

For the Fair Sex

LAST DAY OF THE YEAR

IT IS TIME TO CHECK UP ACCOUNTS

It is Well, in Spite of the Cynics, to Go Over the Year, See Where We Have Failed and Resolve to Make the New Year Better

This is the last day of 1904. The last chance to make the year a memorable one. It is the day when thinking men and women take account of stock; a sort of mental shaking-up which answers to the inventory now in process in the shops. And if this last day of the year did not come round with great regularity it would have been invented by the moralists as one of the most wholesome institutions for the spiritual betterment of humanity.

Any day upon which we stop and think; any day that marks a period of time, the end of one year and the beginning of another, is an excellent day for us all. For if we get into a sort of rut, if all days seem alike, a dead level of effort, without anything to tell us of our progress or anything to warn us, perchance, that we are not progressing, this last day of the year inevitably comes and we face ourselves as we are.

The skeptical man who has outlived his sentiments and illusions will say this marking off of one year from another had to be done for practical reasons, and he will laugh at those who feel that they can ever make a new start in any way. But that man is wrong. If he himself would drop his cynicism and resolve with the New Year to cultivate the spiritual side of life, he will make some astonishing discoveries. You generally find in this world what you look for, and you see in others merely a reflection of your own spirit. So if the world-weary man who laughs at the good resolves of those fatuous mortals who dream they can begin life anew with a new year, would himself make a reckoning to-day and see wherein he has lived well in the past and how he can do better in the future, he would not be as foolish as others now seem to him. For it is well today to put our souls through a clearing house process, check up the old accounts and close the books of 1904. Not always a wise process, this looking back, but today it serves an excellent purpose. For if we find that during the closing year we have not gone on, we will inevitably know that we have gone back.

For as in the physical world there is no such thing as standing still, so in the spiritual world it is the same. If we cannot see this day that during the period of time called a year we have been a little kinder, a little more unselfish, a little more charitable in our views a trifle less self-centered, then indeed we may conclude it a bad year, in which our souls have contracted instead of expanded. For if and time do not teach us more charity, more generosity in judgment, more tolerance, we have wasted these precious things most wickedly.

To many the last day of the old year is a time of sadness and regret. But fortunately the first day of a new one—all the crusty old bachelors to the contrary notwithstanding—marks the beginning of a year which we can make into anything we please. We literally have the New Year in our hands today. It presents to us a fresh white page to make or mar. The wisest man is he who gives the broadest spiritual significance to this clean new year; who resolves to blot out the past tonight as if it had never been, and not only keep that opening page white, but never look back to things he would forget. It is hardly possible to live without constantly meeting the consequences of our past acts, but they lose their sting when fairly met and for the last time.

To make resolves to live well the new year has become a joke. To "swear off" tomorrow is rather a fat, but there never was a swearing off—even though it last but a day—which did not strengthen some will or bring gladness to some heart. So if the man who laughs will at the same time resolve some good thing just the same, it all helps to make the first day of the year the time of blessing that it should be. One good resolve would be to cut from our list of acquaintances those shallow souls who recognize nothing but the material and whose vision is limited to making money. And let us resolve, no matter what the past has been, to make 1905 a good year.

Marie

Mainly About People

Mr. and Mrs. McGee, of the Willard, have gone to Denver.

The Sons of Abraham will give their third annual ball New Year's night at Central hall.

Miss Jessie Jackson, of Selby avenue, gave a luncheon on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartin, of Dayton avenue, have gone to Hot Springs.

Miss Godbrat, of Ada street, entertained informally Thursday evening.

Mrs. Zimmerman, of Kent street, gave a luncheon Thursday.

Dale Hise and Guards No. 55, L. O. T. M., will give a New Year's ball and pillow raffle at Bowley hall this evening. A fancy drill will be put on by the guards.

Mrs. D. T. Vail, of Portland avenue, will give a bridge party next Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Clark, of Portland avenue, has returned from Chicago.

Miss Hare, of Western avenue, will return next week to Virginia.

Decoration for Count Cassini
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, today received a cablegram stating

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FASHIONS FROM VOGUE

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Plain, tight-fitting tailor-made gowns are generally unbecoming to very slight women, even when made with a generous fullness at the bust. The lines are hard to conceal without the help of soft folds or gathers. To overcome this difficulty several smart tailors have produced this season gowns that are strictly tailor-made in appearance and still are so made as to give fullness, breadth, and soft, graceful lines to the figure. One such model which was particularly happy in its result is shown by the accompanying illustration. It is of a peculiar shade of jade green novelty cloth with a slightly rough surface, which added to the becomingness of the suit by increasing the size of the wearer. The skirt has a platted front breadth and full shirred sides and is simply finished at the bottom by a stitched hem. The short coat is double breasted and is made with a tight-fitting back and fronts that are laid in plaits at the arm holes, thus giving a graceful fullness across the bust, and it is trimmed with two overlapping collars, the smaller and upper one being

made of a darker green velvet than the cloth and the under one of white suede. The sleeves are plaited at the top and have double cuffs of the velvet and suede to match the collars and the buttons are of green velvet. The hat shown by the drawing is a pretty variation of the popular continental shape and of black felt trimmed with black ostrich tips and white satin rosettes. Women who are either too stout or too thin should study the effect of different materials before selecting one for a costume and then should choose the one most suited to their individual needs rather than blindly such and such a fabric because it happens to be most in vogue at the time. For instance, smooth satin-faced materials, such as cloth, panne velvet, etc., should be avoided by thin women unless made after very full, shirred models, for they emphasize the slowness of the wearer, and for this very reason they should be worn by stout women. On the other hand, all rough goods are becoming to thin women and velvet may be worn with almost equal becomingness by either.

room on her knees in front of a trunk and conferring on the ambassador the decoration of the Order of Alexander Nevsky.

