

WEATHER FORECAST:
Fair Tonight
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TWIN WELCOME AWAITING 1917

Solemn Celebration in Churches
Tonight Followed by Gayety
Tomorrow.

MANY RECEPTIONS PLANNED

Social Calendar Well Filled
With Semi-Official and
Private Functions.

Baby 1917 will be pardoned if it
cubs its eyes and thinks itself twin.
Anyway it will get a double welcome.
Its coming tonight will be celebrated
in solemn and thoughtful fashion, in
the churches, with watch night meet-
ings.

But tomorrow night the lid will be
off, and in nearly every hotel in the
city there will be a midnight enter-
tainment of some sort.

In the churches today the hope that
the new year may see peace in Europe
was the predominant note. This hope
will be incorporated in some of the
sermons and many of the prayers at
the services tonight.

Will Run Extra Cars.

Both street car companies have an-
nounced that extra service will be
given tomorrow night to handle the
top-seeking crowds. Cars will be run
close together until an early hour
Tuesday morning. A close schedule
also will be maintained tonight to
transport the crowds to and from the
churches celebrating with services
the New Year.

New Year Day always is distinctive
in Washington for its social events,
and tomorrow will be no exception.
Though there will be no reception at
the White House, and therefore no
breakfast to the Diplomatic Corps, usu-
ally given by the Secretary of State
and his wife, other semi-official and
private functions there will be plenty.

Loyal Women to Receive.

The Legion of Loyal Women is to
hold a reception at the Raleigh Oak
room from 1 to 2 o'clock tomorrow.
Vocal numbers, piano and violin solos,
and patriotic songs will be on the
program.

Mrs. Ada H. Welton, president of the
legion, will head the receiving line.
Assisting her will be Mrs. John A.
Logan, Miss Cora Curry, Mrs. Mary S.
Toombs, Miss Grace Pierce, Mrs.
Mary Logan Tucker, Mrs. Albertine
Odel, Mrs. Stuart Johnson, Mrs. Court
P. Wood, Mrs. T. W. Calver, Miss Mary
E. Smith, Mrs. K. Gillette, Mrs.
Helen A. Engle, Mrs. Florence Donohue,
Mrs. M. Houghton, Mrs. M. A.
Knapp, Mrs. F. G. Pomeroy, Mrs. Olive
C. Johnson, Mrs. Ann E. Ball, Miss
Marie L. Byerlee, Mrs. A. J. Hughes,
and Mrs. Martha E. Leith.

A reception to Confederate Veterans
will be given at Confederate Memorial
Home, 1522 Vermont avenue, from
7:30 to 11 o'clock tomorrow evening.
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PRINTERS' WAGE BOOSTED

Salary Increases for Capital Typo-
graphers Effective Tomorrow.

Changes in working conditions and
a salary increase for the job printers
of Washington, by the terms of an
agreement between the employing
printers and the Columbia Typo-
graphical Union, will become effec-
tive tomorrow.

The former scale of wages for hand-
set compositors was \$21 a week. This
has been advanced to \$23 for regular
day shifts, with one-half advance for
holiday shifts. In 1916 the scale will
advance \$1. Overtime also pays one-
half more than the regular scale.
Night workers are to be paid \$27.80
for eight hours' work.

Machine operators are to be paid
\$27 a week, an increase of \$3. An ad-
vance of one-half the usual rate for
holidays is also to be paid. \$30 a
week. Night workers will be paid \$30 a
week.

The printers' day shift will begin
not before 8 in the morning and be
over not later than 5:30 in the after-
noon. The night shift is considered
any time before or after these hours.

TWO KNABES BANKRUPT

Liabilities of Piano Makers Exceed
\$660,000, With Only \$500 Assets.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Ernest J.
Knabe, Jr., and his brother, William
Knabe, of the Knabe Bros. Piano Com-
pany, of Norwood, Ohio, have filed
voluntary petitions in bankruptcy in
the United States court.

