



NEW YEAR'S DAY

THE storm-wind sank, the moon rode high. Set round with silver haze. Where, late, sky-spaces wonderful Showed green as chrysopease.

Old and New Year

by Mary Graham Bonner

"Well, well," said the Old Year, "it is so nice to see you, New Year. I congratulate you, and as the good people say, I wish you a Happy New Year."



"Why, I remember last January—my very first month of all—I was all over my nervousness before the month was over."

were the first year that had ever been. And people help you so much, too. They go on just as they were going on before, and try to keep you from feeling sensitive and shy.



course, all the old years are there, and what good times they do have comparing notes.

"Then they have hurried visitors from away, too. You will notice from time to time how people will remember some lovely thing that happened some time ago.

"The trees are favorites. There are favorite pines. And there are all sorts of lovely things there.

"Oh, the Old Year is not sad to leave for the Old Year is going to have so good a time. And you have no idea how our valley is loved. Everywhere around it is known and many people know of it, though they do not know just where it is.

"The Beautiful Valley of Memories," they say, "oh, it seems to me I know of that. Didn't I spend a part of my childhood there? It sounds so very familiar. I am sure I spent happy days there once."

"So, New Year, I wish you well. It's a splendid world, and you'll meet ever so many fine men and women and boys and girls."

"God-bye, and the best of luck." The Old Year was gone, and everyone was shouting "Happy New Year," and the New Year felt especially happy to think that the Old Year, too, would be happy!

Pulling the Throttle By Christopher G. Hazard

IT IS the custom of a certain railway engineer to have his boy with him now and then in the engine cab.

That invisible force that is in us all responds wonderfully when we call upon it, but is only a useless and diminishing energy until we do.

There never was more chance for progress than this New Year is offering. Never before did opportunity beckon more earnestly.

But I wouldn't want a fast young man on my road. I wouldn't have a loud young woman in my office. Cigarettes shut off steam.

MARSHMALLOWS

Years ago marshmallows were prepared from the root of the marshmallow, which secreted a mucilage like gum arabic.

Representations have been made to the Chinse government by Minister Schurman at Peking, in connection with the serious shooting and wounding by Chinese soldiers of Charles Coleman, an American merchant, at Kalgan.

THE WEEK'S EVENTS

IMPORTANT NEWS OF STATE, NATION AND THE WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

Foreign—Premier Poincare's plea to the chamber of deputies for a true in party strife because of pending foreign negotiations resulted in the chamber expressing confidence in him by a vote of 512 to 76.

Domestic—Masked bandits, heavily armed and without regard for human life, staged the largest and most sensational daylight robbery the other day in Denver, Colo.

Washington—The house flood control committee voted to report the Kopp bill extending the jurisdiction of the Mississippi river commission in flood control work to Rock Island, Ill.

Senatorial investigation to ascertain "the true state of affairs" in Nicaragua was proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Ladd (Republican) of North Dakota.

The schooner Salvatrice with 2,000 cases of alcohol aboard, flying the French flag upside down as a signal of distress, and the Boston schooner Star, well stocked with ship's supplies, were captured together off Sandwich, Mass.

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Prohibition for Japan is seen. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad and branch lines were bought by the firm of Randolph & Blumenthal of New York.

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Anthony Gramin and his wife, Cleveland, were awakened by the barking of their pet dog, and got out of their burning home without any mishap. The dog sacrificed his life.

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Sworn to protect the lives of their members who have testified for the prosecution at the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin mine riots, a secret organization of farmers was reported to have been formed.

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SHOULD PUNISH SOME PRISONERS

Those who violate rules must be handled, says Governor. Chief Executive Not to Grant "Dining Out" Paroles to Men in the Penitentiary.

Offenders of the rules and regulations at the penitentiary and prisoners who do not conduct themselves as prisoners should, ought to be, and must be punished.

The governor stands for giving the prisoners every reasonable consideration, looking to their having the necessities of life, but above all he regards the penitentiary as a place of punishment and a place where the sentences of the courts should be carried out.

The chief executive is being besieged with requests for Christmas paroles in order that prisoners may dine with their families here or over the state. However, the governor does not intend to grant any of these requests.

Whiskey Cases Triable Twice. The supreme court again held that conviction of violating the prohibition laws in the federal court does not bar trial and conviction in the state court on the same charge and on facts arising out of the same transaction.

Report is Made on Employment. Washington.—Employment increased in 13 industries and decreased in 12 during November, the bureau of labor announced in making public its monthly survey of conditions in 3,233 representative establishments in 43 manufacturing industries.

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Merry Christmas to the children of the United States, the President's message read. The words were sent by radio to each of the 48 branches of the Santa Claus association in the country.

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