Today

Concentration, Personality. Happiness, Prosperity. May We Have All Four. Some Air News.

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If an angel sent all the way down to do a favor as the new year begins offered you any two qualities, which two would you select, leaving out high moral quality that you doubtless possess already?

CONCENTRATION and PER-SONALITY are the two qualities most desirable in the opinion of this writer, and of others more important. .

Personality is largely hereditary; the power of concentration also, But power to concentrate can be developed through the will. And with concentration comes person-

As a year ends human beings wish for each other two things, happiness and prosperity. Also usefulness ought to be added, but is usually not added.

Happiness comes from within; each must make that for himself, Prosperity comes from without.

As the old year died away, there were many signs of prosperity. Stocks and bonds, wheat, corn, cotton and copper were all going up when the bell rang and 1924 dropped into the grave.

The right mental attitude, plus common sense, will keep things going up through 1925.

The President's excellent supply of New England common sense May he live long and will help. prosper.

Robert Lansing, once Secretary of State, forcibly removed by Woodrow Wilson somewhat as a dentist removes a tooth, has discovered that there is no danger whatever of war between the United States and Japan.

Why, do you ask? "For the reason," if you please, that Japan hasn't enough iron to carry on a war.

Mr. Lansing apparently imagines that war still depends on the firing of large round iron bullets.

Did Mr. Lansing, notice that one of the Japanese ships, unfortunately on fire at night, was carrying to Japan a very large cargo of nitrates. Nitrates give the kick to explosive bombs, and such bombs, plus poisonous gases that would destroy a whole city, not many tons of large round iron bullets, will decide the next war.

That the British empire means to rule the air, with the world's best air fleet, as it has hitherto ruled the old-fashioned oceans, is perfectly clear and much to the credit of British statesmanship.

The British are building giant dirigibles for air mail service from England to India, in peace; big enough to carry troops for fighting, with a capacity of five million cubic feet of gas.

And England goes ahead with this program in spite of the fact that the highly dangerous and deadly hydrogen gas must be used. The United States has practically a monopoly of helium gas, which makes the dirigible safe.

We also assuredly have the money to build ships. You are assured also by able financiers that it won't hurt the country at all to erate supply of contrabrand liquid lend one billion a year to private borrowers in Europe. It would not (Continued on Page 2. Column 6)

Keep This Resolution Above all others!

Today is the beginning of a new year and most people neighbors. have drawn up a set of reso-Those sincerely desiring sucat the top of the list.

Perhaps you have resolved to become the owner of a busi-ness enterprise during 1925. Keep this resolution above all others! Its achievement means an opportunity to tain security for yourself and family, to be your own employer and its success permits the pleasures and advantages of financial independence. It matters not whether you prefer a drug store, a candy store, a garage, or some other kind of business enterprise, it is almost certain you will find the one you want offered among the many good "buys"—and on reasonable terms—advertised by leading Bay Region brokers today and every day in

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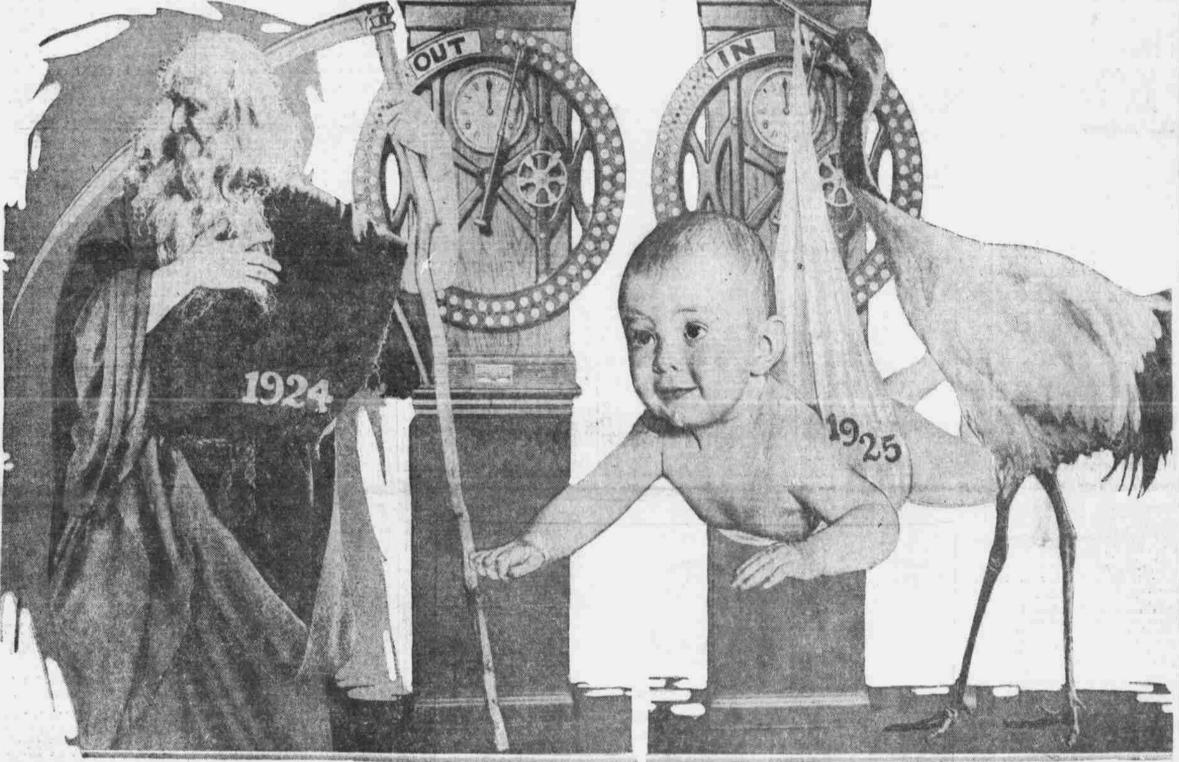