Pope Receives Baroness MacDonald
ROME, Dec. 30.—The pope today received the Baroness MacDonald, widow of the Canadian premier. The pontiff on this occasion spoke in French for perhaps the first time in a private audience. He asked her to sit next to him, saying her visit was an honor for him. The pope said he knew how fairly her late husband treated the Canadian Catholics and presented her with a medal bearing the pope's head on one side and his arms on the other side. Afterward Baroness MacDonald visited the papal secretary Merry del Val in the famous apartment which she said was the most perfect representation it was possible to imagine of an apartment of the middle ages.

GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

The Princess of Wales is much taken up with the Duchess of Roxburgh, who was Miss May Golet. The Duchess of Roxburgh is the daughter of the Duke of Devonshire and the Countess de Grey, all close to the throne, lose no effort to show their favor for this member of the Golet family. It is the other way with the Duchess of Devonshire, who is the wife of the Duke of Devonshire, who is the wife of the Duke of Devonshire, who is the wife of the Duke of Devonshire.

Because of the great popularity of the former Miss Golet, American women in London are copying her in the wearing of jewels. From long into her girlhood the now Duchess of Roxburgh was a great collector of turquoise, and when married had, perhaps, 100 brooches, pins and ear rings of prime blue stones. These she had broken up and the largest were made into a multiple collar of exceeding richness. Then the fair-haired Mrs. Chauncey discarded her emeralds for a tiara of turquoises and pearl points. This was a dangerous thing for a blond woman to do, but when the Marchioness of Dufferin, one of the fairest haired women of England, appeared at a house party wearing a crown of the blue gems there was a strong demand on all the jewelers for turquoises of proper tone. Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, wife of the American minister to Belgium, has a set which in quality, if not in numbers, equals Queen Alexandra's collection.

The Bryn Mawr college girls now home for Christmas will have to do something on their return for a young colored woman, who was discovered on last Wednesday with a trunk full of sweets not permitted the students by the rigid college rules. Miss Helen S. Hoyt, daughter of a former Pennsylvania governor, missed a pocketbook and \$60. She notified Miss Sloan, matron of the building, who said all the servants' rooms would be searched. This had a startling effect upon the colored woman, who was found in her

CONGER GOES FROM CHINA

Other Diplomatic Changes Are Decided Upon by Mr. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt is considering important appointments in the diplomatic and consular service which are to be made by him at the beginning of the new administration next March. It is known that he has decided on several changes.

Joseph H. Choate, ambassador to the court of St. James, has indicated that he does not desire longer to continue as the representative of this government in Great Britain. He will be succeeded by Whitelaw Reid, of New York, who was one time minister to France.

Gen. Horace Porter, American ambassador to France, will retire from that post soon after the 4th of March. He was appointed by the late President McKinley, and with the expiration of his present term will have served the United States at the French capital eight years. The president has decided on Gen. Porter's successor, but at this time no announcement of his decision can be made.

Charlemagne Tower, ambassador to Germany, and Robert S. McCormick, ambassador to Russia, will continue at their posts. Delany Storey will continue as ambassador to Austria-Hungary, unless the president should decide to transfer him to another post in the diplomatic service.

As to the ambassadorship to Italy, nothing of a definite nature can be said now. It has been rumored that Ambassador George V. L. Meyer is to succeed Gen. Porter at Paris, but such a change is not certain. The probabilities are that Mr. Meyer will remain at Rome.

Conger Goes to Mexico
Gen. Powell Clayton having decided to relinquish his post as ambassador to Mexico at the end of the present administration, he will be succeeded by Edwin H. Conger, now United States minister to China. It is not expected that Mr. Conger will continue long at the Mexican capital, as he is understood to intend to return to his home state of Iowa, to be a candidate for governor in succession to Gov. Cummins. When he leaves the City of Mexico he will be succeeded by David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, now minister to Brazil. Mr. Thompson accepted the appointment to Brazil with the understanding that he would be appointed to a higher place in the diplomatic service as soon as opportunity offered. Minister Conger will be succeeded by the court of Peking by William W. Rockhill, at present director of the bureau of American republics, who is recognized as an authority on all subjects pertaining to China and the Orient.

John K. Gowdy, who was appointed by President McKinley as consul general at Paris, will be succeeded by Frank H. Taylor, now consul general at Berlin. In succession to the late John Lewis Griffiths, of Indianapolis, will be named.

