

HAVE FUN IN PLENTY BUT OBEY LAWS, IS NEW YEAR'S EVE RULE

Mayor Says Revelers May Be Hilarious as They Please but Not Obnoxious.

GRILLS MUST CLOSE AT 1

Guests to Finish Liquors; No Dancing on Tables.

New Year's eve revelers may be as hilarious as they wish, but they must not violate the laws or become obnoxious in their conduct. Such is the order issued to Chief of Police Clark by Mayor Albee this morning relative to the proposed celebration of the New Year.

Two plain clothes men are to be on duty in the larger grills all evening to see that the laws are not broken, while the smaller places are to have as many men as needed to keep order. The order follows:

"You will please post two plain clothes men in the larger grills, and as many as necessary in the smaller places, also ample numbers on the streets to keep order and to see that the laws are enforced.

"All establishments where liquors are sold will close promptly at 1 o'clock a. m., as usual, Friday morning, January 1. A few minutes later will be allowed for guests to finish drinking liquors.

"No performers will be allowed on the floors.

"There is no objection to hilarity on this occasion, and it is not intended to interfere in any way with the public's 'good time,' but in no case is this to be construed as giving anyone license to go to extremes, such as dancing on tables, or to become otherwise obnoxious. The men must exercise good judgment, and they must enforce the laws rigidly."

TO REOPEN BRANCH OFFICE

Two Smaller Water Offices Will Also Be Opened.

Preparations are now being made for the reopening of the Albina branch water office at Union avenue and Killingsworth.

In addition to the east side office at East Seventh and Alder streets, branches are to be opened in the southeast district and Montaville. These offices are not to be established, however, until February 1, as the quarterly billing system takes effect later in that district than in the others.

PROTEST AGAINST CHANGE

City Officials and F. W. Mulkey in Conference Today.

C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance, City Attorney Le Rodde, City Auditor Barber and Deputy Auditor Grutze, representing the city, and F. W. Mulkey, representing the dock commission, conferred with Representative-elect Ben Selling this morning to protest against the change in tax paying dates as proposed by committee on taxation of Multnomah county's legislative delegation.

It has been proposed to change the dates from April 1 and September 1, to May 3 and October 1, which the city officials say would leave the city without funds during certain periods of the year. Another meeting will be held with the committee tonight.

Red Means Alarm Box.

In line with the safety fire movement, a number of the alarm boxes in the downtown district are being painted red to indicate the location of fire alarm boxes.

All Inhabitants of Town Massacred

Military Commander at Bushkara, Armenia, Had Turks Kill All but 30 of Its Inhabitants, Says Russian.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—That the Turkish military commander at Bushkara, Armenia, ordered a massacre of the town's civilian population when the Russian army approached, charged by fugitives from the scene of the alleged slaughter today.

Even aged men, women and children, it was asserted, were butchered, and it was said the bodies of Christians were invaded everywhere and looted, while their occupants were thrown through the windows into the streets. According to advices received here, only 30 men escaped.

Consul Arrested For Firing House

Representative of Honduras in San Francisco Repudiated Alleged Confession; Says Oil Stove Started Blaze

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Fernando Somoza, consul for Honduras, whose house was partially destroyed by fire last night, was charged with arson today, although Police Lieutenant Sylvester declared Somoza made a confession to him last night. Somoza repudiated it today, declaring that he was in the bathtub when a coal oil stove, used to heat his bed chamber, exploded.

And He Was Hungry.

A large, slow-footed colored man was leaning against the corner of the railroad station in a Texas town when the noon whistle in the cannery factory blew and the hard hurried out, hearing their grub buckets. The colored man listened, with his head on one side, until the rocketing echo had quite died away. When he heaved a deep sigh and remarked: "Dar she go! Dinner time for some folks—just '12 o'clock for me!"

In a new system for heating houses with gas each radiator is a separate unit but the products of combustion are discharged through a common pipe into the outer air.

MANY WANT GIRL

Forty Make Application to Adopt Pretty Six-Year-Old Child.

