

MR. TAFT HOLDS
LAST RECEPTION

White House Doors Today
Stand Open to Citizens of
High and Low Degree.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS
ATTENDS THE EVENT

Distinguished Array of Army
and Navy Officers Lends
Color to Scene—Knox
Entertain.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 1.—President Taft's fourth and last New Year's reception at the White House was greeted by a day beautiful and bright. Long before the time when the chief executive of the nation was ready to shake hands with every citizen who cared to avail himself of the privilege, a line of men, women and children stood in a line from the front door of the White House to the distant gate and far beyond towards the state, war and navy buildings.

The president and Mrs. Taft prepared at 11 o'clock to wish a happy new year, first to members of the cabinet and their wives and to the diplomatic corps. These were followed by the judges of the other courts here; then former cabinet officers, ambassadors and ministers; next, members of congress; then the army, navy and marine corps; after which came a long line of favorite official members of commissions, then members of the Grand Army of the Republic and a number of military societies.

After all these had been greeted, the doors of the White House stood open to the humblest citizen in the land and he, too, was assured of a hearty handshake and a smile.

The diplomatic line was led by Ambassador Jusserand of France. For one ambassador, Yacoub Chikha of Japan, it was his first appearance at a New Year's reception at the White House, while a number of the ministers had never attended one before, these including the representatives from the Dominican republic, Peru, Sweden, Siam, Honduras, Denmark and Panama.

Army and Navy Contingent.

The army and navy contingent made a brilliant spectacle. Every officer of the two services as well as of the marine branch, now in Washington, was under orders to report at the war and navy departments. The former gathered in the office of Major General Wood, chief of staff, and headed by that officer and Lieutenant General Mills, retired, in double file moved slowly through the corridors and down the granite staircase on the eastern approach and across Executive avenue to the White House. Many officers of high rank held place in the line, including Major General Witherspoon, Major General Aleshaire, Brigadier General Andrews, adjutant general of the army; Brigadier General Weaver, chief of the coast artillery; Brigadier General Crozier, president of the war college; Brigadier General Mills, chief of the militia division; Brigadier General Bixby, chief of engineers; Brigadier General Torney, surgeon general; Brigadier General Sharpe, Brigadier General Smith, Brigadier General Allen, chief signal officer; Brigadier General Crowder, Brigadier General Garlington, Brigadier General McIntyre and the whole of the staff of General Wood. Besides General Mills there were some other distinguished retired officers, such as Lieutenant General Bates, General S. B. M. Young, Brigadier General John C. Wilson and many others.

While the army officers were being presented the officers of the navy were preparing to fall in at Secretary Meyer's office, under the leadership of Rear Admiral Vreeland and Rear Admiral Badger, the new commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet. Rear Admiral Andrews, chief of the bureau of navigation; Rear Admiral Twining, chief of the bureau of ordnance; Rear Admiral Wallcut, chief constructor; Rear Admiral Stanford of the bureau of yards and docks; Rear Admiral Willets, director of navy yards; Rear Admiral T. J. Cowie, paymaster general; and Rear Admiral Charles P. Stokes, surgeon general of the navy, formed the head of the line and with them were many officers and retired officers of high rank, resident in Washington, such as Rear Admiral Walworth, Rear Admiral Barker and Rear Admiral Peary.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox prepared to receive the diplomats immediately after they left the White House at a breakfast in their honor given in the Pan-American Union building. To meet them there were invited also the members of the senate foreign relations and house foreign affairs committees.

Not only at the White House and the Pan-American Union building, but through all official Washington, receptions were the order of the day.

Will Save Imprisoned Miners.

By Associated Press.
Tamaqua, Pa., Jan. 1.—The nine men sentenced in the East Lehigh coal company colliery here yesterday by a rush of water from an abandoned mine, working were still imprisoned today, but the company officials here to reach them alive before night. The imprisoned men are helping in the work of rescue.

House Official May Break
Into Rockefeller Homes

Pujo Committee Process Servers Weary of 44 Days Hunt for
Standard Oil Magnate—Physician Says Millionaire's Health Prevents His Appearance.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 1.—After an all-night watch by 48 deputy sergeants-at-arms of congress at the Tarrytown and Fifth avenue homes of William Rockefeller, it was declared today that a formal report would be made to congress that Mr. Rockefeller was deliberately evading the process servers who seek to subpoena him before the Pujo committee at Washington, which is investigating the "money trust." It is 44 days since the subpoena for Mr. Rockefeller was issued.

