

A Clean Page—1918. If T. R. Were Woodrow—Mind Heaven Forbid. Peace in 1918." Amen.

1918 is a clear, clean page in front of you. Not one blot upon this far.

What shall we do with the new year sheet?

The average man looks upon it with deep respect for a minute or two. By and by he is scribbling aimlessly in the same old way.

You have looked back over copy books written when you were a child—slowly, carefully, painfully.

The same care and hard work, tiding on the white sheet, called New Year, will give any of us results just as important.

Fortunate he who respects the new sheet of paper labeled 1918. It is one sheet in a very thin book YOUR LIFE, only about seventy pages in all.

In that editorial on the last page I forgot to wish for Theodore Roosevelt that he might think less about the campaign of 1920 and more about the problem of today.

Here's a question from Mr. Valine Ruff, of 207 E Street N. W. taken from an interesting letter: "I ask you, if what the Germans are doing to try to stir up trouble, or what ex-President Roosevelt is writing is the more harmful to our Government? If I can arrest the German agents what they are doing, why can't ex-President Roosevelt be also arrested for his treasonable utterances?"

Instance: If ex-President Roosevelt were President today, would Woodrow Wilson the ex-President, and should write the same kind of slanderous articles about Roosevelt that Mr. Roosevelt is writing about President Wilson?

With all due respect to our ex-President, I think that I am right all that I have said above."

Here's the answer to Mr. Ruff: It is only fair that if the position of Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt were reversed, Roosevelt probably have Wilson in the White House.

It is also true, however, that if Woodrow Wilson were President and Theodore Roosevelt were Vice-President, Mr. Wilson would be working to help the President of the United States and help his country—not working for a job in the White House.

Third and last, it is true that President Wilson endures patient and shameful abuse at the hands of his predecessor in the White House.

But that patient endurance is a part of his character, and it is the reason why the people think that at this moment they have Woodrow Wilson for President and Theodore Roosevelt.

Lloyd George predicts an end of the war THIS year. That is a bold promise to the world, for the British premier, a real democrat and a natural born fighter, is not content in anything but the right end of peace.

The prosperous class of England has hated Lloyd George. It was considered "bad form" to mention his name in respectable society.

What you need in government is power, and that power is undesirable to those that have everything and want nobody to have anything.

Wagner's dragon, singing in deep bass voice. Lots of others have been singing the same song, pleasantly done, with money piled up around them.

This war will do a lot to change the tune. You will hear the lucky, prosperous one saying, "Let me see what I can do with what I possess, in order that I may deserve permission to keep it—or a good deal of it."

The war has stirred up thought, freed things upside down, done Government ownership of Government property in six months that might not have been done in fifty years.

GERMANS FIRING SHELLS SENT TO RUSSIA BY ENGLAND

German Baroness Jailed Near U. S. Army Camp



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CAPITAL VISIT OF BARONESS PROBED BY U. S. AGENTS

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"Forward With God to Fresh Victories," Kaiser's New Year Message

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—"We face 1918 with firm confidence—forward with God to fresh victories," was the Kaiser's New Year salute to his armies and navy, as reported in Berlin dispatches today.

"Gigantic battles have been decided in favor of your glorious arms," the war lord said. "But the allies still hope with new allies to beat you and destroy forever Germany's world position."

"They will not succeed."

CHAMBERLAIN GOES ON TRIAL AT GOCHLAND TOMORROW

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 1.—Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain, sixty-three-year-old physician, charged with the murder and mutilation of his brother, Judge Albert P. Chamberlain, at the home of the latter in Gochland county, on October 22, will never go to the electric chair, in the conclusion drawn after a careful poll to determine sentiment of those who will sit in judgment on the case.

Dr. Chamberlain will be taken by Gochland county deputies tonight from the Henrico county jail to Gochland court house, where he will face trial tomorrow.

Only one case has the extreme penalty been meted out to a criminal in Gochland county since the Civil War and citizens of the county still deplore that fact. An execution, they say, is not to the credit of any county. In the main, Gochland county citizens are opposed to capital punishment.

Today, nearly three months after the crime was committed, men who will be called to serve on the jury do not view the Chamberlain murder in the same light as they did on the day when it first became known.

Plan of Defense. Attorney J. C. Page, counsel for the aged physician, will point out to the jury that the defendant is not on trial for the manner in which he disposed of the body of his brother, but merely for taking the life of his brother. The circumstances following actual death will merely serve as an incident to prove the Commonwealth's contention that the doctor is guilty.

