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BUTTE GIVES NEW YEAR HEARTIEST OF WELCOMES

People Regretfully Say Good-Bye to Most Prosperous Twelve-month Period in Butte's History and Usher in 1917 With Merrymaking Such as City Has Never Seen Before. Brilliant Reception and Dance at the Silver Bow Club. Watch Night Services in the Churches.

Butte regretfully said good-bye to 1916, the most prosperous year in the city's history, last night, and gave 1917 a welcome more enthusiastic than that which has ushered in any other...

Wine Flows Freely. By midnight the merrymaking was at its height and, on the stroke of 12, whistles and sirens screamed, the crowds on the streets joined in the bedlam of doors with their shouts while inside toasts to the new year were drunk and greetings were head on every hand...

firm believers in preparedness on such occasions, had purchased with an eye to the future before the bars closed. There was little rowdiness and no disorder.

At the Club. At the Silver Bow club the coming of the new year was the occasion of a reception and dance, the dancing starting immediately after midnight.

Guests of the club were gathered in the large reception room when bells and whistles heralded the arrival of 1917. Suddenly the room was darkened, a curtain was drawn aside and the illuminated figures, "1917" flashed forth. Two large dolls, one on either side of the sign, pointed to the novel announcement. Then exchange of New Year greetings started.

At Churches. Watch night services were held at the following churches: First Presbyterian, Mountain View Methodist, Scandinavian Methodist Episcopal, Unity Methodist Episcopal, Butte Young People's Union, Swedish Baptist, Lutheran, Baptist and Gold Hill Norwegian Lutheran.

The "Quality First" Store Connell's



In Women's Dainty Lingerie The year's greatest event in the field of women's and misses' undergarments. The one great opportunity to share in bargain opportunities that cannot be equalled. This year's sale will offer greater stocks, more varied assortments and better values than ever before.

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ENTENTE REPLY LAYS THE BLAME FOR EUROPE'S WAR ON GERMANY; LITTLE HOPE FOR RESTORATION OF PEACE

Paris, Jan. 1.—The press of Paris today comments favorably on the note of the entente powers' reply to the offer of the central powers for a conference to consider terms of peace. The note was handed to American Ambassador Sharp to be transmitted to the Germanic powers through the agency of the United States. The text of the note followed: "The allied governments of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania, Russia and Serbia, united for the defense of the liberty of their peoples and faithful to engagements taken not to lay down their arms separately, have resolved to reply collectively to the pretended propositions of peace which were addressed to them on behalf of the enemy governments through the intermediary of the United States, Spain, Switzerland and Holland. Before making any reply the allied powers desire particularly to protest against the two essential assertions of the note of the enemy powers that pretend to throw upon the allies responsibility for the war and proclaim the victory of the central powers."

purely local conflict. Great Britain suggested a conference; France proposed an international commission; the emperor of Russia asked the German emperor to go to arbitration, and Russia and Austria-Hungary came to an understanding on the eve of the conflict. But to all these efforts Germany gave neither answer nor effect. "Belgium was invaded by an empire which had guaranteed her neutrality and which had the assurance to proclaim that treaties were 'scraps of paper' and that necessity knows no law."

The War Map. At the present moment these sham offers on the part of Germany rest on the "war map" of Europe alone, which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the situation and not the real strength of the belligerents. A peace concluded upon these terms would be only to the advantage of the aggressors, who, after imagining that they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after two years that they could never attain it.

Object of Overtures. "As for the future, the disasters caused by the German declaration of war and the innumerable outrages committed by Germany and her allies against both belligerents and neutrals, demand neither reparation and guarantees. Germany avoids mention of any of these. "In reality these overtures made by the central powers are nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The object of the overtures is to create discussion in public opinion in the allied countries. But that public opinion has, in spite of all the sacrifices endured by the allies, already given its answer with admirable firmness and has denounced the empty pretence of the declaration of the enemy powers."

To Deceive Public Opinion. "They have the further object of stiffening public opinion in Germany and in the countries allied to her—and all severely tried by her losses, worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants. "They endeavor to deceive and intimidate public opinion in neutral countries, whose inhabitants have long since made up their minds where the initial responsibilities lie and are far too enlightened to favor the designs of Germany by abandoning the defense of human freedom."

What is Threatened. "Finally, these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes—submarine warfare, deportations, forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality. "Fully conscious of the gravity of its requirements, the allied governments, closely united to one another and in perfect sympathy with their peoples, refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere."

Must Have Reparation. "Once again the allies declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states; so long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end once and for all forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations and to afford the only effective guarantee for the future of the world."

The Cause of Belgium. "In conclusion the allied powers

think it necessary to put forward the following considerations, which show the special situation of Belgium after two and a half years of war. In virtue of the international treaties signed by five great European powers, of whom Germany was one, Belgium enjoyed before the war a special status, rendering her territory inviolable and placing her, under the guarantee of the powers, outside all European conflicts. She was, however, in spite of these treaties, the first to suffer the aggression of Germany; for this reason, the Belgian government thinks it necessary to define the aims which Belgium has never ceased to pursue while fighting side by side with the entente powers for right and justice. "Belgium has always scrupulously fulfilled the duties which her neutrality imposed upon her. She has taken up arms to defend her independence and her neutrality, violated by Germany, and to show that she remains faithful to her international obligations."

Her Desire. "Belgium before the war asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Her king and her government have but one aim—the re-establishment of peace and justice. But they only desire peace which would assure to their country legitimate reparation, guarantees and safeguards for the future."

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL CARRIES HUGE SUM

Congress Will Be Asked to Appropriately \$29,000,000 for Waterway Projects.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The house rivers and harbors committee will meet this week to determine finally on the bill it will report for passage at this session of congress. A tentative measure, carrying about \$29,000,000 for the continuance and maintenance of existing waterway projects, with possible additions of \$10,000,000 for new projects, has been completed by Chairman Sparkman of the committee.