This action is generally viewed as
one of the effects of the increasing
popularity of the talking machine as
a musical instrument.

Their combined listed liabilities ex-
ceed \$660,000, while their assets are
given as less than \$500. Ernest
Knabe gives his liabilities as \$341,488,
of which \$196,488 represents unse-
cured claims of creditors. He lists
his assets as \$75. William Knabe
gives his liabilities as \$321,980, of
which \$310,888 represents unse-
cured claims of creditors. He gives his
assets as \$401.38.

CUPID SETS NEW RECORD

Shoots 15,000 More Darts in New
York Than Last Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Just to show
the calamity howlers that their high
cost of living talk doesn't scare him
any, Cupid dived 15,000 more New
York hearts full of arrows in 1916
than he did in 1915, marriage license
bureau records today proved.

Last of the 67,153 prospective ben-
eficiaries to apply for a 1916 non-skid mar-
riage license was blushing and youth-
ful Martin Luther Alsop.

BROOKLAND PRIEST TRIES TO FREE 'LIFER'

Father O'Callaghan Seeks
Freedom for Man Whose
Life He Saved.

The Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan, su-
perior of the Apostolic Mission Home
at Brookland, who made a successful
fight eight years ago to save Her-
man Billik from the death penalty,
is in Chicago today trying to obtain
his liberation from prison.

The Rev. Father O'Callaghan was
with the Paulist Fathers in Chicago,
when Billik was sentenced to hang
in 1907 for the murder of Mary
Vrsal, whose death followed that of
five other members of her family,
from poisoning.

At the time Father O'Callaghan,
stating he had in his possession evi-
dence that Billik was innocent, ob-
tained a commutation of the sentence
to imprisonment for life.

Since that time further evidence has
come up, it was stated by friends of
Father O'Callaghan here today, to
confirm his belief in the innocence
of Billik. He made an appeal for
Billik's pardon before Governor
Dunne and the State board of pardons
yesterday.

Jerry Vrsal, only surviving mem-
ber of the Vrsal family, who lives in
Washington, went to Chicago in com-
pany with the priest.

RAILROAD INSURES 35,000 EMPLOYEES

Equitable Writes \$30,000,000
Group Policy for Union
Pacific Men.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The largest
life insurance policy that was ever
written goes into effect at midnight
tonight, when approximately 35,000
of the 40,000 employees of the Union
Pacific railroad automatically become
policy holders. They were insured
without cost to them, or without med-
ical examination, through the group
insurance plan of the Equitable Life
Assurance Society. Through the Con-
tinental Casualty Company, of Chi-
cago, they are also insured against
accident and sickness losses.

All of the employees of the Union
Pacific system who have been in ser-
vice for a full year come under the
plan, regardless of age, occupation,
physical condition. The total in-
surance amounts to about \$10,000,000,
and will cost the company approxi-
mately \$750,000 per annum in prem-
iums.

Under the group plan the Equitable
provides insurance equivalent to one
year's salary, not to exceed \$2,500, on
every employee. The Continental pro-
vides group health and accident in-
surance covering payments for in-
juries and disabilities on the same
basis.

W. A. Day, president of the Equi-
table, said that this transaction sets
new records in both the life and cas-
ualty lines. It is the first instance in
which a steam railroad has insured its
employees. There have been nume-
rous cases in which electric lines have
adopted group insurance.

The first large group policy was
written by the Equitable in 1912,
when \$7,000,000 was provided for em-
ployees of Montgomery Ward & Co.
This record was exceeded when the
Studebaker Company insured 10,000
employees. Since then the record has
been held by the B. F. Goodrich Com-
pany of Akron, Ohio, which has main-
tained policies on 18,000 lives.

The group plan insures the lives of
employees without medical examina-
tion and without cost to the insured.
During the holiday period some fifty
large firms and corporations distrib-
uted \$15,000,000 of such insurance to
their employees. It is estimated that
at least 20 per cent of the men who
are thus insured would not be accept-
able risks if they applied for policies
in the regular way, either because of
age or physical shortcomings.

