

CROWDS ARE MERRY WHEN 1916 ARRIVES

New Year Comes in Amid the Ringing of Bells, Tooting of Horns, and Cheering of Celebrators.

WIRELESS MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED HERE

High School Club Gets Word from Arlington, Va.—Elks Called Off Entertainment.

There is war in Europe, and it was hardly peaceful here Friday night when hundreds of South Bend residents gathered in different and respective points to bid farewell to 1915 and to greet 1916 with open arms and open throats.

At the Oliver hotel the last moments of the old year and a couple more hours of the new were spent in harmless hilarity. Music, dancing, dining, etc., the last expression covering a multitude of conceptions mostly liquid, were provided in great measure to entertain the guests.

Streamers, toy balloons, confetti, horns, and everything else appropriate to the season, were to be found in great variety and sufficiency over the city, especially in the main lobby of the hotel.

At midnight, when the early dawn greeted slowly dimming eyes and drowsy senses. It was a happy New Year, a prosperous New Year, and a celebration that did credit to the city much larger than South Bend.

However, there was the Elks, where tragic death caused a cancellation of table reservations and all New Year entertainment. Members of the lodge and their wives and friends visited the different cafes or passed quiet evenings at home—until 12 o'clock, when there wasn't a chance for quiet of any description.

Greet New Year. The Indiana club had a big time with entertainment of various sorts. Hundreds of dollars worth of costly costumes was imported for the various club affairs.

IRISH COMEDIAN IS DEAD

Joe Murphy Leaves Estate Valued at Three Millions. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—"Joe" Murphy, old time Irish comedian, died in this city today, leaving an estate valued at \$3,000,000.

HEAVY SNOW CAUSES COLLAPSE OF ROOF.

Associated Press Service: FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Dec. 31.—The majestic opera house here collapsed today under the weight of snow which has fallen steadily for the past 48 hours and which continued unabated today.

AUSTRIAN NOTE SATISFACTORY

Gives Assurances for the Future—Copy of Note Sent to President.

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Austria's reply to the Ancona note not only meets the cardinal points of the American demands but gives assurances for the future which are considered more satisfactory in their extent than those which were given by Germany.

The full American official view will not be known until after President Wilson has studied the Austrian reply, which was received today from Ambassador Penfield, and was immediately dispatched to Hot Springs by a white house messenger.

RESIGNS AS TRUSTEE

L. Ert Slack Expects Opponent as U. S. Attorney. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—L. Ert Slack today resigned as trustee of the Central hospital for the insane, saying he expected to be appointed United States district attorney tomorrow by Judge Anderson to serve until his regular appointment comes from Washington.

LISTS CASUALTIES. LONDON, Dec. 31.—British casualties on all front during December were 18,549, of which 7,001 were officers. These figures were compiled from the official lists published from time to time.

The Dawn of a New Era

Many good things will take place in 1916, some in even greater measure than in 1915. THE NEWS-TIMES commences the NEW YEAR with even greater confidence in the efficiency of its WANT-AD columns—to reader as well as to advertiser—than ever in its past history.

Classification of WANT ADS for tomorrow's big SUNDAY NEWS-TIMES

most positively close at 6 P. M. TODAY

EXPENSES OF CITY LISTED BY MANNING

Report for Year Shows That \$20,000 More Was Spent Than During Previous Year.

DECREASES ARE SHOWN BY ALL DEPARTMENTS

Additional Expenses Are Blamed for Increase—Spent \$6,000 for Relief of Unemployed.

Although practically every department of the city government has reduced expenses during 1915 over those of 1914 more money was expended during the last year than during the previous 12 months according to a report made by City Controller U. G. Manning Friday.

In making the report Controller Manning stated that practically \$20,000 more had been expended in 1915 than in 1914 but \$17,000 of this had gone toward paying for investments in property and for the relief fund for the unemployed last spring.

Provided Relief. The board of works in addition to its regular expense for the year was charged with the disbursement of the \$6,000 relief fund appropriated last spring to provide employment for the men out of work.

The department of streets and alleys expended \$31,951.74, lowering its record for the previous year which was \$33,983.74. This department will turn back about \$8,000 of its appropriation.

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NEW YEAR PROSPERITY GREETINGS TO YOU WITH THE LAUNCHING OF LARGER SERVICE

Note that today—the beginning of the New Year—we are marking another step in the progress of THE NEWS-TIMES—this in keeping with our promises made Thanksgiving Day.

