

WANTS QUIET NEW YEAR

RULING OF MAYOR DUNNE

Chicago's Mayor Says Breaking of January Must be Announced With Much Less Noise Than Has Been Customary.

[Publishers' Press.] Chicago, Dec. 27.—Mayor Dunne has announced that "the usual idiotically noisy greeting" Chicago has so long given to the New Year will not be permitted this season.

Railroad, factory and steamboat managers have been notified that whistle blowing must be limited to five minutes instead of thirty as heretofore. Yelling, hornblowing and the discharge of fire arms are to be followed by the offenders arrest.

The Mayor says he is acting in the interest of citizens who want to sleep and of the sick and nervous "who suffer seriously from the demonstrations."

ENTERTAINED SORORITY

Alpha Phi Alphas Met at the Country Home of Miss Cora Kirby Yesterday Afternoon.

The Alpha Phi Alpha sorority, composed of high school girls, was yesterday entertained by Miss Cora Kirby at her beautiful country home.

The home was tastily decorated in the colors of the sorority and music and games afforded the entertainment for the afternoon. A social time was spent around an old fashioned fireplace, where the city girls showed their liking for apples and country cider.

The afternoon was considered by all the most delightful that the sorority has yet enjoyed. Those present were the Misses Alice Laning, Lucile Polglaise, Mabel Reeler, Mabel Hasemeier, Hazel Thomas, Muriel Self, Deborah Shute, Ruth Peltz, Mary Lienken, Mabel Kuhn Ruth Bartel and Mildred Kuhn.

Miss Julia Lichtenfels is ill at her home on South 4th street.

Artificial gas, the 20th Century fuel. 10-tf

MAY START AT ST. LOUIS

Aero Club Considers Missouri City Good Place to Begin 1907 Balloon Races.

[Publishers' Press.] St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—If the right kind of gas can be obtained in sufficient quantities the Aero Club of America has notified St. Louis that it will probably select this city as the starting point for its 1907 balloon races. For long distance ballooning St. Louis' geographical location is considered excellent. It is proposed to hold the contest in October, when there is the greatest likelihood of strong, steady winds.

ROCKEFELLER IS CHEERED

U. S. BLUEJACKETS DID IT

Oil King Gave \$300,000 to Y. M. C. A. Naval Building and the Sailor Boys Sent Him Flowers Which he Acknowledged.

[Publishers' Press.] Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27.—John D. Rockefeller received the hearty cheers of hundreds of Uncle Sam's bluejackets at the naval station tonight. The cheering was prompted by a telegram which Mr. Rockefeller sent the men, acknowledging the receipt of a basket of flowers which the men sent Mr. Rockefeller as a Christmas token. Mr. Rockefeller recently donated \$300,000 for the erection of a naval Y. M. C. A. building here.

A PEERAGE FOR DURAND

King Edward Will Honor Retiring Minister for His Services in America.

[Publishers' Press.] London, Dec. 27.—King Edward is to offer a peerage to Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, retiring British ambassador to Washington, in token of the monarchs appreciation of his representatives success in improving Anglo-American relations.

ELECTROCUTION IS BEING ADVOCATED

State Senator Springer Would Introduce a Substitute for Hanging.

A SUBJECT OF INTEREST

CONDON'S BILL ABOLISHING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, AND SPRINGER'S MEASURE SHOULD CAUSE GRUESOME SCENES.

With Representative Gus Condon, of Marion, talking on the inhumanity of legal hangings, and Senator W. E. Springer, of Elizabethtown, expounding the comparative merits of electrocution, there should be enough gruesome moments in the 1907 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Everybody has known Condon's opposition to capital punishment, but Senator Springer's advocacy of electrocution as a substitute is new. He had nothing to say on the subject last session, but has prepared his bill since, or else had it then and was too busy heading off private banking legislation to start a movement toward the electric chair.

"It is the present-day method," he said. "Our Indiana practice of hanging is a relic to earliest times. Certainly it cannot be denied that electrocution is more humane than hanging. The most advanced States in the Union are now adopting it, and Indiana should do the same."

Representatives Condon and Springer gave traveling men in the English Hotel lobby a hint of what a day in the Indiana Legislature sounds like, for a moment or two last night, when they tried to get together on their dissimilar propositions. They could start on the identical premise that hanging is barbaric, but could never get together on the same path. Electrocution as a substitute was worse, as he had pictures of charred and shriveled corpses to prove. Condon declared, in the mild voice he used when addressing the entire population of the Madison Soldiers' Home. Abolishment of capital punishment was as ridiculous as it was unfair to law-abiding people, averred Springer, with all the fervor of a man who knows his rights.

It was great while it lasted, but Baron Rothschild, self-selected Speaker of the occasion, said something and the session adjourned.