CARDINAL GREETED HERE

Prelate Administers Confirmation
at St. Paul's Church.

Cardinal Gibbons administered the
sacrament of confirmation to a class
of 200 children and adults in St. Paul's
Catholic Church, Fifteenth and V
streets, this morning.

The presence of the cardinal upon
this Sunday was taken advantage of
by the parish to extend to him their
wishes for his continued health.
These felicitations were extended at
an informal reception at St. Paul's
rectory following the services at the
church.

Solemn high mass was celebrated
by the Rev. Father William J. Carroll,
Father James E. Krug and Hugh
Curley served as deacon and sub-
deacon.

Raymond King assisted the cardinal
at the throne, and Francis De-
laney was master of ceremonies at
the mass. Mr. James P. Mackin,
pastor of the church, was also an at-
tendant at the services. The sermon
of the day was given by the cardinal.

At 1 o'clock Mr. Mackin was host
at a dinner given the cardinal in
St. Paul's rectory. A number of
priests of Catholic parishes in Wash-
ington were guests.

BIG GIFT FOR Y. W. C. A.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Gives As-
sociation \$213,500.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—John D.
Rockefeller, Jr., is pleased \$213,500
worth with the work of the West
Side Y. W. C. A.

Accomplishments of the association
have caused the millionaire to cancel
a \$100,000 mortgage and return \$233,
500 paid him in interest.

SMALL PLANS ASSAULT PLEA

Broker Will Plead Murdered
Woman Was Victim of Attack,
Is Belief.

STATE'S REBUTTAL READY

Will Try to Controvert in Ad-
vance Effort to Prove
Claim.

OSHSPEE, N. H., Dec. 31.—That
Frederick L. Small hopes to escape
conviction by proving that his wife,
Florence Arlene Small, was the vic-
tim of a criminal assault in her
lonely Mountain View home some
time during the evening of Septem-
ber 28, became known today as the
prosecution's case approaches its end.
And, anticipating this move of the
defense, it is equally certain that the
State will play its trump card by plac-
ing on the stand as its last witness
Dr. George Burgess Magrath, of Bos-
ton, pathologist and medical exam-
iner, whose testimony is destined to
controvert in advance anything that
Small's lawyers may hope to prove in
this respect.

Sensational Testimony.

Dr. Magrath's testimony is of such
an important and sensational nature
that it has been guarded with extreme
secrecy, and it is expected that it will
cause such a furry in the camp of
the defense as to make it essential
for them to hastily revise their plans.
All present prospects point to to-
morrow night as the moment when
the State will have presented its en-
tire case against Frederick L. Small,
with the exception of whatever re-
buttal evidence may be necessary.

County Solicitor Walter D. H. Hill
is saying his best and most damag-
ing witnesses for an effective finale.
They are Dr. Louis F. Bacon, to whom
Small declared he had his wife over
the head with a bootjack with the
intent to kill her; Dr. Magrath,
whose testimony will be of a patho-
logical and anatomical nature; Dr.
Edward N. Kingsford, professor in
pathology and bacteriology at Dart-
mouth, and the mother and sister of
Mrs. Small.

Only 20 More Witnesses.

Only twenty more witnesses are
yet to be heard, as the State does not
intend to use more than half of the
102 witnesses summoned.
Small was indicted today than
at any time since the trial began.
The State spent the greater portion
of its effort yesterday in establishing
as the motive for the crime the \$20,000
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CADET INSTRUCTOR NAMED

Lieut. Blisco to Replace Capt.
Steever in High School.

Lieut. Norman Butler Briscoe, U. S.
A., has been designated by the War
Department to fill the vacancy of in-
structor of high school cadets caused
by the transfer of Capt. E. Z. Steever.
Lieutenant Briscoe said today that
he is enthusiastic over the prospect
of taking up the work with the cadet
corps. He is reported to be consid-
ering introducing intercity matches
between officers of various cadet com-
panies. The contests would embrace
troop leadership, some instructions in
which were given by Captain Steever
recently.

