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## BUSINESS SKIES BRIGHTER SAYS GARY

### Head of U. S. Steel Says He Looks For Business Revival

#### VERY OPTIMISTIC

#### Calls For Mutual Understanding Between Capital and Labor—Points to Rise of Employees.

New York, Dec. 27.—That the business skies of the United States practically are without clouds is the statement of Judge Ebert H. Gray, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, writing upon "Why I Look for Better Business Conditions" in Leslie's Weekly to be published today.

In his article Judge Gary will say: "While I recognize, and for many months have comprehended, dangers in the general situation, I am more optimistic in regard to the future of this country than I have been at any time during the last six years. If people generally will recognize the possible dangers and will, each for himself or herself, do everything possible and practicable to improve conditions we shall soon return to a basis of living which should be entirely satisfactory."

"Although this is a time for courage, composure and caution, the business skies are practically without clouds. As always, there may be showers from time to time, but there is nothing in the atmosphere to indicate the approach of dangerous storms. It is up to the business men and women to maintain certain and continuous business activity in satisfactory volume, with fair and reasonable profits.

"In the United States capital must not and will not give cause for offense to labor in the United States labor must not and will not destroy itself by trying to wreck capital. There has been great progress in America with regard to these relationships during recent years.

"Employer and employee are not here spoken of as master and servant; they are associates and both find the relationship a pleasant one. Each is obligated to consider and protect the rights and interests of those he works with. Interdependence is complete and perfectly admitted. This is not a theory; it is a practice. Capital understands not only the honesty of the situation, but also its wisdom.

"In America the workmen of today are the employers of tomorrow. I have been immensely interested in this characteristically American tendency and have inquired into it. Practically all of the successful men in the industry with which I am associated, that of the manufacture of iron and steel, began life without pecuniary advantage or any influence save that which they themselves created through faithful and honest performance of their duty as it came to hand. This fact is undeniable.

"And further, I trust that we shall avoid the danger of discriminatory legislation in this country. Any legislation that is calculated to create dissensions or to affect favorably one class, as it is called in our general terms, to the prejudice of another, is harmful and vicious; and, carried to its natural results, may endanger even the national structure itself.

"If I read aright the signs of the times we may look forward with confidence to marked improvement in business results, perhaps not so soon or so rapid as we could wish, but as certain and as satisfactory as the disposition and the action of the majority of the people themselves will permit."

### CHRISTMAS DANCE Saturday Night Cotillon Club Gave Most Enjoyable Affair

One of the most brilliant of the seasons' entertainments was the dance Christmas night by the Saturday Night Cotillon Club, given in the Ecks' auditorium. The music was by McWilliams orchestra. Refreshments were served about ten thirty and dancing stopped promptly at twelve o'clock.

The chaperons were Mrs. George Uhler, Mrs. James Sidney Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doyle Brockett, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Boothe and Mr. Robert S. Jones. Among the others present were Miss Lee, of New York, Miss Margery Taft, who is visiting her brother-in-law and sister Major and Mrs. Kenneth Harmon, at Fort Myer, Miss Helen Reid, of Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calver-Smoor, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd Uhler, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Maud A. Peyton, of Rapidan, Va., Miss Benson, who is the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, Mrs. Handy Dr. and Mrs. Reginald Walker, Dr. and Mrs. Fenton Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burr, Mr. Randolph Harper and Mr. Warwick, of Washington, Major Dilworth, U. S. A., Captain James Sidney Douglas, U. S. A., Major Kenneth Harmon, U. S. A. and Mrs. Harmon, Colonel James Monroe Love, U. S. A., Captain Stanley G. Blanton, U. S. A., Captain Herman Pohl, U. S. A., Lieut. Franklin F. Irby, U. S. N., Ensign Thomas L. Watters, U. S. N., Ensign Ferrusor B. Bryan, U. S. N., Mr. Edward S. Fawcett, of New York, Midshipmen Roland Gaines and Ralph Gurley, U. S. Naval Academy, Cadets William Morton and Franklin R. Gurley, of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, Mr. Bruce R. Wallace of Philadelphia, Miss Katie Uhler, Miss Linc McLaughlin, Miss Elizabeth Boothe, Miss Sarah Kemper, Miss Elizabeth Dulany Herbert, Miss Margaret Warwick, Miss Harriet B. Douglas, Miss Eliza Douglas, Miss Nellie Seiden Uhler, Miss Anne Cabell, Miss Louis Griffith, Miss Eugenia Griffith, Miss Abbie Hoxton, Miss Fortune Kirkpatrick, Miss Mary Pemberton Moncre, Miss Margaret Moncre, Miss Elizabeth Bryant, Miss Dorothy Morton, Miss Marie Gassen, Miss Blanche Stansbury, Miss Anne Lewis Jones, Miss Rosella Burke, Miss Jean Roberts, Miss Mary Hunt Roberts, Mrs. Percy Evans, Mrs. Florence Maizne, Mrs. Cora J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. W. Seiden Washington, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. C. Keith Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Joyce Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Shepperden, Mr. and Mrs. Mauchlin Niven, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Holden, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sebrrell, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Nalle, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Duvall, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stephenson, Dr. Llewellyn Powell, Dr. Vivian P. Berry, Messrs. Richard M. Chichester, L. H. Dudley James W. Roberts, Cameron Roberts, Allen Roberts, Beaudrie Howell Gardner L. Boothe, Jr., Charles Bruce Morton, Randall Caton, Douglas Lindsey, Brouse Burke, Johnson McGuire, Edwin Graham, George H. Evans, Winslow Randolph, Carroll Pierce, J. Chester Pierce, Robert Bitzer, Henry O'B. Cooper, Emmert Reid Dunn, Albert V. Bryan, Thomas Moncre, Laurence G. Fawcett and Albert Ansey Smoot.