The juvenile court was a busy place this morning, all because of items in the morning papers Sunday calling attention to the fact that a pretty little 6-year-old girl was held for adoption. At least 40 applications were received, including one from a Vancouver woman, wife of a lumberman and farm owner, who came in a big automobile. No steps have yet been taken by any to adopt the little girl, but it is thought she will secure a fine home with some one of the applicants.

VICTIM IDENTIFIES PERSONS CHARGED WITH BEATING HIM

Michael C. Plank Was Found Sunday Morning Wandering About Dazed.

Beaten into unconsciousness, after he had been lured to a room in the Bennett hotel, First and Taylor streets, Saturday night, Michael C. Plank, 322 Belmont street, building superintendent for the Umbdenstock & Larson Homebuilders company, was robbed of \$95 in cash, a watch valued at \$30 and a Scottish Rite signet ring, set with a diamond and valued at over \$100.

Bob Wilson, Mabel Wilson, alias Mabel King, and Harry Fulcher, all with police records, were arrested yesterday and positively identified by Mr. Plank as his assailants.

Patrolman J. W. Morelock found Plank, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, wandering near the scene of the robbery in a dazed condition. Both eyes were closed, his head was a mass of blood and the back of his tan raincoat was covered with blood to the waist. His hat was covered with hundreds of tiny chips of beer bottle glass.

Morelock found the room in the hotel scattered with blood half way to the ceiling and glass covered the floor. Plank was taken to the emergency hospital, where he had been in a room on First street Saturday afternoon and was invited to a room by Fulcher, a man he met for the first time.

The Wilsons were in the room. Almost immediately the woman made a remark to which he objected. As he was opening the door he was struck over the head. That was all he remembered when he regained consciousness early Sunday morning.

As the officers arrested Fulcher, he attempted to throw away the ring which Mr. Plank later identified as his. Fulcher also had \$24 in his possession.

The officers also arrested Jack Daly, a steamboat fireman, in a rooming house, who was Fulcher's roommate. Daly's suit of clothes, a black sweater and new shoes were found on Fulcher, and Daly was wearing Fulcher's blood-stained garments. Fulcher is said to have gone to his room after the robbery and forced Daly to change clothes with him.

Four years ago Wilson was arrested after he, with three others, had robbed the Wax store at First and Jefferson streets. The men were convicted. Wilson was paroled.

Gunsight Victim Improving.

Charles Whitlock, who was shot in the leg when he attempted to separate two combatants in the bar room of the New Scott hotel Christmas night, is improving at St. Vincent's hospital, and it is not thought that amputation of the limb will be necessary. The shotgun charge struck him in the knee, almost tearing off his leg. Edward Lish is in jail, charged with the shooting. He declares that he did not know the gun was loaded.

Hearing Ordered By Commissioner

Bonds of Charles Pool, Accused of Passing Counterfeit Dollar, Placed at \$1500.

United States Commissioner Frederick Drake this afternoon held Charles Pool, charged with passing counterfeit money, for preliminary hearing January 2, with bond fixed at \$1500.

Pool was arrested Friday night on a scow in the North End. A complete counterfeiting outfit, including a plating apparatus, was found in the shack, and samples of the money seized are said to be almost perfect counterparts of silver dollars.

Secret Service Agent William A. Glover and Commissioner Drake hurried away in an automobile immediately after the arrest of Pool. Others of the gang are said to have been located.

The complaint filed this morning charges Pool specifically with passing a counterfeit dollar to Mrs. Emma Crawford.

Ambassador Admits Wireless Was Used

British Collier Received Wireless Message From Cruiser at Sea While She Was in the Harbor at Balboa.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, submitted to the state department today a correction on England's previous statement regarding alleged violations of American neutrality by British vessels in the Panama canal zone. The statement, as corrected, stands: "The British collier received wireless messages while in the harbor at Balboa from a British cruiser at sea. The commander of the collier asked the commander of the port to transmit the message to the British consul at Balboa. The British consul refused and promptly dismantled the collier's wireless apparatus."

This data was submitted without comment by the British government and it was understood that there would be no further diplomatic discussions.

MAKES HIS USUAL DENIAL

Washington, Dec. 23.—Asked here this afternoon regarding a report that he would resign as soon as the senate acts on pending treaties, Secretary of State Bryan said: "I have not resigned as yet, so please make the customary denial."

