

BRIEF  
BRIGHT  
BREEZY  
BITS OF NEWS

NEW YEAR'S CHEER  
READY TO OVERFLOW

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.—The province of Quebec Wednesday was a huge confederation of potent New Year's cheer ready to overflow into surrounding territory. The province of Ontario, Manitoba and the prairie provinces as soon as possible. Ample train space was engaged for thousands of gallons of 275 per cent and forward, mostly upward, to other parts of the province.

Quebec is the only province where liquor may be sold now and its inhabitants are celebrating the day to rejoice the drouly in Ontario, Manitoba and the prairie provinces as soon as possible. Ample train space was engaged for thousands of gallons of 275 per cent and forward, mostly upward, to other parts of the province.

NEW YORK GIVES MEANING TO "HAPPY NEW YEAR"  
New York, Dec. 31.—New Year's bonus of \$1,000,000 was distributed today by the H. M. Johns-Manville company among its sales force. One thousand men will average \$1,000 each.

LESS OF 'EM SO NATURALLY, WONT COST SO MUCH  
New York, Dec. 31.—The cost of women's clothes may be reduced considerably because they will be made of less expensive materials. The latest fashions are made of a fashionable silk with a pattern of a fashionable fabric.

NOT DROWNED TRYING TO SAVE ITS DOLL  
New York, Dec. 31.—Love for a Christmas doll caused the drowning of a 12-year-old baby in the sea. The child was in a small boat with a doll when it capsized in the ocean.

FRENCH GIRLS ZEB BY GERMAN  
Dec. 31.—Mamie French girl returned from Germany. She had been in the hands of the enemy during the war and returned with a new outlook on life.

ED LIQUOR OF CURRENCY  
Dec. 31.—The Hotel company is preparing to special dividend in whisky. The company has decided to distribute a special dividend to its shareholders in the form of whisky.

IN OF YOUTH ABLE TO ALL  
Dec. 31.—Sobber living, over-eating and over-drinking are only a few of the physical evils which follow the excesses of the New Year's revels.

SCOTS TAKE WALL AT SHAKESPEARE, COO.  
New York, Dec. 31.—Everybody seems to be taking a wallop at Shakespeare these days. A short time ago a strong protest was made by Jewish organizations against the use of "The Merchant of Venice" in the literary courses of the public schools on the ground that the character of Shylock was a reflection on the Jewish race.

MEN'S EXTRAVAGANCE PLAYED BY WOMAN  
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 31.—Women are no more responsible for high prices through wild extravagance than are men, according to club women of Topeka, who met with W. H. Kemper, fair price commissioner, and expressed outspoken resentment at the charge that their sex was to blame.

RAISIN CROP SOLD CORRECT SIT DOWN  
Fresno, Cal., Dec. 31.—The raisin crop this year will net to the growers about \$33,000,000, about what it has been any previous year. President W. M. Cullen of the California Raisin Growers' Association announced here.

WE WISH EACH AND ALL OF YOU A HAPPY AND MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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THE WEATHER: Generally fair Thursday and probably Friday, slowly rising temperature. Hourly temperatures: 5 a. m., 31; 6 a. m., 32; 7 a. m., 33; 8 a. m., 34; 9 a. m., 35; 10 a. m., 36; 11 a. m., 37; 12 noon, 38; 1 p. m., 38; 2 p. m., 37; 3 p. m., 36; 4 p. m., 35; 5 p. m., 34; 6 p. m., 33; 7 p. m., 32; 8 p. m., 31; 9 p. m., 30; 10 p. m., 29; 11 p. m., 28.

BANDITS' CAR FOUND IN CITY

ONE CLUE TO ROBBERS OF OMAHA BANK

Police Pictures of Two Members of the Old Kirk Gang Identified by Witnesses of Benson Holdup.

BANK IS INSURED FOR TOTAL \$115,000 LOSS

Only Report From Outside City Comes From Tekamah—Outlaws Described by Men Whom They Locked in Vault.

