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All Happy New Year to All is the Wish of The Times

WELCOME TO  
THE NEW YEAR TO  
BE DRY ONE

id On in Boston and N. Y.  
Restaurants

uch to Eat and Much Dancing  
But Orders Given That  
No Liquor Be Allowed at  
the Tables.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The old year will be  
blended out and the new one will roll  
in with a great display. That lubrication  
will be lacking at all the public observ-  
ances was the main thing. The agencies who  
were to be closed today when hotels  
and restaurants were to be closed.

As a further check, federal agents  
will check the faithful ones to  
see any visible dampness out. Not  
withstanding the new order of things,  
servations for tables have been taken  
capacity at the popular houses.

New York, Dec. 31.—One hundred pro-  
hibition enforcement agents will mingle  
among the crowds in hotels and restau-  
rants along the "White Way" tonight and  
assist celebrators to extend a dry wel-  
come to the New Year. The agents, who  
will split up into flying squads, have  
been instructed to clamp the lid down.

Managers of prominent hotels have or-  
dered their employees not to handle liquor  
in any way and the indications point  
to a "dry" greeting to 1921 instead of  
the "good year" which when it is  
deemed fashionable to launch a new  
year amid the popping of champagne  
and the sipping of wine.

number of churches  
will observe  
services.  
JACK LIQUOR  
WORTH \$50,000

Berta Decision Favorable to  
Nat Bell Company—Bond  
in Meantime.

Edmonton, Dec. 31.—As a result of a  
decision of a special sitting of the ap-  
ellate court of Alberta the Nat  
Bell Company is given back possession  
of \$50,000 worth of liquor which has been  
subject of litigation for some months.

The return is conditional on the com-  
pany depositing with the court \$60,000  
cash or an approved bond for \$65,000  
to be forfeited to the crown in case  
of default. The appeal court and the magis-  
trate's conviction is sustained.

Bond House Affairs  
Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—A grand jury  
investigation of the situation developed  
through the closing of the bond house of  
Mrs. B. E. Etheridge, is under pres-  
ent consideration by District Attorney  
W. A. Insinger. It is understood that  
an inspector said that discovery  
miscellaneous municipal bonds may  
be the result of the bond com-  
pany to about \$500,000.

Banhouse, city treasurer of Ed-  
monton, Alta., arrived to attempt un-  
winding of the tangle that has tied up  
\$300,000 of Edmonton bonds held in  
trust by a bank here.

The bonds are on blocks of the \$2,135,  
for which Etheridge contracted, as  
agent of Morris Bros. Inc., but for  
which he never paid.

J. E. MICHAUD  
DIES IN HOTEL  
IN CAMPBELLTON

Lumberman of St. Quentin's  
Taken Suddenly Ill While  
on Business Visit.

(Special to The Times.)  
Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 31.—J.  
Ernest Michaud, a lumberman of St.  
Quentin's, died suddenly in the St.  
Louis hotel here this morning at 8:30. He  
arrived here on Monday evening's train  
and was engaged in business here until  
yesterday afternoon, when he took sick.

Mr. Michaud was a very popular and  
enterprising young man and friends  
throughout northern New Brunswick  
will regret to learn of his sudden de-  
cease. The body was sent to St. Que-  
ntin's this morning.

ON WAY WITH COAL  
The Canadian Government Merchant  
Marine liners Miners and McKean are en  
route from Sydney, C. B., to St. John  
with cargoes of soft coal for the Cana-  
dian National Railways. The coal will be  
distributed in St. John, Moncton and  
South Devon.

DOUGLAS AVENUE WORK  
Commissioner Jones reported this  
morning, after an inspection of the work  
of laying water and sewer services in  
Douglas avenue, that the contractors had  
seven trenches prepared for the pipes.  
Three sewers had been connected, and  
another will be finished today.

TO BE A NURSE  
Miss Emily A. Baynton eldest daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baynton, Uni-  
on street, West St. John, will leave on  
Monday evening for the States where she  
will enter the General City Hospital of  
Worcester, study nursing. Her many  
friends in St. John and elsewhere wish  
her every success in her new work.

S. S. RALLY  
The tenth annual New Year's rally of  
the Presbyterian Sunday schools of St.  
John and Fairville will be held in St.  
Andrew's church on New Year's morn-  
ing at a quarter to eleven o'clock.  
The prize program for the schools  
having the largest percentage of mem-  
bership present has been won by the  
Congregational school, with 75.3 per cent.

