

DRINK TOASTS TO 1918 IN SPARKLING WATER THOUGH SOME "GET BY"

City Turns Back on Scenes of Revelry and Welcomes Mid- get of Time With Decorous Gayety at Hotels; Some in Secluded Spots Said to Have Followed Time-Honored Customs.

Nineteen eighteen! Last night Omaha turned back another page in the cycle of years, bade adieu to the departing one with its troublesome days, and gave expression to decorous devoirs to the new-born. Decorum was more than apparent, because a more or less widely-known line of libations was absent.

SOME SALTED AWAY.

It was the first "dry" New Year's eve in the history of Omaha; that is, dry publicly, but "they do say" that various celebrants of the city held convivial sessions with Bacchus in basements and other parts of dwelling places. Many receptacles of liquid cheer, hoarded away since May 1, were brought out and uncorked, but not unsung.

USE WATER THIS TIME.

Downtown rendezvous were scenes of merriment, with groups of brave men and fair women who stood up at the stroke of 12 with glasses of H2O in their hands and hoped that the New Year would be the harbinger of world-wide peace.

Recalling similar scenes in Omaha in years gone by, it was strange to trip through these halls of midnight mirth and observe no fogs of distilled or fermented elation. There was no clink of sparkling glasses filled with the essence of cheer. Instead of champagne, toasts were drunk with water as pacificatory potatoes to the gods.

Drink Root Beer.

A young Lochinvar at the Fontenelle drank root beer. He was a regular 12 o'clock fellow in a 9 o'clock town. At the Henshaw another darling young social climber drank gingerale and over at the Rome a regular fellow imbibed a glass of near-beer. Water, however, was the popular toast concomitant. A young woman with a party at one of the hotels laughed rather hilariously and upon inquiry it was learned that the cause of her merriment was the disclosure of a half pint of "bottled in bond" which her escort carried in his inside coat pocket.

The strain on the Minne Lusa pumping station at Florence was something awful along about 12 bells. And Bacchus wept at the city's gates. As for the morals squad, why they might just as well have remained at home by their warm fires. There was as much use for a morals squad as for a grenade division of the allies.

Everybody was moral. Nobody got soused. The jazz bands jizzed and the cabarets cabareted and the water flowed like the brook read of in poetry. Because it was New Year's eve in Omaha and the beginning of 1918.

Not one fighting was recorded to mar the wee morning hours. It was a perfect night. The revelers reveled soberly, but it did seem rather strange to the passerby to note the absence of that which has been so generally identified with the promotion of New Year's greetings. It almost seemed like throwing cold water over the New Year as she came dripping in like the does blithely, with diaphanous attire and a smile.

A party of a score or more young men made it known yesterday afternoon that they intended to take their bottles of sparkling enthusiasm with them to a downtown caravanary where they would have a party and defy any adverse sentiment which might be expressed against their method of celebration. It is stated that they carried out their plans and "got by."

The Fontenelle hotel led off in point of numbers. This uphill hostelry was crowded with the elite, many attending after the theater performances. The Henshaw also lent itself to the occasion with merry-making. The Rome held a complimentary dance at 9 o'clock and served dinner at 12. A dance was held at Fort Crook and at Fort Omaha, and some of the young balloonists greeted the New Year from observation balloons which were raised for the occasion. This was the first time in the history of the country that a New Year's eve balloon party was held.

The Knights of Columbus held open house at their club rooms, 2025 Dodge street, where a splendid musical and literary program served to beguile the time to midnight. A lunch was served all evening at this social center. Many watch parties were held in homes, churches and other places. The Country club was the scene of dinner parties whose participants for the most part attended theaters earlier in the evening.

There was much merriment, but no mistaking the fact that the war has placed its heavy hand of seriousness on a land which looks upon New Year's eve as the hour of forgetfulness, when old scores are wiped out and new resolutions make the human heart beat a little stronger.

Scarcity of Teachers In Richardson County

Stella, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—D. H. Weber, county superintendent, announces that a great scarcity of teachers exists in Richardson county. The primary rooms at both Barada and Rulo are without teachers, and the assistant principalship at Rulo is vacant. A country school near Falls City wants a teacher. Mr. Weber says he hasn't a single applicant remaining on the lists, and that the prospects for next fall are not bright. November witnessed the smallest number of candidates for teachers' certificates at the examinations for many years.

Hammond Talks to Big Gathering at Hartington

Hartington, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Ross Hammond addressed a big rally at the court house here last evening telling the story of his trip to the trenches. W. S. Weston, chairman of the county defense council, presided. A big overflow meeting was held in the Knights of Columbus building.

Overshoes and Mittens Given by The Bee Make Ten More Newsies Happy



SLOAN SHIES HIS HAT INTO THE RING FOR U. S. SENATE

(Continued From Page One) the protection and enforcement of our rights on land and sea, and especially in the proscribed submarine zone. This amendment, though liberally supported, did not prevail. I did not vote for the comprehensive resolution which carried. But when carried, I then pledged congress and the country that I would by all means in my power support all well considered measures calculated to arm, equip and maintain and protect our army and navy in the successful prosecution of the war as declared.

Supports War Measures.

"This pledge, I have kept. I supported and voted for the several bond bills, the war revenue bill, the completed army bill, the espionage bill, the fuel and food survey and control bills, the war insurance bill and all other important war supporting measures. Moreover, I have, as a member of the ways and means committee, drafted and shaping, reporting and debating through congress the most important war measures coming from that great committee."