NO EVENING BEE NEW YEAR'S DAY

In order to enable as many of our employes as possible to enjoy the holiday, no publication of The Omaha Evening Bee will be made today, New Year's day. Subscribers will be served with The Morning Bee instead. Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. THE OMAHA BEE.

BANDITS' AUTO FOUND IN CITY, SAY THE POLICE

Discovered at 5 in the Afternoon on Chicago Street Close to Central Station.

ALL OMAHA JUBILANT AS 1920 DAWNS

Citizens Welcome the New Year With Gladsome Din and Hail of Good Cheer; Cafes, Theaters and Homes Ablaze.

WATCH PARTIES HOLD SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Special Programs at Theaters—Dancing Throughout City—Horse Play Antics Are Noticeably Lacking.

All Lines of Business in Omaha Prospered in 1919

Welcome 1920



SUBSTANTIAL GAINS MADE IN EVERY LINE OF ACTIVITY HERE

Carefully Prepared Figures on Business Growth of City During Past Year Surprising in Some Respects—Manufacturing Totals Nearly \$500,000,000—Jobbing Business More Than \$353,000,000—Bank Clearings Pass \$3,000,000,000 Mark—Record Year in Building Permits, Conventions and Marriage Licenses—Packing Houses Show 50 Per Cent Increase.

Figures Show Business Gains In Omaha for Year

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1919, 1918. Rows include Manufacturing, Jobbing, Real estate transfers, Packing house output, Bank clearings, Smelter output, Bank deposits, Building permits, Grain receipts, Grain shipments, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Horses.

Witnesses to the robbery at Benson at 10:30 yesterday morning, in which four or six bandits held up the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, forcing the employes into a vault and getting away with \$115,000 in bonds and cash, late in the afternoon, partially identified pictures of Frank McKay and John Appleby, alias Frank Adams, members of the Kirk bandit gang that held up the Malashock jewelry store two years ago and in the gun battle with the police that followed, shot to death City Detective Frank Rooney, as two of the bandits; perpetrated the daring robbery.

City detectives place implicit confidence in the selection of the pictures of McKay and Appleby from the Central police station files last night by witnesses of the robbery.

Members of the city detective department say that other witnesses confirmed Kuhl's choice and included McKay in their identification.

A Cadillac touring car found yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Twelfth and Chicago streets is believed by the police to be the car used by the bandits yesterday.

The bandits didn't drive from Benson to Twelfth and Chicago streets just for fun, said Detective Chief Dunn last night. "They had a definite purpose."

Gus Hyers, head of the state department of law enforcement; Chief Dunn and Chief Eberstein reviewed reports of all the men working on the case last night in Dunn's office at Central police station.

It was suggested that the bringing of the car back to Omaha may have been a "blind" and that the real bandits kept on with their booty in another car. The fact that the roads were almost impassable, the police car stuck near Florence, was taken as evidence nullifying the soundness of this theory, however, and as corroborating the suspicion that the wily bandits thought the safest place to hide was in the city.

Only One Report. At a late hour yesterday no further trace of the fleeing bandits had been obtained by Omaha police than a report that an automobile load of men, answering the general description of the bandits had sped through Tekamah, Neb., 50 miles north of Omaha, at 3 o'clock.

Squad Ready at Station. A squad of detectives is kept in readiness at Central police station for any emergency call concerning the whereabouts of the bandits.

After autoloads of police and detectives were dispatched to points 50 miles in the country surrounding Omaha in chase of the bandits who robbed the Benson bank the Cadillac car used by the robbers was found at 5 in the afternoon standing on Chicago street, in the city of Omaha, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, in front of the Peoples Ice and Coal company, only four blocks from Central police station.

The car had been standing there since about noon.

Two Men in Car. Ray Minnix, 2202 Grand avenue, employed at Twelfth and Chicago streets, told Detective Chief John Dunn last night that he saw two men drive the "bandit" car to the place where the police found it.