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The two notable achievements in the work of malaria control were located at West Point and Virginia Beach. In each of these places a reduction of 90 per cent under the five year average for malaria was effected. Malaria surveys of a large number of Virginia places have been made. A co-operative campaign will, during the coming year, be conducted by the State Board of Health and the International Health Board, with the United States Public Health Service aiding.

One forward-looking step in the direction of controlling defects was the dental hygiene. A surprisingly large number of children have been found suffering from unsuspected troubles of eyes, ears and throats, adenoids being the principal trouble, but many tonsils needing attention or removal. There is another interesting side to the report. Instead of there being an unusually heavy death rate from tuberculosis, there were decidedly less fatalities this year than during any preceding twelve months. It would seem that the sanatoria in Virginia are justifying their existence and performing their principal function. These establishments were begun primarily for the purpose of teaching consumptives how to care for themselves, as educational, rather than curative establishments.

### VIRGINIA PRESS

#### Midwinter Meeting January 20-21 in Lynchburg

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 27.—Jason L. Rogers, publisher of the New York Globe; James W. Brown, publisher of Editor and Publisher, and Charles I. Stewart, general manager of the Lexington, Ky. Herald, are among the experienced publishers who have accepted invitations to attend and participate in the program of the midwinter meeting of the Virginia Press Association to be held in Lynchburg, Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21.

One or two other speakers of national reputation will be announced later. The convention will be held in the auditorium of the Virginia Hotel, which will be headquarters for those who attend.

Federal Agents Investigate Death of Tomalty's Relative  
Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 27.—Federal agents from Washington arrived here yesterday for an investigation of the death of John F. McGuinness, prohibition enforcement agent, whose body was found in Newark Bay on Friday with a bullet hole through his head. The investigation was started at the instance of Joseph P. Tomalty, secretary to the President, who is a relative of the widow of the dead officer.

### Xmas Fire

#### Blaze of Undetermined Origin Guts Home of J. W. Cannon

The residence of J. W. Cannon on North Washington street extended was gutted by fire Christmas night about 9 o'clock and the occupants lost most of their furniture. Mrs. Cannon and her seven children were home at the time. They escaped injury.

A sum of money Mrs. Cannon had under her mattress also went up in flames. The origin of the fire has not been determined. The occupants were given shelter in the home of a neighbor.

### Ration of Divorces in Virginia Is One to Every Eight Marriages

There was one divorce in Virginia during the fiscal year just past for every 7.76 marriages, according to the annual report of the health commissioner, released for publication yesterday. These figures were compiled by the Bureau of Vital Statistics which is a part of the Health Department.

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### SPEND QUIET XMAS IN THIS CITY

#### Family Reunions and Church Services Mark Observance

Alexandria spent an unusually quiet Christmas. Family reunions and church services marked the observance of the day. Apart from the crowds attending the services at the churches in the morning there were comparatively few persons on the streets. Almost everybody stayed in doors.

Hundreds of Christmas trees scattered in many homes where there are children kept the kiddies indoors. The children have not yet had a chance for their sleighs, although the snow arrived twenty-four hours late and did not remain long enough for the youngsters.

The church services were well attended. Sermons appropriate to the observance of the day were delivered from the pulpits of all of the churches where services were held. Elaborate musical programs were given Christmas day and also Sunday.

### YULE SPIRIT PREVAILS

#### Happiness Brought to Inmates of Various Institutions—Youngsters Enjoy Day Indoors.

Virginia Congressman Gets Committee Berth  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Representative R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax, Va., is slated for a place on the joint committee on the reorganization of the administrative departments created by recent act of congress now awaiting approval of the president.

This committee is expected to make a thorough investigation of the functions of all the federal departments and prepare plans for elimination of duplication of work by several of them. It is expected that by elimination of duplication of work many millions of dollars can be saved for the taxpayers annually.

There are, for instance, thirty-one separate engineering bureaus in the government. Twenty-six surveying agencies, twenty-seven public building operations, sixteen public road agencies and fourteen river improvement bureaus. It was asserted during debate on the bill that if the committee performs its work properly it will result in saving \$500,000 a year now spent in duplication of effort.

