# DUINGS OF THE WEEK Congress Promptly Ratifies Termina-

ABROGATION IS UPHELD.

ion of Russian Treaty.

Washington, D. C. - Congress very

promptly ratified the president's noti-

fication of the termination of the Rus-sian treaty of 1832 and sent the meas-

ure to the president for his signature.

The house disposed of it according to program within 75 minutes.

m.; Vice President Sherman signed it at 3:51 p. m., after the senate had re-

mained in session purposely to permit him, under the rules, to affix his sig-

It was a perfunctory proceeding in the house, for Democrats and Repub-

licans voted together, Macon, of Ar-

kansas, Democrat, alone voting in the negative. He explained to the house

later that he voted against the resolu-

tion in a spirit of levity. In the debate Republicans joined

with their political opponents in trib-

utes to Representative Sulzer, of New York, the Democratic author of the

house bill, for accepting the senate

'Mr. Sulzer has shown that he is

acting through the promptings of pat-riotism, not politics," Republican

wished to terminate the treaty of

outlined in the news dispatches from

GIRLS BARTERED FOR GOLD.

Russian Miss Who Wants to Wed

American Tells.

that the local Russian colony of 3,000 is a marriage market wherein young

braved a hundred pairs of eyes in

Judge Wilbur's court and screamed that she would bare the secrets of her

Beside her stood Raynor Hallack, a

clung because she loves him and he

she had never seen, so she ran away.

That is why she was before the judge

buyers; that the personal charms of

livestock and constitute the criterion

archs present back into their teeth.

Judge Wilbur continued the case and

a thorough investigation of the colony

Officers of the court declare the

Washington, D. C .- "We are ready

Gompers Courts Investigation.

will be made

girl's statements are true.

The girl's testimony constitutes as sensational a chapter as any ever heard in a local court. She asserted,

people rather than submit.

Los Angeles - Declaring bitterly

easure amending his own.

Leader Mann said.

St. Petersburg.

nature while it was in session.

Speaker Clark signed it at 2:56 p.

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

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General Resume of Important Events Presented In Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Imperial forces in China are preparing for another big battle

Samuel and Willam Muncy, twins, of New York City, celebrated their 93d birthday on Christmas day.

President and Mrs. Taft escaped their special guards and went calling on friends for two hours on Christmas

More than 1,000,000 gallons of mo lasses were destroyed by fire on the wharves of the Boston Molasses company

the force of public opinion in the United States on the Russian passport Europe is profoundly impressed by question. 1832 has been received at the State department. The officials decline to

Persian officials declare the Russians are murdering women and chil-dren in cold blood, and ignoring over-mit that its contents have been well tures for peace.

Several hundred newsboys struggled for hours in the streets of Portland Christmas day for coins thrown by generously inclined parties.

A South Chicago newspaper which had been active against writers of Black Hand letters was dynamited and the plant practically destroyed.

Several hundred men are racing Several hundred men are racing girls are bartered by their parents with dog teams to a new strike on the girls are bartered by their parents bead of Sixty. Mile river in Alaska like so many cattle, Elsie Navikoff head of Sixty-Mile river in Alaska. The temperature is about 40 degrees below zero.

General Reyes, head of the new Mexican insurgent movement, was located by government authorities on a sturdy American, who served five ranch, together with five of his fol- years in the navy and to whom she lowers, and captured.

A throng of 100,000 people gathered wants to marry her. She is 17, eduon the streets and at the windows and on the roofs and balconies of buildings daughter of John Navikoff, and she President Recommends Revision, the heart of San Francisco on asserted that her father and mother Christmas eve and sang songs of peace had sold her for \$500 gold to a man and good will.

Russian and Persian troops have in the juvenile court. had a battle near Tabriz.

Alaska delegation says that terri tory can support millions of people.

and offered to prove, that there are Senator Borah plans a new irriga-600 young Russian girls for sale here tion loan which will help the Umatilla at an average price of \$500 to men project. wanting wives; that their parents are

Indicted packers in Chicago declare the sellers and the highest bidders the the public was benefitted by their business methods.

C. L. Smith, newly appointed agri-culturist for the O.-W. R. & N. Co., of sale. will visit many farms along the line to gather pracitcal information.

A government engineer has approved the proposed expenditure of \$800,000 for the improvement of Tillamook bay, on the Oregon coast.