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FRANCE READY TO HONOR AMERICAN DEBT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



It was a sober but happy "1925" that San Francisco ushered in las night, with the tooting of a hundred thousand horns and a very modcheer, that managed to elude the viligance of Sam Rutter's dry

Market street was crowded at an early hour with happy throngs of armed with New Year's horns and a generous quantity of confetti, which

Automobiles were kept constantly lutions they believe will aid moving by the traffic squad, for his success. materially in their progress, agumented by a large detail of police assigned to extra duty. There officially expire with the ringing of cess in their vocations prob- were few arrests during the early the "7 o'clock bell" within the gray ably have placed the resolu- hours and withal, the police re- walls this morning. At that hour tion effecting their endeavors ported a fairly amiable and well Frank J. Smith, until recently State

behaved public THEATERS CROWDED.

The theaters and cafes were crowded with men and women, who had reserved seats far in advance. means an opportunity to obtain security for yourself and Special programs had been arranged on special features in which their cisco.

McLERAN'S GREETING. Acting Mayor Balph McLeran, in a New Year's greeting, declared (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Doomed Men at San Quentin Bid Last Farewell to SEIZE WINE Warden Johnston TFRRNR

"Morituri te salutamus." (We who are about to die salute you.) Had they the opportunity this ancient cry of the gladiators to Caesar would have been embossed across the top of a greeting sent yesterday to Warden James A. Johnston of San Quentin Prison by the eight

occupants of the death cells. Condemned to die, as were the men and women merry makers, gladiators, they raised their voices in salute upon the eve of the retirement of the man who for eleven they scattered with good natured years has presided over the inmates revelry over their tightly packed of San Quentin. The condemned men expressed regret at Johnston's departure and uttered well wishes

Johnston's term as warden wil Printer, will assume charge of the office.

Before leaving Johnston had made all arrangements for a New Year party for the convicts, to be held oday, at which they will be entertained by some of the best vaude the acts now playing in San Fran-

a statement given out at the prison yesterday. Smith outlined his ans for the conduct of the instiution along humanitarian and iniustrial lines. He said: In assuming the duties of warden of San Quentin, I will exert every possible human endeavor

to promote the welfare of the prisoners. The first constructive step will be to industrialize the plant at San Quentin. Nearly all of them are eager to work. As nearly as possible all will be provided with

Taking advantage of the smuggling of New Year's booze into San hibition agents had a sobering ef- building, two young men armed ternational News Service.)-One Francisco, an armed gang of hi- fect on gay New Year parties last with revolvers, who held up and rum runner was killed in a battle jackers yesterday, after stealing night when they invaded cafes and robbed Patrick Tierney, proprietor today with prohibition officers at three automobiles, terrorized peninsula motorists and climaxed the band booze. day by roldly holding up six men

and driving away with a truck loaded with five barrels of wine. Sheriff T. C. McGovern of Redwood City was first to notify the Federal prohibition office in San Francisco of the activities of the hitackers. Three automobiles were stolen, he declared, the armed gang using them to hold up all trucks and touring cars on the highway in the vicinity of Moss Beach, where smuggled booze has been landed in the past, in search of rum. The hijackers were in operation for

Early yesterday three of them walked into the Figone ranch at arroll Lake, near Colma, displayed padges and posed as prohibition gents. After holding up six men. hey forced them to load eight bar rels of wine into a truck and drove away, taking with them John Fl-gone, foreman of the ranch, and Martin Figone, driver of the truck.
As the men fled, Albert Garibaidi, 1928 Taylor street, one of the ranch hands, followed the truck in

twenty-four hours, according to

in automobile, but lost it in the The Figone brothers were driven to Thirty-fourth avenue and Lincoln way, according to Const-QUEST IN STRUGGLES. ble S. A. Landini of Colma, who s investigating the case, where they were forced out, "kidnaped in taxicabs and later deserted. On discher remained on the truck, dis-

liquor confiscated at the Cliff were booked on charges of robbery, ger Boy selzed, House and Charlie's Fashion Grill, 243 O'Farrell street.