Charles F. Riddell, sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, said that as he could get into communication with Chairman Pujo he would submit evidence that Mr. Rockefeller was deliberately evading service. If the house were convinced by the evidence, it would be within its power to issue an attachment enabling Sergeant-at-arms Riddell to break into the Rockefeller homes to find him.

The reports are, however, that last night at least Mr. Rockefeller was at neither of his homes but was with his

son, William G. Rockefeller, in Greenwich, Conn. His physician stoutly maintains that Mr. Rockefeller's physical condition is such that he could not appear as a witness in the investigation without involving a serious hazard to his health that might even prove fatal.

The idea gained ground today that Mr. Rockefeller, after all, was not here but Charles F. Riddell, sergeant-at-arms of the house, said that he would take no chances and would continue the siege. One of the detectives was certain that Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller left their residence here on Sunday morning.

A maid who left the Rockefeller house this morning and ran across the street to post a letter caused a flurry among the early shift of detectives. One of them tried to see the address on the envelope, but the servant was too quick for him. As a result of the incident, however, the postoffice authorities may be asked to help the process servers by noting the addresses on the Rockefeller mail.

Mr. Wilson Sure of Luck,
This Year "13" Brings It

By Associated Press.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 1.—Nineteen hundred and thirteen was greeted by President-elect Wilson as "his lucky one."

"Thirteen have always been running through my life in connection with some good fortune," he said today.

The year of his nomination to the presidency produced 13 by adding the digits 1-9-1-3. Woodrow Wilson contains 13 letters. He was 13 years a professor at Princeton. He was elected the thirteenth president of the

university and presided over about 1300 students.

Even the "131st" which is the presidential term begun on March 4 produced the luck number reversed. He will be the "23rd president" of the country, a combination which the president-elect at first considered baffling until it was pointed out it counted just 13 letters.

"And then there are two others," said Governor Wilson today.

"Not only will I be taking office in 1913, but the electoral college meets on January 13 this year."

The Wilson family planned to spend the first day of its "lucky" year at home.

THE PARCELS POST
IN GENERAL USE

Indications Are Postoffice Facilities Will Be Taxed by Business.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Americans today were using for the first time their newest institution, the parcels post. Reports to headquarters from post-office large and small throughout the country indicated that the newest of government services was being utilized into its usefulness with a heavy day and that the facilities provided for handling the new business would be taxed to capacity as the public knowledge of it became more general.

From all points came reports of "freak" shipments in the new post. They consisted of everything from pitchforks and prunes to paving blocks and poultry. Under the regulations practically every class of merchandise is mailable by parcel post. All mail matters formerly fourth class now goes in the new service.

It became evident to postal officials early in the day that some difficulties, more or less serious, were likely to be encountered in the incipient stages of the operation of the new system.

From every city came reports that many packages bore ordinary postage stamps instead of the distinctive parcel post stamps. Under the law such parcels have to be held for lack of proper postage.

ELECTION OF FELKER
IS THOUGHT LIKELY

New Hampshire Legislature
Today Undertakes Task of
Electing Governor.

By Associated Press.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 1.—The election of a governor was the principal business before the New Hampshire legislature when it convened today. The choice of Samuel D. Felker, democrat, was predicted by his campaign manager as the result of an announcement that 25 progressive republicans members of the house would support Felker. The regular republican nominee was Franklin Worcester. Felker received a plurality over Worcester at the polls in November, but failed to obtain the necessary majority.

MINISTER FACES
SERIOUS CHARGE

Head of Orphanage in Florida
Accused of Attacking
Young Girl.

By Associated Press.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 1.—Henry C. Hoffman, formerly a Methodist minister, and head of an orphan home at Deland, Fla., is under arrest here charged with criminally assaulting an eight years old girl, an inmate of the institution. The warrant for his arrest was mailed from Deland.