POLICE COURT  
In the police court, this morning, Al-  
bert Middleton was charged with break-  
ing and entering the store of James  
Macaulay, 146 Westwood street, on De-  
cember 24 and stealing cigars, cigarettes  
and groceries to the value of \$25. He  
pleaded not guilty. Mr. Macaulay testi-  
fied that he had been in the store at  
the time and saw Middleton enter and  
take the goods.

One man arrested yesterday on a  
charge of drunkenness pleaded guilty at  
the afternoon session and was remanded.

MRS. EMILY J. COY  
Mrs. Emily J. Coy, widow of G. Fred-  
rick Coy, formerly of the provincial  
public works department, Fredericton,  
passed away at 1:30 o'clock this morn-  
ing at 149 Broad street at the age of sev-  
enty-seven years. She is survived by one  
daughter, Miss Hazel Coy, of this city;  
one brother, Charles H. Waterhouse of  
Hull, Mass., and one sister, Mrs. H. M.  
Clarke of Halifax, N. S. A burial ser-  
vice will be held in St. John and the  
body will be taken to Fredericton on  
Saturday morning. The funeral will be  
held from the Brunswick street Baptist  
church, there.

MAYOR'S CALLERS  
Some old visitors drift into the  
mayor's office from time to time. This  
morning a man and wife—she a full-  
blooded negro and she a white woman—  
called. They arrived yesterday on the  
Fredericton on their way from Liverpool  
to the West Indies. They had brought  
tickets, but were stranded for money to  
keep them while awaiting the arrival of  
the West Indies steamer. The woman  
told the mayor that they received \$1  
from the immigration authorities at  
Liverpool and were promised \$5 on their  
arrival at their destination. On their  
arrival here they were sent to a board-  
ing house in North street, but the food  
did not please the colored husband,  
hence the appeal to the mayor. The  
mayor sent them on their way to the  
immigration people.

MORE SEEK DIVORCE  
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press)—  
Notice of six more divorce applica-  
tions is given in the Canada Gazette.  
Norah Beatrice MacDonald, of the  
county of Kent Ont., seeks a divorce  
from Frank MacDonald, now a prisoner  
at Kingston penitentiary on grounds  
which include separation for life. Lily  
Appleton, Toronto, seeks a divorce from  
H. Appleton; Alice Andrews, Barrie  
Ont., from John Bowman Andrews;  
Toronto, from Milton Wilson, Ont.,  
from Miss A. Wilson; A. C. Bennett,  
Montreal, from Norman B. Gibbons;  
Louise Sullivan, Montreal, from E. B.  
Sullivan.

ANDROSCOGGIN MILLS  
STOCK DIVIDEND  
Lewiston, Me., Dec. 31.—A stock divid-  
end of 100 per cent was authorized by  
the stockholders of the Androscoggin  
Cotton Mills yesterday. The action in-  
creases the capitalization to two million  
dollars.

WHOLESALE LOSS  
OF DOCUMENTS OF  
HISTORIC VALUE

Ontario Judge is Appointed to  
Investigate—Said They  
Were Destroyed as Waste.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press)—  
The appointment of Judge Snyder, of  
the county court of Westwood, Ont.,  
to be a commissioner to investigate the  
circumstances under which publications  
were delivered by the distribution  
branch of the department of public  
printing and stationary office to Messrs.  
Florence and Son, the contractors for  
the collection of waste paper and the  
destruction thereof, is gazetted.

He is appointed in connection with  
the alleged wholesale destruction, as  
waste, of valuable historical documents  
which were being stored pending their  
distribution to historical societies and  
other sources.

GENERAL STRIKE  
OF N. Y. HARBOR  
MEN AVERTED

New York, Dec. 31.—Possibility of a  
general strike of harbor employes here  
on January 1 was averted last night  
when members of the Masters, Mates  
and Pilots' Union voted to instruct their  
representatives to sign an agreement  
with the towboat owners in accordance  
with the award of an arbitration board  
of Dec. 11.

The union's action was taken on the  
report of a committee headed by Capt.  
Wm. A. Baker, which yesterday after-  
noon met with a committee of towboat  
owners and Michael Reagan and John  
J. Healy, representatives of the state  
industrial commission.

The arbitration award also has been  
accepted by the marine engineers, and  
it was said last night that the only other  
organization affected, the harbor boat-  
men, is expected to follow the action of  
the masters and mates.

BURNS AGENCY  
WANTS A SLICE

Sues for Part of the Reward  
for Capture of Doughty.

Portland, Oreg., Dec. 31.—Edw. Rich-  
ardson of Oregon City, who was award-  
ed half of the \$15,000 reward for the  
arrest of John Doughty of Toronto, for-  
mer secretary of Ambrose J. Small, was  
sued yesterday for \$2,500 by the  
Burns Detective Agency.