Condo will doubtless create a great deal of interest in his bill this term. He said he expected to ask Mayor Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, to speak before the committees of the House and Senate, if convenient. Whitlock is one of the best known advocates of the abolishment of capital punishment in the country. He endeavored, unsuccessfully, to have the Ohio Legislature enact a law of that character last winter.

Springer says he will work for a high liquor license law, and favors an increase from \$100 to \$1,000 for county licenses. He believes it will decrease the drinking and the crime in rural districts if nowhere else.

RACE SUICIDE NOT A NATIONAL PERIL

Chicago Educator Declares that Decrease in Children is a Blessing.

SETS FORTH REASONS

SMALL INCOMES, HE ASSERTS, GO WITH LARGE FAMILIES AND PROPER SUPPORT CANNOT BE GIVEN CHILDREN.

[Publishers' Press.] Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—"Instead of a national peril, race suicide would be a national blessing in some classes of the people," said Superintendent W. L. Bodine of the Compulsory Education Department of the Chicago schools, in an address today before the State Teachers' Association.

"Large families, resulting from inconsiderate and improvident marriages, are prolific of much misery andacial harm."

"Race decrees that small incomes almost always go with large families. This drives many husbands to drink and desertion. Truant husbands make truant children. The mother is forced to work and the children are raised for the street and the State."

"We cannot change human nature. We have the childless home among the rich and the homeless child among the poor. Modern individualism has the right to govern its own domestic affairs. Some prefer quality to quantity; others are fanatics on progressive patriotism."

"Real race suicide is the growth of child slavery caused by parenthood that raises children as human commodities and whose ambition is production instead of education."

Miss Florence Lacey has gone to Milwaukee for a few weeks visit with friends.

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JOHN L. AT INDIANAPOLIS

FOR WEEK'S ENGAGEMENT

Noted Pugilist to Appear in Vaudeville and It Is Highly Probable that a Number of Richmond People Will Witness His Act.

John L. Sullivan, for twelve years champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, will be at the Gayety theater in Indianapolis all next week. He has gone ninety-two weeks in a land full of the stuff that cheats and inebriates without taking a drink. His manager is Frank Hall, and judging from Hall's success in keeping Sullivan from the flowing cup, it appears that a man has at last been found with strength enough to whip Jeffries. Sullivan is forty-eight years old and he is saving money for the first time in his career. He is seen by big crowds wherever he goes, and always makes a hit. A big part of his monologue is directed at Dr. Osler, the Baltimore physician, who never said that men are useless after they are forty, and that they ought to be chloroformed at sixty.

John L. recently wrote Dr. Osler that he would agree to put his fist through a panel of a door 1½ inches thick, and that if there was not force enough left in the blow to knock Dr. Osler down if he stood behind the door he would never don the gloves again.

ANOTHER QUESTION TO BE DETERMINED

President Stands Between Two Fires in th Case of Dist. Atty. Burke.

CONCERN SEN. WARREN

WYOMING STATESMAN WANTS BURKE AND INTERIOR DEPARTMENT DOES NOT, YET WARREN IS FRIEND OF ROOSEVELT.

[Publishers' Press.] Washington, Dec. 27.—The bitter fight being made by the Secretary of the Interior against the re-appointment of District Attorney Burke of Wyoming may eventually have decided bearing upon the negro troops case, which Senator Foraker is openly pressing, much to the embarrassment of the administration.

Senator Warren of Wyoming is standing firmly for Burke. He declares that the district attorney is an old friend of his and he laughs at the charges made by the Interior Department that Burke "has been persistently neglectful of his duty regarding prosecutions and investigations of irregularities in connection with public lands within his jurisdiction."

Senator Warren is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, of which Senator Foraker is also a member and which the latter is trying to have investigate the legality of the Presidents recent dismissal of negro troops. The Wyoming Senator has been a stout defender of the administration upon the floor and in committee. The recent coupling of his name with the gigantic land frauds which the Interior Department charges have been practiced in Wyoming and other western states, has greatly netted the senator.

Official Washington is now wondering whether the President will indicate his confidence in Senator Warren by again selecting the district attorney whom the government must depend upon in the prosecution of certain land frauds. The position of the executive is an embarrassing one.

Three Cushion Championship to Take Place January 15 in Which Many Acknowledged Wizards Will Take Part.

[Publishers' Press.] St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Arrangements will be completed within a week for the world's three cushion billiard championship match to be staged in St. Louis about January 15.

Many stars are already here, participating in the negotiations. Jake Schaefer has expressed his willingness to compete and Alfred De Oro, who gave up to pool championship to Keough and is as good at three cushions as at pool, will send his entry.

John Horgan, the former pool champion, Jimmy Lamotte, the Southern champion, Frank Day, Charlie Noland, John Daly, Al. Capron, Lloyd Jeune and Jesse Leon have also signed their intention to enter.

THE ILLINOIS TAX RATE

Ten Cents to be Assessed for Schools and Forty Cents for General Revenue.