President discusses currency, army reforms, parcels post and other topics in a message to congress.

A telephone rate war has begun in California and is expected to extend over the entire Pacific coast.

## MEN OF THE HOUR IN THE CHINESE CRISIS.



ABOVE, DR. WU TING FANG, WHO REPRESENTS REPUBLIC IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND YLAN SHI KAI, WHO REPEALED IN PEACE FOR REPUBLIC. BELOW, ANOTHER FICTURE OF DR. WU, WITH HIS FAMILY.

Leaving Rate to Congress.

Basis for Tariff.

abroad.

REDUCE WOOL DUTY tends to decrease revenue through un-der-valuations, and, second, that as increases the duty per pound at the

the consumer is least burdened by the Jay, Governor's island. price and the producer most needs protection.

"Another method of meeting the Believes Difference Between Cost at Home and Abroad Is Proper wool in terms of its scoured contents.

present system, namely, the discrim- class. ination due to different precentages Washington, D. C .- President Taft and thereby tends greatly to equalize sent a message to congress Thursday the duty. The board reports that this

recommending a downward revision of could be administered without great girls are inventoried like the points of the tariff on wool. Accompanying the expense. message was the report of the tariff "They should be reduced and so ad proposed revision adhere to a policy of protection based upon the difference in greatly in excess of the difference in cost of production at home and cost of production here and abroad.

that in this industry the actual manu-The message says that the present facturing cost, aside from the quesmethod of assigning the duty on raw tion of the price of material, is much wool operates to exclude wools of higher in this country than abroad; A telephone rate war has begun in California and is expected to extend wer the entire Pacific coast. Hop interests of America, backed U a unvertigende in the second of th

# YUAN REMAINS STEADFAST.

Will Resign Rather Than Yield to Republicans. Pekin-Yuan Shi Kai, the premier,

evidently still remains steadfast in his decision not to accept a republican form of government for China as the price of peace within the empire.

Members of the premier's entourage reiterate that Yuan never will advise the abdication of the emperor and thereby become a traitor. They say of those months when it was no longer that if the formation of a republic is possible to keep cattle out doors. unavoidable he will resign as prime minister.

It has been suspected that Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Yuan Year was celebrated. and the imperial government at the Shanghai peace conference, and Yuan with the intertion to shear the Manchus of power gradually and thereby prevent a Manchu uprising in Pekin, out the fact that Tang has telegraph-

ed friends here asking them to endeavor to persuade Yuan of the necessity of accepting a republic seemingly indicates that Tang and the premier in different lands. are not in accord. After many conferences prior to his

lepartmure from Shanghai, Tang evi dently believed that Yuan had been won over to the republican idea, while on the other hand Yuan thought Tang had been brought around to see the

necessity for the continuance of the nonarchy

### ARMY REFORMS PRISONS.

Deserters to Be Treated as Subject to Good Influences.

Washington, D. C. - A sweeping change in military prison methods was the place of bone and wood skewers instituted by order of the War depart- Later pin money was substituted. ment. All of the short-term prisoners on Alcatraz island, San Francisco, ers on Alcatraz island, San Francisco, have been ordered transferred to Fort and fat fowl were popular offerings of Leavenworth, Kan. the season.

All of the long-term pisoners in the der-valuations, and, second, that as latter prison are to be transferred to old New Year custom which is still prices advance, the ad valorem rate Alcatraz, which will thus be made the kept up in the increasing use of gloves place of confinement for the criminal as holiday gifts. element, while Leavenworth will be

competition, while if prices decline To save transportation expenss, a sec- cling to the old traditions the duty is increased at the time when ond criminal jail is created at Fort

difficulty of taxing the grease pound is the soldiers guilty of breaches of dis-

to assess a specific duty on grease ciplice as subject to reformatory in-to in terms of its scoured contents, fluences and of segregating them from pint," brewed at home and drunk by This obviates the chief evil of the the absolutely criminal and vicious the family standing around the bowl

BIG PRIZES FOR MARCHERS.

Elks Offer Great Inducements Competitors in Parade.