The dismembered parts of the judge's body were found beneath fence posts on the doctor's farm, a few paces from his dwelling.

The defense, it is said, will seek to make out a case of insanity against the dead judge, who was two years the senior of the doctor.

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Think It's Cold Here? Then Consider Alaska With 86 Below Zero

DAWSON, Alaska, Jan. 1.—Eighty-six below zero is the record for this season for the recent cold which began several weeks ago. This was at the mouth of Pelly river, 150 miles up the Yukon river from here. At White Horse 72 has been registered.

The thermometers in Dawson have registered between 80 and 60 below for a month. Hospitals are crowded with pneumonia cases and many deaths have occurred. No funerals are possible until the weather moderates.

ONE FIREMAN DEAD, THREE INJURED IN \$3,000,000 BLAZE

SPRINGFIELD, Va., Jan. 1.—One fireman was killed, three were seriously hurt by the damage caused by the Monticello Hotel, the largest in Norfolk and known throughout the world.

The two upper floors of the hotel were burned out and the lower part ruined by water, the total damage amounting to over \$3,000,000.

The fire started in a Chinese restaurant two doors away from the Monticello. It was still burning at noon, but under control.

Several retail stores and the Dixon office building were among the burned structures.

None in the hotel were injured. A searching investigation is being made this afternoon of the origin of the fire.

The Norfolk fire chief suspects the fire was of incendiary origin, and, because of the fact that the Monticello Hotel is headquarters of many army and naval officials, it may develop that German agents were responsible.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS FEAR FOR CAPTURED WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 1.—The American soldiers are eagerly discussing a report rapidly overspreading the camp as to the fate of American troops taken prisoner in the German trench raid early in November.

BREAK IN COLD SIDETRACKED ON WAY; RELIEF DUE TONIGHT

Washington's warmer weather and snowstorm, due to arrive today, got sidetracked on the way, and the city was still shivering in one of the coldest waves in history.

Warmer weather is predicted for tomorrow by the Weather Bureau, and it is likely the mercury will rise even higher on Thursday. A minimum of 12 degrees is scheduled for tonight.

The Weather Bureau's official forecast reads: "Partly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight. Low temperature, 12 to 15 degrees. Wednesday, fair and warmer. Gents southerly winds."

Today was the coldest New Year in five years, the minimum recorded for the day being 12 degrees in the early hours of the morning. Sunday was the coldest day of the present cold "snap" with 32 degrees officially registered.

Ice Green's Thicker. Continuation of the cold wave has increased the thickness of the ice on the Potomac river and Tidal Basin. Great Falls is reported today frozen from shore to shore. In some places the ice is reported from six to eight inches in thickness, and practically all navigation on the river is tied up.

Twelve Dead From Cold IS TOLL TO DATE IN N. Y.; NO RELIEF IS IN SIGHT NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—New York faced the new year shivering today. Down town thermometers ebbed down to 5 and 6 below zero in the early morning hours, and a sunless sky brightened only by a general rise during the day. Twelve dead directly through the cold was the toll to date.

10 AND 15-YEAR TERMS FOR PAIR OF SLACKERS CAMP DODGE, Iowa, Jan. 1.—Private Harold Bruber, Company F, 352d Infantry, has been sentenced to serve fifteen years in the Fort Leavenworth military prison for general court-martial. It was announced here today. Bruber was charged first with desertion for failure to report to his draft board, and later with refusal to don a uniform.

HYLAN TAKES OFFICE; JOB-SEEKERS IN AIR NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—John F. Hylan took office unostentatiously today with the Democrats still wondering why he has been so close-mouthed over appointments to fat city jobs.

ALLIANCE OF BOLSHIEVIKI WITH FOES IS INDICATED

Ammunition Used on French Front by Germans Is Found to Have Been Made in England for Use of the Russians.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—From the statement of an English statesman of high rank now in America, it appears that the British government has proof sufficient to satisfy it of an alliance between the Lenine-Trotsky group at Petrograd and the Germans much closer than the world suspects.

He was asked by a prominent New Yorker if Great Britain would give serious consideration to any peace proposal that came as a result of the Brest-Litovsk conference.

On French Front. "My dear sir," he replied, "on the front in France which our men are now holding the Germans are using shells which were made in England and shipped by us at great expense and difficulty to Russia for the Russian army. The turning over of these shells and other munitions to the Germans was but the first step in the plan of the German high command to use us as a spearhead against the British and the French."