School officials express deep regret
at the transfer of Captain Steever,
but extend a hearty greeting to Lieut-
enant Briscoe.

SKATING AT ZOO TODAY

Good Sport Promised on Basin To-
morrow "If" It's Cold.

Get out your skates, boys, if you
haven't done that little thing yet,
because according to the weather man,
there's going to be some good sport
down at the basin tomorrow, unless it
gets warmer.

There is already a good coating of
ice over the smooth stretch of water,
and it is thought by tomorrow it may
be strong enough to bear the thous-
ands who usually take part in the
winter sport when the opportunity
offers.

The river is frozen from the shores,
but the channel is still open in the
majority of places and in others is
only covered with a knife-like coat
of ice.

In Hook Creek Park, or "down to
the Zoo," there is good skating today.
The "awan pond" is frozen with what
appears to be a solid cake of smooth
ice, and today many boys and girls
and even some grown-ups were on
hand with newly sharpened, and
glistening skates, intent on getting
the first good slide of the season.

JUMPS FROM STEAMER

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 31.—William
Sands, said to have been prominently
connected in New York, jumped from
an Old Dominion steamer bound for
Norfolk last night and was drowned.
The body was not recovered. Sands
was traveling with his mother and a
nurse.

His mother is prostrated at the
Chamberlin Hotel.

WHY WE GET THE GRIP.

AUSTRALIA, Ill., Dec. 31.—Every other
person in Aurora has grip, Dr. R. R.
Reeder, former health officer, said he
blamed the women almost as much
as the weather. His reasons are:
Most of the patients are women.
They dress for a hot house and run
out on the street!

They won't cover up.
Grip is contagious and the men
can't escape with the women catching
it.

ALLIES' NOTE, REJECTING PEACE PLAN, HERE; ALL NEUTRALS BUT ONE REFUSE TO ACT WITH U.S.

WOOD TO GIVE LEAK EVIDENCE

Says He Will Hand Chairman
List of Witnesses for
Probe.

HINTS HENRY BLOCKS WAY

Lawson's Promised Fulmina-
tion Not Received at Capi-
tol by Noon.

Another spicy chapter in the Law-
son-Henry-Wood correspondence
squabble regarding an alleged "leak"
to Wall Street on the President's
peace note, and the demand for an in-
vestigation thereof, was written to-
day when Congressman Wood of In-
diana promised to lay certain facts
before Chairman Henry of the House
Rules Committee, before Congress re-
convenes.

Mr. Wood intimates that Chairman
Henry is standing in the way of a
full investigation of the "leak." He
further asserts that he will furnish
Mr. Henry a list of witnesses who
should be heard. Some of these men,
he says, are now under suspicion,
and fairness to them and the public
demands an inquiry.

"I shall write no letter to Chairman
Henry," said Mr. Wood in referring
to Mr. Henry's letter of yesterday
asking for "facts, not idle vapors."

Will Present Evidence.

"Between now and the convening of
Congress I plan to call upon Mr.
Henry and present for his considera-
tion the aggregation of evidence
which I have in hand and a list of
witnesses, some of them men in high
position."

"If Mr. Henry wants to get the
facts concerning who participated in
this Wall Street moon party he will
not stand in the way of a full and
free inquiry into these charges and
allegations."

"Of course, Mr. Henry cannot ex-
pect that any of the participants in
the raid on the properties of these
share holders are going to dash to
Washington with pleas of 'guilty as
indicted.' He is too perspicacious a
statesman for that, and, on the other
hand, I cannot believe that he as
chairman of an important House com-
mittee will lend his aid in smothering
an investigation through legislative
channels simply because there is dan-
ger that a dragnet may produce evi-
dence derogatory to certain men who
for the past four years have sat in
high places."