Hoffman, who has made his home here since September, is 59 years old and married. Since coming to Owensboro he has organized a band of Holy Rollers. Hoffman said he would return to Florida without requisition papers. He declared he was innocent and that the charges were the result of spite work.

SULZER IS INAUGURATED
WITH SIMPLE CEREMONY

Display Lacking as New
York's Governor Is In-
ducted into Office.

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—William Sulzer of New York was inaugurated forty-second governor of the Empire state today. Himself a democrat, he succeeds John A. Dix, who upon assuming office two years ago, was the first democratic governor in 18 years. In the assembly chamber of the capitol, which was thronged with state and court officials and prominent citizens, Mr. Sulzer took the formal oath of office. In his inaugural address he promised "an honest, efficient, economical and business-like administration of public affairs."

The formal ceremonies in the assembly chamber differed but little from those of other years, but there was a vast difference between the events immediately preceding Governor Sulzer's induction into office and inaugurations of other days. This year, at the new executive's request, there was no military display, which formerly has been a feature of inaugural day. There was, instead, only a small procession from the executive mansion to the capitol, made up of the incoming and outgoing governors and their staffs.

The customary governor's state of the union was omitted.

ASHEVILLE'S BEST
YEAR OF BUSINESS

So Business Men Describe 1912,
and All Say They Expect
that 1913 Will Be Better.

MEN IN VARIOUS LINES
VOICE THEIR OPINIONS

Dozens of Them Are Inter-
viewed, and Not One But
Says the Year Has Serv-
ed Him Well.

"I have had the best business in 1912 that I have ever had in Asheville, and I am preparing to do even more in 1913." This is the business man of Asheville speaking—the composite business man, representing the various lines of business in the city. Dozens of business men were visited and expressions were obtained from them as to what they had done in 1912 and what they expected to do in 1913. Not a single one but had done as well as or better than he had expected and every one expected this prosperity to continue in the same or a greater degree.

In seeking out these various business men no method was employed, except it was undertaken to see that they had diversified lines of business. Some of them were met by chance on the street; some were footing up their sales for the year; others were taking stock. Every one had a satisfied expression on his face and acted as if the world had been good to him. Some were able to tell by their own prosperity that other lines of business had been prosperous. At a hardware store it was said that the unprecedented building boom had had much to do with the good hardware trade.

Probably there is no line of business that is a better index of the conditions than the shoe business. Shoes are necessities, to be sure, but they can be made to last a longer or shorter time, according to the health of the pocket book. The Asheville shoe company said: "This is the best year we have ever had. The town is in the best co-operative spirit it has ever been. Development is just beginning—it is just started. We shall have no 'mean city.'"

At one of the leading furniture stores it was said that 1912 was the best year it had ever had and that the business since Christmas indicated another good year.

The Brown Hardware company is just closing the year. They stated that they had done better than they had expected; hardware conditions are good; the building going on is keeping every mechanic busy. The bumper crops insure another good year.

Ottis Green Hardware company: "A good year and good prospects. It is a happy New Year."

The proprietor of another furniture company said business had been much better than in 1911, although he had moved to a new location.

Harris Barnett Dry Goods company: "Last year was good. This year will be better."

McConnell brothers handle all sorts of fruits. They said their business had increased every year since they began and this year was no exception. This means a great deal, as much of their business is done with local people.

James Jovner, building contractor, said he had been busy every day during the year; that he had more to do than he could get done. He is now constructing six business buildings and six residences and has more in sight.

Morris Meyers of the Palais Royal: "If business is as good in 1913 as it was in 1912 I will be entirely satisfied."

R. B. Zager: "Best business we ever had and prospects are very favorable. We are preparing for a better year."

H. Redwood & Co.: "Business has been fine."

G. E. Stradley: "Without referring to figures I can say that this is one of the best of my seven years in business. The summer business was by far the best I ever had."

It is not worth while to say that the automobile business has been good. The past year has seen the establishment of several agencies, and anyone can see that automobiles are coming here in increasing numbers. They are not necessities, either—that is, all people do not have to have them. In speaking of the number of automobiles they are selling the members of an agency and garage company said that one of the most noticeable things about the business is the large number of trucks that are being used here—a good sign of industrial growth.

The J. R. Rich Plumbing company goes so far as to issue letters to their customers, saying what a good year they have had.

