



## NEW YEAR SENTIMENT IN VERSE

### The Year that Waits

**A** FLOWER unblown, a Book unread, a Tree with fruit unharvested; A Path untrod; a House whose rooms lack yet the heart's divine perfumes; A Landscape whose wide border lies in silent shade, 'neath silent skies; A wondrous Fountain yet unsealed, a Casket with its gift concealed; This is the Year that for you waits, beyond tomorrow's mystic gates.

#### The Old Year. By JOSH WINK.

We bid goodby to thee, Old Year,  
But not with sad regret;  
For long the scars of thy sore wounds  
Will be upon us yet.  
A record thine of blood and woe,  
Of nations in fierce strife,  
The greater one for world control,  
The weaker ones, for life.  
  
Thou hast kept arms in men's gripped hands,  
The tears in women's eyes,  
The dread in little children's hearts.  
Death rattles in their cries;  
Lands hast thou swept of homes and crops,  
Where toll contented reigned,  
Thou hast brought flame to scorch and kill,  
With blood the soil hast stained.  
  
Across the seas thy direful work  
Hast planted seeds of hate  
In fearful deeds and wrath to come  
To live and germinate.  
O fatal year, O fatal year!  
Pass from our shuddering sight.  
God grant the year which waits its birth.  
May bless where thou didst blight!

#### At the Year's Close. By CHARLOTTE FISKE-BATES.

If fault of mine, or pride or fear,  
Has cost one soul, or far or near,  
One bitter pang, one burning tear,  
May the hurt die with thee, Old Year.

If sorrow ever deafened me  
So that, in vain, on Doubt's dark sea,  
One called on me desparingly,  
Old Year! O, hide that cry with Thee!

If gracelessness in anything  
Has weighted some poor struggling wing,  
Or heedlessness has left a sting,  
O speeding year, my pardon bring!

If I have failed where need was sore,  
Appreciation's wine to pour,  
Selfishly keeping it in store—  
Now, Heaven above me, I implore!

May every wrong and hurt of mine,  
Or felt or given, leave no sign,  
Touched with the blessed anodyne—  
Good will! God's peace! the Birth Divine!

#### A Poem for the New Year. By S. E. KISER.

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;  
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;  
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear.  
I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall know no fear.

I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;  
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;  
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread.  
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.

I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;  
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;  
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine—  
I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.

**One of the Tests.**  
Hyker—Muggins is a good friend of yours, is he not?  
Pyker—I guess so. He's always telling me my faults.

#### BOY TAKES NAP IN TRUNK

Parents Have Long Hunt and Are About to Call Police When He Is Found.

Portland, Ore.—Edward McBride, an eight-year-old lad who lives with his parents at No. 427 Tenth street, crept into a trunk, lowered the lid and went to sleep the other night.

Misled by his parents, they scoured the neighborhood for two hours. They were on the verge of calling in aid

#### Goodby, Old Year. By THEODORE H. BOICE.

The time has come to say goodby, Old Year, for we must part; And 'tis reluctantly we speak The word that wrings the heart. For you have been a faithful friend Through all your twelve-month stay. A friend who clung to us by night And walked with us by day. We well remember when you came, A bright and smiling youth. With all the promises of hope And all the cheer of truth. We hailed you there with merry shouts, And fondly clasped your hand; With we started on the road To newer conquests planned. 'Neath sunny skies we journeyed on Along life's thoroughfare, And you were ever at our side, In all our joys to share. Through days of toil and days of rest We always found you near, A loyal friend, companion true, With purpose ever clear. When skies were dark, and rough the way, And grief and trouble came, You through misfortune to us clung, Your friendship e'er the same. Through summer's heat and winter's cold,

Through gladness, doubt and fear, You with us steadfastly remained A loyal friend, Old Year. But now you're sadly aged, old friend, Your hair is white as snow; Your steps, once firm, are faltering, And you desire to go, We cannot keep you against your will, And so 'tis with a sigh We clasp your trembling hand and say "Goodby, Old Year, goodby!"

