

Banton Pledges Quick Trials as He Takes Office

New District Attorney for New York County Urges Increase in Number of General Sessions Judges

Few Changes in Staff

Nagle Assumes Duties as Sheriff; Hylan Is to Hold Public Reception To-day

Joseph H. Banton took office as District Attorney of New York County yesterday. A reception was held in the law library of the Criminal Courts Building attended by judges of the General Sessions, assistant district attorneys and others connected with the prosecutor's office.

There are 2,097 untried cases on the criminal calendar. Mr. Banton, in a brief address, said that he expected to reduce this number by 1,500 during the year. He declared, however, that the task was too big for any one man unaided by Divine guidance.

He asked for the prayers of the righteous people in New York for the accomplishment of his work. He recommended an increase in the Court of General Sessions by the addition of two or more judges.

Few Changes in Staff
Mr. Banton has made few changes in the staff which assisted the retiring District Attorney. His new appointments were Ferdinand Pecora, chief of staff; John P. Donlon, secretary; William L. Kavanaugh, chief clerk; Hugo Winter, Assistant District Attorney; and the following deputy assistant district attorneys: Michael J. Conroy, Ford, Winter Russell and Mrs. Pauline O. Field.

He came into the office under favorable conditions. Mr. Banton said: "More than 2,000,000 people have come to me to the task, the largest vote given to any candidate for a county office in the recent election."

"All that I have in the way of ability I shall give to justify these expressions of confidence, and yet I more than any one else, feel my own shortcomings."

"I shall devote myself to my task in my own way, and that is to work and work without ceasing. The staff that I have called to assist me will likewise work without ceasing and my members will fall in with that spirit."

He said that he had no room here for a sluggard or a loafer. A criminal case should be tried within three months of the date of issue. The Bar Association, the judges of the Court of General Sessions and the public are working to attain this.

The normal increase of business in the Court of General Sessions will probably be about 250 cases a day during the year just closed. That was ten cases a week more than the six parts of the Court of General Sessions were able to handle. We have now 2,072 indictments pending.

"During the year just past I have tried to obtain the attendance of Supreme Court Justices from up the state to sit as judges in General Sessions, as the law allows, and during one month was successful. After great effort I must say that this is an improbable solution of the problem."

Civil Calendars Crowded
"The constitutional allowance for expenses is too small to justify an expense to come here and devote his time to our courts. I then appealed to the presiding justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in this department, only to find that the civil calendars in this country are so crowded that the justices cannot be spared to hold criminal terms. We need at least ten (trial parts in the General Sessions) assuming that a judge sits every trial day of the year. There are about 250 trial days. Assuming that one part of the country would try one case a day, that would average 250 cases a year for a given part. It is safe to say that of the 2,007 cases pending, 1,500 of them will be tried."

"It seems that the prohibition cases will have to be treated as General Sessions cases, and the only way that I can see to overcome the growth of business and take care of our present calendar is to increase the Court of General Sessions by adding at least two more judges and probably four."

Another officer who was inducted into office yesterday was Major Percival E. Nagle, who became Sheriff of New York County, succeeding Henry H. Knott. He took the oath of office a week ago before Justice Wagner, of the Supreme Court.

Gogey Remains Under-Sheriff
The staff which assisted the retiring Sheriff will remain with one or two exceptions. John V. Gogey will remain as under-sheriff, George W. Olvany as chief counsel, George H. Engel as assistant counsel and John Campbell as law assistant.

In his address Sheriff Nagle emphasized that he was a "straight organization Democrat" and he wanted such men in his office. In addition, however, he said that such appointments would have to perform satisfactory work.

Mayor Hylan will inaugurate his second administration with a public reception at the City Hall at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The Mayor will be the principal speaker and will administer the oaths of office to the members of his cabinet.

Wanamaker Predicts Year of "Settling Down"

Believes Country Will Get Nearer Even Keel Despite Many Vexing Problems

John Wanamaker, commenting yesterday on the business outlook for the coming year, pointed out that high wages, costs, rents and taxes still exist and that these will have to be adjusted before business can get back to an even keel. He predicts that 1922 will be a year of settling down and getting near to a normal balance.