Portland-With prospects of from tensity of her feelings, she flung the denials of a score of Russian patri-but the president recommends that the but the president recommends tha 25,000 to 30,000 uniformed marchers lodge of Elks has decided to award the oldest man in the regiment dressed a total of \$10,000 in cash prizes for as Father Time, march out of barthe winners of the different classes. racks headed by the band playing "The findings of the board show This is by far the greatest aggrega-

tion of prizes ever offered by the Elks or any other order in the country. These prizes will be for the lodge making the best showing, the lodge

Standard Hash Proposed.

Topeka, Kan,-With the ultimate

object of standardizing all hash served

in public places in Kansas, the State

board of health has instituted an in-

vestigation as to the ingredients com-

monly used by restaurants and hotels

department has found," said Dr. S.

Crumbins, secretary of the board,

'that all mixed foods must be stand-

ardized or the pure food law cannot be

enforced. The board does not propose

to denature hash-merely tone it

Traffic Advantages Hold,

Washington, D. C.—"Power has not been lodged with the Interstate com-

Maine Relics Are Held Up.

Japan Ready to Intervene

disposition of the wreck.

merce commission to equalize econ

"This

in the concoction of the dish.

down.'

special feature classes.

# Happy New Year of Many Nations

EW YEAR'S day has for for generations been the occasion of revels. It has come down to us from the old German custom of dividing the year at the close

This was made quite a fete and in the sixth century was merged into the feast of St. Martin, November 11, on which day the opening of the New While in Germany Martinmas and

the New Year were identical, with playing a pre-arranged game the introduction of the Roman calendar the celebration was gradually transferred to the first of January, and with it went many of the jolly Martinmas customs. Traces of these old New Year ob-

servances and supersitions can still be traced in the way the season is kept Our decorations of greens, for instance, are a relic of the old Roman superstition of presenting branches of

trees for good luck in the coming vear. The giving of presents has also come to us from the Romans. They outdid even the generous Americans, for they used to ask for gifts if not received. until one of the emperors forbade his subjects demanding gifts save on the New Year.

One of the favorite New Year's gifts after pins were invented in England, in the sixteenth century, were the rough hand-made pleces of metal that took

A gift that must never be omitted was an orange stuck with cloves to

Gloves and glove money is a very

Even more curious are the old New time when the consumer most needs the place of detention of soldiers variable. Year customs. Many of these are still guilty of purely military offenses. The old-fashioned Englishman will

formally open the outer door of his The effect of these changes is to house on New Year's eve just at the carry out the recently developed Brit-ish system of treating deserters and out the old year and usher in the new. The Scotch make much of New Year.

> just as midnight strikes. After hearty greetings to the New

Year, the "hot pint," with bread, cheese and cakes, is taken to the houses of the neighbors. The first to to enter another's home on the first of

January bestows good luck on the family for the year.

"Auld Lang Syne." Just at the stroke of twelve there

mes a knock at the gate.

"Who goes there?" calls the sentry, "The New Year," is the answer. "Advance, New Year," is called back. smallest drummer lad in the regiment,

# A Hrayer for the New Hear

F TERNAL God, in whom years, remember us in Thy mercy also in this new year of our Lord. Reveal Thy glory in the experience of its joys and sorrows. Forestall its tears with the abiding comfort of Thy presence. Make us strong rightly to measure all our gains and to endure with patience every loss Thy love allows. Show us Thy meaning in the gifts and opportunities of each new day. Assure us of Thy help in labor. Thy delight in joys. Quicken our minds to clear vision and our hearts to cheerful content. Provide for our bodies such vigor as shall be needful for our allotted work. We leave to Thee the mystery of the year's events, assured that Thou wilt guide our way. Withhold from us all gifts which would prevent Thy purpose for our growth in wisdom and in service. Only deny us not Thyself-Thy Spirit to instruct our hearts, Thy work to share, Thy peace to still our restlessness, Thy presence to resolve our doubts. In the sifting of temptation grant that our faith fail not, and when our years are ended bring us to Thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A Happy New Year



Just at the turn of midnight, When the children are fast asleep, The tired Old Year slips out by himself, Glad of a chance to be laid on the shelf, And the New Year takes a peep



The passing of years is like the oming of dawn-slow, silent, inevitable. The most eager cannot hasten the quiet, irresistible movement, and the most reluctant cannot forbid. Some gifts the years bring which we would fain decline-age, sorrow, disappoint-The gates are thrown open and the ment. Some treasures they take which we would keep forever-youth, beauty,



big combine to handle the crops in future.

