

SOBER "WATCH PARTIES" SEE OLD YEAR PASS

Customary Hilarity Absent Throughout Nation—Vice President Addresses New Year's Greeting To Nation—Cabinet Members Also Send Messages

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Washington welcomed the new year tonight without any public or semi-public functions, but with the usual church and home watch parties and street celebrations.

Dinner dances at hotels apparently were more popular than ever. National prohibition had no net effect for this was the third new year celebration since the ban was placed on liquor in the District of Columbia.

Some members of hotel parties "brought their own" and diplomatic row continued its immunity from prohibition restrictions.

Because of President Wilson's condition there was no formal watch party at the White House and New Year's day will be observed quietly there. Official functions tomorrow will include a luncheon for the diplomatic corps by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing, a reception by the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, and a joint reception by the Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker, and the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Crowell.

New Year's messages to the nation were issued tonight by Vice-President Marshall and some members of the cabinet. Mr. Marshall said: "Men are agonizing over the passion and prejudice, both real and seeming, which are dividing the nation. The blackness of despair would settle over our land were it not that faith, hope and charity still abide—faith that a deeper knowledge of the wisdom of our institutions were imparted to every son and daughter of the republic, hope that more and more all men will return from the contemplation of their rights to a consideration of their duties, and charity for all who are not vicious, but who, through stress of circumstances, have become embittered.

"God of our fathers, take from us, if Thou wilt, material prosperity and national greatness, but give us individually and collectively for all the years to come, faith, hope and charity."

Secretary Lano said: "The year 1920 may be a Lincoln year, a Lincoln year in which our people will learn to look at things through Lincoln's eyes—those kind, wise, steadfast eyes, those eyes that were never dimmed by malice nor envy, but that were ever sympathetic in a noble common sense. Why can't we make this 1920 a Lincoln year?"

GENERAL REDUCTION IN PRICES PROMPTLY SAID FEDERAL BOARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—General anxiety prevails throughout American business circles over the continued advance in prices and a readjustment appears imminent. The federal reserve board reported tonight in its review of December business conditions. The inference was strongly given that a reduction in prices is due because of a recognized curtailment of buying power coupled with a lack of unanimity of opinion as to what the future holds.

While retail trade shows great activity and wholesalers and manufacturers represented as unable to supply the demand, the great growth in business was shown to have been in terms of dollars and not in units of production. High wages further complicated the situation, according to the board's view. Practically every federal reserve district reported that "skilled labor was working only sufficient days to keep going," resulting in a consequent falling off in production.

In face of heavy demands, cautious manufacturers were described as disinclined to commit themselves far in advance. Credits have been shortened and uncertainty as to the next three months in forestalling the expansion in trade naturally to be expected as the nation settles towards its peace activity. The high cost of living was referred to as an "unquestionable menace."

BERLIN PRINCE SAFE IN PARIS PARIS, Dec. 31.—Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia, who was reported in a Berlin dispatch to have been killed by an explosion, is in Paris and well. The story of his death, therefore, is without foundation.

Where Are You Going To Eat Your New Year's Dinner?

WHY not have a meal like mother used to cook—Yes, good home cooked food and lots of it, so let The Republican Business Directory be your guide and it will tell you where you can find such a place. You will find The Republican's Business Directory, can put you in touch with any business that you may be in market for in a minutes notice.

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Root Will Aid in Launching International Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (By The A. P.)—Elihu Root, former secretary of state, will be called upon to assist in launching the great international supreme court provided under the league of nations.

Of the instrumentalities which are to be set in motion almost immediately upon the proclamation of peace, a permanent international court of justice is regarded by the supreme council as of ranking importance. Consequently, that body, through its secretariat in London, already has gone as far as possible towards creation of the court.

Information has come that the plans have been so far perfected as to permit of the extension of certain international jurists of invitations to form a managerial committee to plan details of the court and define its scope.

As a beginning, only men of wide reputation from a few of the entente nations and the United States have been selected, but it is probable that additions will be made, perhaps even great jurists from late enemy states, provided their governments adhere to the league. The purpose is to name such members of the committee solely upon the basis of reputation as international lawyers and judges, which would make it possible to include some Latin-American names, regardless of the political importance of their nations.

Mr. Root has been favorably considered in the selection of the managers in full recognition of the fact that the United States has not approved of the treaty. The reason was to be found in the unremitting efforts of Mr. Root to bring an international court into existence, beginning when he was in Roosevelt's cabinet.

English Lot in New Year Rests With Englishmen Asserts Premier

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Dec. 31.—Premier Lloyd George, in his New Year's message to Great Britain, said: "We bid farewell to the fateful year which witnesses the signing of peace, that is a token of victory and a warrant for hope. Whether the new year shall be rich with promise or laden with despair depends upon ourselves. We have reached the time when a concentrated effort is essential to the rebuilding of the world.