His statement reads: "Every good American must look into the new year hopefully. There are still the conditions of high wages, high costs, high rents and high taxes to be dealt with. There will have to be an adjustment of these things before business can get on an even keel. "Every business man wishes, of course, that it could all be settled at once by some single sweeping action—adjusting wages, adjusting costs, adjusting prices, adjusting rents, adjusting taxes, all coming down together. "But let us not be discouraged. The nation is full of life and health. It has the right spirit and it is panicky-minded. It has great opportunities, greater than the opportunities of any other nation in the world. "We made progress in 1921. We are better off than we were in 1920. "The year 1922 will continue to be a year of settling down and getting nearer to an even keel."

75 Homeless Face '22 Unafraid, For Mrs. Libby Has Dined Them

Derelicts Gathered by Salvation Army for Kindly Hostess Eat Their Fill in Old Oyster House, Amid Wraiths of Great Who Made Original Famous

The bar in Libby's oyster house, at 122 Fulton Street, was strewn with food. Seventy-five well-fed gentlemen of the road with about enough money among them to buy a second-hand fiver sat back yesterday afternoon from their tables and blew clouds of smoke from as many expensive cigars. They were on the gentleman who brought them up his sleeve, nothing considered about his person and who was asked to demonstrate that the hand is quicker than the eye.

It was Mrs. Martha Libby's New Year's party, and her guests were gathered from the hard roads that lead to nowhere. The Salvation Army had because Mrs. Libby had so requested. She gave them sustenance and entertainment, and the meal she served was a combination of food which has made the old oyster house famous.

It was a meal such as Horace Greeley enjoyed when Major Oliver Libby, who founded the oyster house four years ago, served the memorable chowder and unforgettable blue points in the dingy basement of 145 Fulton Street. Henry Ward Beecher and Grover Cleveland, who was Governor then, would drop in now and then around noon. Fifteen years ago the present site was occupied.

The business of eating had been accomplished and the hard-boiled seventy-five were in a mood for relaxation. After Elmer Ransom, the musician, came Bob Dale, aided and abetted by Harold Norman at the piano. And it was Brother Dale who touched a responsive chord when he sang a rollicking piece beginning: "You ain't an 'I'll tell you what the engine done. She left New Orleans about a quarter to an engineer, he says to me. 'This a-hushtin' along to meet the Santa Fe.'"

And so on ran the song with innumerable verses. After that every one was right at home, and when Mr. Dale got out a one-stringed fiddle and set to playing "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," you couldn't stop 'em from singing.

Sir James Barrie Given High Honor For Literary Work

Sir James Buchanan, Famous Whisky Distiller, Among Four New British Peers; Women Are Decorated

LONDON, Jan. 1. (By The Associated Press).—Sir James M. Barrie was the most conspicuous recipient of the New Year's honors. He was awarded the Order of Merit for services to literature and the drama. This is one of the highest honors, and is strictly limited in numbers, others holding the decoration including Mr. Lloyd George, A. J. Balfour, Lord Morley and Thomas Hardy.

Four new peers were created—Sir James Buchanan, the famous whisky distiller; Sir Robert Neilson, financial adviser to the government and the overseas dominions; Joseph Watson, railway director and prominent in the homecoming world, and Lieutenant Colonel Francis V. Wilby, head of the Bradford and Boston, Mass., firm of wool merchants.

Among the new knights are Gerald du Maurier, actor-manager, and the actor Charles Hawtrey; James Jebusa Shannon, the artist; James Almond, musician; Professor William Albert Herdman, scientist, and Colonel Joseph Reed, chairman of the Press Association.

Among the women appearing in the new order of the British Empire is Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs; she was the daughter of the late J. M. Monro, Hinds, United States Minister to Brazil, and widow of Alfred Digman, of Buenos Ayres. Mrs. Hughes, wife of the Australian Premier, receives the same order, both being appointed Dames of the Grand Cross for war services.

Lady Greerwood, wife of Sir Hamar Greerwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, for services in England, and Ethel Smyth, the composer, were appointed Dames Commander.

Cahill Has Job Hunters In Richmond Guessing

New Borough President, Pestered With Office Seekers, Has Announced No Appointee

Matthew Cahill, who is to take office to-day as President of the Borough of Richmond, has kept office-seekers guessing to the last minute as to whom he will appoint. He has not even announced the name of his private secretary.