The suit is based on a charge that  
Richardson told the circular through  
which Doughty was identified from the  
office of the Burns Agency.

The complaint alleges that at the time  
of the arrest, Richardson was carrying  
a card from the Burns agency.

FOCK'S REPORT ON  
DISARMAMENT  
BY THE GERMANS

Paris, Dec. 31.—Marshal Fock has  
submitted to the Council of Ambassa-  
dors his report in the progress under  
by Germany toward disarmament, it was  
believed here today.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the  
Times reporter to Mr.  
Hiram Hiramson, "have  
you sworn off?"  
"Swore off what?"  
"Quit?"  
"Far be it from me,"  
said Hiram, "to  
give the inspectors a  
hint—but tomorrow is  
New Year's Day—the  
day of good resolutions."

"Well," said Hiram,  
"I quit what I  
hate. I quit what I  
made last New Year's  
day."

"Found you couldn't quit as easy  
as you expected—hey?" said Hiram.  
"Quit?" said the reporter. "I didn't  
have to quit anything. What I set out  
to do was to make other people quit.  
There are heaps of people everywhere  
who need to be set right. I was going  
to do it. I resolved to do it. I was  
willing to give advice to anybody. May-  
or Schofield or Lloyd George would not  
have appealed to me in vain. But they  
didn't—and those to whom I appealed  
seem to have no sense, or had a hen  
on a pin. I even suspect that some of them  
called me a nut after I had tried to set  
them right. Hiram, this job of making  
everybody else quit is most excit-  
ing—most exciting, indeed."

"Well," said Hiram, "I'll tell you what  
to do next year. Watch your own toes.  
You'll find that ain't no snap—nuth-  
ing but a hen!"

RECEIVERS FOR  
PICTURE CONCERN

Troubled of Frohman Amuse-  
ment Corporation—Alleged  
Short of Cash for Big Pic-  
ture.

New York, Dec. 31.—Receivers in  
solvency were appointed for the Frohman  
Amusement Corporation, motion picture  
manufacturers and producers, by Judge  
John C. Knox, in federal district court  
here yesterday. The defendant com-  
pany's assets were given as \$240,000 and  
its liabilities as \$27,075.

The Powers Film Products Company, Inc.,  
in its petition claiming \$3,082, as-  
serted that the Frohman company has  
spent \$14,000 in the production of a  
picture and that it is unable to continue  
the production for lack of cash.

Cancellation of the Frohman com-  
pany's contract with Miss Lillian Gish,  
actress, being started in the picture, as  
threatened by her, the petition con-  
tinues, would result in the money thus  
far invested going a total loss.

No Times Tomorrow  
The Times will not be published  
tomorrow, New Year's Day.

OUR DOLLAR TODAY  
New York, Dec. 31.—Sterling exchange  
firm. Demas 838 1-4. Quoted 85 1-4.  
Canadian dollars were quoted at 187-8  
per cent discount.

WEATHER  
REPORT

Issue up with  
orig. of De-  
partments of  
R. F. S. S. S. S.  
director of meteor-  
ological service.

TUBE FROM GAS  
JET IN MOUTH;  
FOUND DEAD

Montreal Man Had Been Out  
of Work for Some Time.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—With one end of a  
rubber tube connected with an open gas  
jet and the other in his mouth, Arthur  
Lalonde, fifty-eight years of age,  
City Hall avenue, was found dead in  
his room last night. A blanket had been  
thrown over himself by Lalonde, whose  
body was reclining in a rocking chair  
and the bottom of the door, as well as  
the top of the bed, had been closed.

It was learned that he had been out  
of work for some time and that he had  
been employed in a bank in the  
east end.

LITTLE HOPE IN  
MEIGHEN REPLY

The Premier's Letter to  
Mayor Church of Toronto  
on Unemployment Assis-  
tance.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Premier Arthur  
Meighen holds out little hope, if any,  
of the dominion government coming to  
the assistance of Toronto, or any of the  
other large cities in Canada, in the  
relief of the unemployment situation.

In a letter received from him yester-  
day by Mayor Church in reply to a let-  
ter from the mayor suggesting that the  
government come to Toronto's assist-  
ance, the premier makes it clear that  
he regards the municipally as the natu-  
ral and proper burden bearer, not the  
federal government.

In Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Immediate assist-  
ance for needy unemployed persons is  
to be extended by the city's social welfare  
commissioner by means of an arrange-  
ment effected by the joint committee  
of unemployed sitting in the city hall  
yesterday. A registration office for un-  
employed persons seeking work is to be  
opened through the office of R. A. Riggs,  
western superintendent of employment  
services of Canada. Secondary offices, if  
required, may be opened in the board  
of trade building.

