and said: 'Send for some men and have them search for my wife.'

"I asked him if he didn't think it would be well to wait for the coroner, and he said he guessed it would."

## BREAKS "EATS" RECORD TO STRAINS OF OPERA

### Tony Chews 29¾ Pounds of Spaghetti While Friend Sings.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 1.—To the lilting strains of Il Trovatore from the throat of Louis Torres, celebrated barytone, Anthony Palmiero ushered in the new year at the Young Men's Italian Club here by breaking all world's records for eating. In 34 minutes' actual eating time Palmiero, who weighs less than 150 pounds, consumed twenty-nine and three-fourth pounds of spaghetti, drank seven cups of coffee, two pints of beer—then wanted to bet $50 he could eat three dozen bananas. No one was willing to take him up.

It wasn't exactly that Anthony was hungry—it was his fourth meal in twelve hours. In fact, shortly before participating in the contest he ate four pounds of steak, a quarter of a peck of potatoes and a pound of garlic. The latter gave his strength for the contest, he said.

Anthony also said it was not for the $500 prize that was hung up for the champion eater, it was to justify the confidence of his friends, who had bet sums ranging anywhere from $5 to $500 on his prowess. Throughout the meal Torres continued to sing in response to the entreaties of Palmiero, who just had to have an accompaniment.

### ARTIST "COMES BACK."

London, Dec 19 (by mail).—Richard Belt, artist, came back after thirty-four years of retirement due to illness and modeled a bust of Lord Kitchener so lifelike that he was offered $50,000 for it.

Art is priceless to Belt, however, and his masterpiece has been claimed by the government. A cannon from the British artillery has been set aside to make the casting.

## Sues Revenue Collector For Income Tax Refund

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—William H. Crocker has sued Internal Revenue Collecter J. J. Scott for a refund of $11,240, it became known today. The suit was filed in the United States District Court here and was placed on secret file by special order from Washington.

In the suit the enormously wealthy banker demands that Collector Scott return to him $11,240, which he alleges represents losses on bonds and stocks sustained by him which should have been considered in the fixing of the amount of his taxable income.

It is said if Mr. Crocker wins his suit the government will have to refund millions of dollars to income tax payers throughout the country.

## PACT IN BALANCE

### American Border Commissioners Meet Today.

There will be a meeting of the American section of the Joint International Commission, having under consideration the adjustment of the relations between the United States and Mexico, in the office of Secretary of the Interior Lane today.

Judge Gray and John Mott, the other Commissioners, will arrive in Washington this morning. The meeting in Secretary Lane's office will be altogether a onesided affair. Its only purpose is to enable the American Commissioners to interchange their views on the general subject of the protocol and the future course of the Commission, to formulate a concrete and unanimous policy and prepare for the final meeting with Señors Cabrera, Bonillas and Pani, the Mexican section, which meeting will be held later in the week at a place not yet decided upon.

Meanwhile the Mexican situation is said to be "drifting" as usual. The State Department is in receipt of official and unofficial dispatches reciting the progress of the anti-Carranza movements in various parts of Mexico. Hopes for the ultimate success of Carranza, in composing the general condition of unrest in his troubled country, diminish hourly. So the administration authorities have by no means given up hope.

It is still the anticipation of those high in Federal authority that Carranza will see the difficulties surrounding the suppression of banditry in the northern states of his republic and admit that the contention of the American Commissioners that the time for the withdrawal of the Pershing expedition is not yet ripe, and withdraw his objections to signing the protocol.

From the Mexican Embassy comes no news at all. The method of communication between Mexico City and Washington is already being reduced to the Vera Cruz cable, as time after time telegraphic communication by the wired lines is cut and interrupted. It is not believed that the Embassy is at present as well supplied with inside information from Mexico as are the American press associations or the State Department. Ambassador Designate Arredondo is still in Washington.

## SAYS CATHOLIC GIRLS WEAR IMMODEST DRESS

### Writer, in Jesuit Journal, Scores Fellow-Churchwomen.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 1.—Do Catholic girls dress modestly?

The answer, according to Dr. Austin O'Malley, depends on what part of Africa you come from.

Dr. O'Malley, physician, professor and writer, believes we are living in a decadent age and that the decadence is spreading so rapidly that if somebody doesn't do something right quick, something is going to happen.

In a scathing article in "America," a Jesuit publication, he flays the Catholics, good Catholic that he is, for their part in bringing about this decadence.

"Our women strut about the streets wrapped in nothing much but powder, and rouge. Even grandmothers waddle about. Corinthian columns reared on French heels, clad like an Irish sergeant in a Highland regiment, simpering, mincing, ogling, until the devil's face is parboiled with the tears of his laughter," he writes.

"The other day I was passing a Catholic school—one of our most fashionable. A number of girls were coming out. There was a basement window near the gate which made an effeceual mirror, and every blessed damsel that appeared took a powder puff from her reticule, or whatever you call their ammunition boxes, struck her budding nose into it, and pattered off down the street looking like the white rabbit in a Christmas pantomine. Powder puffs are not criminal, but were these girls dressed modestly?"

