

Wills probated, 1771 letters testamentary, 1071 administrations, 1071 conservatorships with will, 1071 guardians appointed for minors, 130 guardians appointed for minors, 27 trustees appointed, 27 there were seven applications for conservatorships pending and two for foreign guardian proceedings. There were also 130 inventories of personal estate, 134 petitions to sell real estate, 93 applications for letters, 10 foreign administrations, and 52 copies of wills.

Names of 252 Changed.
As an outgrowth of the feeling against Germany and Austria the Probate Court did an unusually large business in changing the names of persons who desired to drop foreign appellations. There being 262 cases of this sort in which the right to change surname was granted.

Accounts of Administrators. Executors, guardians, trustees and partners filed during the year totaled 2,254, and there were 624 accounts of distribution.

A total of 424 persons were committed to Longview Hospital by Probate Judge Lueders during 1918, and 29 were tried upon lunacy charges and dismissed. 11 were committed to the Ohio State Hospital for Criminal Insanity, 11 were sent to the Cincinnati Asylum for the Insane, 11 to the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, 11 to the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, 11 to the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane.

DEATH RATE INCREASES

Influenza Epidemics Given as Cause of High Mortality.

Increase of more than 25 per cent in the number of deaths in Cincinnati during 1918 when compared to the mortality figures of the two preceding years is attributed by health authorities to the prevalence of influenza during October, November and December and its unprecedented toll of human lives.

Figures compiled yesterday by E. Walter Evans, registrar of vital statistics of the health department, show there were 8,410 deaths reported from January 1, 1918, until closing time yesterday. The estimates there will be approximately 100 more deaths reported for yesterday and last Monday.

Deaths in 1917 were 6,333, and in 1916, 6,743, which figures according to Evans represent the normal mortality for one year. Accurate figures for the number of deaths from influenza and its complications have not been compiled, but Mr. Evans says the number will be not less than 1,700.

Because physicians are given 10 days in which to report births, Mr. Evans' report on the number of deaths during the year cannot be made until after the 10th of January. It is said physicians are busy with influenza cases during the last few months that they cannot report births promptly.

ARRESTS NUMBER 13,636

Of Policemen and Firemen During Year Is Shown.

During the year 13,636 persons were arrested by the Cincinnati police and fire departments, according to figures shown yesterday by the police department.

The figures show that 13,636 persons were arrested during the year, which is a record for the city. The figures also show that the police department arrested 10,000 persons and the fire department arrested 3,636 persons.

CHANGES ARE SOUGHT

In Several Legislations of Cincinnati.

The Cincinnati City Council is considering several bills which would make changes in the city's laws.

The bills include changes in the city's charter, the city's code of ordinances, and the city's rules of procedure.

Of New Year Is Rosy.

Optimistic Reflections on World Trade Conditions and Financial Resources.

After reviewing industrial, commercial and financial conditions the past year, Bradstreet's Review follows its retrospect with a look forward into the new year.

"While a certain amount of the buoyancy with which the victory of the allies was greeted has disappeared and readjustments from a war to a peace basis in industry have made for a good deal of uncertainty, inasmuch as the question of the future of prices and the disposition of unneeded war supplies, there seems to be no good reason for taking counsel of our fears as to what is to happen after peace terms are signed. Much weighty talk of problems to be solved appears in the papers, but unless all past experience is at fault, most of the problems arising are very similar to those encountered in other periods of readjustment following widespread hostilities. If the result had been different and Germany had won, there might have been good reasons for a vast deal of worry."

"We believe that a big potential demand for goods exists, at a price, and it is known that there is and will be a tremendous demand for food products from Europe, while materials for clothing and for shelter and implements of agriculture will probably be badly needed. The United States having suffered the least of all, the belligerents should be in a position to supply these demands, as we have a good share of the food and the raw materials which the world needs, and our production has certainly not suffered at the hands of the 2,000,000 men who have represented us in Europe. We also have what we hitherto lacked—a big merchant marine capable of serving our exporters and exporters, and our ports to allies and neutrals have given us a financial footing in the markets of the world of which our bankers probably will not be slow to take advantage."

"If it is necessary to finance our customers throughout the world to enable us to sell goods, we can do it. We have financed Europe when the possibility of return was not nearly so good as now. We also have a larger capacity for output and, certainly, greater adaptability for catering to foreign demands, whether of peace or war."

No headline broke in domestic industry seems probable with the purchasing power of our people so high, supply and demand conditions what they are, stocks of goods outside of government hands not burdensome, those in government control large, and, but unwilling to be liquidated conservatively, credit conditions as reflected in failures, sound the terms of the country such mines of wealth and the outside world's needs so great. It really seems certain that the people and the country that have done so much in the past four years will not falter now that peace has come and business is usual. Again to be the watchword."

