



MUMMERS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YEAR PARADES

TEE! HEE! DID YOU SEE "THEM FUNNY MENS?"

Thousands Cheer, Yell, Hoot, Weep and Laugh; Some Circus, Eh! NO DIGNITY? THE IDEA! Dind't You Pipe the Plug Hats That Led Off Greatest Mummer Parade Ever

Crazy Komic Klowns, hoboes, handsomely decorated floats, gaily dressed members of many big organizations, Uncle Sam, the "coon and the donkey," a miniature fire department, a few comic bands, and an endless variety of other costumes, worn by hundreds of hilarious mimmers, made the big parade this afternoon the best Harrisburg has had in recent years.

As division after division rolled by under the clouded skies thousands of people lining the streets cheered, yelled, hooted and laughed until they cried, and then cried, at the antics of the participants and the make-ups of the jokers.

The "Circus" Not nearly enough, can possibly be written in a mere newspaper about the turn-out of the South Harrisburg Amusement Association, the West End display, the Moorhead Knitting Company's elaborate feature, the Barnum and Bailey, Jr., circus. It's a cinch the judges will leave a sign of relief when the prizes have been finally awarded.

But something surely must be said about the "circus." From some warm place near the kitchen stove the family "tabby" was given a whole lot of publicity. It's all very nice—if you're the family cat—to be bragged about among the neighbors, to be patted and pampered and allowed to have your own sweet say as to whether or not a mouse be permitted in the house.

That one's friend, the house dog, fills a similarly delightful job in the following express wagon labeled broadcast as "Our 'W' doesn't help the matter." The r yard did from the neighbor's in to mind a bit, how's it styled "Our Ostrich" the caged quietest "exhibit" of the "great American bat."

Half of a brick suspended by a cross-bar of the cage. The "Ca—" and the Quakers. Lots could be written about the "polar bear"—the more or less soiled Teddy-bear that stood straight up in his wagon; the pair of human monkeys who gambled about in their fur suits and surreptitiously chewed tobacco behind the bars the "cailleope" that wound up the procession. Because an old steam boiler was pressed into service and the music was furnished by the "operator" who produced results with an accordion didn't alter the effectiveness of the exhibit.

Then there was the big turn-out of the Moorhead folks—five girls in rather good-looking youths—some of 'em, that is—in Quaker costumes. But what's the use? This is the space limit.

Dignity? My, Yes Of course, the dignity of the parade. [Continued on Page 1]

SWITZERLAND FIRM Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 1.—President Schulthess, of Switzerland, sends a message for 1917 to the American people through the Associated Press, declaring that nation will remain absolutely neutral.

NEW YEAR QUIET IN LONDON London, Jan. 1.—The third New Year's eve of the war was extremely quiet in the British capital. The dinner tables in the restaurants were well filled, largely by soldiers, but all the establishments closed at 11 and few persons lingered in the streets or elsewhere to watch the death of 1916.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Warmer to-day, with probably snow or rain; rain or snow and warmer weather to-day and tomorrow.

Forecast for the Week — For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Cold weather beginning of the week, followed by rising temperature by Tuesday and moderate temperature thereafter to the close of the week. Except rain or snow Wednesday or Thursday the week will be generally fair.

Yesterdays Weather Highest temperature, 38. Lowest temperature, 18. Mean temperature, 24. Normal temperature, 30.

LABOR OBSERVES DAY WITH 8-HOUR DEMONSTRATION

Miniature Engine, Coal Car and Cab Driven by Brotherhood Men UNIONS ARE REPRESENTED Trainmen Turn Out in Overalls and Work Caps; Weather Makes Start Late

Inclement weather interfered this morning with the eight-hour parade, kept away some of the men and caused a slight delay in the start. More than 300 labor organization men of the city, however, were in line with two bands, decorated floats and automobiles.

C. R. Zimmerman, chief marshal, with his corps of aids and a platoon of police were in the lead, followed by a band; White Block Lodge, No. 127, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and Division 709, Amalgamated Association Street and Electric Railway Employees.

In the second division was another band, representatives of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, No. 782, Bricklayers' Union, No. 71, Plumbers and Steamfitters A. U. Local No. 520, Carpenters and Machinists. Small representations from other organizations were in line also, but marched with the larger delegations.

The parade formed at Second and Reily streets, proceeding east in Reily to Third, to Hamilton, to Sixth, to Market, to Market Square, counter-marching in Market, to Mulberry street, to Thirtieth, to Market to Cameron street, where the men were dismissed. Prizewinners are to be announced late to-day.