[Publishers' Press.] Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—The Governor, the state treasurer and the auditor of public accounts have fixed the state tax rate for 1907 at 50 cents. Of this amount 10 cents is for school and 40 for general revenue purposes.

GANS IS AT LAST DOWN TO WEIGHT

Colored Champion Called in Reporters to See Him Try the Scales.

HERMAN NOT DISCOURAGED

CHICAGO LAD HAS A GOOD FOLLOWING ALTHOUGH THE BETTING FAVORS GANS AT LEAST 2 TO 1.

[Publishers' Press.] Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 27.—Joe Gans is down to 133 pounds. The announcement was followed by a big plunge of the dusky champion today. The Gansites had been holding thousands of dollars which they evidently thought it time to put up at once. The Herman men took it too, generally at odds of 3 to 1.

Herman is not at all discouraged. Now that he is sure, he says that he will not have to meet Gans above weight, he counts his chances better than before.

Gans weighed in public for the first time today. He invited the newspaper men into his training quarters, stepped on the scales and asked one of the reporters to adjust the weights. He tipped the beam at a trifle under 133½ pounds. The extra ounces he can rub off in half an hour.

Herman's superb condition has gladdened the hearts of his backers and many of them are of the opinion that in the Chicago boy Gans will meet one who will test all his ring generalship and will fight him to a standstill. On the other hand the champions admirers claim that Herman has never met a fighter of Gans' calibre and they look for the Baltimore boy to polish off his man in short order.

While Herman has a strong following, Gans is undoubtedly the favorite with the big bettors. His record is much better than Herman's and the "Wiz" bettors are laying 2 to 1 that the negro will retain the championship.

Tit for Tat.

[Publishers' Press.] New York, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Jeannet Trautman, wife of a prominent physician and surgeon of this city, was vindicated in police court of the charge of larceny preferred by Peter J. Hogan, who caused her arrest Christmas eve in front of a store. Hogan was arrested on the charge of assault preferred by Mrs. Trautman.

Russian Consul Suicided. Liverpool, England, Dec. 27.—The Russian consul here, Colonel De Geimann, was found dead in bed, having been killed by a pistol shot. Whether he was murdered or committed suicide is not yet determined. It is believed he took his own life, but no reason for such action is known.

Banker's Sudden Death.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—Edward M. Thomson, Sr., 50, president of the Maryland National bank and senior member of the firm of Edward K. Thomson & Sons, bankers and brokers of this city, died suddenly of acute indigestion.

Line Fence Tragedy.

North Vernon, Ind., Dec. 27.—As the result of a dispute over a line fence, Elijah Covert shot and instantly killed Charles Sharp near here. Both men are prominent farmers. Covert was arrested, charged with murder.

Revolver Not Big Enough.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Roosevelt had an extended conference with Secretary Taft and Colonel Russell, acting chief of ordnance of the army, on complaints the president received from the Philippines that the 38-caliber revolver used by the army there is not large enough and recommends that it be increased to 45 caliber, because of bushwhacking and other tactics followed by Filipinos. No announcement was made as to the result of the conference.

THE MOVING WORLD.

About 35,000 tons of paper are annually turned out at Skien, Norway. The laborers, a thousand in number, receive only 40 cents to \$1.10 per day.

A Norwegian engineer named Berggraaf has invented a method of determining the depth of the sea by sound, the principle being similar to that used to determine the depth of a miners' shaft.

Large areas in the Klondike which it did not pay to work by older methods have been made productive through the use of dredges dredging 3,000 or more cubic yards of dirt every twenty-four hours. About a dozen of these gold dredges are already in operation.

Motor boats abroad are being put to industrial uses. In Holland, Norway and Sweden they are used for various goods carrying purposes. Motor barges are increasing in numbers and popularity in the Netherlands, while in various parts of Europe motor fishing boats are common.

Men and Money Missing.

[Publishers' Press.] Barboursville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Near Whitesburg, Letcher county, Sol McRay and Green Sexton became involved in a quarrel. The men fought with knives and Sexton was stabbed to death by McRay. According to the report McRay, whose home is at Knoxville, Tenn., escaped. Both men were young and well known in that section.

Raisuli Must Stop Governing.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 27.—The Moroccan war minister, Sidi Mohammed Gabas, established seven small forts, each garrisoned by 10 men, around Tangier, and sent orders to Raisuli's Lieutenant to cease "governing." Raisuli summoned a council of his vassal chiefs to meet at the headquarters of the Boniarcos tribe Dec. 20.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 27.—Four months married, Forest Nusbaum, 23, was taken from his wife and two-weeks-old baby by detectives. It was due to Nusbaum's enforced marriage as much as anything else that he was arrested, for, in marrying, he violated one of the stipulations in a parole granted by the authorities of the Mansfield Ohio reformatory. Nusbaum was sent up from Allen county for breaking into a freight car.

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