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## ST. JOHN STAR.

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The Star wishes all its friends a very happy and prosperous New Year.

### GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

With a new year ahead of him and a clean sheet on which to write his record few men can resist the temptation to observe the first of January by drawing up a set of brand new resolutions. The sad and untimely fate which awaits most of these resolutions should bring a tear from the most unsympathetic eye. Some few, however, may be kept and these may make the effort worth while. Besides this whether or not the new rules and regulations are kept for long the effort made in drawing them up forms a desirable spiritual exercise for consciences not accustomed to hard work. Few men can take a good look at themselves without feeling that they are no better than they ought to be. After drawing up a set of new resolutions these same men will cherish a secret belief that they are going to be rather better than is really necessary. And so the old game of framing new codes goes on. The aftermath comes shortly—about the time the man who swore off smoking discovers that he is not getting half the satisfaction out of an ill-fitting feeling of virtuous self-satisfaction that he would get out of a good cigar. Just about the same time the man who purchased a nicely ruled note book in which to inscribe his personal expenses decides that he would spend his money more comfortably without a guardian angel keeping watch on every cent.

Some of the new resolutions which are public in their nature have already been announced. Premier Hazen took the plunge yesterday when he swore off his allegiance to the Highway Act and published the information that he had decided to turn it over to the tender mercies of county councilors. The common council had visions of starting the new year with new reorganized departments which would put all their civic ideals into effect in record time. There has been a slight delay in the reorganization but this only gives the aldermen a month of grace in which to think up a few more good resolutions. It is understood, however, that the present chairman of the Board of Public Works is carrying around with him a half formed resolve that he will not sacrifice himself to the common good for another quarter of a century. Although 1909 may show marks of progress in the common council it is feared that the Board of Trade will not advance much farther. The members have been so busy thinking up good resolutions for the council that they have not had the time to provide even a few for themselves.

After a survey of last year's political results it is probable that R. L. Borden will resolve to avoid bad company in the future. If certain other gentlemen who now prefix the qualifying word "we" to their titles, indulge in the same self-stirring recreation they may be expected to solemnly swear that they will never again write letters about their land deals to their friends.

Across the border the people are waiting to see what their new government looks like before making any resolutions regarding it. Mr. Taft appears to have received all that was coming his way and in view of the proven success in the past he is not likely to discard his well tried resolution to step carefully along the path trodden by his predecessor. While there are grounds for the belief that Bryan also got all that was coming to him it is not yet known whether he is making any resolutions about his future political course.

Dr. President Castro, late of Venezuela, will preface his resolutions this year with a few remarks to the effect that the man who wrote "absence makes the heart grow fonder," did not know his business. Abdul Hamid will find it necessary to revise the set of resolutions which have done duty for so many years and frame a few suitable for a limited monarchy. The Shah of Persia is having the same experience and it does not seem to agree with him. In Russia the Liberal Government thoughtfully drew up their New Year's resolutions before commencing their holidays. Their programme for 1909 is a heavy one and parts of it will be as hard to carry out as those framed by a private individual. The suffragettes are making a few resolutions of their own which will not be likely to help the government very much.

As this year passes the value or futility of all the carefully planned resolutions will be shown and in the meantime the Star wishes all success to one who have sworn solemn vows of happiness, prosperity and the fulfilment of all good desires to everybody.

## GOOD TIMES ARE COMING

Dun & Co. Make Glowing Prediction

### THE PAST YEAR

Banking Failures In 1908 \$110,000,000 Less Than 1907

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 31.—(Hopeful) and commercial conditions for the year 1909 are glowingly predicted in R. G. Dun and Company's annual review of trade conditions, which will appear in the New Year's number of Dun's Review. The Review asserts that the recuperative powers shown by the Wall Street interests during the year just ended "were beyond the hopes of the most sanguine."

"The year," says Dun's Review, "opened with everything at a low ebb, and confidence was so badly shaken that uncertainties were abandoned until the number of unemployed rose above all records since the panic of 1893. Idleness was so general that the previous year's net immigration of over a million changed to an excess of emigrants in 1908."

But while the figures for the early part of the year made a poor showing as compared with the corresponding part of the preceding year "the closing months," says the Review, "marked a recovery so great that in many cases there was improvement over 1907. The security market, says Dun, made the first recuperative strides, as was evidenced by an average rise of about 36 per cent. in the prices of the sixty most active railroad stocks."

