

Today

Once More, Happy New Year.
"That Moving Finger" Environment Shapes Us. The Killer Starts.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

This is a leap year and you have an extra day.
"Again the shadow moveth o'er the dial-plate of time."
It moves rapidly. Hurry.
A New Year to the young is so exciting, they have no time for advice. It bores them.
To the old it is a dreary warning, reminding them of things at tempted and many failures.
But at least it is a new year. Many hours are in the 366 days. An idea born in the fraction of a minute, worked out with determination, might give you a place among the people of the earth worth while—if that interests you.
Solemn newspapers print pages telling us that business is promising, the new year most promising.
As we survey this little rolling ball, to which we are tied, from Paris to Peking, and from Peking to Rome, we can say with the 147th psalm:
"He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord."

But good times will not last forever. Time writes in the sky above you: "This is your chance." It won't last. The Persian warning, that you know by heart, fits this season.
"The moving finger writes; and having writ moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
"Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

Dr. Baldwin, scientific consultant of the public schools in Cleveland, tells how much depends on environment. "Darwin and Lincoln were born on the same day. If the two infants had been exchanged there would have been no Darwin and no Lincoln. What a man can do is determined by his native equipment (what his father and mother gave him at birth). What he does, is determined by the circumstances of his life."

Born like Lincoln, in a frontier cabin, with a dirt floor, no windows, no school or library within reach. Darwin, with his genius would have been always a quiet farmer, probably.

Born as Darwin was, thoroughly educated in science and literature, Lincoln probably would have been unheard of, the great power that enabled him to carry through the civil war with his burdens going to waste, as he lived a quiet life on his modest inherited fortune.

An animal in the jungle starts to track and kill another, succeeds, and is happy and proud.

Frank Madej of Bridgeport started out to track his wife, who had left with another man and his three children. He found her, shot her down with two bullets, fired three more into the bushes on the ground, felt her pulse to make sure she was dead.
Then he told the police that he would like to have it put in the papers. He wished all his friends to know that she "didn't get away with it."
Millions will say, "Ha, he did exactly the right thing," providing that millions are also beasts of the jungle.

In the past women probably have rendered service to the human race by leaving such men as Madej, the proud killer, going off with some other man a little less manly and producing another family with less of the killing instinct in it.

Inside, the Tutankhamen tomb looks like a shape of solid gold. The plarsh of three thousand years ago is shown offering wine to various Egyptian goddesses.

It's the old idea that still persists: If you want anything, offer something first. In very early days bloody human sacrifices were offered. More civilized Egypt offered wine to the goddesses.

Now we offer money, but it is always something. Ignorant human creatures imagine that the ruler of the universe is placated with gifts from insects that dwell on this planet.

France has given up all hope of the Dixmude, great dirigible taken from Germany after the war. All its men are believed dead, and you read with amazement that all France is furiously indignant, demanding an explanation of these deaths. Contrast the eagerness with which we take such things in this country.
"They are dead? Well, then they are dead."
That's our attitude.
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Coolidge Gets Up Too Early for Office Staff New Year's Morn

Washington, Jan. 1.—This is how President Coolidge started the new year:
Arose about 6:30 o'clock, his usual hour.
Took a walk around the White House grounds and then had breakfast.

Went to his office to do some work, but found there had been no mail delivery because of the holiday and that none of the White House attaches except Edward T. Clarke, his personal secretary, had reported.
Signed some papers and cleared his desk, then returned to the executive mansion.
Began receiving at 11 o'clock the first of the thousands of New Year's callers.

Liquor Flows in Big Cities on Eve of 1924

Not Since B. P. Days Was N. Y. So Joyous—Chicago's Arms Tired From Lifting Bowl.