Identifies Callahan's Slayers.

By Associated Press.
Louisville, Ky., Jan. 1.—Ashbury McIntosh, one of the 15 men charged with assassinating former Sheriff Ed Callahan of Breathitt county, when called to the stand in the trial of D. F. Deaton who is on trial for the murder, created a sensation yesterday when he testified that he had recognized Don Smith and Andrew Johnson as the two men who shot Callahan. This corroborates the testimony of Callahan's wife and daughter who also testified that

"I'm for You," Gov. Sulzer
Tells the Suffragettes

MISS ROSALIE JONES.

Miss Jones holds the military record for rapid-fire promotion. When the loyal band of suffragettes started on their march from New York to Albany, she was a high private. Now she is the commanding officer, first general, high mogul—any or all.

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The "message" which the suffragette pilgrims carried on foot from New York to Albany, was placed in Governor-elect Sulzer's hand by "General" Rosalie Gardiner Jones yesterday.

The governor-elect assured the pilgrims that he would co-operate with them to obtain equal suffrage. The "message" the contents of which was kept secret until Governor-elect Sulzer saw it, said:

"The suffrage hosts of the Empire state send greetings and renewed congratulations to Governor William L. Sulzer and express the warmest hope that his administration may be distinguished by the speedy passage of woman suffrage amendments." It was signed by representatives of the various state equal suffrage organizations.

Governor-elect Sulzer read the message. Then frowning he looked into the faces of the entire army assembled in front of the executive mansion and said, slowly and impressively:

"This is O. K. with one exception. I have no middle name. I'm just plain William Sulzer."

Looks of dismay which spread over the faces of each officer, private and recruit, quickly vanished, however, when the governor-elect smilingly continued:

"Notwithstanding, I receive this message in the spirit in which it is sent. As a matter of political justice I have always favored equal suffrage for men and women and have recommended, in my message, that the legislature pass, as soon as possible, a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution of the state of New York."

PEOPLE EMANCIPATED
FROM EXPRESS BONDAGE

Wanamaker Joyous, as Owner
of Great Mail Order Busi-
ness Naturally Would Be.

(By Associated Press)

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Fifty-eight souvenir spoons engraved to represent the 48 states of the union and the insular possessions, gift from former Postmaster-General Wanamaker to President Taft, were contained in the first package to be sent by parcel post from Philadelphia. An elaborate reception attended by prominent state and city officials preceded the dispatching of the package. Mr. Wanamaker, who advocated the creation of a parcels post in 1889, in his first annual report as postmaster-general to President Harrison, in an address spoke of his gratitude for the opportunity of participating in the opening of the system. He declared that "under Postmaster-General Hitchcock's proclamation the people of the United States are emancipated from the bondage of the express companies."

"The new administration can possibly double the benefits of the post office service. Two things it surely can give us—one cent postage, and of still greater value to business and social world, a postal telegraph service farther reaching, quicker and cheaper," said Mr. Wanamaker.

Irish Business Done in Boston.

By Associated Press.
Boston, Jan. 1.—A brisk business marked the opening of the parcels post service in this city, over 100 persons waiting for the signal inaugurating the system at midnight. One of the first packages was a small pot of Boston baked beans, sent to Mayor Fitzgerald.

Shot With a Christmas Gift Rifle.

(By Associated Press)
Louisville, Ky., Jan. 1.—With a rifle which he had received as a Christmas gift, Hugh Flanagan, Jr., aged 18, was accidentally shot here last night by his 13-year-old brother, Charles. The boy was sitting on a bench in a park when he fired the rifle.

GRIFFIN, GA., TREASURER
A SUICIDE, IT APPEARS

Killed Himself November 24—
Had Been in the Office for
38 Years.

By Associated Press.

Griffin, Ga., Jan. 1.—After investigation of the city records by expert accountants, it became known yesterday that Thomas Nall, for 38 years city treasurer, shot and killed himself here November 24, after having, it is alleged, burned practically all of the records of his office. Until yesterday it was generally believed that Nall's death was due to apoplexy.

The suicide is said to have followed Mayor J. Henry Smith's demand for an investigation of the books of all city officials for the purpose of installing a new accounting system. Statements of the city hall janitor and the cook in the Nall home brought out the allegation that Nall had been burning books at his office and home just before the tragedy.