The two men drove up about 11:45, said Minnix. "They walked south on Twelfth street after leaving the car and I paid no more attention to them."

The police last night positively identified the car as the one stolen from in front of the Methodist hospital on Tuesday night. The owner of the machine is John Kasada, 4515 South Twenty-first street, Kasada had license plate No. 97133, which could not be found yesterday.

In its place on Kasada's car appeared license 213357, Iowa.

Bert Hensen, auditor of Nebraska Telephone company, told the police that a Cadillac touring car carrying the bandits from the Benson bank and bearing license No. 21357, Iowa or Illinois, collided with his car at Forty-second and Ames avenue at 11:20 yesterday morning.

The number given by Hensen to the police is the same as that on the car found last night on Twelfth street, except for one 3. The right front wheel of the car found last night shows that the machine had been in a collision, bearing out Hensen's statement.

Police Are Positive. Immediately following the discovery every detective on the night and day force of the department was turned loose in an attempt to discover who had driven the car up to the place where they had disappeared to.

According to the story of a man who telephoned the department, but who failed to give his name, the car was driven up in front of the ice company's place at about noon. He either did not notice who drove it or did not wish to make a statement on that point.

Omaha jubilantly, but not hilariously, sped the old year on its way and welcomed the advent of the new upon the threshold of time at midnight last night. The dancers were as gay as in former years, the hails of new year's greetings as loud and the laughter as carefree, the only discernible difference between the celebration and that of bygone days being that hilarity and roistering did not extend to jostling crowds upon the streets and table dancing and other unseemly exhibitions in the cafes.

To be sure, there were evidences that a trifle of exhilarating nectar spiced the joyousness of some, but there was a noticeable absence of those horse-play antics which pass the boundaries of freedom and extend into the purview of license.

Was a Big Night. It was a big night, with joy unconfined, but not explosive. The lights burned brightly until 1920 was at least two hours old, caissons thronged until early-morning risers began demanding breakfast, theaters, legitimate and moving picture, catered to large crowds with extra shows until well beyond midnight, and private parties disbanded reluctantly.

If larger hotels, cafes and clubs were examples of what was going on everywhere, Omaha literally danced the old year and the new year in. Everywhere there was dancing. At the Hotel Fontenelle the great ballroom was crowded, the lobby was cleared away for dancers and tables on the mezzanine floor for diners.

At midnight a large floral ball in the lobby was lighted and guests stood silent as 1920 was ushered in. Dances and "stunts" were also in order at the Hotels Rome, Castle and Loyal, and the Henshaw cafe was the scene of merry dancing parties.

Programs at Theaters. At the Rialto and Strand theaters special programs of music, dancing and pictures attracted crowds. The proceeds of these midnight entertainments will be given to children of the City Mission.

Many churches held "watch parties" for the coming of the new year, with devotional exercises and social pleasures with devotional exercises. And so, with a bit of charity, many solemn religious services, an unknown number of good resolutions, and much hilarity Omaha welcomed 1920.

When clocks neared the hour of 12 whistles began to blow, bells to ring, drums to play and guns to be fired. There were shouts of hilarity, but they were joyous shouts, for Omaha looks forward to the new year with optimism.

The dip lasted at least 15 minutes. When it had subsided interrupted dances began again and merriment continued, for today is a holiday and what matters late or early hours on a holiday.

NEW YEAR COMES INTO BEING JUST ABOUT AS USUAL

Liquor Flows Freely in Cafes And Restaurants, Although Street Color Lacking in Most of Large Cities.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Chicago's greeting to 1920 was not without alcoholic cheer. An 11th hour order by Chief of Police Garrity favorable to "hip liquor" gave Chicago a final New Year fling.

The lid was not entirely off, but it was inclined at such an angle that the celebrating public did not care. Chief Garrity ordered that no arrests should be made for carrying "hip" liquor. Policemen assigned to cafes were instructed to take the names of law violators.