NEW YEAR FINDS ALLIES ADAMANT AGAINST PEACE ON TERMS OF GERMANY Dawn of a new year found the United States and its allies unyieldingly opposed to any peace on the Teuton or Russian terms.

Subsurgent suggestions that the allies were weakening before the sinister Teuton peace propaganda met with the positive declaration from foremost Government leaders that there is no change of front.

Had Planned to Ignore It. Officials had planned to ignore the German peace move. But, finding that the talk and the propaganda grew apace, they found themselves confronted today with the question of answering this mass of insidious propaganda.

Little Return in Paris. In fact, there is little need for consultation, for the opinion of allies and American Government was unified on the point that the time is not ripe now for peace.

Germany, they know, really wants peace—wants it more badly than ever before. And the men who direct her vicious war machine have doubtless told the Kaiser that from now on the German military power is doomed to wane, even though here and there it meets with local successes.

But the American and Allied silence has been misconstrued, there will be some statement to offset the German, unless present plans fail. Some quarters suggest that this statement will contain even more specific war aims and peace terms than any previous pronouncement. In any event, it will not be an acceptance.

RETIRING SHERIFF IN AUTO MISHAP ON WAY FROM OFFICE

EASTON, Md., Jan. 1.—Harry Stevens, of Trappe, for four years sheriff of Talbot county, gave up his office and almost his life early this morning. He is now in the Emergency Hospital here with a deep gash in his head and a possible fracture of the skull.

Stevens "finished up" and turned over his office as sheriff to his successor with the dawn of the New Year, climbed into his automobile and started for his farm at Trappe. When he reached a point opposite the Emergency Hospital one of the tires gave way and the machine turned turtle.

READING AND PENNSY ROADS CUT TRAINS PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Sixty-eight trains on the Philadelphia and Reading railway, in addition to fifty-four already eliminated, have been withdrawn from passenger service. The order cutting these trains from the schedules went into effect today.

Centennial with the action of the Philadelphia and Reading came the announcement of the annulment of passenger trains on the Pennsylvania railroad on its Schuylkill division.

CENTURY THEATER, N. Y., UNDER NEW MANAGER NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Century here today is under new management. William Elliot, F. Ray Comstock, and Morris Gest announced last night that they had leased the theater and would present "Chu Chin Chow" there Jan. 15.

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mary Kennedy, of Troy, fifth ward, will be the first woman alderman in New York State after today. It was announced by Mayor Burns.

ISHII IS EXPECTED TO BE SENT HERE AS JAPAN'S ENVOY

TOKIO, Jan. 1.—Viscount Ishii, who recently headed a mission to the United States, is expected to be named Japanese ambassador to Washington soon, according to the newspaper Asahi today.

One of the reasons for the appointment, it was stated, was the success of the negotiations which Viscount Ishii carried out while in America.

The newspaper adds that during meetings of the Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs dissatisfaction was expressed over the way the present incumbent, Ambassador Sato, had handled diplomatic matters.

SUNBURY, Pa., Jan. 1.—Dr. John W. Miller, thirty-eight years old owner of a sanitarium here, was killed when he drove his automobile in front of a Reading pay train on a grade crossing here.

THREE U. S. AVIATORS ARE KILLED IN FALLS Death of three American aviators reported in dispatches received here today.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 1.—Two aviators are dead today as the result of an accident to their airplane at Kelly Field. They are H. R. Gladstone, of Fort Wayne, Ind., a civilian instructor, and Cadet E. A. Seguin, of Rouse's Point, Oswego county, N. Y.

JRL AMBULANCE DRIVER ESCAPES GERMAN BOMB

HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 1.—Miss Carolyn Stevens, who has been driving an ambulance on the French front for more than a year, is home on a furlough of three weeks. Nately dressed, khaki, Miss Stevens attracts unusual attention.

One of the most interesting experiences was when she was bombed by German air machine while she was driving for soldiers who had been "passed" by the Germans. She was injured.

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Billy Sunday's New Year Message to Washington

Here is Billy Sunday's New Year greeting to Washington, pressed today in a telegram to The Times: When the curtain drops on nineteen eighteen, may it see the Kaiser on his knees pleading with Uncle Sam to call off the dogs of war. To that end we will go without bread. We will go without meat. We will go without shoes. We will sit by fireless stoves. We lift our hands to heaven and vow we will win or die.