Mr. Moore is to be placed on this committee because of the deep interest he has shown in the proposition. He was perhaps the first member of congress to propose the plan. About a year ago, when the Republicans were criticizing the administration for overlapping and duplication of work in the departments, Mr. Moore made a speech in the house challenging them to make an investigation of the matter and to work out a plan to reduce work and expenses. He has kept right after the matter since, and in recognition of his work is to be placed on the new committee by Speaker Gillett.

A remarkable tribute was paid to Mr. Moore in a recent committee meeting on the bill by Representative Reavis, Republican of Nebraska, who stated in open session that to Mr. Moore belong a great deal of the credit for the development of the idea and the formation of the committee. Mr. Moore had first suggested the plan, Mr. Reavis said, and had worked on it constantly since. "When the committee is formed," said Mr. Reavis "I hope Mr. Moore will be given a place on it."

Speaker Gillett has tentatively named Representative Reavis and Temple, Republicans, and Moore, Democrat, as the house members. The committee is to be composed of three senators and three representatives two to be Republicans and one Democrat from either house.

### WOMAN SANTA SAVES A FAMILY FROM GAS FUMES

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 27.—A chance call by a friend, Mrs. Effie Banks, with an amount of Christmas presents, probably saved the lives yesterday of Mrs. Susan McKeague and her three daughters, Irene, Marie and Bella.

Mrs. Banks became alarmed when there was no response to the doorbell and summoned Daniel Johnson, who managed to open a window. He found the house full of gas. He states Mrs. McKeague and the three children were unconscious in bed. A tube in some manner had become detached from a gas stove. The four patients recovered in the hospital.

Mardi Gras experts in New Orleans are about to dispatch to Secretary Smith numerous suggestions for the proposed Carnival of States to be held on Pennsylvania avenue and intersecting streets from the Capitol to the Treasury the evening of inaugural day.

### GERMANS WILL RETAIN PROPERTY IN BELGIUM

Paris, Dec. 27.—Belgium, according to a Brussels dispatch to the Journal, intends to renounce her right to confiscation of German property in Belgium, as provided in paragraph 18, annex 2 of the Versailles Treaty, following the example of Great Britain, which in October renounced its right to take over German property in the United Kingdom.

It is said Belgium will announce this decision after consulting with the Allies, but considers renunciation necessary from a commercial point of view.

Renunciation of the right to seize German property was asked of all the Allies by the Germans at the Brussels conference as a concession to enable Germany to pay the reparations claims.

Caruso's Run of Luck  
Refuses to Take Turn  
New York, Dec. 27.—Enrico Caruso's run of trouble is not yet finished.

The Italian tenor, who has been bombed, robbed, fallen upon by scenery pillars, and half choked by a bursting vein in his throat, now has five doctors hovering over him, attending him for pleurisy.

It is very painful, but not yet serious, his managers announced.

### DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. Emily Russell, widow of John Russell, died this morning at the residence of her son, William T. Russell, 108 Queen street. The deceased was 85 years old. The body will be shipped to Remington, Fauquier county, Va., for burial.

Mrs. Julia A. Davis, widow of Robert A. Davis, of Fairfax, of this city, died Friday at her residence and was buried from the Episcopal Church at Fairfax this morning.

James Edward Drinkman, 6 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad E. Drinkman, died Saturday afternoon at the residence of his parents, 515 Queen street. The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow at Fairfax and will be conducted by Rev. C. H. Wood, pastor of the Second Baptist Church. Burial will be in Bethel cemetery.

Funeral services for William B. Bowers were held this afternoon at his late residence at Fort Hunt, Va. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. F. B. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and burial was in Bethel cemetery. A delegation of members of Alexandria Council No. 5, Order Fraternal Americans attended.

The funeral of Mrs. Vance E. Kelly will take place at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning from Wheatley's mortuary chapel. Services will be conducted by Dr. E. B. Jackson and burial will be in Ivy Hill cemetery.

### STATE TO GET \$2,250,000 THROUGH McARTHUR BILL

The Virginia State Highway Department here is squarely behind the McArthur bill, now before the committee of Congress, which contemplates the extension of Federal aid to the States for highway construction to the extent of \$100,000,000 annually, according to announcement last night from headquarters of the department.

Commissioner Coleman attended a meeting of the association in Washington last week when the McArthur bill was fully discussed with Congressmen, Senators and the road committee of the House. Congressman R. Walton Moore, of the Eighth Virginia District, is a member of the House Committee on Roads, and was of great assistance to members of the association in the hearings before the committee. He and others who were present at the hearings were assured by the committee that the bill would be reported out favorably some time this week.

The committee was also in conference with Senator Townsend, chairman of the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, before which the McArthur bill will come in the upper branch of Congress. They went fully into the provisions of the bill with Senator Townsend with the expectations of expediting consideration of the measure after it has come from the lower branch.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS STAGE CELEBRATION

### Scholars to Receive Yule Presents at Entertainments

#### PROGRAMS PREPARED

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