

CONFETTI MIST SETTLES OVER CITY AT PLAY

San Francisco Never Greeted a New Year With More Noisy Welcome

Fun Loving Population Abandons Itself to Complete Enjoyment of the Hour

paraded the city from end to end, and saw nothing to offend his official eye.

"These men and women are boys and girls," the chief said. No police lines restricted the throngs and Market street was crowded from building to building with the carnival-mad revelers...

Queen Leads Parade

Queen Esther, throned in a golden shell and attended by her maids of honor, prime minister and pages, led the parade of illuminated car floats down Market street...

One cause for New Year rejoicing was suggested by "The Twenty-ninth and Mission strap-hangers' club." "We voted for Geary street bonds," a huge sign carried by the "club" declared...

So the parade progressed through the downtown section to the ferry, back via the retail district, around Union square, out along Fillmore street...

Don That Shook City

At midnight a greater din shook the city, denser clouds of confetti filled the air and the mad throngs that follow the advent of the new year began.

HOTELS OPEN DOORS TO ALL COMERS FOR HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

The hotels of San Francisco proved their cosmopolitan last night in a manner never adopted before. Their portals were thrown wide open to every comer...

In the center of the whole show, fulfilling its boast as the hub of the city's life and color, the St. Francis loomed up large as the rallying point of the revelers.

MUSIC AND HORNS CLASH

Inside there was a kaleidoscopic clash of pictures, the orchestra in its soft played upon its strings and flutes; a German band marched in and out of each hall...

The people were there, too, some in the elegant evening apparel that is part and parcel of exclusive gatherings...

VENTRILOQUIST CAUSES LAUGHTER

Grotesque figures were strapped to the marble pillars of the lobby and a ventriloquist in hiding created unusual merriment.

Otto F. Schiller was host of one of the most interesting dinners of the evening. It was given in the tapestry room and a number of the local Chinese merchants sat with the party.

COMEDIAN GIVEN PROMINENCE

W. A. Crane was given the most prominent position. Crane is to open the new Columbia theater on January 10.

David Warfield was shown in a characteristic attitude and over his autograph was written: "A happy New Year to my townspeople, hoping that you will enjoy more of the same."

ASSORTED RECOLLECTIONS FOR 1910



— THAT I WILL NOT MONKEY WITH ANYTHING LIKE A GEARY ST. BOND ELECTION AGAIN —

— THAT I WILL GO ON THE HETCH HETCHY WATER WAGON AT ONCE —

— THAT I WON'T TRY TO HOODWINK THE PUBLIC WITH WHITE ELEPHANTS —

— THAT I WILL BRING SAN FRANCISCO MORE HEALTH, WEALTH AND PROSPERITY —

— THAT IT WILL BE A YEAR OF PEACE AND INDUSTRY —

— THAT SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE MY FUTURE HOME —

— THAT "STANDING PAT" DOESN'T MAKE VOTES —

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BANDITS KILLED IN PACIFIC FLEET BATTLE WITH POSSE TO BE DIVIDER

Five Robbers Plan Raid on Three Banks and Postoffice in Oklahoma

New Orders Restore Old Conditions; Smaller Vessels Are Joined in Asiatic Fleet

Gang Runs Into United States Marshal and Two Men Manage to Escape

Growing Importance of American Interests in the Orient Results in Change

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 31.—Five men who intended to rob the three banks and the postoffice at Harrah, Okla., early today ran into a posse headed by United States Marshal "Jack" Abernathy.

Frank Quigg was shot down in a fight with the posse and instantly killed. He lived in Atchison, Kan., and was the son of a wealthy mother.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—On account of the growing importance of American interests in the far east and the difficulty of assembling the whole fleet as now constituted the navy department has decided to divide the Pacific fleet into two separate fleets to be known as the Asiatic fleet and the Pacific fleet.

In January, 1907, he old Asiatic fleet was merged into the Pacific fleet and made the third squadron thereof. Today's action restores the old order of assignments.

The object of the merging of the two fleets was to concentrate in one command under one admiral on each coast all the ships in the Atlantic and in the Pacific oceans.