Before City Council.

Cincinnati's financial condition and suggestions for obtaining relief to ward off municipal disaster during the coming year are to be discussed by Mayor Galvin in his annual address to City Council at a special session tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Mayor Galvin indicated yesterday he is to suggest three likely avenues of relief. The first of those he mentioned was a favorable decision of the Ohio Supreme Court on the question of the constitutionality of the classification amendment adopted by the majority of the voters of Ohio.

A favorable decision of the Ohio Supreme Court on the locality of the occupational tax ordinance passed by City Council last year is the second, probable source of relief to be referred to by Mayor Galvin.

Thirdly, the Mayor is to ask Council and city officials generally to support a recommendation to the State Legislature for the amendment of the Smith 1 per cent law so that interest and sinking fund charges will be taken from without the limitations of the law, and providing further that municipal palates will be given the authority to levy additional amounts, equal to the interest and sinking fund charges without a vote of the people.

In his address to Council Mayor Galvin is to acquaint the members with the imperative necessity of continuing the policy of retrenchment in municipal expenditures which has been practiced during the year just ended. He expects to point out that the relief that would come if the classification amendment should be upheld and the Smith law should be amended would not be available during the year 1919 because the levies had been made.

MILLCREEK VALLEY.

Plans have been completed for the wedding of the bride over the canal at the Mill Creek valley, which will be held on the 10th of January. The wedding will be held at the home of the bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith. The wedding will be held at the home of the bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith.

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failed to dampen the spirits of the merry makers, and the streets were filled with happy throngs.

Not only was it the most remarkable celebration on record, but it was also the most expensive. Imported champagne sold as high as \$14 a quart, with other beverages in proportion. And all kinds of wine, domestic and foreign, flowed flood tide. There were those who insisted that a \$20 bill, if judiciously expended, would last almost as long as a \$2 bill back in the days and New Year's Eve of 1914. But, of course, this was before the great war, the doubling of internal revenues and the prospects of a dry 1920, with no excuse for real celebrations from New Year's Day to Christmas.

Naturally, these conditions prevailing, and absolute assurance that the Great Sahara would have nothing on Ohio for complete aridness before another Fourth of July rolled around, thousands of Cincinnatians tried to discount the coming years of prohibition.

Most Orderly on Record.

However, in spite of the unprecedented gaieties, New Year's Eve, 1919, was generally conceded to be among the most orderly on record.

Last night's celebration also was the most unique in history—and with it all a touch of the somber and solemn, as many a silent toast was pledged to the absent ones—and among them those who will never return—which made it strangely, wonderfully, beautifully different from all of the New Year's Eves of the past.

Hardly a gathering last night but remembered the costly year of 1918 just ended, and the sacrifices of Cincinnati and Cincinnatians. When the first stroke of 12 o'clock and the midnight hour was achieved with unprecedented cheering and the peacans of hard-earned victory, in almost every assembly this was followed with a period of absolute silence, the while all present pledged the bravery and ever-to-be-revered memory of those who helped so much to make this victory possible.

And then the jubiliations following in the wake of a long and enduring peace would again claim their gathering place as its own and joy, as the poets have often remarked, would continue forever.

There are many celebrations, both formal and informal, scheduled for today. These include a monster reception at the Y. M. C. A., at Elm and Canal streets, open to practically all of the clubs and fraternal organizations, and a monster celebration on Fountain square, by the Cincinnati Elks, with the singing of patriotic and appropriate songs.

Hit By Confetti Blizzards.

Altogether, it was a wonderful New Year's Eve. Every one admitted that there had been such a celebration, such "foot-trotting" of home, such blizzards of confetti and such sincere and universal merry making as Cincinnati has for its own last night.

And certain it is, throughout many of the years to come, the cosy-checked and youthful figures of last evening, grown gray and with tendencies toward "upheavals" belonging to the future, will lean far back in their chairs, and growing delightfully reminiscent, will slip from their goblets of near-ginger ale, dipping from the wassail bowls of almost-humans, nod their heads in keeping with the solemn anniversary performances of prohibition, and remark complacently: "Yes! Yes! This is all very well in its way, but you should have been in on that last New Year's Eve, when the great War was proclaimed, and all Cincinnati celebrated and never will celebrate again."

Joyous greetings to the New Year were given by the members of the Cincinnati Elks and Hay Exchange yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Sinton. The celebration was held in the Elks Club. Mayor Galvin was guest of honor, sitting with President E. A. Fitzgerald and Alfred Crowling, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. At the head table.

The Mayor, in a short speech, called attention to the significance of the School, the young and the great part it is playing in the play of a new day.

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