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THE DYING YEAR

The year 1919, with all the history it has made, will pass away at midnight. When the clock in the City Hall begins to strike the hour of twelve the death rattles of the old year will be subsiding and the New Year, 1920, and a leap year, will be coming to the birth.

The dying year has had its sorrows, joys and excitement as have all its predecessors. While wars and rumors of war have been temporarily hushed, we have had strikes and rumors of strikes, and as the pulsations of 1919 grow weaker our country is confronted by issues the outcome of which is uncertain.

The year 1920 will witness another exciting Presidential election which will keep the country in an uncertain condition until the result shall have been known. Besides peace has not been formally declared and the outcome of the treaty is still regarded with apprehension by many.

Upon the advent of the New Year we all feel inclined to turn over new leaves and start out afresh, and in the words of the poet, With pleasure own our errors past And make each day a critic upon the past.

We may not commit the same blunders of which we were guilty during 1919, but we are likely to commit similar ones in the year about to dawn. How many of us will be strong enough to "stand in awe and sin not" should we be destined to continue in the land of the living during the next three hundred and sixty-five days? We can make the attempt, at least.

SATURN HAS A RIVAL

Our esteemed cotemporary, the Richmond Virginian, yesterday contained a picture entitled "New Rival to Saturn Soon." It represented this colossal planet, probably fifty times as large as our earth with its beautiful rings, and eight satellites, in a jealous mood at the present appearance of Mother Earth. The latter, instead of beautiful bands of light, is pictured by the Virginian with a white ribbon hand around it, denoting a dry world upon which dwelleth righteousness, as King Alcohol is no more.

The conception is worthy of this champion of prohibition. Think of it; our orb is about to be encircled by immaculate white.

In the Apocalypse, while the Land is opening the seals, it will be remembered, that the first figure which makes its appearance is a white horse, the rider being armed with a bow, and he is told to go forth conquering and to conquer. The meaning of the red, black and pale steeds is apparent; the white horse is an enigma, and we are left to conjecture. Most readers assume the white horse represents the preaching of the gospel to all nations; others, however, do not adopt this explanation, and are inclined to believe the horse and its rider implies some counterfeit Christianity, as we are told Satan often transforms himself into an angel of light.

Probably the white band used by our cotemporary explains the riddle, and the horse and its rider, may mean the spread of the dry wave over our sin-tossed planet.

DANGER IN THE HANDSHAKE

If there is anything in the germ theory of disease, and it seems to be quite broadly accepted, the effort of the Minnesota State Public Health Association to abolish handshaking speaks for an overdue reform that has been long arguing for adoption. At the best handshaking is but a useless habit, the product of a courtesy that might well be evidenced in some manner less dangerous to health.

A cotemporary in commenting on the habit says: "Thousands of hands each day assay the uncleanness of the street cars, the door-knobs, the railings, the fittings in elevators and hotels collect their

quots of germs, and then exchange their collections in the greetings of friends by way of the handshake. If one deliberately set out each morning to sample and collect existing germs, he could accomplish no more thorough job than by generous use of the public utilities and the inevitable handshake. About the only claim of the handshake to popular use is that we are habituated to it; it is a well nigh universal custom that we accept as we do the rising and going down of the sun. It seems the thing to do when friends meet, and we therefore do it. Undoubtedly the practice began in the old belligerent days, when every man's hand was against his neighbor's. Handshaking stood for amity, because, if you had a man's right hand in your clasp, he could not hit you with it.

"However, since the germ theory has been widely accepted by physicians and our public health officials, there is no good reason why we should continue to encourage disease by way of the handshake distribution." "Greet one another with a holy kiss," is a divine injunction. But if handshaking is dangerous, how should we regard osculation?

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Executive Secretary Bieman, of the Federal Fair Price Commission, of Baltimore, suggests the following 13 New Year's resolutions:

- 1. That I will purchase and use food products carefully and wisely. 2. That I will not neglect the cheaper cuts of meat, which heretofore I did not consider good enough, and the nutritive value of which I did not recognize. 3. That I will use the same good judgment that our mothers and grandmothers used and prepare one of my best dishes from the inexpensive cuts. 4. That I will do my marketing a person whenever possible and dispense with special deliveries or special service. 5. That I will buy wisely, prepare carefully, serve sensibly. 6. That I will do my bit as a loyal American to discard many of my prejudices, so that all food may be utilized. 7. That I will take advantage of varying market conditions. 8. That I utilize all leftovers. 9. That I will make careful use of bone, fat and trimmings. 10. That I will eliminate wherever possible all table waste. 11. That I will pay the grocer and the butcher cash for purchases made or at least settle in full at each salary or pay period. 12. That I will also carry out the above resolutions in regard to my own and my family's wearing apparel wherever possible. 13. That I will not buy anything which I know I really do not need and can not really afford.

The thirteenth resolution is the "ux of the whole matter. We purchase so many articles which could be dispensed with. This is especially the case with a large percentage of housekeepers who see articles in stores which could and should be let alone; but dealing with pass books, they allow the time to be charged. Hence when a day comes—and come it will—requires a large demand upon the day envelope.

UNREST IN MEXICO

Activity Evident in Both Carranzist and Villista Territories El Paso, Texas, Dec. 31.—Great military activity in Northern Mexico after the holidays is presaged in reports reaching here from both Carranza and Villa sources. In the mean-

DON'T WASTE TIME

It's a waste of time to experiment with liniments and plasters when you have a dull, throbbing headache or sharp, stabbing twinges. Get after the cause! Help the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this.