We have added an ASSOCIATED PRESS franchise to the one already held, namely to that of the INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE—and henceforth credit lines will precede all articles according to the service supplying them.

This telegraphic news, supplemental to THE NEWS-TIMES staff of upwards of a score of editors, reporters, and special correspondents, watching the news of South Bend, the county, the state, the nation and the world, night, day and Sunday—publishing every day of the year, with two editions on all days except Sundays and holidays—this is our NEW YEAR'S GREETING—our NEW YEAR RESOLVE.

May the recipients of this greeting enjoy a year of unparalleled prosperity—intellectually, spiritually, materially—quite essential always to the enjoyment of true happiness.

END OF WAR SOME NEARER

Warring Nations Too Busy to Take Mental Stock of Conditions.

Associated Press Service: LONDON, Dec. 31, 10:01 p. m.—The last day of the year found the European belligerents too busy occupied with matters of pressing importance to pause long enough to do any extensive mental stock taking regarding the war conditions.

To most of the fighting nations the war probably seemed rather nearer its end a year ago than now. For Great Britain its unfortunate year passes into history with a fresh naval calamity—the sinking of the cruiser Natal.

The press of all shades of opinion already is exulting that "no change of equal importance was ever enacted with such a lack of disturbance or with so close an approach to public unanimity."

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Government May Seek Cause of Boost to Gasoline Price

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Official government figures made public here today disclosed that in the face of rising prices of gasoline, production of crude petroleum during the last year was greater than in 1914, although production was "purposely retarded as far as practicable" that reserve stocks of crude petroleum now being held in the country are the largest ever recorded, and that exports of gasoline, to which the rise in prices frequently has been attributed, were in the last 10 months of 1915 less than the exports during the corresponding period of the two years previous.

Both the department of justice and the federal trade commission are preparing to investigate gasoline prices. A statement issued by the geological survey estimated the 1915 production of market petroleum at 267,400,000 barrels, 200,000 more than in 1914.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN MEXICAN EXPLOSION

Box Cars Containing Dynamite and Hand Grenades the Cause. Associated Press Service: LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 31.—Fifteen persons were killed, a score of others injured, probably fatally, many railroad cars were destroyed and other property damaged affected in Monterey, Mexico, yesterday at noon, when box cars containing dynamite and hand grenades for the Carranza army exploded.

First news of the accident was brought to Laredo late today by passengers from Monterey. According to their stories several cars loaded with dynamite and hand grenades were placed in the middle of the train near cars occupied by the soldiers.

INDIANAPOLIS CHIEF OF POLICE INDICTED

Samuel Perrott Is Accused of Five Assaults on Election Day. International News Service: INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Samuel Perrott, chief of police, was indicted today by the grand jury for alleged offenses at the November election and October registration of 1914.

Several months ago Perrott was indicted for conspiracy in connection with the same election and registration, but the case has not yet been tried.

FEW CITIES ESCAPE

Grippe Epidemic Spreads Throughout the Country. International News Service: WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The grippe epidemic has reached almost every city in the United States, according to reports which began coming in today to the United States public health service, including every corner of the country.

WILL HOLD RECEPTION

President and Mrs. Wilson to Greet People Today. Associated Press Service: HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 31.—President Wilson's first official New Year's reception will be given here tomorrow in the public lounge of the hotel where he and Mrs. Wilson are spending their honeymoon.

CANAL REPORT IS READY

Body Is Expected to Approve Col. Goethals' Plans. Associated Press Service: PANAMA, Dec. 31.—The National Academy of Science's slide committee has completed its work in connection with the investigation of the movement of earth in the Gallard cut, but has not yet given out any information concerning the tenor of the report which will soon be submitted to President Wilson.

EIGHT HURT IN WRECK

Axle on Engine Tender on Santa Fe Railroad Breaks. International News Service: LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Six men and two women were injured today when the Santa Fe passenger train No. 9, from Chicago, was wrecked a few miles north of Pomona. One coach was smashed to kindling and three others were dented.

SIX MEN LOSE LIVES IN BLAZE

Linseed Oil Plant at Chicago Is Wrecked—Loss Placed at Two Millions.

Associated Press Service: CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Fire today destroyed the South Chicago plant of the American Linseed Oil, known as the Cleveland Linseed Oil branch, caused the death of six men believed to have been killed by an explosion or burned in the resulting flames, and occasioned a property loss of \$2,000,000.