By International News Service.
New York, Jan. 1.—New York awoke with a splitting headache today. Not since the pre-Volstead era, according to some authorities, was there anything like last night—and this morning's—celebration. The spirit of revelry was willing, and the bankroll was anything but weak. More than a half million jammed Broadway, its cabarets, cafe's, hotels and dance palaces, and stayed there until the wee small hours.
Prohibition agents were unable to stem the flood of liquor which flowed over countless tables, flying squad arrived on the scene early, fitted from place to place and called it a night.
R. A. Merrick, division chief in charge of prohibition enforcement, insisted today there was comparatively little liquor in evidence. His men scattered in only a few flasks. At the few places Merrick's men did appear, they met a hostile reception.
While the celebration was at its height "Izzy" and "Moe"—the country's most widely known prohibition agents—gathered in two trucks of "rat poison," said to have been consigned to Broadway. The raiders insisted it was the worst stuff they ever tasted.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Chicago's arms were stiff and sore today from raising and lowering them to lift drinks and to hold frozen hands against ears stung by the zero weather that greeted the New Year here.
Everyone appeared to be agreed to day that this was the coldest and wettest New Year's day that ever set its vald down in Chicago.
At 3 o'clock this morning the thermometer and zero were married to one another with little hope for a speedy divorce. That was a drop of 37 degrees since 8 a. m. yesterday. The blizzard-like snowstorm that whitened the city abated before midnight, after having spread drifts and ice to harass traffic throughout the night and today.
For the Great Lakes zone the government weather forecasters predicted "fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair and not quite so cold."

Revelry continued until long past dawn in Chicago's cabarets, cafes and hotel dining rooms. Only uniformed police instead of the usual citizens' clothes officers visited the places, going about their task so leisurely that everyone had a chance to hide his liquor until the unwelcome visit was over with.
Winnipeg, Manitoba, which with the notorious Medicine Hat, is one of the coldest cities of the best low-zero blizzards, was a little warmer today, the temperature being 20 degrees below.

Although the storm had abated, Montana, North Dakota and that part of Canada immediately to the north of those states reported temperatures varying between 15 and 30 degrees below zero.

By Associated Press.
Colorado Springs, Jan. 1.—A pyrotechnic display from the summit of Pikes Peak, put on by the Admanan club of this city, greeted the new year one minute after midnight. It continued for a half hour while 50,000 candle power electric lights, large rockets and specially manufactured flare flares lighted up the crest of the 14,100-foot mountain. The club derives its name from the fact that it adds but one man to its membership roll on New Year's eve. All members must be experienced mountain climbers.

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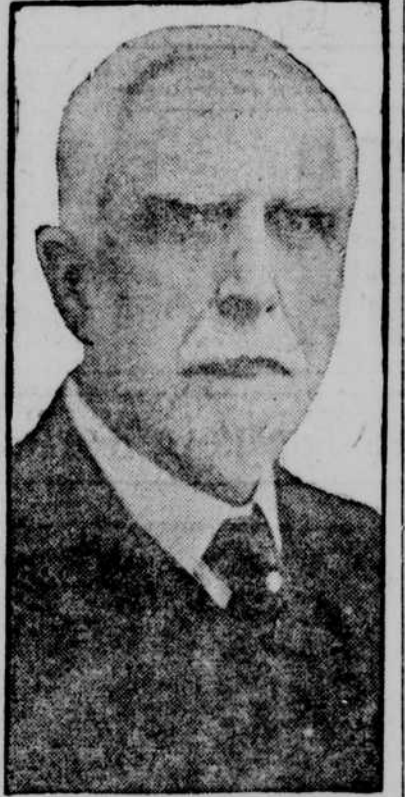
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Explorer to Study Panama Indians



Dr. Herman L. Fairchild, University of Rochester will send Dr. Herman L. Fairchild on the expedition that will sail in January to seek the home of the white Indians in the unexplored lands of Panama, as announced by Richard O. Marsh, of Brookport, leader of the expedition, is the discoverer of the tribe.

of the new year. Cheers, confetti and iron-throated sirens contributed their share in the celebration.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—New Year's eve in Los Angeles was so wet it was almost soggy. Throngs of merry makers were thoroughly soaked, for it rained all over the celebration.
made soup of the confetti, put a sprig in the blaring horns and damped everything but the enthusiasm of a populace out for enjoyment.
Despite the downpour, theaters soon hung out warnings that their seats were all sold. Motorists put up their side curtains and honked their horns at the departing old year; pedestrians hoisted umbrellas and sloshed merrily through the wet. Later there came a temporary lull in the pattering rain and the jubilation grew more boisterous, with the barking of blank cartridges punctuating the noise of celebrating.