"As a member of the ways and means committee, I aided in drafting the war revenue measure, which provides for the money to support our armies in the field and without which, our arms must fail. In committee and on the floor of the house, I insisted that a large part of the expenditures of the war should be met by current taxes so that those who remain at home should bear their fair share of the war's burdens and the returning soldiers, with earning power reduced and business gone, should not be forced to bear an undue share of the war's burdens in the payment of an enormous bonded indebtedness. I, also, in committee and on the floor of the house advocated that tax burdens of the revenue bill should fall most heavily upon the wealth of the country and the large business profits incident to the war."

To Provide for War.

"In the coming legislation, the first concern is to wisely and liberally provide for the war's prosecution. Care and vigilance should be insisted upon by congress and on the part of every administrative officer to safeguard the people's money, so that every dollar expended will call for a dollar's worth of service or other value, and further, that neither suffering nor death of any American boys shall occur unless by reason of stern war necessity. But, whatever that necessity may be, it must be met with American valor, genius and resources to the end that the oriental barbarism of the unspeakable Turk and the modern barbarism of the insolent Hohenzollern dynasty connected with the decadent Hapsburgs will feel and fall before the might of America added to the seasoned strength of the allied powers."

To Prepare For Peace.

"As it was our duty to have prepared for war in time of peace so it is our present duty in time of war to prepare for the campaigns of peace. When that time comes the industry, zeal and craft of other nations stimulated by their war depressed conditions will battle in the markets for that which America, then we hope will have, as she has now, the world's largest industry, commerce and wealth. To this end, as well as for the purpose of meeting in a patriotic constructive way the problems of the war, the nation needs the republican party's control of the national congress."

"A residence of more than 33 years in Nebraska, during which I have had somewhat to do with the educational, legislative, legal and agricultural interest, has made me familiar with the industries, resources and problems of this great state. I have studied their relation to national legislation, during the years I have been in the house, and feel a genuine interest in them from a state-wide standpoint. "In serving the people while aiding, encouraging, and developing their resources, with agriculture at the head,

Must Supreme Judge — Be Lawyer at Bar?

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Is Land Commissioner Grant Shumway to be a candidate for the supreme bench? He has tipped off a bunch of friends that he has "discovered" there is no requirement in the statutes made and provided or in the constitution old and antique, which requires a member of the supreme bench to be a lawyer. In years long gone by, before the present members of the supreme bench were elected, the same expression had been made by parties having cases before that tribunal which they had failed to win, but the opinion of the land commissioner comes from a study of the constitution and an inside view of his own ability, confidentially expressed to his friends, and therefore must be taken with a degree of reliability.

though all others are important, I shall, if elected, render unto the people the best services, of which I am capable."

Bishop Sumner of Oregon Marries Michigan Girl

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Walter T. Sumner, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, and Miss Myrtle Mitchell of Negaunee, Mich., were married here today at the cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, of which Bishop Sumner was at one time dean. The ceremony was performed by Bishop C. P. Anderson of Chicago, assisted by the Very Rev. W. S. Pond, dean of the cathedral.

Mrs. Raymond Sanderson was the bride's only attendant and Lieutenant J. Allen Haines, U. S. N., attended the bridegroom. The ceremony was witnessed by immediate friends and relatives only. Mrs. Samuel Mitchell of Negaunee, Mich., mother of the bride was among those present and her son, Samuel Mitchell, gave his sister away. Immediately after the ceremony the couple departed for the west on their honeymoon.

Paulist Boy Choir Begins Tour for Belgian Relief

Chicago, Jan. 1.—In a nation-wide tour to raise \$100,000 for the rehabilitation of razed French and Belgian cities, the Paulist choristers, Chicago's famous boy choir, departed today for the east. The trip will last six months and will include all the large cities of the United States and Canada. The campaign, which is also designed to spiritualize and stimulate the martial spirit of the country, has not only the approval of President Wilson, but has been launched with the special blessing of Pope Benedict.

Churches at Stella Unite To Conserve Coal Supply

Stella, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The four churches of Stella are making arrangements to help in the conservation of fuel. Sunday evening Lutheran and Methodist churches held union services. Announcement was made that during the rest of the winter the two churches will hold Sunday evening services alternately. A suggestion has been made that the Christian and Baptist churches also hold union services. During the balance of the winter union prayer meetings will be held at private residences once a week, the first one to be next Thursday evening.

National's Shortstop May Be Traded to Chicago

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Indicative to local sport followers that a trade of Roger Hornsby, star shortstop of the St. Louis Nationals, is still under consideration is the departure tonight for Chicago of President Branch Rickey, Jack Hendricks, who was selected to manage the Cardinals next season; Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Nationals, and Fred Mitchell, manager of the team. Announcement was made that no trade had been effected, but it is said negotiations will be opened again in Chicago tomorrow. Negotiations between Rickey and Weeghman have been in progress intermittently for several weeks.

Boston Church Gives Its Coal to the Poor

Boston, Jan. 1.—The parishioners of the First Methodist Episcopal church voted today to accept the recommendation of the pastor, the Rev. William R. Gilbert, that services be suspended and the coal in the church bins be distributed among the poor of the district. "It is all right," said Mr. Gilbert,

AIR RAIDS CAUSE ANXIETY AMONG GERMAN PEOPLE

Military Authorities Worried by Frequent Explosions in Munitions Plants, and Unrest Results.

London, Jan. 1.—Allied air raids over Germany are awakening the people to the recognition of their rulers' mistaken air ruthlessness, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Times. There is great nervousness throughout Germany, especially in the more exposed parts, he says, owing to the reported intention of the Americans to invade Germany by air. The object is discussed universally, though efforts are made to calm anxiety by declarations about "American bluff." The frequent explosions in munitions factories, the correspondent adds, are causing the German military authorities anxiety, not only because of the interference with the supply of munitions, but also because of unrest in the districts where the explosions occur. The unrest has been acute since the advent of frost.



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