The powers are now trying to induce the Chinese rebels to accept terms offered by the government and end the war.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat - Track prices: Bluestem, 81@82c; club, 79c; red Russian, 78c; valley, 80c; forty-fold, 79@80c.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$23 per ton; midlev. \$37@38.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$30.506231 ton. itself that he and his colleagues will 16; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$11@12; brothers

grain, \$120013

Barley-Feed, \$36@37 ton.

Fresh Fruits-Pears, 50c@\$1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.25@1.50; cranber-ries, \$12@13 per barrel; casabas, \$1.50 per crate.

Apples-Jonathans, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenberg, \$1@2.50; Baldwin, 75c/0\$1.50: Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25 @1.75; Northern Spy, \$1.25@1.75; Winter Bananas, \$2023; Bellflower, \$1,10001.35

Potatoes-Buying prices : Burbanks, 90c@\$1.20 per hundred.

Onions-Jobbing price, \$1.50 per sack.

Vegetables - Artichokes, 90c per dozen; cabbage, 16214c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.9962 per crate; cucumbers, \$1.25@1.75 per dozen; celsnips, \$1.

Butter- Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 36; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack prices.

Poultry-Hens, 12c; springs, 11@ ducks, young, 17@18c; geese, 12 @13c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, choice, 221023c.

-Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, Eggs-

Pork-Fancy, 8@81c per pound. Veal-Fancy, 1402141c per pound. Cattle - Choice steers, \$5.75026;

good, \$5@5.60; choice cows, \$4.60 #5; good, \$4.25614.50; choice spayed heif- senate, said the finance committee \$4.50@4.60; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50 the house, though the bill would not pendent telephone companies. good, \$4674.25; choice calves, \$7678; be in final shape until February, good, \$6.75@7.

Hogs-Choice light hogs, \$6.55@ good to choice hogs, \$6,2500 6.65 hogs, \$5,25@5.50.

holidays. culls, \$3624.

ationist

Mr. Gompers pledges his full cober of the official organ of the Federa-

tion will be the first to appear since organized labor's defense of the Mc-Namara brothers collapsed by reason of their confession of the outrages Corn-Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 ton. charged against them. In his editor-

ial Mr. Gompers confines himself to a dlings, \$30; shorts, \$24; rolled bar- discussion of the issues raised by the McNamara case, saying of the case

Hay-No. 1 Eastern Oregon timo- stand by the statement they authorthy, \$18@18.50; No. 1 valley, \$15@ ized soon after the confession of the

#### Shuster May Have to Go.

five deputies with plenary powers to caused an expense of 14.7 mills, while new treaty are to proceed.

The Democrats opposed the proposal.

Portland Cargoes Large. that during the past two months the amount of freight brought from Port-voluntarily returned to Los Angeles, Jew," said Dr. Levy.

land here by his line has increased at leaving at midnight. least 200 per cent.

### Will Consider Tariff Reform.

Washington, D. C.-Congress will

houses after the holiday recess, though Democratic leaders of the ready to be reported for several weeks. ers, \$5@5.25; good to choice heifers, would begin its work in advance of phonice use of the same to the inde- years after initiating his entry.

Chaperonage is Urged. Portland Bill Favored. Washington, D. C.-The secretary ion in co-educational institutions, the shrubbery near the residence of against the coal combine, on which 6.50; fair, \$6@6.25; smooth heavy of the treasury submitted a favorable training in the newer vocations for Arthur Letts, owner of two of the writs were served on August 26, 1910,

\$3.75@4; choice killing ewes, \$3.25 wilding. Supporters of the measure resolutions adopted at the close of the vestigation, the police announced that (3.75; choice lambs, \$4.90@5.10; are hopeful of getting the bill fifth biennial conference of deans and they believed the dynamite had been the Federal court. The court granted ties.

by J. Ogden Armour, are planning a on "Labor's Position Lawful and Pro- available to the domestic manufactur- more efficient labor's more efficient labor's Position Lawful and Progressive," which will appear in the er, and that the duty on scoured wool er wages paid in this country. The gressive," which will appear in the er, and that the duty on scoured wood findings show that the cost of turning of 33 cents is prohibitory and operates the wool into yarn in this country is

to exclude the importation of clean, about double that in the leading comlow-priced foreign wools of inferior peting countries and that the cost of operation in any investigation that may be made. The forthcoming numble material for manufacturing and more than double. Under the protec which cannot be imported in the tive policy a great industry, involving grease because of their heavy shrink- the welfare of hundreds of thousands age. Such wools, if imported, might be used to displace the cheap substi-these handicaps.