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A Queer World

Joe Martin Becomes Too Irritable for Movies—Sold to Circus Man.

Bad Disposition.
Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Joe Martin, monkey movie star and probably the best known animal in the films, has been sold to Al G. Barnes, circus owner. Joe's sale followed a report by his keepers that a sudden change in the animal's disposition had made him too dangerous and intractable for further work before the camera.

In England Too.
New York, Jan. 1.—Modern young English women, like their American sisters, are indulging in a period of wildness and destroying to a certain extent the young Englishman's respect for womanhood, said Maj. Ian Hay Belth, British author and playwright, who arrived yesterday on the Adriatic.

He said he was convinced that young Englishmen and Americans could cure their young women friends and return them to their former pedestal of respect by refusing to take them to night clubs and by confining them to one cocktail.
Most Christian City.
Seattle, Jan. 1.—Mayor E. J. Brown of this city in a New Year's message published today declared that Seattle is the most Christian city of its size in the world.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—When E. I. Marroguis was asked why he should not go to jail for possessing liquor he mentioned 23 reasons. All the reasons were children. "And" he added, "I'm expecting the 24th soon." Sentence was suspended.

"Asia For Asiatics."
Poona, British India, Jan. 1.—The Indian national liberal congress after a lively debate by a vote of 775 to 205, accepted subject to reference to a committee, the Indian national pact calling for a federation of the Asiatic peoples "for the emancipation of Asia."

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No Unity in Fight on Mellon Tax Bill

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increase the inheritance taxes on the theory, among others, that it is better to lift the burden of income taxes on these fortunes while the owner is alive and making them, and increase the tax on them at death.
Counter to Former Theory.
This will run counter to a former theory that inheritance taxes should be spared by the federal government and left to the states, but that theory does not rest very heavily on the opinion of the Mellon tax proposals. Rightly or wrongly, this fundamental question of the attitude of government toward large fortunes is just below the surface.
The outcome just suggested, or any other, is many months away. That there will be great delay is the most certain fact about the tax situation. Within a short time after congress reassembles, attention will be shifted to a fight by insurgent republicans and many democrats for changing the rules.
Inasmuch as the regular leadership of the republicans has twice yielded to its opponents on similar questions, they may be expected to yield on the rules. The changes proposed are in the direction of greater freedom of amendment and debate, and greater control by the body of the house over its officials and committees.
Regardless of the essential merit of these proposed changes, their certain result will be time consuming. Further than this, it is clear that some republican leaders of the senate are not heartily sympathetic to passing tax legislation, or much of any other legislation at the present session.
As for the democrats, they have no great impulse to help the republicans pass a popular tax bill just before a presidential election. For justification, they cite the tactics practiced by the republicans in 1919, when the democrats were in control and tried to pass a postwar program of tax revision of their own.
As for the insurgent republicans, who hold the balance of power, they will help the delay by opposing to the end any tax reduction whatever except their own radical proposals. That democrat leader, who has ex-

pressed public doubt whether there will be "any tax reduction the coming year," has the probabilities on his side.
Bonus Has Majority.
As regards the bonus, if the advocates of it want an early decision, they can get it, for they have a clear majority in both houses. But one thing can be expected: Certainly, the senate will be required to vote clearly on the bonus standing alone, un-complicated by tax riders or anything else. The opponents of the bonus are determined that the issue shall be kept clear, and they are carry out their determination. It is less certain, but in the present writer's judgment very probable, that when the president vetoes the bonus his veto will be sustained by the necessary one-third in the senate.

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