"If we quarrel amongst ourselves we impair our strength and retard our progress. But by united action based on common honesty and inspired by a spirit of general good will, the nation will add to the glory achieved in the past the accomplishment in the great task of restoring the prosperity and well being of our people."

Accuse Wilson of Arousing Opinion Against Carranza

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 31.—Asserting that President Wilson is chiefly responsible for the Mexican situation as it exists, Excelsior, a Mexico City newspaper, in its issue of December 22 editorially charges him with stirring up the sentiment against Mexico.

The editorial says in part: "We have profound admiration for the North American republic, for its powerful energy, for its love of work and liberty, for the enthusiasm with which it has advanced its civilization, but these virtues are little shown, unfortunately, in its comportment toward Mexico. And in this occasion it has seen a chance to gain, to have his democratic romances do not remove one atom from the force of his acts. Enough things have been said under the fiction of 'watchful waiting' so that at this time it is certain there is a halting effort under the delirious spirit for an American mandate."

The editorial then recites the lack of respect shown by the United States toward the Carranza government in Mexico.

TRAIN SERVICE TO MEXICO CITY

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 31.—Through train service between Juarez and Mexico City will be established, beginning tomorrow, according to an official announcement here tonight.

VISIT MEXICAN OFFICER JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 31.—Col. Francis W. Glover, chief of staff of Gen. Robert L. Howse, commander of the El Paso military district, and Capt. Carroll M. Counts, head of the military intelligence department at El Paso, today paid a visit of courtesy to Gen. J. Gonzalo Escobar, commander of the Juarez military district.

BONILLAS TO BE WITHDRAWN. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 31.—It is unofficially stated that the foreign office in Mexico City, according to advices reaching here tonight, that Ygnacio Bonillas, ambassador from the United States, will be withdrawn from Mexico City on January 20. Albert Pani is suggested as Bonillas' successor.

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Pledges Support of Labor in Solving Country's Industrial Problems in Next 12 Months

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a New Year statement, pledged America's workers to do their full share in working out the country's problems of 1920. Mr. Gompers said:

"American workers stand ready in the new year, as in the past, to do their duty as American citizens. We have always placed our obligations as citizens above all else, and as citizens we are true to the American ideal of equal opportunity for all.

"In the past we have found it necessary to fight for that ideal against agencies that sought to establish special privileges. These fights have not been in defence of class advantages, but to assure to wage earners the rights and opportunities that all should possess. Our struggles may have brought discomfort to others but they prevented a greater evil—deterioration of the virility of a part of the nation.

"The great struggle of labor in the past has been to assure to workers in their industrial relations the rights of free citizens. We have fought to give the ideal of America dominating influence in shops and factories. Our militant struggle has won general recognition for our demands. But our work is not all done. We stand in a position to contribute to the improvement of production, processes and organization.

"The immediate problem of the world is to develop a production organization that will benefit directly those who are the real producers and will also serve the needs of the general public. The movement of just dealing, America's workers are able to cooperate in freeing production from the preventing grasp of speculation and the monopolies of the industrial system to enrich a few who gain unfair advantage, thus preventing production for the ruin of all.

"This is a big job, but it is essential for well grounded development in the years to come. It is essential to that ideal which is America—equal opportunity for all. We stand in a position to do our full share in working out all our country's problems.

"With the new year, 1920 may it bring us glory and happiness to all our people."

DETZER, US WITNESS STAND, SAYS HE IS "FRAME UP" VICTIM

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Captain Earl W. Detzer, being tried by court martial on Governor's Island for alleged brutal treatment of prisoners, while the military police at Le Mans, France, today in his own defense testified he was the victim of a "frame up."

D. Mahan his subordinate, was jealous of him, the captain said. Mahan was a former policeman and apparently did not like having Detzer, a military newspaper man, for his superior in military police matters, the captain asserted.

Mahan and 70 members of Detzer's company later were transferred for "indefinite" and "indefinite" treatment of prisoners," Detzer said.

Private C. H. Lacey, who testified against the captain, made the following statement: "Detzer declared: 'Lacey had been arrested by D. C. I. officers nine times, Detzer said, but through some influences was released after serving a few days of a three months' sentence.

"The 'Hardballed' Smith case was going on in Paris while his military police charges were being investigated at Le Mans, and the 'prisoners in all the guard houses thrived on it,' according to Detzer.

The captain entered a categorical denial of charges alleging brutality and conduct unbecoming an officer. He specifically denied the accusations by Murray Phillips who testified that Detzer received half of 5,100 francs he said were stolen from him by Sergeant Madden of Detzer's company. The captain asserted he never saw Phillips until the latter appeared to testify against him.

Detzer admitted that he had ordered a "water cure" to be given the "water cure" he described as "having the man's head held under a pump. He denied emphatically that he had ever ordered a man to eat a lighted cigarette.