LITTLE DOING IN CAPITOL Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Celebration of New Year's Day in Washington was without many of the official features which have marked the advent of the new year in the past. President Wilson held no New Year reception, a custom he omitted when he came in office, and Secretary Lansing did not give the customary diplomatic breakfast. Secretary Baker, of the War Department, and Secretary Daniels, of the Navy, however, held receptions. Cablegrams from practically all rulers of the world, wishing the President a happy New Year, arrived at the White House. They came from the heads of belligerent and neutral nations of Europe as well as from the presidents of South and Central American republics.

CROWDS AT PHILADELPHIA Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—The New Year shooters parade, the big feature of Philadelphia's observance of the coming of 1917, was witnessed to-day by dense crowds that were packed into Broad street, over which the fantastic procession wended its way.

Great French General, Retired, Re-enlists as Artillery Private Perpignan, France, Jan. 1, 4.35 A. M.—General Gerard Amanrich, commander of the Legion of Honor, who had retired from the service, has joined the army as a private in an artillery regiment. General Amanrich is 65 years old and is now at the regimental depot at Versailles.

Two Inaugurations For Governor in Arizona Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Rumors that an attempt would be made to prevent the governor-elect from entering the State House drew a large crowd to the grounds of the State capitol here to-day ready for the ceremony inaugurating a Governor of Arizona. The men, Thomas E. Campbell, Republican, Governor-elect, and Governor G. W. P. Hunt, incumbent, claim the office. Adherents of each maintained there would be a double inauguration. The ceremonies were set for 10 o'clock.

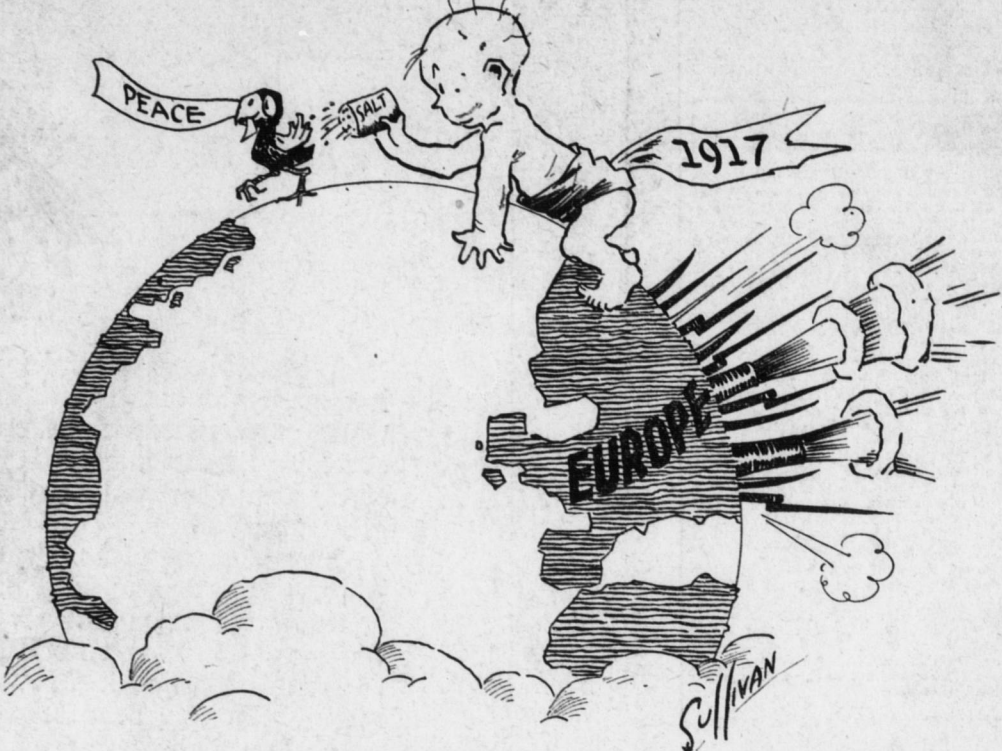
The state administration leaders would make was that Governor Hunt had been elected and would hold the office. The Campbell managers declared Campbell having been duly declared elected and being in receipt of a certificate to that effect would take over the office "or know the reason why." Campbell has been officially declared elected by the State canvassing board and given a plurality of thirty votes over Hunt. Certificate was issued December 21, by Secretary of State Osborne.

Hunt is contesting the election on grounds of alleged fraudulent voting in several precincts. The courts are inspecting the ballots as preliminary to a formal contest. Hunt asserts that the inspection so far bears out his contention, although it is not a recount. On this basis he refuses to give up the office.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S NEW CHILD LABOR LAW EFFECTIVE Columbia, S. C., Jan. 1.—South Carolina's new child labor law prohibiting the employment of children under 14 years of age in the textile establishments went into effect to-day and employment of about 2,400 children automatically ceased, according to figures of the State Department of Agriculture.

The old law made the minimum age limit for employment 12 years.