The fire started with an explosion attributed to spontaneous combustion of linseed dust, which wrecked the percolator building and sent flames sweeping through the other four buildings occupied by the company.

Two suspects are held. Two suspects were picked up last night but both proved alibis. One of the men is still held at city jail, but Chief Kuespert stated that he believed the man had no connection with the slaying affair.

URGES SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR BOYS

James A. Farrell Would Have Them Fit for Government Service. International News Service: WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Highly specialized training of American boys with a view to fitting them for the foreign service of the government and commercial enterprises was urged today by James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation; Willard Straight, of Morgan & Co., and others at a special conference called in connection with the present pan-American agitation.

NEGRO IS HELD

Charge of Murder was Placed Against Jack Sims, Colored, Following the Death of Albert Edwards at the City Hospital Today. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—A charge of murder was placed against Jack Sims, colored, following the death of Albert Edwards at the City hospital today. Sims and Edwards engaged in a fight Dec. 16 and Edwards was badly cut.

ONE EDITION TODAY.

The News-Times will publish only one edition today, unless news events warrant another edition. As a result this, the morning edition, is sent to all the subscribers to the afternoon edition.

SLAYERS OF COUPLE ARE STILL FREE

Police Spend Busy Day Running Down Clues But Fail to Get On Trail of Guilty Bandits.

ELKS OFFER REWARD FOR MEN'S CAPTURE

Round Up of Police Character Answering Description to Be Made—Suspects Offer Good Alibis.

Balked by a mystery which appears to rival the famous Hazel Maeklin case, the police department has been working for 36 hours without apparent success in a strenuous effort to get trace of the bandit-slayers of Henry Muesel, office manager, and Frank Chrobot, truck driver for the Muesel Brewing Co., who were shot to death Thursday night when two robbers attempted to hold up the brewery offices on Elwood av.

Although a dozen men have been arrested as suspects and scores of others are being watched by the police department, Chief Detective John Kuespert and Chief Kerr were forced to admit last night that the chances of capturing the murderers were rapidly diminishing.

Every available man in the department was at work on the case all day yesterday and last night, but to little avail. Although at least half a dozen men were arrested yesterday and every clue brought to the attention of the authorities was worked on when the bells and whistles betokened the entrance of the New Year, the officials had failed to bring to light any logical evidence that might lead to identifying the murdering bandits.

Two Suspects Are Held.

Two suspects were picked up last night but both proved alibis. One of the men is still held at city jail, but Chief Kuespert stated that he believed the man had no connection with the slaying affair. Officers last night searched the streets for a dozen men answering the description of the bandits and these men will be rounded up and compelled to make clear their actions a night of the double murder.

Many reports are being received at police headquarters from persons anxious to aid in capturing the slayers, offering information likely to result in bringing the slayers to justice. Each of these reports are being run down by the authorities and several clues have been returned which appear to be somewhat substantial. One of the most important of these is a story related by two Mishawaka men, one a detective, who alleges that on Wednesday afternoon he ordered three men to the city, apparently Chicago crooks. The men, a white man came to South Bend on the same car with the three men who stood on the rear platform of the car.

Heard Conversation.

According to this man's story the trio were discussing ways and means of securing money. "If we can pull this we will be in Hinky Dinky's (Chicago saloon) and have a New Year's day and will have a—of a time."

Two of the men answer the description of the bandits who killed Henry Muesel and Frank Chrobot and shot William Muesel. One was a small man, apparently a dope or cigarette fiend, the second a man about five foot seven or eight, and the other a man of heavy build. These three men left the car at the Avenue hotel. Detectives are making an investigation of this angle of the case, while the Chicago police have been requested to watch for men answering this description.

Shortly after 3 o'clock Friday afternoon the police department received a call from New Carlisle stating that two men had been seen, apparently hiding in the marsh about a mile west of Crumetown, near the farm where two men answering the description of the bandits attempted to steal a horse and buggy Thursday night. Capt. Schock with Officer Weselak and Detectives Lane, Walters and Dietl sped to the scene in an automobile but discovered the two men to be innocent hunters. Dozens of other similar clues have been run down to no avail.

Many Theories Offered.

There are many theories regarding the identity of the two bandits. One of the questions which the police are attempting to solve is whether the men were local or outside talent. That they were amateurs at the hold-up business appears to be certain as the police believe that the professional would never have shot except through dire necessity, neither would the tried and true "stick-up" man have permitted any of his captives to get

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