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The Telegraph Wishes for Everybody A Happy New Year

DEATH LIST MAY EXCEED SIXTY IN B. & O. DISASTER

Fifty-three Known Dead, and Many More Will Likely Succumb

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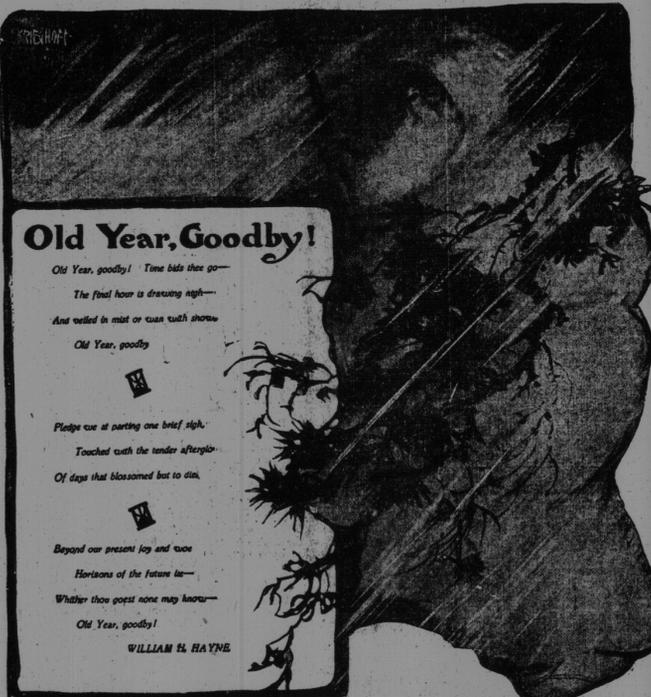
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Old Year, Goodby!

Old Year, goodby! Time bids thee go—
The final hour is drawing nigh—
And called in mist or sun with show
Old Year, goodby
Fledge me at parting one brief sigh,
Touched with the tender afterglow
Of days that blossomed but to die.
Beyond our present joy and care
Horizons of the future lie—
Whether thou goest none may know—
Old Year, goodby!
WILLIAM H. HAYNE

ROCKEFELLER THANKFUL BUT PREDICTS HARD TIMES

Head of Oil Monopoly Fears Attacks on Corporations Will React on Workingmen

Has Kindest Feelings Towards All Men, and Says the World is Growing Better—Hearst to Renew His Fight for New York Mayoralty and Expects to Oust McClelland—New York Hilarious on New Year's Eve, With Seats in Swell Restaurants at Fabulous Prices.

(From Our Own Correspondent) New York, Dec. 31.—John D. Rockefeller, the bald-headed old man of the many millions, is becoming as garrulous as he used to be secretive, which is saying a good deal. Coming out of church yesterday he told for publication how kindly disposed he was toward the whole world, quoting Lamartine's phrase: "I have seen



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

complaint attorney-general, will institute quo warranto proceedings to have the ballot boxes opened and a recount made. No such election fight was ever made.

McClelland's term has three years to run, and it is barely possible that William E. DeLoach, Hearst's ally at the city hall of the election of 1905.

It is the intention of McClelland and friends to oppose such proceedings and take advantage of every point that so to justify an appeal. Most of the law who have looked into the case have up figuring how long these proceedings might take, but all have agreed that it will take a long time, and with a client number of appeals could be made almost indefinitely. The expense would also be great, falls on the shoulders of the loser.

The ballot boxes, which as it now will be opened, are now in the custody of the board of elections of this city. The board of elections of this city destroyed long ago and the boxes used in the last election.

Corporation counsel representing the board of elections and the mayor asked permission from the supreme court to destroy the ballots at the end of the six months provided by law, but Justice MacLean denied the application, holding that while doubt existed as to the validity of the public policy to destroy the ballots.

Hilarious New York. New Year's eve in New York is a most disagreeable night, with a drizzling rain and a temporary snow-fall. Nevertheless the streets are thronged with the mobs, making a "normal" which is chiefly ruffianism during the efforts of the police to curb the horns and confetti nuisance.

