

WOMEN LEAP ONTO TABLES SCENE OF REVELRY

City by Golden Gate Welcomes New Year With Old-time Abandon.

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Gay Crowds Throng Cafes at Midnight, When Champagne Flows Freely and the Holiday Spirit is Rampant.

BY P. A. SINSHEIMER. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Although the last few days have witnessed the wheels of commerce in San Francisco to half speed, the end of the year showed a volume of trade far in excess of any time in the city's history. The clearings, port receipts, and building operations were larger than ever before.

The volume of trade, as reflected in the clearings, shows the enormous total of \$2,132,000,000, a sum \$300,000,000 in excess of the previous high-water mark of 1906. Naturally the impetus came from the vast amount of building. Crops were fair, but not as abundant as in times past. Against this were the high prices of all farm products which in a measure compensated for the lack of full crops.

Same Gay Festival of Old.

Building operations for the year represented a money value of \$30,000,000 against \$15,000,000 in the year before the fire. The downtown section of the city has practically been rebuilt. The new buildings, of course, remain to be filled in, but scores of substantial buildings have been completed in the commercial district. So rapidly has this section been rebuilt that a movement was launched to bring the New Year's eve parade to Market street. It was not successful, however, and the revelers for the most part congregated at the Van Ness avenue and Fillmore street. It was the same gay festival of old. In fact, it has come to approach an orgy. Tables were engaged in every large cafe several weeks ago. Every person engaged a table was compelled to guarantee a definite expenditure. In the early hours of the evening the crowds danced along the streets, toasting, tooting horns and ringing bells. As the midnight hour approached the cafes became the scenes of activities. Champagne was opened in quantities sufficient to float navies of the world. The men drank and their companions sipped. When the hour of midnight struck the revelry reached its highest pitch. Women leaped on tables and tossed garlands of colored ribbons, couples danced up and down between the tables, men threw wreaths from the balconies about the heads of the ladies below, thousands of corks brilliant with colored feathers were tossed into the air and the horns and bells sounded an incessant accompaniment.

Women Kiss Their Neighbors.

Under the spell of the occasion staid women threw aside their dignity and chatted with those whom the holiday spirit had made their acquaintances. In some of the "hot" spots, women kissed their neighbors and danced up the stairs with men they had never seen before. It was a wild night, almost a dance amid the public.

Shifting the Bad Lands.

The Police Commission has taken action which will greatly assist the association. The commission has been instructed to shift to its old grounds. Since the fire it has stretched its length along the streets in the western addition appearing in some places dangerously close to the residence section. The commission has begun to close the most notorious places in the western addition, but will permit them to open in the old town.

CHICAGO SEES NEW COMEDY

"Peggy Macree" Presented for the First Time in Windy City.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—"Peggy Macree," an Irish comedy, was given its first American presentation in McVicar's Theater here tonight with Dennis O'Sullivan in the principal role. Mr. O'Sullivan, who is known as an actor of unusual ability, has been a success in the musical comedy line, and has had a number of old-time melodies of his countrymen. A large audience greeted both the play and the star. Mr. O'Sullivan is a native of San Francisco, but has spent the last 10 or 15 years abroad.

WALL STREET IS HOPEFUL

Begins New Year With Confidence in the Future.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The opening of the new year sees a disposition reflected in the financial markets to turn from the contemplation of mournful yesterdays and to look forward with hope and confidence in the future. The conviction is firmly based that any inquiry of this character, his failure to act is regarded

pered by some anxiety over a possible remnant of unpleasant consequences of the crisis yet to come true. A special field of uneasiness was the provision for the annual disbursements in the money markets which are unusually heavy, while the resources of the money market, although rapidly improving, were still much impaired. The smoothness with which the turn of yesterday was effected went far to encourage sentiment and to establish confidence that steady improvement in the financial position was to be expected henceforth. The call money rate did not get higher than 20 per cent, which rapidly improved, and a maximum of 45 per cent in the corresponding week of last year and 125 per cent in the year preceding.

The more significant of the growing improvement of the position was the rapidly dwindling premium on gold which signalled the first business day of the new year. As the premium persisted an insurmountable obstacle remained to the re-establishment of a normal banking position.

The course of railroad earnings reported was a restraining factor on immoderate enthusiasm on values. Several of the great railroad systems, including notably the Atchafalaya and the Pennsylvania, showed a heavy drop on last year's level of net earnings in the return for November, owing to the heavy expansion of operating expenses. Railroad traffic officers, in reporting on the more recent course of traffic, make candid acknowledgment of the rapid shrinkage in the movements of merchandise of all descriptions except grain and of their inability to discover an early improvement. The bond market is scanned with some attention and interest from day to day to detect evidence of a renewed flow of floating capital into investment. Some increase of activity was discovered last week, but the demand was moderate, despite the large disbursements of dividends and interest to supply a fund for reinvestment.