GUTIERREZ REPORTED TO HAVE RESIGNED TO JOIN CARRANZA STAFF

Another Unconfirmed Report Says Villa Has Evacuated Mexico City With His Army

TORREON TROOPS REVOLT

No Truce Found Yet of Ex-Governor Turbide of Mexico City, Who Left for El Paso Upon His Release.

(United Press Special Wire.) Washington, Dec. 23.—Reports that Provisional President Gutierrez of Mexico had resigned and enlisted in General Venustiano Carranza's constitutional army were received today at the constitutionalist agency here. Agency officials admitted the reports were "unofficial and unconfirmed."

Still another report said that General Villa's army had evacuated Mexico City.

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Saloons Are Closed Under Attachment

Eight Places Affected by Action to Recover for Liquor, Light and Other Bills.

Eight saloons, two of which had not lost their 1914 licenses, have been closed under attachment by Constable Andy Weinberger, and one was closed last week by Sheriff Word. The latter place was run by Elmer Villa at 375 North Eleventh street. Since Saturday night some person broke into the saloon, burned up the attachment papers and took a small quantity of liquor. No trace of the thief has been found.

The other eight places are as follows: Where licenses were not renewed—G. M. Parker, Merchants' cafe, 205 Alder street; Steve Leva, 612 Sixth street; Thomas Thomson, 133 Third street, once known to fame as the Maza, but of late years the Acme; George Safford, 354 First street; H. E. Swanson, 1104 Corbett street; and H. Tannerson, 274 Madison street. Where licenses were renewed—Andrew Dariosis, Alexander the Great, 36 North Fourth street, and James Wilson, 54 North Third street.

Suits to recover pay for lights, liquor, cigars and payment of various other bills are the basis of the attachment.

FIGHT TO SAVE LIFE OF LITTLE GIRL FAILS DESPITE ROAD'S AID

Child Dies on Way to Los Angeles Though Limited Rushes to Secure Help.

(United Press Special Wire.) San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 23.—A great transcontinental railroad enlisted today in a fight to save the life of 6-year-old Wilma Barnes, who became ill of pneumonia while traveling with her parents from Valley City, N. D., to Long Beach. But its efforts were useless, for the little girl breathed her last just as the Salt Lake road's Los Angeles branch entered the city.

At Las Vegas, Nev., a doctor came aboard the train to treat the little girl. He said her condition was grave, and that specialists must be reached without delay if her life was to be saved.

The railroad dispatchers were notified and orders were secured to put the limited through to San Bernardino at utmost speed. Passengers willingly vacated the Pullman where the child and parents fought to hold off death until the little one could be placed in more skillful hands. Then the men in the engine did their share, and the big train raced across the desert and into San Bernardino two hours ahead of its schedule.

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COLD RAINS FILLED UP TRENCHES, DROVE OUT TROOPS OF THE ALLIES

Week Before Christmas Was Gloomy Period for Men at the Front.

RIFLES MADE USELESS

British Aviator Scores Off Near Victorious Assault by Pointing Cannons at Him, Says Eyewitness.

London, Dec. 23.—The terrible difficulties encountered by the troops in the western war zone as a result of weather conditions just before Christmas, were vividly described today in an "eye witness" made public by the official military information bureau here today.

Operations on both sides were greatly hampered by cold rains, according to the statement. The trenches were so filled with water, said the story, that the men could not occupy them, and many caved in, rendering them permanently useless.

The troops, too, were declared to have had the utmost trouble in keeping their rifles serviceable, the mud sometimes so completely choking the barrels that the only way they could be handled was as clubs.

The German regiments opposed to the British forces were reported greatly reduced in strength, many of them apparently being down to a quarter their normal complements.

Describing an encounter between a German and a British aviator at a height of 500 feet from the ground, the statement said:

"The Englishman emptied his pistol ineffectually. He was practically at this foe's mercy when suddenly he fired a small cannon and leveled it at the German. The latter had just fired his last shot, and believing he was confronted by a fresh pistol, flew away. Thus the Briton won the day."