Prospective gamblers at public places who had delayed receiving places found today upon recourse to the telephone that not a desirable sitting in any of the gambling resorts where it is understood in certain districts had been secured, was to be had. This applied not only to the best known places, but to all the gambling table d'hote resorts of Gallic origin, where watered wine and small unadorned are offered, together with as much of the pseudo-Bohemian atmosphere as can be comfortably absorbed.

Head waiters were not loath to tell of fabulous offers for tables already reserved. Seventy-five dollar pieces, it was said, were paid for some, while a person offering \$25, the regular head waiter's fee, was regarded by these gastronomic Carns as the meanness of a bounder. There were reports to town that a speculative syndicate had bought up the entire main floor of one well known restaurant, and that tables were on sale for not less than \$100 each.

LOOKING FOR THE MONEY CASHIER MCGILL LOST

Canadian Commission Now in Wall Street Taking the Testimony of Brokers Who Did His Business.

New York, Dec. 31.—Circulating among the various offices of Wall street interviewing certain brokers is a commission appointed by the Canadian government to take testimony tending to throw light upon the speculation which made Cashier Charles McGill a defaulter and wrecked the Ontario Bank of Canada with which he was connected.

The taking of testimony is being done in secret. While it was originally intended to hold the hearings at one place at the request of the witnesses this plan was changed so that the commission will go to the offices of the witnesses and take their testimony there to suit their convenience.

TENNISON SMITH CAPTURES NORTON

Crowded Houses Greet the Temperance Lecturer—One Hundred and Four Took the Pledge Sunday.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Norton, N. B., Dec. 31.—Tennison Smith's campaign in Norton has proved a great success. Each meeting since the first has been crowded and on Sunday alone 104 pledges were taken. The series closes on Tuesday night with the lecturer's famous tug-of-war.

BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS TO LIE AMONG ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

London, Dec. 31.—It is announced that the body of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who died at her residence here yesterday, will be buried in Westminster Abbey, on Jan. 5. Messages of condolence continue to be received from all parts of the world.

ON THE EVE SOCIALISTIC REIGN

Alarmed Over Situation, Are Getting Rid of Property and Investing in Foreign Countries—Promises Promised the Coming Year.

The writers who review a year and indige in sture unite in anticipat-ill witness the most im-nts in the continuation hich the French democ-ist the old regime. The , with the separation of is an accomplished fact- issue, although echos of ably will be heard for a ne, and the extreme So-ous to press the war a. Led by M. Jaures, the lists is distinctly the ex-roperty, but no one im- will be a regime of pure- nce, at least before many a cabinet draws a sharp attainable. Premier Clem-ndoned many of the old- generation of the state on-asis which he formerly en-ow stands firmly for im- by every measure- nioration for the con-orkingman.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN DEAD TO POLITICS

As Though He Were Buried When Such Work is Concerned, Says Sir Charles Russell.

London, Dec. 30.—Sir Charles Russell, writing to his own paper, the Liverpool Daily Post, on the condition of Joseph Chamberlain, says: "It is high time that all the rubbish sent out about his convalescence was ignored. It is supplied by the chief votaries of tariff reform and is simply so much dust thrown in the eyes of that large section of the public 'not in the know.' "Mr. Chamberlain may live twenty years. All hope he will, but as far as any political work is concerned, he is already as dead as though he were buried. Whether tariff reform can survive him is doubtful."

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ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$3,000,000 MORE TO CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Announcement was made tonight that John D. Rockefeller has made a gift of \$3,000,000 to the university of Chicago. This is the largest single contribution from Mr. Rockefeller to the institution, and brings his total benefactions to the university up to \$19,416,922.

BIG STOCK ISSUE SUBSCRIBED AT ONCE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 31.—Shareholders of the Western Assurance Company at a meeting at the head office today authorized the issue of \$650,000 preference stock at a premium of 25 per cent. The stock was immediately taken up and the money paid in.

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