Practically all the records of unpaid and back taxes are missing and for this reason it is believed the report of the accountants will not be made for some time.

THREE END LIVES

Vienna Youth in Suicide Compact
Because of Love Affairs—All
Take Poison.

By Associated Press.
Vienna, Jan. 1.—A suicide pact which three youths carried out in a cafe here on Monday night has been explained by a young girl, who says that the youths were all ardently in love with her and had threatened to commit suicide on her account. The three young men were drinking in a secluded corner of the cafe when all suddenly fell from their chairs, dying. They had evidently placed poison in their beverages and the result proved fatal in each case.

A photograph of the trio was found in their possession addressed to the girl who told of their tragedy.

LABOR LEADERS
ENTER PRISON

Shortly After Arrival Each Is
Given Haircut and Garbed
in Prison Uniform.

TRIP FROM INDIANA
WAS MEMORABLE ONE

At Every Station Crowds
Greeted Train, Which was
Locked and Closely
Guarded.

By Associated Press.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 1.—The 33 labor union officials sentenced at Indianapolis for complicity in the McNamara dynamite plots arrived at the federal prison here at 7:15 o'clock today. They immediately were photographed, dressed in penitentiary clothes and formally enrolled as convicts.

As Frank M. Ryan, president of the Iron Workers International union, and his fellow prisoners stepped from the special train which brought them from Indianapolis they were taken in charge by the penitentiary authorities.

New Year's day thus found the labor leaders submitting to the beginning of punishment for their connection with crimes for which the McNamara brothers confessed dynamiters are serving terms in the state prison at San Quentin, Cal.

The prisoners were taken by rail directly into the prison grounds. Within an hour after their arrival each prisoner had been subjected to a hair cut and was garbed in the prison uniform.

Because of the holiday the details of assigning the men to work was delayed until tomorrow. Most of the new prisoners are iron workers and it was understood the warden was to put them on the construction of buildings. Ryan may be given clerical work because of his age and his apparent feeble condition.

It was a memorable trip which brought the prisoners over the 570 miles from Indianapolis on New Year's eve. Once started United States Marshal Edward Schmidt decided not to reach Leavenworth before daylight so that almost 30 hours were passed on the train. The train was guarded at windows and doors as a rolling adjunct of the penitentiary, all the curtains being down and no one being permitted to give out any word as to the happenings within. The trip across Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and into Kansas was to have been kept secret, but at every station crowds greeted the train as the "dynamiters' special" and cheers and singing of midnight showed the disposition of the men toward a New Year which for them was to begin with imprisonment.

At midnight, while passing Jeffers in City, Mo., Marshal Schmidt passed around coffee which was drunk from tin cups. Each prisoner was permitted at that time to write out New Year's messages to members of his family.

Beyond that outburst of cheers it was a monotonous ride for the men, each of whom was required to sit throughout the night facing an armed guard.

England organizer for the iron workers union, became unconscious on the train and was placed in a physician's care. He is sentenced to serve two years.

SAYS EAGLES MUST PAY
OF FORFEIT LICENSE

Special to The Gazette-News.

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—Insurance Commissioner Young today issued notice to the board of the Order of Eagles to show cause before January 10 why their license should not be revoked in North Carolina, and unless the license fee is paid the various series in the state will be ordered closed.

Several years ago the Eagles and the insurance department came near going to court over the question of license, but the Eagles came across.

COMPANY CHARTERED

Williams & Fulghum Company In-
corporated With Authorized
Capital of \$25,000.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, Jan. 1.—The Williams and Fulghum Lumber company of Asheville was chartered today with an authorized capital of \$25,000 and \$15,000 subscribed by James M. Williams, J. M. English and J. E. Fulghum.

LONDON TAXICAB SERVICE
IS TIED UP BY A STRIKE

By Associated Press.
London, Jan. 1.—An almost complete tie-up of taxicab service in London was effected today when the drivers went on strike. It was estimated that 8000 taxicabs stood idle in their garages, the only taxis running being the few owned by individual drivers. The trouble is largely due to the liability of the companies, as they claim, to make the taxicab business profitable.