#### New Year. By RAY I. HOPPMAN.

Gaze forth on the bright, shining sun of tomorrow, Think not of the faults and mistakes of the past, Nor drink from the gall flavored goblet of sorrow— Take one backward look and let that be your last. The old year has gone and the new is before us, The road to the future is open to you, So mingle your voice with the joy swelling chorus; And heed to the call of the year that is new; Away with the thoughts and the words pessimistic, The wrongs of the past and the things that annoy; But substitute action and deeds optimistic And anchor yourself in the harbor of joy. The future depends upon striving and trying And doing your best with your own little part, The slogan of all should be "Doing or Dying"— Just swing into line with a good running start, Forget all things past that are bordered with sadness, Retain only that which is wholesome and sweet; Oh! may the new year be overflowing with gladness— A gladness unstinted, minutely complete. So keep straight ahead on the new opened highway, The sunshine is bright and the sky is clear blue; Retrace not the past's narrow, roughened old byway, May it be bright and happy, And may it's smiles and tears Weave o'er your life a rainbow Of hope for all your years.

#### The New Year's Coming. By FREEMAN E. MILLER.

Better hurry, Mister New Year! We've been waiting, waiting long For the romping of your rapture and the laughter of your song. And the gate is standing open where the living dreams are sweet While the happy hands of welcome scatter roses for your feet. Hurry, Mister New Year, There's a welcome warm for you, Where the hearts of hope are waiting And the dreams are coming true!

Hurry, Mister New Year! We are weary of the king That has ruled so long with sorrow he's forgotten how to sing— We are weary of his scepter and the burdens that he knew, And we're waiting in the highways with a welcoming for you! Hurry, Mister New Year! Lo, the morning purple gleams, And the heart of hope is waiting For the crowning of its dreams!

#### Little New Year. By KATHERINE FAITH.

The old, old Year goes out at the door, But the little New Year comes in; And to take the place of the squandered days There's a Year just about to begin!

He's a dear little chap, is the small New Year,

And deep in his eyes of blue

Is the promise of all the joy that life

Is holding in store for you.

Health's shining there—if you'll cross your heart

To live with a wise discretion—

And then follows Sleep, and then follows Play.

And Love joins the dim procession.

And trailing behind are the ghosts of the years

That wait on the Grown-Up Shore, And haunt all the paths of After-a-while

That lead to the Future's door.

The New Year stands on his tippy-toes

And puts in your two brown hands

The reins of his steeds, I CAN AND I WILL

To drive through the deep life sands.

And hard he stares with his wistful eyes

Wond'ring if you'll get through—

And hoping that all of the dreams he's dreamed

Will have the good taste to come true.

#### New Year Greetings. By R. T. HART.

From out of the dark and silence And separation long In grateful, glad remembrance I send this little song:

The year has seemed a long one Without your voice, your smile,

Yet blessed, holy memories

Have cheered each weary mile.

In absence still I cherish

These memories of you

And send these lines on New Year's morn

To pledge my faith anew.

God grant that ere it closes

All blessings it may bring

To you who've brightened many years,

And to whom now I will sing.

May it be bright and happy,

And may it's smiles and tears

Weave o'er your life a rainbow

Of hope for all your years.

## RUSSIANS SLOWLY YIELD TO PRESSURE

### SLAVES BATTLE HARD BUT RETIRE STEADILY UNDER PRESSURE IN RUMANIA.

### BIG GUNS ARE ALL ACTIVE

### PEACE NOTES ARE DELIVERED, WORLD AWAITS ANSWER TO STEPS IN DIRECTION TO END THE WORLD WAR.—ALL NATIONS INTERESTED.

## CONGRESS QUICKLY PASSES FIVE BILLS

### ADJOURNMENT FOR HOLIDAYS TAKEN BY CONGRESS UNTIL JANUARY 2, 1917.

### PASS 5 SUPPLY MEASURES

### THE URGENT DEFICIENCY LEGISLATIVE, INDIAN, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR APPROPRIATION BILLS IN THREE WEEKS.

Washington.—Congress adjourned for the Christmas holidays to reconvene January 2. In the three weeks of the session the House passed five Government supply measures, the urgent deficiency, legislative, Indian, District of Columbia and diplomatic and consular appropriation bills, more than ever were passed before in the brief period preceding a holiday recess.

One of these bills, the urgent deficiency, has passed the Senate.

Railroad legislation suggested by President Wilson is to get much attention in either branch. The House Commerce Committee decided to await its conclusion in the Senate, where beginning January 2 the Senate committee will hold hearings on the proposed railroad arbitration bill authorizing the president to take over the railroad, telephone and telegraph lines in case of military necessity.

At the conclusion of the hearings the railroad measures in some form will be pressed as amendments to the pending bill to enlarge the Interstate Commerce Commission. Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee, hopes to get action before the March adjournment.

The big guns are active also in the region of Hardamont and Chambretta, near Verdun.