Robert J. Shore, a member of the com-  
mittee representing returned men, es-  
timated that fewer than 500 in Winnipeg  
require actual assistance and declared  
that the unemployment here was not  
nearly so acute as reports indicated.

REINSTATEMENT  
OF McLEAN SOUGHT

Presentation in Devon to Rev.  
H. E. Thomas—Fredericton  
News.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 31.—Applica-  
tion for the reinstatement of Fred Mc-  
Lean of Fredericton now a patrolman of  
the Fredericton police force as an am-  
ateur Provinces Branch A. A. has been  
played in Quebec in the N. H. A.  
last winter.

At a Christmas tree entertainment in  
the study of the Devon Methodist  
Church on Thursday night, the pastor  
Rev. H. E. Thomas was made recom-  
mended.

SUITS AGAINST  
SCHOONER HERE

Action by Man and Wife  
Against the Greek Vessel  
Calimeris.

In the exchequer court, New Brun-  
swick admiralty district, this morning  
before Chief Justice Hazen, action in  
rem was commenced in the case of Elias  
Loupides and Olga, his wife, against the  
five-masted Greek schooner Calimeris,  
now under arrest in this port. This is  
a claim for a balance of wages alleged to  
be due the male plaintiff and dam-  
ages for wrongful dismissal at St. John,  
his engagement, it is alleged, having been  
the final part of discharge in the old  
country. The female plaintiff claims  
also for wages due as assistant cook,  
some \$151.05, and also for damages for  
wrongful dismissal and assault by the  
master while the schooner was at a port  
in Morocco. She claims \$1,000 for as-  
sault and battery, and both claim com-  
pensation by way of vaticum to cover  
expenses to their home just outside Car-  
diff, Wales.

The male plaintiff was on the stand  
most of the morning with an interpreter  
sworn, and adjournment was made until  
this afternoon. D. Mullin, K. C., ap-  
pears for the plaintiff, and F. R. Taylor,  
K. C., for the defendant.

POSSIBILITIES OF  
NORTH COUNTRY

Stefanssen, Explorer, Says the  
Hudson Bay Railroad Will  
Do Much.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The completion of  
the Hudson Bay Railroad would open  
up a territory, which within twenty-five  
years, would take the place of the ranch-  
ing districts of Alberta and would sup-  
ply the remainder of Canada with a  
large supply of its meat and hides, ac-  
cording to Vilhjalmur Stefanssen, noted  
explorer, who is here today for the for-  
mation of his own reindeer ranch on  
Baffin Island. He says plans have been  
completed and sufficient capital has been  
raised. Importation of a breeding herd  
from Norway will take place early next  
summer.

MORE FAILURES  
THAN IN 1919

Liabilities in U. S. Also Much  
Heavier—New Regulation  
re Taxes.

(J. M. Robinson & Sons private wire  
telegram.)  
New York, Dec. 31.—R. G. Dunn re-  
ported 8,381 commercial failures in the  
United States during 1920, against 6,431  
in 1919, representing increase in liabilities  
of \$174,881,000.

General Motors omits stock dividend  
on common; declares regular quarterly  
cash dividend of 25 cent on common.  
U. S. Steel common stock holders at  
closing of books for December dividend  
were \$7.71, new high record and gain  
of 4.82, or over five per cent over pre-  
vious high record of \$9.92 reached Sep-  
tember last.

New treasury regulation permits com-  
pany to exercise preference in returning  
inventories for tax purposes at either  
value or cost price saving thereby large  
sums to business and manufacturing in-  
terests of country.

IRISH REPORTS

Dublin, Dec. 31.—Catholics of the  
Archdiocese of Tuam are reminded that  
armed resistance to the crown is unlaw-  
ful, by the Most Rev. Thomas P. Gil-  
martin archbishop of Tuam, in a letter  
he has just issued. He also warns  
against secret societies, saying:  
"Under the new canon law members  
of secret societies that plot against the  
church or state are ipso facto excom-  
municated. Oaths taken by members of  
such societies have no binding force and  
those who joined them must leave. They  
will also cut their connection with soci-  
eties whose members may be called upon  
to commit murder by shooting servants  
of the crown or civilians."