Great difficulty in the management of the fleet has been experienced, as the ports to be visited are so far apart. The commander in chief of the new Asiatic fleet will be Rear Admiral John Hubbard, who will relieve Rear Admiral G. B. Harber in a few days at Yokohama.

The new Asiatic fleet will consist of the Charleston, Galveston, Cleveland, Denver, Chattanooga, Helena, Wilmington, Callao, Samar, Villalobos, Araya, Paragua, Mindoro and the Monters.

The torpedo vessels on the Pacific coast will not be attached to either fleet except when specially ordered. An Asiatic torpedo fleet is constituted under a torpedo fleet commander composed of the torpedo vessel and submarines now in Asiatic waters.

Transfer Navy Yard Clerks. VALLEJO, Dec. 31.—All the clerks of the Mare Island navy yard will be transferred to the department of supplies and accounts under orders received today, and hereafter all cost accounts will be handled by the department instead of by the separate departments.

The order goes into effect January 15 and Passed Assistant Paymaster Harry E. Collins, now assistant general storekeeper, will have charge of the consolidated force of clerks.

The plan was devised by the Swift naval board and is a part of the effort to put the affairs of the navy yard on a more systematic and businesslike basis.

Captain Edmund B. Underwood, who will be president of the naval examining and retiring board and succeed Captain John B. Milton as commander of the receiving ship Independence, arrived at Mare Island today and reported for duty. Captain Milton assumes command of the Yerba Buena training station at San Francisco January 20.

WOMAN KILLS BIG BLACK BEAR IN WOODS

WEAVERVILLE, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Chamberlain, wife of Forest Supervisor Chamberlain, killed a bear near here yesterday. She was riding horseback when her dog snood what she thought was a coon. She shot into the tree and a big black bear climbed down and started for her. She killed the animal with one bullet.

AMBASSADOR BACON PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Robert Bacon, former secretary of state, who now succeeds Henry White as United States ambassador to France, presented his credentials to President Fallieres today. The traditional ceremony was observed.

CROWD REACHES THE HEIGHT OF GAYETY IN FILLMORE STREET

Fillmore street pulsated with the life of happy throngs that surged from end to end of the brightly lighted thoroughfare last night. The gay madness of San Franciscans celebrating the passing of one year and the incoming of another made a merry din.

PORTOLA DECORATED

Joy was unconfined at the Portola cafe. The large dining room was beautifully decorated with noted plants and flowers. Here, as in the rest of the cafes, the music at times was drowned by horns, and prosperity and good will was pledged over and over during the course of the day.

TECHAU TANGLE OF STREAMERS

In Techau tavern the spacious dining room was one tangle of streamers. Every table was reserved and, judging from the lack of reserve, those present might have belonged to one large family.

CLowns MAKE MERRY

Clown, in costume and otherwise made merry with the throngs. All sorts of fantastic and grotesque characters were abroad, but there was little, if any, rowdiness.

BANDS ADD TO DISCORD

The attempts of bands to pour forth melodies for the entertainment of the merry makers seemed but to add to the great discord. Rube bands and clown bands on automobile trucks moved back and forth along the street and a large band played for those who assembled in Hamilton square.

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Our Annual New Year's Announcement

How the Owl Drug Company Contributes Its Share Toward the Public Good

EVER since we have been in business we have been called upon by different organizations for programme advertising, donation of prizes, and the purchase of tickets for various public affairs. We have contributed liberally, but owing to the fact that these requests are becoming so frequent that we are unable to meet every demand made upon us, and as we do not wish to unjustly discriminate, we have concluded to discontinue contributing cash prizes, or merchandise, as well as the purchasing of tickets or doing any further advertising in programmes. However, we feel that our company, depending upon the general public for its patronage, should contribute to the general good.

We have concluded to adopt a new plan, a policy that will place our little help where it should be, a policy consistent with the spirit of New San Francisco, and therefore in the future any of The Owl Drug Company's stores will furnish prescriptions free to the worthy poor upon presentation of a note or an order from any licensed physician or surgeon in the towns or cities where we operate stores. We are notifying every doctor in the cities where we have stores that a note or an order on the back of their card will be sufficient to obtain, without charge, any prescription they may write. We believe that the public will heartily approve of our new plan.

The Owl Drug Company STORES IN San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland

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