ASSISTANT TRAFFIC DIRECTOR QUILTS WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The resignation of Gerrit Fort as assistant director of traffic for the railroad administration was announced tonight. Mr. Fort leaves his post, which he has filled since the government assumed control of the railroads, to become vice president in charge of traffic of the Boston and Maine railroad. He formerly was passenger traffic manager for the Union Pacific.

RAISIN GROWERS HAVE BUMPER YEAR FRESNO, Calif., Dec. 31.—The raisin crop this year will not growers about \$23,000,000, which is about double what it has been in previous years. President William Griffin of the California Raisin Growers' association, announced here today. For the first time in its history the growers have sold the entire crop before January.

BANK RESOURCES REFLECT NATION'S GROWING WEALTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—An unprecedented increase of approximately one billion dollars in the resources of national banks for the year was reported tonight by Comptroller Williams.

On the last call, November 14, national bank resources represented \$55,200,000,000. The increase in deposits and total assets, the comptroller said, were scattered widely. The increase in resources of banks outside the reserve cities since June 30 was nearly \$200,000,000. The resources of "country banks" in Texas increased in the past six months alone \$134,000,000 or 34 per cent.

RESET YEAR TO BE BUSY ONE FOR THIS COUNTRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Any movement, however, cloaked or disguised, designed to undermine the government will be met with "unflinching, persistent, aggressive warfare," Attorney General Palmer announced tonight in stating the policy of the department of justice for the forthcoming year. He added that no quarter would be shown bolsheviks or others of their ilk whom he denominated "chiefly criminals, misanthropic idealists, social bigots and unfortunately suffering from various forms of hypersthesia."

Mr. Palmer declared that the government has been tracking agitators, methods and managements of the element which has been charged with 75 per cent of the unrest in this country. Representatives of the department of justice, working with secret agents of the allied powers, have gone into the Russian bolshevik territories to obtain definite information of the plans of those responsible for introducing to the world the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Reds Have Specific Doctrine "We have found," Mr. Palmer said, "that the 'red' movement does not mean an attitude of protest against alleged defects in our present political and economic organizations of society. It does not represent the radicalism of the past, but a new and specific doctrine, namely, the introduction of dictatorship by force and violence. It is not a movement of liberty loving persons, but distinctly a criminal and dishonest scheme.

"Lenine, himself, it is proved, made the statement that among every hundred bolsheviks there is one real bolshevik, 39 criminals and 60 fools; and Russia's experiment, we find, the dictatorship of the proletariat, after the manner of the communists, is an accumulation of stocks, still are promising the peasants peace, bread and land.

"The dictatorship of the proletariat has been the most forcible method of ending their activities in this country. He urged the American people, in the interests of law and order, peace and happiness and the maintenance of national solidarity, to 'study the full meaning of the 'red' idea and to counteract it through the teaching of Americanism in the schools, the church, the school and labor organizations.

The Commercial Outlook WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Alexander of the department of commerce today summed up the commercial outlook for 1920 as follows: "The closing year witnessed a fabulous growth of American foreign commerce. Our trade balance for 1919 will be approximately four billions. A great fleet of merchant ships, new in design and sources of supply and increased knowledge of our own resources are some of the assets gained from our war experience. Before the war we were engaged, for the most part, in the development of a business, with little serious thought of extension of our activities into world markets and we were too indifferent as regards our position of inferiority on the high seas. Today we are awake as never before. The pride of antebellum days is revived and we look to see our flag at the masthead of a great American merchant fleet carrying American goods wherever markets may be found.

Abnormal Conditions Passing "Abnormal conditions, we hope, are passing. The tremendous increase in the exports of the war period, made up largely of military supplies and the still greater exports of the months following the war, in which foodstuffs figured largely, may not continue indefinitely. These tremendous figures in New York were crowded with family grave concern to those who look forward to 1920. The exchange in Europe is a grave problem and so uncomforable for foreign buyers as to necessitate in some cases government restrictions on buying. If we would continue our foreign trade at its present high level there must be a freer and fuller exchange of commodities and a large extension of credit to European buyers. So let us find a condition in which buying and selling will be profitable to both sides. On that basis we may build a commercial structure on a firm foundation.

"It is too much to expect that normal conditions, for which we all are so impatient should come within the 14 months since the signing of the armistice. The wonder is that the situation is not more unsettled. Existing conditions are not unlike those of the war, only the problems are of greater proportions and more complex. Our domestic situation is not free from difficulty. Let us hope that in the year 1920 there will be less social unrest, that production will increase and living costs be gradually reduced and that by intelligent co-operation unselfish regard for the public welfare our national prosperity may continue."

SOLDIERS SHOOT FOUR BALTIMORE, Md., January 1.—New Year's day opened in Baltimore with the shooting of four young women and a boy by a group of intoxicated soldiers racing along Baltimore street in an automobile shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. None of the wounds appeared to be dangerous.

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