Varied Welcome. New York, Dec. 31.—The New Year received a widely varied welcome in New York. In the big hotels of the White Light district, the newcomer was welcomed by the private stockholding classes with all the exuberance of days when prohibition was a reformer's dream.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—San Francisco left off restricted rationing of its liquor supply long enough to make a particularly festive New Year's eve and the stocks that since the first of the last July have been doled out in exact mathematical proportions knew no such strictures while 1920 was being welcomed.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—New Year's eve was celebrated here with wines and liquors flowing freely in practically all of the fashionable cafes and restaurants. The intoxicants, however, were brought to the cafes by the patrons and were labeled with the owner's name.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Washington welcomed the New Year without any public or semipublic functions, but with the usual church and home watch parties and street celebrations.

PERSHING TO BE HERE SATURDAY FOR THREE HOURS

Will Arrive at 3:30 in Afternoon and Be Given Public Reception at the Auditorium.

General Pershing will spend three hours in Omaha next Saturday, during which time a great public reception will be accorded him at the Auditorium, it was announced last night.

He will arrive at the Burlington station at 3:30 p. m., where a committee of prominent citizens, including H. H. Baldrige, Col. J. W. S. Wiest and Mayor Smith, will meet and escort him to the Auditorium.

He is scheduled to speak and to shake hands with as many people as possible before he leaves, at 6:30 for Chicago.

Comes Again January 8. General Pershing's Saturday visit will not interfere with his visit January 8, when he is to spend an entire day in Omaha. It was impossible to secure the Auditorium for a public reception at that time, however, so the Saturday visit was arranged.

Mail Plane to Arrive. A luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce is next on the program followed by a ride about town, ending at Ak-Sar-Ben landing field, where the first mail ship is scheduled to arrive from Chicago.

82 Lynched in America During the Last Year. Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 31.—Eighty-two persons were lynched in the United States in 1919, an increase of 18 over 1918 the department of records and research of Tuskegee university announced. Seventy-five victims were negroes and seven whites. One negro woman was in the list.

OFFICER LOCATES DEATH STILL IN NEW YORK CITY

Empty Barrels Which Had Contained Wood Alcohol and Other Ingredients Found.

New York, Dec. 31.—United States Marshal Power announces that he believes he has discovered the wood alcohol "whisky" manufacturing headquarters of John Romanelli, Brooklyn undertaker, and Samuel Saleeby, Brooklyn druggist, held here in connection with distribution of poison liquor throughout New England. The place is a Brooklyn garage, he says.

Receptacles and chemicals used in the manufacture of liquor and perfumes, several empty barrels which "had contained wood alcohol" and some burned sugar were found by federal officials, the announcement says. These were seized and persons on the premises were taken to the United States district attorney for examination.

Unprecedented Increase in National Banks' Resources

Washington, Dec. 31.—An unprecedented increase of \$1,000,000,000 in the resources of national banks for the year was reported by Comptroller of the Currency Williams.

Nearly Half Billion

Omaha's manufacturing business last year was nearly \$500,000,000, an increase of 8 per cent for the year and twice the output of 1915. Packing house products showed an increase of 50 per cent since 1917, and the output of butter has been doubled during the last two years.

The manufacture of automobiles, tires and accessories amounted to more than \$20,000,000, which was nearly three times the output of 1918. Last year's output of flour was twice that of 1918 and an increase of 230 per cent since 1917.

Bank Clearings Increase. Bank clearings passed the \$3,000,000,000 mark last year, an increase of 60 per cent in two years.

Building operations were more than \$9,000,000, indicated by the permits, this being a record year. The building outlook for 1920 at this time is better than at the beginning of any previous new year. It is estimated that more than \$10,000,000 of large projects are assured, including several large buildings for which contracts have been let.

The first large structure will be the Medical Arts building, Seventeenth and Dodge streets, at a cost of \$1,000,000.