ARGUES WITH A CAMERA

PRESIDENT SENDS PICTURES TO CONGRESS.

What European Soldiers Must Do on Horseback—American Troops Deficient in the Art.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Thirteen photographs from life, illustrating hat-raising exploits in horsemanship, form the unique exhibit sent to Congress by direction of the President, to accompany recommendations of himself and the chief of staff for the betterment of army riding. The pictures were intended to show how far behind American military men are of Europeans in the art of equestrianism.

They certainly constitute a remarkable series. One of the most thrilling pictures represents an Italian cavalryman riding over a 50-foot perpendicular cliff, the photograph being taken in series to illustrate the sagacity of the horse and the skill of the rider in maintaining a pose within the center of gravity in different stages of the descent. There are pictures of German students apparently leaping from hill to hill, of fat Majors and Lieutenant-Colonels of the same nationality pattering through bogs and swamps, over hedges, and French obstacle-riding, the famous drag-hunt of the German Army, and stirring pictures of the hounds in full cry on boar-hunts.

The official correspondence with these pictures consists of a letter from President Roosevelt to the Secretary of War on December 30 last, requiring him to secure legislation to establish remount depots, saying: "Both of these measures are essential to the improvement of horsemanship in the Army."

Another letter from the President to the chairman of the House committee on military affairs transmits a report from Major-General Bell, chief of the staff, in which he recommends that the President send the photographs, the President saying:

"The field officers of our Army cannot be held exclusively responsible for the poor riding which has been frequently observed among them. The quality of our riders does not equal that of our mounts. Furthermore, though our infantry captains in European armies are mounted, an infantryman in our Army is not. It is necessary to practice riding until he becomes a field officer."

MORE FUNDS ARE NEEDED

Postoffice Department Finds Expenses on the Increase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The annual report of First Assistant Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock, was made public today. The revenues collected through the postoffices during the fiscal year 1907 amounted to \$105,000,000, a gain of more than \$2,000,000 and the report states that this growth was continued in 1907, when the aggregate was \$107,000,000. In the report Mr. Hitchcock makes an appeal for larger appropriation.

The present policy of reappointing Presidential postmasters who have conducted their offices to the satisfaction of the public and of the department has resulted in a steady increase in the number of postmasters. Mr. Hitchcock says that about 65 per cent of the Presidential postmasters have been reappointed.

Increased salaries for various classes of employees in the department are recommended. In order to relieve three-class postmasters of the necessity of paying for assistants out of their salaries, a recommendation is made for an increase to \$2,000,000 of the allowances for the purpose. Thirty instead of 15 days' annual leave is recommended for postal employees. An extension of the act providing service to smaller towns than are included under the present law are included. Under the amendment to the law to cover 100 towns that do not now enjoy that advantage.

ALMOST READY FOR WORK

Both Houses Will Meet for a Short Session Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Both the Senate and House will resume their sittings on Monday, and while comparatively little is in the way of legislation is expected this week, they will prepare for real work. The Tillman resolution on the financial situation lies on the table, and will be taken up by the committee on finance. The indication is, however, that the financial discussion in the Senate will be postponed until a bill is reported by the committee on finance, which, it is believed, will soon take place.

The Senate will adjourn for the day immediately after meeting on Monday, out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Mallory, of Florida, whose death has occurred since the holidays began. Senator Mallory's successor, William J. Bryan, is expected to be sworn in this week.

Resolutions of inquiry relative to the conditions in the Navy which led to the resignation of Rear-Admiral Brownson, ex-Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, are among the probabilities, but as Senator Hale, chairman of the Naval committee, has stated that he would not start an inquiry of this character, his failure to act is regarded

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RENT STRIKE RIOT

Men and Women Clubbed by New York Police.

DISORDERS ARE GENERAL Tenants Hoot Landlord, Who Calls Police—Officer Forced to Fight Vigorously to Restore Order. Trouble Spreads to Jersey.

LEAVE CANAL WIDTH 100 FEET

Isthmian Commission Believes It Can Be Changed Later if Needed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—By unanimous decision the Isthmian Canal Commission has recommended to the Secretary of War that the locks be constructed at their present projected width, namely, 100 feet, holding that this will be ample for all commercial shipping for years to come. If it is the judgment of the Navy Department and of the President that the width be increased to 110 feet, this can be done at reasonable cost, and it is believed without danger of structural weakness. The suggestion for increased width originated with the Navy, some of the officials holding the opinion that this may be necessary to meet canal developments caused by increased beams in future.

ASSIGN ROOMS BY LOTTERY

Drawing Thursday for Quarters in Congressional Office Building.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—An unique feature of the week's proceedings in the House of Representatives will be the assignment to members by lottery, of rooms in the \$5,000,000 House office-building, now about completed. The drawing will be held on Thursday, January 8. Three hundred and thirty-three members, consecutively numbered from one up, will be placed in a box and as each in turn is drawn out by a blindfolded page and handed to the reading clerk, its number will be announced. The member whose number appears on a list will get a diagram of his room.