## CORRUPT PRACTICES BILL IS COMPLETED

### Senate Subcommittee Finishes "Putting Teeth" in Measure.

The Owen corrupt practices bill was yesterday completed by the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which, it is believed, will render the measure efficacious.

The measure limits expenditures of national committees to an amount equivalent to 1 1-2 per cent of the entire population of the nation, or approximately $1,500,000. Contributions from corporations are prohibited. No individual contribution may exceed $5,000. All expenditures, moreover, have to be made through campaign committees and these committees must account for all items.

In dealing with the State committees, the bill limits their expenditures to 5 cents per capita up to a population of 500,000, 3 cents per capita for the next 500,000 and 2 cents per capita of all additional population.

### Buy Dinner with Fines.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 1.—The twelve members of the Magazine Club held their annual dinner at the home of Mrs. Israel Dasher, who served a meal that cost only $1.96, the sum paid in fines by members for holding magazines overtime.

## HOPE FOR PEACE RESTS ENTIRELY WITH PRESIDENT

### Direct Negotiations Between Belligerents Is Now Regarded as Impossible.

### LANSING EAGERLY WAITS

#### German Chancellor Expected to Answer Charges in Note of Entente.

Hope for peace in Europe last night rested solely on President Wilson's mediation, as the world greeted the New Year 1917.

Diplomatic Washington was convinced that direct negotiations between the two groups of battling European nations is impossible, and that only the most skilful handling of the situation by the United States can bring the slaughter to an end.

Diplomatic circles here last night believed that the peace negotiations will now disappear into the dark and mysterious territory of secret diplomacy. It was predicted, however, that these secret negotiations, properly conducted, will bear fruit ultimately, and one well-informed diplomat declared that the peace terms would come to the surface in two months.

With the direct peace negotiations initiated by Germany now practically a closed incident, and attention centered on the attitude to be assumed by the Entente Powers toward the President's peace plans, a high official of one of the belligerent embassies here outlined the peace situation as follows:

**No Direct Negotiations.**

Germany's proposal for peace, and the reply of the entente allies have made it clear by their tone that there is no hope for direct negotiations for peace.

Mediation by a strong neutral power—obviously the United States—is the only other means of securing peace. The European neutrals by their close proximity to the conflict and their vital interest in its outcome are plainly barred from effectual work in the direction of mediation.

These negotiations will be carried on in secret. Following the expected reply of the entente allies to the President's peace note, it is to be expected that opportunities for the preliminary confidential communication of peace terms by both sides, to the President direct will develop.

Confronted with this situation, the Administration yesterday settled down to a period of diplomatic "watchful waiting." The "lid" was screwed down tightly at both the White House and the State Department. Secretary of State Lansing declared emphatically that he would not discuss the peace situation, and the diplomatic decks were cleared for the confidential negotiations.

Representatives of the entente allies declined to talk peace until the formal answer of their governments to the President's note has been received. The Teutonic diplomats maintained the optimism which has characterized their peace discussion since the President initiated his peace propaganda.

**Expect German Statement.**

At the German Embassy it was stated that the German government would undoubtedly make some statement, either through diplomatic channels or otherwise, to meet the charges made in the entente reply to the German peace proposals. In this statement, which may take the form of a speech to the Reichstag by Chancellor Zimmermann, will be Germany's last word in the controversy over who is responsible for starting the war.

The State Department and the White House cleared up the speculation as to whether confidential communications accompanied President Wilson's peace note. It was stated that the American diplomats who delivered the note to the neutral countries were instructed to notify those governments that the President believed the time opportune for all neutrals to express their desire that the war be brought to an end.

### ALLIES' AMERICAN REPLY MAY BE FULL STATEMENT

(By the International News Service.)

London, Jan. 1.—With the reply to Germany's peace initiative accorded universal

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## CARRANZA GENERAL TRAPPED BY VILLA

### Fighting All Day About Chihuahua City Gates.

(By the International News Service.)

El Paso, Jan. 1.—Gen. Murguia is caught like a rat in a trap in Chihuahua City, and fighting which has been in progress all day around the capital has been the result of his efforts to evacuate the town. He is hemmed in on all sides, however, and the opinion among military experts in El Paso is that Villa can retake the town at any moment he desires.

Coincident with the desperate situation of the Carranzistas in Chihuahua City, Juarez is in a state of panic and it is freely predicted that Villa will attack the sister town of El Paso within ten days. It is also predicted that when he does, the army of the "Boy Scouts," as Murguia's force there is decisively called, will desert in a body and the bandit leader will take the city without the necessity of firing a single shot.

The garrison at Juarez is made up in the main of boys from 11 to 14 years old and they have been deserting by the wholesale. It is reported from apparently well authenticated sources, that Gen. Manuel Ochoa, who was associated with Tanez at Villa Ahumada, has been designated by Villa to take Juarez and act as its governor.

### CARDINAL'S FRIEND DIES.

Westminster, Md., Jan. 1.—T. Herbert Shriver died at his home at Union Mills, this county, last night in his seventy-first year. He was prominent in church, business and political life. Cardinal Gibbons was his intimate friend and has spent the anniversaries of his birth at General Shriver's home for many years.