Operations on the Macedonian front are being prevented by bad weather. The American ambassador at Petrograd delivered the German peace note to the Russian government Saturday, and President Wilson's note to the belligerent governments was handed to the Italian foreign minister by the American ambassador at Rome.

It is unlikely that the reply of the Entente powers to the German note will be dispatched before Monday and it may be delayed for ten days, according to the British foreign office. This is attributed to the delays in communication. It is reported in Paris, however, that the reply is almost finished. Rumors are circulating in London that the Entente's answer is being drawn up at Rome.

House committees also reported the railroad food investigation resolution with a favorable recommendation and the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment for woman suffrage without recommendation. Neither resolution advanced to consideration in the house.

### PRESIDENT WILSON NAMES NEW SHIPPING BOARD.

### THREE DEMOCRATS AND TWO REPUBLICANS SELECTED TO SERVE FOR GOVERNMENT.

Washington.—President Wilson nominated the following to be members of the Government shipping board:

William Denman of San Francisco; Bernard N. Baker of Baltimore; John A. Donald of New York; John Barber White of Kansas City, Mo., and Theodore Brent of New Orleans.

The board will have general supervision over freight rates in American waters and is empowered to organize the Overseas News Agency stated regarding President Wilson's note to the belligerents, describes the reception of the note by German officials as sympathetic.

The Under Secretary said that so far as the note related to the general arrangements for the future, he believed the United States would play an important part in them, and added: "The United States always has been among the most enthusiastic and foremost advocates of the idea of arbitration."

"As to the conclusion of peace itself this must be done by the belligerents. I think I understand President Wilson's point that he does not offer mediation for this point, and that he only shows that the interests which the United States, as well as all the other neutrals, naturally have to see peace restored. The President said that in this direction it would be of material advantage if conditions could be communicated under which the belligerents consider it possible to make peace."

Mr. Denman, who gets the longest term of six years, is a Democrat and a lawyer with experience in Admiralty cases.

Mr. Baker, nominated for a five-year term, has had wide experience as a ship owner and for thirty years was president of the Atlantic Transport Line. He is a Democrat and Mr. Donald, the third Democratic member, was nominated for four years. He has had a life-long experience in the steamship business.

The ships built or bought will be available to lease or charter by private interests, but may be operated by the government should private concerns fail to take them. The intent of the law, aside from restoration of ships for American commerce removed by the war is to open up trade routes which private capital does not consider yet profitable enough for it to enter.

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Then all the notes proceed identically as follows:

### KING CHRISTIAN SIGNS SALE OF ISLANDS TREATY.

Copenhagen, via London.—King Christian in Cabinet council ratified the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

This follows the passage by both houses of the Danish Parliament of the bill for the ratification of the treaty. The exchange of the ratification instruments will take place in Washington probably towards the end of January.

### TEOTONS DRIVE BACK FOE AFTER SHARY BATTLE.

London.—Except in northern Dobruja, where the troops of the Central Powers continue to drive the Russians and Rumanians towards Bessarabia, there has been little important activity on the battle fronts of Europe.

The Russian troops in Dobruja, Petrograd announces, were forced to retire northward under heavy attacks from numerically superior hostile forces.

### LARGE NUMBER ARE SMUGGLED IN FROM ENGLAND.

New York.—That many Germans who had been interned as prisoners in England as well as a number of Englishmen desirous of escaping military service have been smuggled into this country as coal trimmers on board various liners, was intimated here. The case of Wm. Farrell, also known as Kernahan, for whom a writ of habeas corpus was sworn out in the federal court was said to have led to the disclosures.

### GIRL BRINGS APPEAL FOR PEACE TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

## WILSON ASKS NATIONS AT WAR TO OUTLINE TERMS WHICH WOULD END WAR

### TAKES STEP WHICH MAY BRING RESULTS

### PRESIDENT DOES NOT ASK FOR MEDIATION BUT FOR AN UNDERSTANDING

### WANTS NATIONS TO KNOW WHAT STRUGGLE IS FOR

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secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war. Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this, and against aggression of selfish interference of any kind. Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues to preserve an unequal balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions; but each is ready to consider the formation of a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved.

### U. S. VITALLY INTERESTED.

"In the measure to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and the Government of the United States are as vitally interested as the Governments now at war. Their interests, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker people of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or Government. They stand ready, and even eager, to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends, when the war is over, with every influence and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; but the President does feel that it is right and his duty to point out their intimate interest in its conclusion, lest it should presently be too late to accomplish the greater things which lie beyond its conclusion, now exceedingly hard to end, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than all,