Another story was as follows: "A French dispatch bearer, coming unexpectedly upon a band of 50 German soldiers, shouted to them to throw down their rifles and surrender at the same time waving for imaginary companies of French troops to advance."

The Germans, deceived, surrendered.

"Barney" O'Neil Is Granted a Pardon

Orchards Citizen Called by Death

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 23.—B. F. ("Barney") O'Neil, Wallace banker, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a man, was granted a pardon by the governor today.

Shoshone, Wash., Dec. 23.—John Shoop, a resident of Orchard, died last night, following a short illness. He was a native of Austria and was born at Tyrol, January 20, 1857. He came to America in 1881 and remained here eight years, returning at that time to marry Miss Rosa Clutz, who, with three children, survive him. Upon his return to this country he settled in Douglas county, Oregon, where they resided 18 years. The children surviving him are Andrew J., Marie and Rose Shoop. Funeral services will be conducted at the Lumber undertaking parlors tomorrow, and interment will be in the city cemetery. Services will be conducted by Mr. Gossett, a neighbor of Mr. Shoop.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 23.—Reports being compiled indicate that the fall fishings on the Columbia and coast streams were first class. The Columbia river canneries put up about 110,000 cliver and the coast plants about 100,000 cases. The market is slow with pretentious prices \$1.15 per dozen for pounds and from 65 to 75 cents for halves.

Carpenters at Work On New Tabernacle

Plans Are to Begin Evangelistic Services Next Sunday at East Eleventh and Belmont Streets.

Fifty men, some skilled at carpentry, others just able to saw a board and drive a nail, will begin bright and early Wednesday morning on the construction of a tabernacle at East Eleventh and Belmont streets. The tabernacle will be rushed through to completion within two days and will be the scene of a month's evangelistic services which Rev. E. J. Bulgin will open next Sunday night.

The organized band of builders came into being yesterday afternoon at a meeting in the First United Brethren church, East Eleventh and Morrison streets. Rev. T. W. Lane of Centenary Methodist church presided, and representatives attended from each of the 14 side churches which will join in the revival. Women of the various congregations met this afternoon to arrange for the serving of lunch to the workers in Centenary church Wednesday noon.

Singers who wish to join the revival choir will meet Wednesday night at the Third Presbyterian church to confer with the musical director, Frank L. Rosa.

United Railways and City Commissioner Disagree on Amount of Compensation to Be Paid by Company.

Hearing of the United Railways company's application for a new franchise was held before the city commission this afternoon, the company's request being for rights to operate freight trains exclusively. The old franchise allowed both passenger and freight. The chief point at issue now is the question of compensation. Commissioner Daly insisting that the city receive the same revenue under the new arrangement as under the old, and the company insisting upon a nominal compensation of \$100 per year.

Twelve log rafts moored in Bradbury slough by the Wisconsin Logging company broke away yesterday, but at 2 o'clock this afternoon the last of the bunch was safely back at the wharves. For some time last night the lower river was dotted with the logs, extending as far down the river at Cathlamet. The steamer Henderson broke from the Callender fleet at Astoria succeeded in securing the runaway rafts.

Extradition Papers Coming. Extension papers for Ernest Rosmar, who surrendered himself to the police here two weeks ago and confessed having murdered a Mrs. Sahn at Pittsburgh July 4, 1902, are being forwarded and an officer is coming to get Rosmar, according to a telegram received by Chief of Police Clark this morning. Rosmar has since repudiated his confession, asserting that he was intoxicated at the time.

Young Men's Suits and Overcoats at Same Reductions

All Boys' Clothing Also Reduced

Men, Main Floor—Young Men, Second Floor

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

Morrison Street at Fourth

Plan Skin Grafting Operation for Boy

Friends Volunteer to Aid Youth Who Was Severely Burned in Fire at Irvington School.

Edwin E. Phillips, the 9-year-old boy whose face and arms were badly burned in the Irvington school fire December 10, is to be the subject of a skin grafting operation at the Good Samaritan hospital. The necessary skin is to be taken from a number of friends, who have volunteered.

The boy is the son of Captain and Mrs. Lawrence C. Phillips of 456 East Fourth street. He was burned when an electric bulb on a Christmas tree at the school entertainment burst, setting his clothes on fire.