NICE BIRDIE—NICE BIRDIE



BOTH COX AND BALDWIN CLAIM VICTORY WON

Contest Closing With Interchanges of Vitriolic Statements WILLIAMS STILL IN RACE General Belief Fight Will Not Go Outside of Party Lines

The contest for the speakership of the lower house of the Pennsylvania General Assembly of 1917, which carries with it control of the trend of the legislation for the session and will have a far-reaching effect upon the gubernatorial campaign of 1918, is closing with interchanges of vitriolic statements and conflicting claims. The Republican and Democratic caucus meetings will be held to-night, and while no one would make predictions, there was general belief that the contest would not go out of party lines.

Briefly summarized, the situation early this afternoon was that adherents of Richard J. Baldwin, Delaware, and Edwin R. Cox, Philadelphia, the leading rivals for the Republican speakership honors, both claimed enough to win, but the Baldwin people

LILAC PAJAMA GIRL'S MURDERER WORE SILK SHIRT Score of Detectives Seeking Its Owner to Solve Brutal Slayer

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Although a score of detectives are working on the mystery surrounding the murder of Grace Roberts, a young artist's model, known as the "lilac pajama girl," in her apartments here Saturday, no definite clue leading to the identity of her slayer had been found up to an early hour to-day. The girl's body was found late Saturday night in a janitor at the apartment house where she lived. She had been brutally beaten, her skull crushed, apparently with a electric flatiron and a silk stocking was tied tightly about her neck.

Despite the fact that there were many evidences of a desperate struggle in the girl's room, other occupants of the apartment house declared [Continued on Page 11]

Further Peace Negotiations Are Considered Doubtful Washington, Jan. 1.—The reply of the entente allies to Germany's peace proposals had not been forwarded to-day and the indications were that it would not be sent on before to-morrow at the earliest.

There is no intention to delay it beyond the time necessary to make certain that a complete and accurate copy is being forwarded to all the central belligerents. The peace situation outwardly remained unchanged with the probabilities that there would be no further move by the United States at least until the entente governments have replied to President Wilson's note.

The hope that the entente reply to the German proposals had not closed the door on further negotiations was undiminished but the German embassy's attitude that they had been made doubtful by the reply was reflected generally.

Although it was said some time ago that Germany would not permit a conference to be blocked by a demand for terms the German diplomats feel that the tone of the entente reply makes an approach to terms very difficult. The hope for progress toward peace negotiations now has turned to the replies to the President's note.

FEDERAL CENSUS GIVES THIS CITY 72,015 ON JULY 1

Increase of 7,829 During Last Six Years U. S. Bureau Figures Show STATE'S TOTAL 8,522,017 Nearly All Third Class Cities Throughout Penna. Make Good Gains

Figures compiled by the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C., gives Harrisburg an increase in population in six years of 7,829. The census of 1910, gave the total population of this city as 64,186. Figures secured from the chief towns and boroughs in Pennsylvania up to July 1, estimates this city's population as 72,015. The total population of Pennsylvania

SCHOOLS OPEN TO-MORROW Harrisburg's 12,000 school children will get back to work to-morrow after the annual Christmas vacation of ten days. The next vacation to be granted the pupils will be Washington's Birth-

POLICE CHIEF RAILS AT FLYING-PASTING CORPS WHO PLASTERED POSTERS OF COX

Somewhere in Philadelphia a flying-pasting corps of a Quaker City bill-posting company can well chuckle with safety and satisfaction at the way they got out of Pennsylvania's Capital City during the police department's "dog watch" yesterday morning.

Bishop Darlington Writes Prayer to Be Offered During Assembly Session The Rt. Rev. James H. Darlington, bishop of the Harrisburg Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in a communication to the clergy of the diocese has included a prayer for Governor Brumbaugh, the legislators and all other officials, with the request to the ministers that it be used as often as convenient during the session of the Legislature. The text of the prayer follows:

"O God, the Fountain of Wisdom, Whose will is the law of happiness for cities as for individuals; we beg Thy guidance and blessing for the governor and the legislative assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and all those in positions of official trust; grant that personal responsibility to God and man may be recognized by all, that truth and justice may rule the deliberations of our senators and representatives; that their decisions may promote Thy glory and the general welfare of our citizenry both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Amen."

TAX ON CATSUP USERS Boston, Mass., Jan. 1.—Another item to be added to the high cost of living. Beginning to-day, a charge of 10 cents is to be made by Boston's leading restaurants when patrons use catsup. Restaurateurs say they are hard hit by the upward trend of food prices and must retrench on the catsup.

CHAMPION LIFTER DEAD Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Henry Holt Grewe, who several years ago was reputed to be the champion heavy weight lifter of the world, died here to-day. Holt Grewe had a nationwide reputation of having met nearly all of the heavy weight lifters in the country and having emerged from each test of strength undefeated.