PLOT FOR ATTACK  
ON ITALIAN ARMY  
IS REPORTED

Ascribed to Extreme Nation-  
alists and Anarchists

Arrests in Milan Reported—  
D'Annunzio Leaves Fiume  
—Terms for Capitulation of  
City Accepted.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The discovery of a  
plot in Milan in which the Fascist (ex-  
treme Nationalist party) and anarchists  
are alleged to have been preparing a  
joint attack on the Italian army operat-  
ing against Fiume is reported by the  
newspapers here today. Newspapers say  
that seventeen persons have been ar-  
rested.

He Has Gone  
Rome, Dec. 31.—The Giornale d'Italia  
reports that D'Annunzio has left Fiume  
in an airplane, going first to Venice and  
later to Paris. His destination is un-  
known, but the speculation includes Ire-  
land, for which he has always expressed  
sympathy.

An airplane has been flying over  
Fiume territory and in the district be-  
tween Zara and Trieste, scattering  
papers declaring that Italy is unworthy  
the sacrifice of D'Annunzio's life in her  
behalf.

Trieste, Dec. 31.—Establishment of  
the old national council of Fiume as a  
provisional government over the city  
was announced here last night.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Gen. Caviglia in the  
terms which he laid down to the Fiuman  
delegates at Abbazia, stipulated that  
Capt. D'Annunzio leave Fiume, after re-  
leasing his legionaries from their oath,  
immediate abandonment of the islands  
of Arbo and Veglia was another stipu-  
lation.

The other terms were:—Restoration  
of all prisoners made by the legionaries  
and the surrender of all arms, ammunition  
and stores appropriated from the  
Italians; all warships to leave Fiume; all  
legionaries not natives of Fiume, after  
the town within five days and all leg-  
ionaries belonging to Fiume to be dis-  
armed. All the terms were accepted.

D'Annunzio's son, Gabriello, arrived  
at Abbazia, but was refused permission  
to proceed to Fiume to see his father.  
Several bombs were thrown into pos-  
itions held by regular soldiers in Fiume  
on Wednesday night.

BIG YEAR IN  
POLICE COURT

The police court business during the  
year 1920 exceeded that of any year  
previous. The total amount of fines ex-  
ceeded those in 1919 by more than \$2-  
000. The fines collected under the pro-  
hibition act were not more than \$300 in  
excess of 1919. During August the sum  
of \$2,172.50 was collected in fines, which  
is more than twice as much as collected  
in any other month during the year. The  
total for the year is \$9,044; in 1919,  
\$6,758, and 1918, \$5,273.

The number of arrests for the year  
amounted to 1,277, of which 937 were  
on drunkenness charges; in 1919, 1,375  
with 831 for drunkenness; in 1918, 1,1-  
076, with 507 for drunkenness.

The amount received under the In-  
toxicating Liquor Act, which is payable  
to the provincial treasury, is \$2,473;  
1919, \$1,915; 1918, \$1,401. The following  
is a summary of the fines collected each  
month: January, \$255; February,  
\$576.00; March, \$523; April, \$678; May,  
\$910.40; June, \$782.90; July, \$783;  
August, \$2,172.50; September, \$766; Octo-  
ber, \$205; November, \$225, and Decem-  
ber, \$487.

It must be remembered that under  
prohibition arrests are made for drunk-  
eness without waiting for the unfortu-  
nate to be helpless as in other days.

City Court  
The city court revenue this year is not  
so high as in other years and according  
to statistics for the last four years, is de-  
creasing. The official figures are as fol-  
lows: 1920, \$150,941; 1919, \$138,335; 1918,  
\$85,616, and 1917, \$92,285.

PARCELS POST  
TO BAHAMAS  
IS RESUMED

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press)—  
The direct exchange of parcels be-  
tween Canada and the Bahamas, inter-  
rupted a few years ago owing to the  
lack of a direct service, has now been  
resumed, so the post office department  
announces.

Arrangements have been made for a  
steamship service by vessels of the Cana-  
dian Government Merchant Marine,  
Ltd.

The first despatch will be by the S. S.  
Canadian Pioneer, sailing from Halifax  
on January 13. The rate of postage will  
as formerly be twelve cents a pound,  
which is considerably lower than the  
rate which had to be charged for parcels  
when they had to be forwarded via  
England. The limit of weight will, as  
hitherto, be eleven pounds.

MILLIONS AHEAD  
OF 1919 FIGURES

The St. John bank clearings for the  
year 1920 exceeded those of last year  
by more than \$25,000,000, according to  
figures announced this morning by  
W. J. Ambrose, chairman of the St.  
John Clearing House Association. The  
figures are: 1920, \$176,671,887; 1919,  
\$151,310,000.

There was a slight increase for De-  
cember, the clearings for the month this  
year being \$14,161,889, and for the same  
month last year, \$13,246,000.