tutes now in use, the president says, "In recommending revision and reand continues: "These discriminations could be be taken with these facts in mind, to duction, I therefore urge that action overcome by assessing a duty of ad the end that an independent and estabvalorem terms, but this method is lished industry may not be jeopardopen to the objection, first, that it in- ized." creases administrative difficluties and

New Treaty is Considered.

St. Petersburg-Having accepted in Commission Form Wins. Baker, Or. - Mayor Palmer made an equable spirit the notification of Teheran - The cabinet has won an public his first annual report under the the American ambassador that the

important victory over the national commission form of government and treaty of commerce and nativation encouncil which foreshadows the accept. says he believes that the new form, tered into by the United States ance of Russia's demand for the dis- although beset with many difficulties and Russia in 1832 would be abrogated missal of W. Morgan Shuster, the resulting from inexperience and reor- on January 1, 1913, officials of the American treasurer general of Persia, ganization, has, on the whole, proved Russian government are now directing ic advantages, to place one market in unless public opinion proves too entirely satisfactory and that it is their attention to the question of a strong. The national council, in a better, because those in charge have new treaty. It is recognized that disession that lasted from 8 o'clock until given constant consideration to the plomacy of the most experienced kind after midnight, finally accepted the municipal affairs. The necessary will be required, especially on the territory or to acquire all to meet up-proposal to appoint a commission of changes and improvements, have American side, if negotiations for a on a common basis at all points."

deal with the Russian ultimatum. for next year they will be 6.4 mills.

Harrington's Trip Halted.

Postal to String Heavy Wires.

#### Passport Refused to Rabbi. London - Dr. M. S. Levy, of San

Albuquerque, N. M .- John R. Har- Francisco, is a recent sufferer in an Los Angeles - Ocean freight and rington, the Chicago attorney who encounter with the Russian barriers

ery, California, \$4@4.25 per crate; passenger traffic to Los Angeles is was employed as one of the investiga-erg plant, 12c per pound; garlic, 6@ greater now than ever before in the tors for the defense in the McNamara rabbi is now in London on a world Washington, D. C. - Sentimental 10c per pound; lettuce, \$2.50 per history of the city, and local steamship case and who is wanted as a witness tour, which is to last several months, ists and souvenir-hunters, as well as peppers, 8@10c per pound; agents declare that their accomoda- before the Federal grand jury now and he has found that he cannot get town governments and patriotic organpumpkins, 1@11c per pound; sprouts, 9 tions are taxed to the fullest extent. probing the alleged dynamite conspir- his passports indorsed in order that he izations have been pouring requests @10c per pound; squash, 11@11c; to- D. W. Ferguson, local agent for the acy at Los Angeles, was served with may travel in Russia. "The Russian into the navy department recently for matoes, \$1,75 per box; carrots, \$1 North Pacific Steamship company, a subpoena by a deputy United States ambassador told William Phippe, sec- relics from the ill-fated Maine. per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1; par- which operates a line of steamers be- marshal here. Harrington and his retary of the American embassy in deptarment has no authority to distween this port and Portland, said that during the past two months the limited. He accepted service and unable to indorse the passport of a pose of any part of the vessel, and all indorse the passport of a requests have been refused. The department is awaiting action of con-

#### Would Change Homestead Law. Washington, D. C. -Secretary Fish-

New York-Minor M. Davis, who er, of the department of the interior, was recently appointed superintendent is not disposed to favor an out-and-out gin consideration of the tariff legis- of telephones for the Postal Telegraph three-year homestead bill, such as 37 c per dozen; case-count, 35c per lation in the committees of the two Cable company, announced that his that introduced by Senator Borah, of are premature, it is understood that company has issued instructions to its Idaho, but rather inclines to the view preparations have been completed to construction department to proceed that the homestead period should rehouse say that no measure will be with the erection of additional heavy main five years, as at present, but sary. with the erection of additional neavy main new years, as at present on the sary. The bence presence is a copper wires between all important with the provision that the home-the Shanghai peace conference is a present on the system of the company steader need not maintain his resi-Republican Leader Penrose, of the points on the system of the company steader need not maintain his resifor the purpose of extending the tele- dence upon his land the first two tary positions.