Expects Investigation.

"Regardless of Mr. Henry's air of
doubtfulness with regard to the facts
of the recent victory of the plungers
over the investing public, I am sure
the other members of the committee
will display a different attitude
toward the need for an investigation.
And these members of the committee
are by no means all of the minority."

Congressman Henry was at the Cap-
itol this morning, but the 3,000-ful-
mination, which Lawson said he
would send today, had not arrived.
The Congressman said he was ready
to receive the verbal thud when it
came, and supposed it would come di-
rect to him. But up until noon peace
reigned about the Capitol corridors.

FRENCH CENSOR ACCUSED

Parts of Resolutions Suppressed,
Say Germans.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless),
Dec. 31.—Further charges of suppres-
sion by the French censor of parts of
resolutions adopted by the national
convention of French socialists are
made by the Press Bureau.

Among the excised portions, it is
claimed, were references to recom-
mendations for "democratic control"
of diplomatic intrigues and "restraint
of the ambitions of governments and
military parties."

The Press Bureau also states that
corroborator's messages have been
received from Switzerland and other
places of the charge that British cen-
sors distorted messages from America
purporting to give American senti-
ment on peace proposals.

WILSON NOTE ECHOED

Scandinavian Social Democrats in-
dorse Effort for Peace.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec.
31.—Announcing delivery of Sweden's
peace note to the German foreign office,
the Press Bureau tonight made public
the following telegram sent President
Wilson by the Norwegian Working-
men's Association:

"The Norwegian Social Democracy
which dominates third of the Norwe-
gian electors, sends assent to the Presi-
dent's energetic work for the termina-
tion of war's barbarism and for the
establishment of lasting peace."
The Danish Social Democracy also
sent the following message:

"We beg to express sympathy with
your note of peace—and express our
most ardent wish that your endeavors
for termination of the world's war and
establishment of lasting peace will be
crowned by success."

REASONS GIVEN BY ALLIES FOR REFUSAL TO TALK PEACE

"A mere suggestion without a statement of terms, that
negotiations should be opened, is not an offer of peace. The
putting forward by the imperial government of a sham pro-
posal, lacking all substance and precision, would appear to
be less an offer of peace than a war maneuver."

"At the present moment these sham offers on the part
of Germany rest on the war map of Europe alone, which
represents nothing more than a superficial and passing
phase of the situation and not the real strength of the bel-
ligerents."

"A peace concluded upon these terms would be only to
the advantage of the aggressors, who, after imagining that
they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after
two years that they could never attain it."

"The innumerable outrages committed by Germany and
her allies against both belligerents and neutrals demand
penalties, reparation and guarantees. Germany avoids men-
tion of any of these."

"The object of these overtures is to create dissension in
public opinion in the allied countries."

"They have the further object of stiffening public
opinion in Germany and in the countries allied to her—one
and all severely tried by their losses, worn out by economic
pressure, and crushed by the supreme effort which has been
imposed upon their inhabitants."

"Finally, these overtures attempt to justify in advance
in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes—submarine
warfare, deportations, forced labor and forced enlistment
of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations
of neutrality."

RAILROAD ISSUES IN CAPITOL SPOTLIGHT

Controversy Between Employ-
ers and Men in Center of
Legislative Stage.

Big issues between railroad employ-
ers and members of the brotherhoods
again will take the center of the leg-
islative stage in Washington this
week.

Beginning Tuesday, the highlight
of Congressional interest will be di-
rected toward the proposed legisla-
tive program for the railroads. On
that day will begin the hearings be-
fore the Senate Commerce Committee,
of which Senator Newlands is chair-
man.

All Factions Busy.

Following the visit of the President
to the Capitol late yesterday to con-
fer with Senator Newlands, all the
interested factions in the railroad sit-
uation got busy today, and tomorrow
also will be a busy time preparing for
the beginning of the railroad hear-
ings Tuesday.