For weeks more than 2,000 persons have been pestering him for jobs with the city. He has a Commissioner of Public Works to appoint, at a salary of \$7,500, and has about 200 other appointments at his command. Members of the outgoing Borough President's staff are still nominally in office, but most of them are certain that they will get no jobs in the new administration.

For the last few days job hunters have been so importunate in their demands that Mr. Cahill has fled his home and has been spending most of his time in Manhattan.

Harry Rudolph, Sheriff-elect of Richmond County, is another whose reticence has baffled the most acute politicians. He appointed Peter Finn as Under-Sheriff yesterday and named William Darcy for a clerkship, but still has many posts to fill.

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Autoists Granted 30 Days' Grace to Obtain Licenses

Those of July 1 and Later Classes Who Failed to Get 1922 Plates Before New Year Allowed Extension

You will have thirty days to get a new license for your automobile, if you got your old license after July 1 and have not been able to obtain the 1922 plate. John T. McNeill, deputy director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Sixty-fifth Street and Broadway, announced yesterday that the great rush just a few hours before 1921 rolled into history had made it impossible for thousands of motor car owners who were limited to January 1 to get their applications into the bureau's hands, and that the general thirty-day extension, therefore, is granted.

Mr. McNeill said that he had noticed the Police Department of this action and that it will be unnecessary for motorists of the July 1 and later classes without the 1922 license plates to stop and show their cards and give explanations between now and January 31, when the period of grace expires.

Saturday night the Sixty-fifth Street office was jammed with applications for new licenses until a few minutes before midnight, when the office closed. During the evening the crowd got so large that the usual force of attached was unable to handle it without disorder and the police squad was increased until there were eight patrolmen keeping the applicants in line.

Failure of a great number of motorists to follow the directions of the Motor Vehicle Bureau to apply at the places designated near their homes was in part responsible for the big crowd. The count of clerks had been divided into groups, and the licensing headquarters were established in armories in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Manhattan. Hundreds of persons who could have made application and received their plates promptly in the neighborhood of their homes went all the way to Sixty-fifth Street and Broadway and joined in the jam.

The count of new licenses on Saturday was 49,000 for passenger cars, 2,000 for omnibuses and 500 for trailers, representing about \$1,000,000 in fees.

Louisiana Society of N. Y. Holds New Year Reception

The Louisiana Society of New York gave an afternoon reception yesterday at Delmonico's for the benefit of Leake & Watt's Orphan House. Among those present were Mrs. Patrick J. White, president of the society; Mrs. M. A. Marks, vice-president; J. Talbot Martin, Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Miss Anita Taylor, Miss Anna Bell, all officers of the Louisiana Society.

Among the matrons who received were Mrs. E. E. Malone, president Dixie Club; Mrs. W. L. Sands, president of the Alabama Society; Mrs. W. S. Comely, president New York State Federation; Mrs. W. B. Smith, president Missouri Society; Mrs. W. A. Cochran, president New York Chapter D. A. L.; Mrs. Thomas Vivian, president of the Congress of States; Mrs. M. T. Trench, president Virginia Society; Mrs. Bedford Parker, president Kentucky Society; Mrs. R. M. Chauman, president City Federation; Mrs. J. H. Grevel, president Leake & Watt's Auxiliary; Miss Helen V. Russell, president Woman's Forum; Miss Mary E. Towle, Assistant District Attorney; Miss J. M. Watson, president Le Cercle de Lafayette.

Miller and Sees World Peace In 1922; Says France Will Aid

PARIS, Jan. 1.—President Millerand in a reception of the diplomatic corps to-day said in an address to two things marked the advent of the new year—a desire for peace and the effacement of the traces of the long and cruel war, and the hope of all peoples for a realization of this.

The President said France hoped that 1922 would see world peace, and that he would be pleased to co-operate in bringing it about.

Monsieur Beneventura Cerretti, the Papal Nuncio, acted as dean of the diplomatic corps, in accordance, as M. Millerand said, with the happy resumption of the century-old tradition.

Convicted French Soldiers Given Freedom on New Year's

PARIS, Jan. 1.—All French soldiers of purely military crimes committed during the war period were granted amnesty to-day by President Millerand as a measure of clemency at the opening of the new year.

Exceptions were made in the cases of those convicted of treason, espionage, intelligence with the enemy, desertion in France or abroad and embezzlement of army funds by officers or non-commissioned officers.