The Review continues: "When it was seen that no further set-back threatened trade gradually increased and growing confidence brought renewal of interest in work projected prior to October, 1907."

Two factors, however, still give rise to caution, "uncertainty as to crops and politics." These two points, however, were, according to Dun, settled satisfactorily late in 1908, from which time the really true business revival may be said to date.

Dun places the amount involved in banking failures during the year at \$110,000,000 less than that involved in 1907, although more banks failed than in the preceding year.

"There was a gratifying improvement in the comparison of liabilities in the closing quarter," continues the review. "Losses diminished as the financial stringency decreased, the banks extending accommodation more readily as confidence was restored, although commercial paper was at all times closely scanned."

The Review takes up in detail the fortunes and misfortunes of the various industries during the old year and their chances for betterment during the new. The iron and steel business being less susceptible to fluctuation than most other pursuits, is described as having been but little affected by the panic, the present prices of pig iron and steel being but very little below those of a year ago, while the farmers received more money for their produce than ever before. The total value was \$7,733,000,000. Hides and leather are described as having had a fairly hard time, as had also dry goods and woollens, while the boot and shoe industry suffered keenly during the first half of the year, but retained an almost normal tone during the last few months with a comfortable surplus of reserve orders in hand at the end of the year.

### A BIRTHDAY.

She's six today! She climbed my knee and twined her arms about me, so, And whispered to me joyously: "I don't know, but you don't know What day this is!" I frowned to think, though well I knew what she would say.

And shamed surprise when she exclaimed: "I'm growing up—I'm six today!"

What is it, when the years come on, that holds a man and makes his heart To soften toward a little child and makes the tears so quick to start!

I had not noticed it before! I did not think until today!

Her playroom's strangely silent now, her paper dollies laid away!

The little finger marks we loved are gone from off the window sill—Beneath the blossomed apple tree the swing I made is strangely still.

And silence hovers round the house, unbroken by her childish glees—She's six today and growing up! No more a little babe to me!

You're six today! Come, kiss your dad and hug him too, you little elf, And romp with him and play with him nor ask him why he's not himself!

Just follow him wherever he goes and let him take you little hand—Don't ask him what he's thinking of—you wouldn't know or understand!

Let's go together down the lane, a-romping in your child-heart way—We cannot play like this for long! You're growing up—you're six today!

Have not coughed once all day?

Yet you may cough tomorrow! Better be prepared for it when it comes. Ask your doctor about keeping Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house. Then when the hard cold or cough first appears you have a doctor's medicine at hand. Your doctor's approval of its use will certainly set all doubt at rest. Do as he says.

## WHY THE KASIER SELLS PALACES

Finds it Difficult to Make Both Ends Meet

Owms Fifty Palaces of Varying Size and Magnificence, and More Than Eighty Estates.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The cable has told the news that the Kaiser is about to sell five of his castles with a view to retrenching his expenses, which have been very heavy owing to his costly journeys and lavish pomp on all state occasions in recent years. No other monarch possesses so many castles as William II., who owns about fifty of varying size and magnificence.

He has three in Berlin, thirteen in Potsdam and three in Cassel, Stuttgart, Strasbourg, Charlottenburg, Breslau, Coblenz and other places in the empire also have Imperial castles.

The Kaiser has always had a weakness for splendid palaces. In 1905 a splendid palace was begun in Posen, East Prussia, estimated to cost \$350,000. This year the Kaiser purchased, at a cost of \$40,000, the beautiful Villa Achilleon in Corfu, which was built for the late Emperor of Austria sixteen years ago.

The famous medieval Hankoensburg Castle in Alsace, which had been restored from its ruins, was re-opened by him in May. The work cost more than \$200,000.

Residences are also given to him by his admirers. Last February M. Mendelsohn-Bartholdy presented the Kaiser with the Villa Palmstein, at Francfort.

The Kaiser has more than eighty estates, with a total area of 250,000 acres. Oadinn, the German Sandringham, is a special favorite of his.

The calls on the Kaiser's purse are enormous and though he has been able to come of \$200,000 as King of Prussia in addition to his private means, he finds it impossible to make ends meet. He is probably the poorest of millionaires.