COUNTY READILY BREAKS RECORDS IN YEAR GONE BY

Dauphin Boards and Offices Show Results of Application of Efficiency Methods LENTZ IS A LEADER Poor Board Follows Suit; Few Changes in Office Personnel; Reorganizations

Both county and city at noon began the new fiscal year of 1917 and while the day was observed generally as a holiday in the county and municipal offices the official departmental heads and boards met long enough to reorganize or transact such other business as pertained to opening the books for a new twelvemonth.

County Records Broken In all the county offices new records were established for amount of business transacted. County Recorder Lentz whacked all [Continued on Page 2]

46 WOMEN BURN TO DEATH WITH NO ONE TO AID

St. Ferdinand de Halifax Insane Hospital, Megantic County, Quebec, Destroyed; Scenes of Horror as Female Idiots Try to Escape; Leap From High Windows; Crouch in Terror Until Flames Caught Them

SISTER DIES ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE SEVERAL OF HER UNFORTUNATE CHARGES

Mercury Registers Twenty Below and Suffering of Homeless Is Intense; Old Building in Remote District and Not a Single Man Reaches Place Until All Have Perished; Thirty in Girls' School and 135 Inmates Are Saved; Property Loss \$100,000

Montreal, Jan. 1.—Forty-six women were burned to death in a fire that destroyed St. Ferdinand de Halifax Asylum at St. Ferdinand de Halifax, Megantic county, Quebec, late Saturday night.

Patients of the asylum, of whom there were 180, were all women. St. Ferdinand de Halifax is in an almost inaccessible section of the province and communications on Sunday are poor. Menger reports obtained from available sources give no intimation of the cause of the fire, which started while the inmates were asleep and apparently spread rapidly. The asylum which cared for 180 female idiots, virtually without protection from fire, being remotely located from any large towns. Reports received here described the scenes attending the fire as horrifying. The inmates of the asylum were uncontrollable and many of them were said to have leaped from high windows. Others in bewilderment crouched in terror near the windows until the flames caught them. One of the sisters met death in an effort to rescue several of the unfortunate girls who were trapped by the flames. Water Frozen Owing to the intensely cold weather, Reports received here described the [Continued on Page 3]

BALDWIN GETS 14 IN ALLEGHENY HARRISBURG — THE ALLEGHENY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE CAUCUSED THIS AFTERNOON AND VOTED AS FOLLOWS: FOR BALDWIN, 14; FOR COX, 6; NOT VOTING, 2; ABSENT, 2.

MUMMER PARADE PRIZES First prize, individual best appearance, Abe Harris, 560 Race street, driving cart, called Ben Hur. First prize, in comic dress, Albert Sheaffer, Riverside Drive, dressed to imitate an Old Erin immigrant. CAMPBELL TAKES OATH; NO DISTURBANCE Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Thomas E. Campbell, Republican, was inaugurated governor of Arizona to-day. There were no inaugural ceremonies for Governor G. W. P. Hunt, incumbent, who claims the office, but when Governor Campbell went to the executive offices he found them locked. Governor Campbell delivered his inaugural address to a great crowd that filled the capitol grounds. There was no serious disturbances.

LANCASTER FOR HESS Harrisburg—Lancaster county will vote for Hess in the speakership caucus to-night, it was said by a well-known Lancaster county leader this afternoon. ANOTHER U-BOAT VICTIM London, Jan. 1.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Russian steamship Tuskar, 3,043 tons gross by a German submarine. Three members of the crew were drowned. VILLA FORCES DEFEATED Juarez, Mex., Jan. 1.—Carranza forces met and defeated a Villa command at Bustillos, fifty miles west of Chihuahua City on the Mexican northwestern railroad. EX-GOVERNOR IN TOWN Harrisburg—Ex-Governor Tener attended John T. Brady's New Year's breakfast at the Harrisburg Club to-day and was given a rousing reception. About 150 Cox supporters organized a parade this afternoon and marched about the center of the city, carrying banners and American flags. They were headed by a band and attracted considerable attention.

THINK 1917 WILL END WAR With the British armies in France, via London, Jan. 1.—The arrival of 1917 was welcomed on the Western front by the British and French soldiers as a beginning of the end of the great world war. There may be varying views and theories as to how the end is to be brought about, but there is no question that throughout the British army there is a conviction that the next twelve months will bring a victorious peace for the allies. Opinion among the British and French fighters as to how the war will end is divided into two schools. One believes that Germany will be willing to grant extreme concessions and the other that only military pressure will bring them the fruits of victory. Both schools are, however, agreed that this is the decisive year.

WISHES JUDGE HAPPY NEW YEAR; GETS SIX MONTHS New York Jan. 1.—William Newcomb, of 9 Mulberry street, wished Magistrate McQuade a happy New Year to-day and was sentenced to six months in the Workhouse in reply. Newcomb was arrested for begging.