The squad of officers entered the Cliff House shortly after 11 o'clock. Numerous diners were celebrating and the jazz band was going

full blast SQUAD IGNORED.

around in the dining room. The other opened the cash register. parties at the tables paid no attention to them. The band chortled eports received at the Sheriff's and under the myriad colored lights ouples strutted on the waxen floor to the barbaric melody.

Table cloths were lifted and pry ing eyes searched for bottles Sensitive noses sniffed glasses and cups. And still the music went or and the attitude of the diners was

one of polite disdain. Up and down between the tables the Noble Eighteen prowled and deuthed. Then, apparently becoming resentful that their presence caused no consternation, the music was stopped and the raid finished ed style.

A glass which, according to offi once contained wine, was Frank O'Kane, clubman, denied : elonged to him. Frank Clifford (Continued on Page 8, Column)

Police Rescue \$35,000 RUN Holdups Pursued, Seized by Mob at Ferry Building

Pursued by a crowd for two blocks and caught in the Ferry restaurants searching for contra- of a cigar store at 34 Howard street Newport Beach, near here; a prom of \$430, were rescued by police from | inent yachtsman arrested and \$35,-Sixteen persons were arrested an angry mob and taken to the 000 worth of bonded liquor, two and a small quantity of wine and Harbor Police Station, where they automobiles and the schooner Nig-

> They gave their names as L. J. Young, 24, 367 Third avenue, and shot to death when he leaped from Louis Mandere, 23, 1693 Market the schooner and attempted to street. The money was found in swim ashore after Federal agents their possession, according to police. swarmed aboard the craft. The

The unidentified rum runner was

The smugglers fled, but after the

Sherman, prominent Southern Cal-

ifornia yachtsman, near a liquor

The two agents who made the

they finally put to shore, and were

walking down the beach on a recon-

noltering jaunt when they saw

group of men feverishly stacking a

acks of liquor in the city channel

"Put out those lights, or we'll pu

ed to a number of imaginary com-

The pair entered Tierney's cigar body sank and was not recovered. store and ordered him to throw up his hands. While one of them held fight Federal men found Cecil The "Noble Eighteen" sleuthed him at the point of a pistol, the cache and arrested him, according After warning their victim, they ran to their report. to the crowded sidewalk. record seizure, James L. Dausman and William E. Coverdill, had been out in a launch for many hours, on

Tierney followed the fleeing pair and many other persons on their way to the ferry took up the pur-suit, which ended in the youths' Failing to locate the booze boat

'Tuffy' Reid Must Hang, Is Decision of Newport bay.

"Tuffy" Rein must hang.

The supreme court yesterday affirmed his conviction and now a new scene.

The two agents rushed forward.
playing their flashlights over the date must be set for the execution "Put out those he of the twenty-one-year-old slaver 'em out for you," of Charles Weingarten, Los Angeles runners shouted. The agents shoutesak merebant.

Reid was to have been hanged last rades and made a dash for a small August but Judge Fleming of the superfor court in Los Angeles issued a stay of execution and, although the attorney general held agents commanded him to return to that the stay was outside the juris-diction of the court and so void, A total of fifteen shots were fired Warden James A. Johnston of San at him, as he leaped overboard and Quentin declined to go on with the swam away in the darkness. H

Official Data From Herrick After

Parleys With Paris Leaders Ease Tension in U. S. Capital

Administration Is Silent Despite Favorable Turn of Affairs; High British Aides Arrive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- The Washington government was in possession tonight of official information transmitted by Ambassador Herrick in Paris after his conversations with Bremter Herriot and M. Clementel, French finance minister, which obviously removed nuch of the uncertainty that has characteried discussions of Franco-American war debt.

Ambassador Herrick's report eased tension in quarters where interest predominated, but from none of the administration ofcials was any word forthcoming concerning the contents of the Paris cables, nor would State Department officers admit even the receipt of such reports.

Inquiries there were met with a flat statement that the subject of Herrick's report was not one that could be commented upon. PLAN TO HONOR DEST.

Unofficial advices from Paris reciting the statement of M. Clementel to Ambassador Herrick in which the French minister recognized the obligation of his government to the United States and declared its inention to honor the debt, were received by administration leaders with no little satisfaction.

The statement that Ambassador Herrick had transmitted M. Clementel's remarks to Secretary Hughes, however, produced only a reiteration of the department's decision 'not to comment."

Officials who took occasion to talk at length on the French debt question at the time of the publication in France of M. Clementel's balance sheet, which omitted reference to money owed the United States, remained silent today.

There was no word forthcoming ither to disprove receipt of such information from Herrick or to adait the arrival here of the ambassador's dispatches. Much of the same attitude marked

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