

This may be our last battle. We believe that it is the beginning of our final triumph.

JOHN MITCHELL, JR

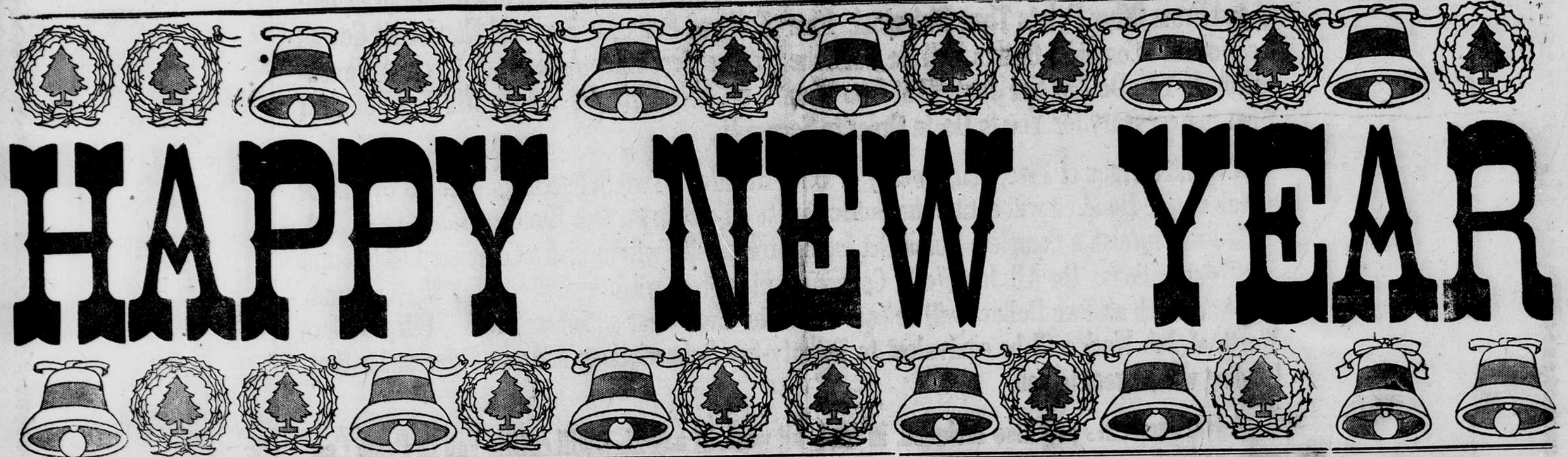
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### SOUTHERN AID SOCIETY SHOWS REMARKABLE BUSINESS GROWTH

The Southern Aid Society of Va., Inc. is one of the outstanding enterprises of the race, as is clearly demonstrated by its unusual growth despite hardships and all forms of competition. It is rounding out thirty-two years of continuous and successful service to the race in the State of Virginia and District of Columbia. Its history is best told by giving a few figures and details in connection with its operation.

The record shows that the Society has paid over \$3,500,000 to policy holders for sick, accident and death benefits during the period of its operation. It has, thru the practice of the greatest economy and good judgment, accumulated \$700,000 in stable assets consisting of cash in banks and trust companies in excess of \$175,000; nearly \$500,000 invested in real estate of the highest character in the various cities of the State of Virginia and District of Columbia—in fact, the Southern Aid buildings in the larger cities are usually the most modern and best constructed buildings owned by the race in these respective places.

It has invested over \$100,000 in mortgages on homes and properties of members of the race, and in many instances it has saved such persons or institutions from complete ruin or loss of their holdings. They also have representative sums in bonds and stocks of a high character.

The stockholders, directors, senior and junior officers and field staff represent the highest type of men and women that the race affords. Some features of this wonderful institution make it stand out in a class to itself. It has never had profit as the object of its operation, the whole thought and aim of the promoters, as well as all who have been connected therewith to date, has been to give service to policyholders and the race, and to relieve suffering and want, in the homes of our people by teaching them self-help, thrift and independence, rather than to rely on the charity of others.

It has continued to write a sick benefit policy giving sick, accident and death benefits for one small premium, and it has operated in a very limited territory, and by the most intensive work in said territory, does a larger business than all but two or three of the colored insurance companies, despite the fact that the other colored insurance companies write ordinary and industrial insurance in ten to fifteen States.

The successful operation of this institution has given stability and dignity to the colored home, aided in the establishing and maintaining of colored banks, colored physicians, druggists and allied businesses, and the giving of dignified and profitable employment to hundreds of colored men and women.

Officers and Directors of the Society are: James T. Carter, president and general counsel; B. L. Jordan, secretary-manager; W. A. Jordan, assistant secretary-manager; Edward Stewart, B. A. Cophas, A. Washington, W. E. Baker, Charles N. Jackson, W. E. Randolph, A. D. Price, Jr.

### MAY PROSPERITY Be Yours the Coming Year.



#### A VOICE FROM SWITZERLAND.

Editor of The Planet:  
I cannot resist the impulse to send The Planet a cutting from The London Daily Sketch showing Queen Mary of England (one of the noblest and grandest ladies England and Europe has ever produced) shaking hands with an African Princess at the great Exhibition England is producing at a little town near London. At the same time King George is seen shaking hands with an African Chief. This is all quite right and proper. God has never set any curse upon our Race. We are folks, too. Slavery was a mere accident. We shall recover from that. Englishmen were once slaves in the markets of Rome. Time brings all things to pass. Let those who have a horror of too much friendliness and too much kindness to us, the victim Race, gaze on this picture and reflect. There is no "Thus saith Lord" against such fraternizing.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,  
Barrister of London.  
Hotel Krone,  
Saanen, Canton Berne  
Switzerland.

#### SAYS HUSBAND IS COLORED.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 22.—Cosetta Bounas Degroat, 24 years old, of Glen Rock has applied to Chancellor Walker for annulment of her marriage, on the ground that the man to whom she was married four years ago has Negro blood. The couple were married by Rev. Father O'Malley in Ridge wood. They have one child, a son.

—The Checker Cab service in the hands of competent, polite chauffeurs is an innovation for this city. They may be found at all hours at Second and Leigh Street, or will come at you call, if you phone Randolph 4-56.

#### In Memoriam.

FOSTER—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear wife and daughter, Sadie Elizabeth Foster, who departed this life two years ago December 24, 1922:

Oh, dearest one, we miss thy voice,  
No more we see thy face,  
For thou hast found a home above,  
Before the throne of grace.

No one knows the silent heartache,  
Only those who've loss can tell  
Of the grief borne in silence,  
For our dear one we love so well.

Devoted Husband and Mother,  
JOHN FOSTER,  
CHARLES FOSTER,  
MARY LYNCH.

#### AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Goodwill Baptist Church, 410 N. Monroe street is a new unit to the Baptist Church, with a very broad program. Rev. W. B. Ball, pastor invites the public and his many friends to worship Sunday, December 21st, 11:30 A. M.; Sunday School, 3:30 P. M.; and 8:30 P. M. Special music. All are invited.

REV. W. B. BALL, Pastor.  
F. BALL, Clerk.