## VOTING IN JERUSALEM

How Representatives to Parliament Were Chosen

Vote Collector With Sealed Box Went Round From House to House Receiving Votes

—Remarkable Scene When Members Left for Constantinople

A Daily Mail correspondent tells of the way in which the people of Jerusalem elected Rabi Effendi and Safi Effendi, the two members sent to the Holy City to the Turkish Parliament. He says:

There are two classes of electors in the Jerusalem election, as elsewhere in the Ottoman Empire. Every 500 electors choose one man to represent them. These representatives in their turn, voted for the member.

The poll was taken in the following way: The city was divided into districts, the names of the voters in each district being entered on a list, which was given to the vote collector, who went round from house to house receiving the votes of the people, which were thrown into the box through the slit. Naturally there had been a great deal of canvassing beforehand, but this was done through the press, and through personal persuasion rather than from the hustings.

People of Turkey have not yet realized the power they can wield from the platform. Perhaps public opinion has not been produced; and Ottoman long in chains, still think themselves watched and spied upon, and are distrustful of public agitators.

No scene could have been more spontaneous and full of human sympathy than the one I witnessed at the railway station when the whole of Jerusalem came out to bid its members farewell. The event seemed curiously patriarchal, a renewal of an idea incredibly old rather than the first act of a new regime. We all felt that these two men represented everything most near and dear to us. The old members are Moslems, yet Christians and Jews saw in them the realization of their liberties.

The two members stood by the side of the railway carriage while the motley crowd filed past to shake hands and to say adieu. The peasant from Bethlehem kissed hands and shoulders, the city man saluted in Turkish fashion, while the relative heartily embraced. Thousands filed slowly by, young and old, rich and poor, Moslem Christian and Jew, all impelled by the one ruling thought that the member standing there was his liberator and saviour! The conductor's bell sounded, the engine whistled shrilly, and the train at length steamed out, but the crowd was reckless then, and wanted even to draw the train, had this been possible. Cheers rang out, and one could not but thrill at the words: "Long live the Constitution! long live our Parliament!"

## REFORMS IN PARIS MEDICAL SCHOOL

Authorities Think Members of Faculty to Blame for Student Riots

Students Were Angered by Creation of Superior Medical Diploma Granting Special Favors to the Holder.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Wholesale reforms in the faculty of the Medical School of the Sorbonne will be the result undoubtedly of the riots which have been almost daily occurrences for several weeks, and which culminated this week in a battle between students, policemen and soldiers.

The entire school needs reforming. Every thoughtful editorial writer in Paris recognizes this.

The riots of which the Latin Quarter is the theatre are no simple manifestations of youth without particular reason," says Le Journal des Debats. "It has appeared for a long time to the eyes of every one interested that our medical instruction did not respond to the exigencies of the present time, and that the examinations for the hospitals of Paris were not offered impartially. There is much to reform in the medical schools. Our future physicians are receiving too theoretical education."

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FUGITIVE SAILORS LIVE FIVE DAYS IN CAVE

Deserting Their Ship They Put to Sea, but are Driven Back on Beach.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 1.—After living for four days in a cave at a lonely spot called Hanhaven, on the Durham coast, two Russian sailors, who had deserted from their ship, the Janov, of Riga, have been captured.

Their vessel anchored in the Tyne about a week ago, and the men having decided on leaving her in the night, provisioned a small boat and, under the cover of a thick fog, got away unobserved. They pulled out to sea with the hope, it is thought, of being picked up by an outward-bound vessel, but in complete isolation, the men living fairly well on the provisions which had been taken from the ship's stores.

The master of the Janov reported the desertions to the police authorities, who were unable to find any trace of the men. The two sailors eventually left their hiding place and visited South Shields, evidently with the intention of learning if their ship had sailed. The mate of the vessel chanced to be ashore, and he caught sight of the two men. With the assistance of a constable, he got hold of one of the men, but the other, to escape capture, leaped into the river and disappeared.

Next day two river policemen and the man in custody visited the cave. The second man was not there, but on coming away they met him on the highway. After a desperate struggle, he was secured. A six-chambered revolver was found upon him.

The two men were handed over to the captain of the Janov, which yesterday afternoon proceeded on its voyage to a Russian port.

BARONETS ARE ANGRY

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British baronet has long been annoyed at the fashion in which his title is treated.

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