The committee has before it new projects which have been favorably reported upon by the army engineers calling for an outlay of \$125,000,000 or an initial appropriation of \$28,615,000. From the list Chairman Sparkman has selected those which he believes to be the most urgent. The new projects most vigorously pressed before the committee include:

New York harbor, where \$13,000,000 is sought for East river and Hellgate, with an initial \$500,000; Chesapeake and Delaware canal, total cost \$8,000,000, or initial appropriation of \$2,000,000 for its purchase and development; Savannah harbor, \$1,920,000; Boston, \$1,545,000; Los Angeles, \$625,000; Kalbi harbor, Hawaii, Port of Honolulu, \$439,000.

COMPENSATION ACT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—A summary of the results of workmen's compensation during the first year of the operation of the system in Pennsylvania, which ended last night, shows that 54,500 agreements have been approved carrying \$4,224,875. During the year 6147,281 was paid to dependents of persons killed, who have \$2,817,974 still to be paid to them under the terms of the act.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES HAVE NO HOLIDAY

Christmas Mail Congested at Terminal Points Pouring Into Butte.

With the delayed Christmas mail pouring in from terminal points where it was so congested that it was necessary to pile the sacks in the streets, Uncle Sam's postoffice employees in Butte are all working today. The postoffice in fact is about the busiest place in town. Carriers are making deliveries and clerks are distributing the big volume of mail that comes like a deluge with every belated train. The next few days, however, should see all of this extra matter cleaned up. "Inability to secure help is still a serious problem at the Butte postoffice, although the Christmas rush passed without one piece of mail matter being delayed either in delivery or transmission as a result of tardiness on the part of local employees. Four new carriers and clerks authorized by the department will not be placed in service until about Jan. 10, since at least 10 days will be required for rearranging routes and installing additional equipment for them."

Three Old Employees Quit.

The public, ever ready to complain of poor service, has no realization of the handicaps under which the local office has been working during the past three weeks. Just when the Christmas mail was greatest in volume the office left the service to accept more remunerative jobs. Green men were put in their places. When the situation was most acute it was necessary to employ for the emergency men who had no idea of the system in vogue in handling mail. But with splendid team work on the part of the old employees and the emergency men adapting themselves to the work in ready manner, Postmaster Goodwin's force cleaned up all of the holiday mail in the office on Christmas night. Since then the mail congested at terminal points has been coming in every day on belated trains, the latter adding aggravation to an already aggravated condition.

Few on Eligible List.

In the city of high wages like Butte, securing of efficient help for the postoffice is a problem which is becoming so serious as to require some remedial action of congress. The list of eligibles furnished by the civil service commission is seldom up to the demands of the local office and men who have not qualified by examination are employed. With authority to employ four more carriers and one more clerk, Postmaster Goodwin will probably not have an eligible list from which to select these. Examinations were held last month and there were but nine applicants at that time. Employees who worked yesterday must be given a day off this week or paid overtime, and employees who worked today must be given a day off or paid overtime within 30 days. If this time is given out it will cripple the service badly during the month, so it is probable that the men will be paid overtime in a majority of instances instead of being given days off.

PRAYERS TO BLESS HIS CONGREGATION

Mons. De Siere, According to Custom, Extends Wishes for New Year.

Following the custom of years, a custom that is watched by every member of the congregation, Mons. De Siere, in his official robes, stood in the center of the altar today, by the communion rail, and extended the blessings of the New Year to his people of St. Patrick's parish. The ceremony took place at the last mass. The church was crowded. The choir had sung the Christmas mass and the strains of the Adeste Fideles were dying when Mons. De Siere, the pioneer priest of Butte and the "unremovable pastor" of St. Patrick's, walked to the altar rails. It is customary that the preacher for the day should ascend the pulpit.

Instead of that, today Mons. De Siere, as he had done for years, arose from his prie-dieu and walked slowly to the communion rails facing his congregation. There were tears in his saintly eyes as he said: "My people: During the past year the congregations at the masses at St. Patrick's church have been an edification to the entire diocese. I hope that during the coming year they will continue so. Indeed, I feel assured they will. The wonderful congregation here this morning, with not a seat vacant, is an indication of what we may expect during the coming year. "I wish to extend to all present and to the people of the parish in general my blessings and the blessings of the church and wish them all a happy and a prosperous New Year."

These were the words and the only words of the sermon, but heads were bent low as the saintly priest, who for years has managed the affairs of St. Patrick's, concluded. The high mass was celebrated by Father Lambertus.

MRS. M. ROWLAND DEAD.

Mrs. Mabel Rowland, wife of John R. Rowland, aged 33 years, and a resident of Butte for nine years, died this morning in a local hospital after a week's illness. She is survived by her husband of 322 North Montana street. She returned from a trip to the coast two weeks ago. She was born in Wales and was successful in improving and selling property in Butte. The body was removed to Richards' parlors.

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FORDYCE BABY DEAD.

John Fordyce, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fordyce, 623 East Broadway, died Saturday evening from diphtheria. The funeral was held privately yesterday. The Rev. M. D. Hudtloff of St. Mark's German Lutheran church officiated at the graveside.

MRS. SIMS DEAD.

Mrs. Mary Sims, aged 25 years and a resident of 28 East Mercury street, died suddenly last evening from heart failure. Alcoholism was declared to be a contributory cause. Her husband in Spokane was notified. The body was removed to Richards' parlors.

THE POST FOR THE NEWS

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be despondent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer. The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar combination of roots, barks and herbs. No other medicine acts like it, because no other medicine has the same formula or ingredients. Accept no substitute, but insist on having Hood's, and get it today.

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