Dynamite Left in Garden Antipodian Trust Fined. Los Angeles-Twenty-two sticks of Sydney, Australia-The prosecutions Chicago-Better medical supervis- high-power dynamite were found in report upon the bill appropriating women, self-government and closer largest department stores in Los An- for breaches of the Australian anti-Sheep - Choice yearling wethers, \$1,000,000 for the Portland Federal chaperonage of girls were urged in geles, by a gardener. After an in- trust law, resulted in the fining of

 $g_{000}$  to choice lambs, \$4.75@4.90; through the senate soon after the advisers of women in state universi-tices.  $g_{000}$  to choice lambs, \$4.75@4.90; holidays.  $g_{000}$  to choice lambs, \$4.75@4.90wanted to get rid of it.

team, the lodge bringing the greatest number of ladies, the best band, the ried in on the shoulders of the men, jous treasures which time cannot biggest and the littlest Elk, the tal- and marched around the barracks to supply and the years cannot removebiggest and the littlest Elk, the tal-lest and the shortes Elk, the hand-night is spent in carousing. I herbert L. Willett. somest and the ugliest, for the most night is spent in carousing. comical costume and for a number of



gifts, notwithstanding attempts to suppress it, was continued after Europe had become Christian. For a time present making was transferred to Easter. but later it was again associated with the first day of January.



## "Blowing in the Yule."

Blowing in the yule from the grim old tower that had stood 800 years against the blasts of the North sea was one of the customs of the old town that abide, however it fares with the Nisse! that I know. At sunup. while yet the people were at breakfast, the town band climbed the many steep ladders to the top of the tower. and up there. In fair weather or fouland sometimes it blew great guns from the wintry sea-they played four old hymns, one to each corner of the compass, so that no one was forgotten. They always began with Luther's sturdy challenge, "A Mighty

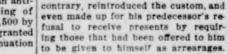
Fortress Is Our God," while down below we listened devoutly. There was something both weird

and beautiful about those far-away strains in the early morning light of the northern winter, something that was not of earth and that suggested to my child's imagination the angels' songs on far Judean hills. Even now Origin of New Year Gifts songs on far Judean hins. Even now does that. It could not have been because the music was so rare, for the mixture of poetry and symbolism and band was made up of small storekeepof superstition, those that belong to ers and artisans who thus turned an honest penny on festive occasions. Inalso relics of ideas that date from congruously enough, I think the official town mourner, who bade people to funerals, was one of them. It was ents from the Latin word, Strenia, like the burghers' guard, the colonel the name of a goddess whom the Ro- of which-we thought him at least a mans venerated as the patroness of general, because of the huge brass There was a grove in Rome sword he tralled when he marched at dedicated to this goddess, where it was customary to get fresh twigs, to give tailor, a very small but very martial as presents to friends and relatives on man. But whether or no, it was beau-

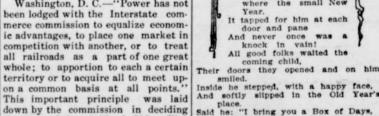
New Year's gifts to their sovereign. When the last strain died away, came the big belin with their deep voices that sang far out over field and heath, and our



statues made of them. Tiberius did away with the usage, because he considered it too troublesome to express thanks for the gifts. Caligula, on the



The custom of making New Year's



And softly slipped in the Old Year's place. Said he: "I bring you a Box of Days, Tied round with tissue of rainbow rays; I give it joyfully, for I know, Though all days may not with gladness the cases of the Ashland, Ohio, Fire Brick company brought against the Southern railway and other roads.

glow, Each gift holds some precious bit of

win your thanks," said the sweet Child Year! To

The wind blew there and

the wind blew here,

where the small New

And brought from



The Like the customs of Christmas, which, in their origin, are a curlous gress before making any plans for the Tokio-Although the reports of Japanese military intervention in China

gifts. The belief prevails here that New Year's day. During the sway of tiful. I have never heard mu-the emperors, Roman subjects made sic since that so moved me. onists and the imperialists, in order that they might strengthen their mili-Augustus received such quantities of these that he had gold and silver