William Dawson, blacksmith, 806 Lake street, Alexandria says: "Before I started using Doan's Kidney Pills I had rubbed my back with liniments and taken different remedies without any relief. My back got so weak and sore I could hardly pick up anything and I had to take hold of something to help me straighten up. Mornings my back felt as though it were broken. Sharp, shooting pains would catch me, and I got so I thought I would have to give up. Finally, through the recommendation of a friend, I tried Doan's Kidney Pills, which I bought at Summers' drug store. Doan's soon convinced me they were the remedy I needed. And before long my back felt so strong I could shoe horses all day and not feel a bit worse for the strain." Above statement given April 13, 1915.

time, both forces seemingly have suspended operations for the holiday season because of religious views which exist in the most careless Mexican military men.

A combined plan of operations in the campaign against Francisco Villa has been arranged between General Cesario Castro, Carranza leader at Torreón, Chihuahua and General Francisco Murgía with headquarters at Mondóvar, Coahuila. This plan, according to excellent authority, consists of simultaneous advances of Carranza troops from Ojinaga, Sierra Mojada, Santa Rosalie, Monclova and Muzquiz with the object of surrounding Villa.

Villa and his brother Hipolito are reported to be camped at the Rancho El Pino at the eastern end of the Palomas Mountains, south of the Big Bend district of Texas.

Villa, it was said, plans to begin about the first week of the new year another of his famous dashing campaigns through Mexico raiding smaller cities and towns.

FOUR MORE DEAD

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Wood alcohol, that deadly, colorless, odorless poison used by unscrupulous persons in preparation of alleged whisky, is believed to have killed three women and a man whose bodies were found last night in a second-story apartment at 1029 Columbia avenue.

This is the first case of wholesale poisoning from this cause to occur in Philadelphia, although a long death list from the same cause is piling up in the reports from other parts of the country since prohibition has been in effect. Two other cases have been reported in this federal district.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

Boston, Dec. 31.—Miss Dorothy McLeod, a 23 year old manieree, and Francis G. Caverly, an automobile dealer, are dead following a double shooting here yesterday.

Caverly murdered the girl and then turned the revolver upon himself. Miss McLeod's body was found just inside the door of her office. Bullet holes in the door showed the shots that killed the girl were fired from the hallway, where Caverly was found lying. A revolver lay near the wounded man.

Surgeons said the nature of Caverly's wounds indicated they were self-inflicted.

Mrs. Everett McLeod, the girl's mother, said Caverly, who was married, had threatened to kill Miss McLeod when she rebuffed his attentions. The man lived in their home for several weeks, and left at her request when his attentions to her daughter became distasteful. After examining the evidence in the room, the police said Caverly surprised another man with Miss McLeod, became infuriated and immediately opened fire. His purpose, they believe, was to slay the girl and man and then end his own life. The second man was seen to leave the building. He was not identified.

JELICOE COMING

British Admiral to Arrive in Washington Sunday

Washington, Dec. 31.—Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, of the British Navy, who is making a trip around the world will arrive here Sunday from Canada. He will spend several days as the guest of the American Navy. Quarters for the Viscount and his staff have been provided and a round of receptions and dinners arranged, including a formal dinner at the British Embassy Sunday night, January 4, with Counselor Ronald Lindsay, charge, as host. Secretary Daniels and many American naval officers will be among the guests.

DR. OSLER DIES

Scientist Who Proposed Chloroforming at 60 Passes Away

New York, Dec. 31.—Sir Wm. Osler, who startled the world in 1905 by declaring that man's efficiency waned after he was 40 and that at 60 he should be chloroformed, died Monday at Oxford, England, according to advices received here. He was 70 years of age. Dr. Osler was born in Canada.

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HELD, SHE TAKES POISON

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—"There is no use holding me for trial, for I have taken poison and am going to die," exclaimed Mrs. Anna Lee Chambers, a well-dressed young woman from San Antonio, Texas, who has been stopping at the Jefferson Hotel.

The woman was in Justice Crutchfield's office, after she had been bound over to the grand jury on the charge of obtaining goods from Miller & Rhoads by representing herself as a well-known local woman.

She explained that she had swallowed 5 mercury tablets. She was rushed to Virginia Hospital in an automobile after being given emergency

treatment. Her condition is said to be serious.

Mrs. Chambers was recently the principal Government witness in an alleged white slave case in which

Charles W. Shields and Joseph T. Darden, local business men, were accused of violating the Mann act by bringing her from San Antonio and St. Louis.

QUOTING AN OLD EGYPTIAN PROVERB

Life is composed of two parts—That which has gone "A Dream" and that which is to come "A Wish." In the first we retain in memory the pleasant associations of the past, and in the second our hopes are centered on pleasant anticipations. We are now on the eve of saying good-bye to the Old Year and welcoming the New. Permit us to greet you in that time honored wish a

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811 Madison Street, frame \$1200 1117 Queen Street, frame \$1100
813 Madison Street, frame \$1200 1117 Queen Street, frame \$1100
425 S. Columbus Street, frame \$1200 1117 Queen Street, frame \$1100
427 S. Columbus Street, frame \$1200 1117 Queen Street, frame \$1100
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