Druggist Held Under Dry Law

Dr. W. D. McGlenon, a brother of former Congressman Cornelius A. McGlenon, of East Orange, N. J., was arrested yesterday at Newark by Captain Scheid, of the Vice Squad, charged with violating the Van Ness law. Dr. McGlenon is the owner of a drug-store at 448 Broad Street, Newark, and the police allege that he sold a half pint of whisky and some gin without a physician's order. The arrest was made on a warrant and Dr. McGlenon was paroled for a hearing before County Judge Stichel on Tuesday.

Woman's Party Heads to Meet at Capital Jan. 15

National Council to Prepare Program for Dedication of Headquarters on May 21

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Members of the National Council of the Woman's Party, representing seventeen states and the District of Columbia, were summoned to-day to meet here January 15 to plan an impressive ceremony in connection with the formal dedication of the new national headquarters on May 21.

These ceremonies, which will mark the completion of the reorganization of the party for the purpose of obtaining full civil, legal and political equality for women, are intended to be as significant as those held here in connection with the suffrage celebration.

The plans will be presented to the National Council by Mrs. John Gordon Battle, of Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and will be acted upon by the council. A call will be drafted for a three-day conference, preceding the dedication, of members of the national advisory council, the national executive committee, the council and state delegations of the party. The program for the dedication itself, with speakers of national prominence, representing this country and foreign nations, will be arranged.

Illinois Sheriff Held in \$36,000 Bank Robbery

Two Other Arrests Made When Witness Declares Officers Received Share of Loot

GREENVILLE, Ill., Jan. 1. With the arrest of Sheriff John W. Wilson of Bond County and two others, and with trails leading detectives to Chicago and St. Louis, State's Attorney J. H. Allen of Greenville, Ill., declared to-night he had virtually cleared up the robbery of the bank in Panama, Ill., on December 12, when \$36,000 in cash and securities was taken.

Sheriff Wilson was arrested after a witness, whose identity was withheld, told the State's Attorney that the officers had received a division of the \$36,000 cash taken by the robbers.

The hold-up of the Panama bank on December 12 was started at 2:45 in the morning by six bandits with blackened faces, who took possession of the little town for half an hour.

Catholic Relief Has Funds

Insurance Report Recommends Another Payment on Claims

Widows and orphans of deceased members of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association will receive 73½ per cent of their claims if the Supreme Court confirms the report of Francis R. Stoddard, Jr., State Superintendent of Insurance. The report was completed Saturday and sent to Arthur C. Mead, Clerk of Onondaga County, to be placed on file.

A first dividend of the association's assets was paid a few months ago, and the report of Superintendent Stoddard shows that the remaining assets are sufficient to pay a second and final dividend of 13½ per cent and he recommends immediate payment. The report will come before the Supreme Court at Syracuse, the former home office of the association, early this month for confirmation.

17 Navy Prisoners Escape Transport Reaches Portsmouth With 83 Offenders

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 1. The United States transport Henderson arrived at the navy yard here today with eighty-three naval prisoners from the Pacific fleet. Officers reported that seventeen prisoners had escaped since the vessel left San Francisco, ten having jumped overboard when the ship was going through the Panama Canal and the others making their escape at points on the Pacific Coast where the vessel stopped.

The prisoners were transferred to the naval prison here and began sentences of from two to five years. These prisoners are all enlisted men whose homes are east of the Mississippi.

Hawaiian 1921 Sugar Crop Is Lowest in Ten Years

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 8 (By Mail). The sugar production of the Hawaiian Islands for the crop year beginning September 20, 1920, and ending September 20, 1921, totaled only 539,196 tons, the lowest in the past ten years.

These figures were reported by E. Tuxson Bishop, retiring president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, at the annual meeting of the organization here.

"Shortage and delay in harvesting are due to the shortage of labor, both for harvesting and other operations," his report said. "The outstanding feature of the year's work has been the shortage and under-efficiency of labor, not only affecting the 1921 crop, but having its baneful influence also on future crops. How serious will be the effect on future crops remains to be seen. The price for raw sugar in 1921 also has been disastrously low. The upheaval in the market has resulted in a situation little short of chaotic, not only in Hawaii, but in every case of a growing country of the world."

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