Much speculation was aroused over
the question of whether the Presi-
dent's visit to the Capitol was made
because of knowledge that the nego-
tiations between railroad representa-
tives and brotherhood leaders had
been broken off. It was understood
today that the President was not in
touch with the negotiations. Many
legislators, Senator Newlands in-
cluded, do not believe that there is
immediate danger of a strike.

Washington To Be Center.

Washington again will be the center
for railroad executives or their rep-
resentatives and for the leaders of the
four big brotherhoods, as the hearing
progresses.

Senator Newlands said he hoped to
conclude hearings on the arbitration
bill, supplemental to the Adamson
measure, in two or three days. Others
were not so hopeful about the early
close of these hearings.

The measures to be pressed particu-
larly by the President, it is under-
stood today, are those designed to
prevent strikes pending inquiry into
disputes, and to empower the Presi-
dent to take over railroad, telephone
and telegraph lines in times of mil-
itary necessity.

CHINESE DROPS DEAD

Found by Employer Lying on Floor
of Laundry.

Lee Tong Lum, forty-two years old,
dropped dead today in the Chinese
laundry at 1839 Fourteenth street
northwest, where he has been em-
ployed for four months.

Lum retired about 9:30 o'clock last
night and arose early this morning.
He complained of feeling ill. Lee Do
King, by whom Lum is employed,
went into the next room, and when
he returned Lum was lying on his
face on the floor.

Dr. Cousins hurried to the place in
an Emergency Hospital ambulance
and pronounced the Chinaman dead,
probably from acute indigestion.

Officials' Hopes Dampened by Lack of Co-operation in Gov- ernments' Efforts.

SOME STILL SEE A CHANCE

Admit Possibilities of Early
Conclusion of Hostilities Are
Diminished, Though.

MESSAGE GOING TO BERLIN

Official Text to Be Conveyed
to German Foreign Office in
Next 24 Hours.

The official text of the collective
note of the entente allies, flatly re-
jecting Germany's proffer for a peace
conference, reached the State Depart-
ment during the night.

President Wilson and Secretary
Lansing will receive official copies
of the text as soon as it is deeded
by State Department experts.

The note will be forwarded to Ger-
many and her allies within twenty-
four hours, officials said today. It
was indicated that no accompanying
message would be sent, but that the
United States, in its capacity as diplo-
matic representative of the entente
powers in the central powers coun-
tries, would merely act as a messen-
ger in delivering the note.

Three Different Views.

Three different views were expres-
sed in official circles with reference to
the effect of the allies' rejection of
Germany's peace proffer.

Administration officials, who aided
the President in his move for peace,
refused to accept the allies' reply as a
final rejection of peace overtures.
Their view was that hopes of early
peace had diminished, but had not
disappeared.

The German embassy expressed the
unofficial opinion that the prospects
in the peace situation are "hopeful,"
since the allies' reply contains a loop-
hole that might make possible the
continuation of negotiations.

Other officials, not so intimately
concerned with the negotiations, could
see little grounds for hope in the bit-
ter tone of the allies' reply, which
branded Germany's proposal as
"empty and insincere," and as "less an
offer of peace than a war maneuver."

Discouraging Factor.

Another discouraging factor was
the disclosure that President Wilson
had made efforts to obtain the sup-
port of other neutrals in moving for
peace, and had been only partially
successful.

First disclosure that the President
had sent another note to neutral
nations, supplementing the recent note
to belligerents, was made when the
text of Spain's refusal to act with
the United States, made public in
Madrid, made reference to having re-
ceived such a note, asking Spain to
support the United States.

State Department officials, taking
advantage of the present policy of
silence, refused to discuss this second
note, but it was accepted as certain
that the United States had made a
move to enlist the aid of all other
neutrals.

Explains Action.

This disclosure, by the way, ex-
plains why immediately following the
publication of President Wilson's
note, the view of the other neutral
n