WRECKAGE COMES ASHORE

Schooner Believed to Have Been Lost Off Long Island.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 5.—The washing ashore of a large amount of wreckage, including four hatches, a wheelhouse, and part of a main board which bore the letters "S I M" on Black Island today led the lifesaving crew at Sandy Point to the belief that a schooner went ashore somewhere between Long Island and Block Island last night. Special patrols from the lifesaving station searched the shore, but nothing was found to identify the vessel.

Fire in South Dakota Town.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 5.—Fire last night destroyed a two-story brick building, half of which was occupied by the Lee Mercantile Company. Loss \$50,000.

CHICAGO TENANTS ORGANIZE

Ghetto Residents Demand Reduction in High Rents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Five hundred residents of Chicago's Ghetto formed tonight a "Tenants' Union" with the avowed purpose of forcing landlords of the district to reduce rents \$2 a month. Leaders of the movement advised the members of the new organization to refuse to pay the present rates which were declared exorbitant and to force the landlords to take all legal steps and pay all court costs in case the latter refuse to meet the demands for lower prices. At present, it was declared, four rooms in a Ghetto tenement cost \$12 a month, five rooms \$15 a month and six rooms \$22. A flat reduction of \$2 is sought. The movement will be modeled after the one in New York. It is the hope of its leaders that it may spread to laboring classes throughout the city. With this end in view a committee was appointed to confer with the Chicago Federation of Labor and seek the co-operation of that body. Today's meeting was under the auspices of the Ninth Ward Jewish branch of the Socialist party.

TRAINMEN ARE CONFERRING

Meet With Officials to Settle Some Minor Questions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Delegates representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Order of Railway Conductors from various parts of the Southern Pacific system have arrived here to confer with high officials of the company to settle various minor differences that have arisen between the members of these unions and representatives of the company. The question of pay and hours is not involved.

STRIKEBREAKERS RUN CARS

Backbone of Mob Menace at Muncie Believed Broken.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 5.—The backbone of Muncie's mob menace is broken. Cars were run today from early morning to dusk over all the lines, and, with the exception of a little stone-throwing on the outskirts, the cars were un molested, notwithstanding they were manned by imported strikebreakers and deputy sheriffs. Mayor-General W. J. McKee, in command of the troops, takes a cheerful view of the situation tonight.

Work for 5000 Men.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—According to announcement made today an aggregate of 5000 men will be re-employed January 12 by many large industrial plants in East St. Louis, Ill., and vicinity.

Few Japs Leaving Hawaii.

HONOLULU, Jan. 5.—There is but little movement here of Japanese laborers to Vancouver, B. C. The sugar-grinding season has commenced and there is an abundance of employment here. Passage has been engaged for 200 Japanese via San Francisco on the French steamship Admiral Fourichon. There is no present movement.

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FAVOR MERGER PLAN

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depositors doing their own business there, and asking their friends to do the same. Why, with such backing, within a year the result will be beyond question. Let us not stand off the name of the fair City of Portland. We have a splendid city, we have a splendid opportunity, we have a marvelous development, I will trust that man Reed, I worked with him. I have known him for years. I will trust Tom Devlin, I have known him for a good many years, and I will trust him for anything and everything I have in the world. If he cannot do the work in two years, give him a little longer. He will show his good faith always. Now let these gentlemen get a good strong board of directors—I am sure they will let us know what they will do for better banking in Portland. Let us be the first ones to do it; let us be the first bank to open. You will never regret it in any way.

Text of Resolutions.

To the Officers and Members of the Depositors' Association of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank—Gentlemen: We, your committee appointed to draft a suitable resolution intended to confer the right of management of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank to the honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the payment of depositors, the following resolution was offered and carried, to wit: Resolved, That the Depositors' Association of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank respectfully petitions the honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, in the matter of the receivership of said Oregon Trust and Savings Bank, to grant an order or other securities to enable the receiver to distribute all the bonds or other securities to subscribers therefor at the same time. We further recommend that Mr. T. C. Devlin retain his position as receiver, compensation for his services, however, to be paid by the German-American Bank.

STOCK SHOW AT DENVER

National Event Will Attract Crowds to Colorado Capital.

DENVER, Jan. 5.—One of the biggest crowds of the year will be in Denver January 20-25, to attend the Denver Livestock Exposition. The exposition this year, for the first time in its history, will be a National event, with entries of cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, etc., from all parts of the country. During stock show week there will be held a grand horse fair, public sales of pure-bred cattle under the direction of the National Breeders Association, the 11th annual convention of the American National Livestock Association, the eighth annual convention of the Colorado Horsegrowers' Association, and the convention of the Colorado Grain-growers' Association.

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