UNCLE SAM SHOULD OWN MANEUVER GROUNDS

So Suggests Umpire at Maneuvers in Washington State

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Gen. MacArthur, commander of the Pacific division, in his report to the department on the joint maneuvers held during the summer at Atascadero, Cal., and at American Lake, Wash., says the most notable event connected with the exercises resulted from the resourcefulness of the signal corps under Lieut. Goodale at American Lake, where, under the pressure of emergencies, many ingenious and original electrical demonstrations were made. The report recommends a permanent continuance of the maneuvers.

Decides on Sugar Test
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The quality of sugar for tariff purposes must be determined by the scientific polariscopes according to a decision announced today by the United States general appraisers. The decision was given on a protest filed by importers against a recent ruling of the United States circuit court of appeals. The protest declared that the regulations upon which the decision of the circuit court was based are unconstitutional, and that the tariff board should be "tested" by the polariscopes and "degree shown by the polariscopes" as used in the tariff act should be interpreted literally. The largest sugar importers in the country are interested in the decision, probably will be taken to the United States supreme court for final decision. The amount involved already has reached many millions of dollars.

Women Strikers Parade
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Hundreds of women and men, who compose the forces of striking garment workers, marched through the streets today in a parade devised to show the strength of the union whose members walked out of twenty-four shops of the National Wholesale Tailors' association Nov. 17. Bearing banners and transparencies inscribed with words of contempt for non-unionists who took their places in the clothing manufacturer, the procession filed past the strike-affected shops. A detail of police led the procession.

Drowned on Pleasure Trip
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—A pleasure excursion to Southern waters has ended in the death of one of the occupants of an open steam launch which was sunk by a collision with ice floes in the Mississippi river, twenty-five miles south of here. Dr. Hiram W. Young, of the Louisville, lost his wife while trying to swim from the sinking launch to the shore, about sixty feet distant. His engineer, who clung to the wrecked boat, was rescued.

Accept Lower Wages
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The rail and steel mill employees of the Illinois Steel company have decided to accept lower wages and a twelve-hour working day proposed by the company to go into effect Jan. 1 in the plant at South Chicago. In the readjustment of wages and working conditions the company will be able to increase its output with a smaller force of men. The changes are in accord with retrenchments which have recently been made in nearly all other branches of the United States Steel corporation.

Bryan Will Speak on Grant
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TRIES TO EXPLAIN HIGH BEEF PRICES

Bureau of Labor Official Speaks of Supply, Demand and Combinations

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—The members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in convention here today, listened to a paper read by Frederick C. Croton, of the United States bureau of labor, in which he accounted for the advance in the price of beef during the past ten years. He presented statistics in support of his theory, giving the ratio of the supply to the demand during the period covered by his paper. He said: "The retail price of fresh beef at the present time is about 10 per cent above the average for the period from 1890 to 1899. The margin between beef at wholesale and at retail is usually rather close. The most difficult question encountered in a study of beef prices is that of supply. The estimates of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture show an increase from 1890 to 1904 of 15.6 per cent in the number of cattle in the United States, while in the same time the population increased about 30 per cent and the exports of fresh beef increased 75.9 per cent.

Food Adulteration Increases
Nearly all of the sections and societies affiliated with the main organization held final sessions today. Before the section of chemistry Dr. Leon L. Walters, who has made investigations of the food supply in New York, spoke on food adulteration. He said: "I think I am justified in saying that the pernicious habit is on the increase and the brazen effrontery with which it is carried on indicates the indulgence of the American public. Labels have come to mean nothing. I doubt if pure olive oil is to be found on the market. Cottonseed oil is almost universally sold under that name. I am prepared to tell anyone that nearly all the flavoring extracts sold in New York city are composed of synthetic ethers, blended and colored with aniline dyes."

The enormous differences in the amount of sustenance necessary for different classes of men is one of the most important questions of the day," said Prof. Simon Newcomb, the noted astronomer in a paper on "The Basis of Economics as an Exact Science." "But all these things are governed by the laws of supply and demand, and the various laws growing out of them, and all these grow out of the inequalities in the ability of men. There should be some way to lead to the diminution of the inequality, some way of investigating the supply and demand and their effect upon distribution.

The socialist of today is opposed to every practical measure that would bring about the work of socialism. He is like a man who walks over a precipice to get to the other side of a valley."

Favor Phonetic Spelling
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A universal alphabet to be adopted by the dictionary publishers of every country is the object of the central division of the Modern Language Association of America, whose members discussed the subject at their ninth annual meeting. The joint committee reported on the subject of a phonetic English alphabet. The proposed changes will necessitate additions to the English alphabet. The system, if once introduced by dictionary makers, it was said, would in time lead to the employment of the phonetic spelling in all literature.

Boston Tunnel Operates
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 30.—The submarine tunnel connecting Boston and East Boston was opened for public travel today. It is double tracked and 1.4 miles long, 2.70 feet being under the harbor waters. The cost of construction was \$3,000,000. The tunnel was built by the city of Boston which has leased it for twenty-five years, dating from 1897, to the Boston Elevated Railway company, which will use the tunnel exclusively for the passage of its electric cars between Boston and East Boston.

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