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### GRASPS THE HANDS OF EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE

For Two and a Half Hours the procession Files Past.

### WHITE HOUSE THROGGED

President and Mrs. Roosevelt's First Reception Proves a Most Successful Function.

### MILES AND DEWEY PASS IN THE CROWD

Those Who Look for Any Change in the Manner of These Officers or of the President Disappointed. All Graciously Received.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt's first public reception was attended more largely than any New Year's reception in a number of years. In all, 8,100 persons filed through the White House and shook hands with the President.

Mr. Roosevelt on being apprised that the crowd in line outside the White House was unusually large gave orders that the gates should not be closed until the last person desiring to do so had an opportunity to pay his respects. The reception began promptly at 11 o'clock and it was 2:30 o'clock before the last person in line had been presented to the President and a quarter of an hour later before the reception came to an end.

The weather was delightful, being clear and crisp, so that no hardship was suffered by the throng that waited for hours before admission to the White House. The reception was in every way successful, the decorations rarely beautiful, arrangements perfect and the President in excellent spirits. To each person he extended a cordial happy New Year and Mrs. Roosevelt was equally pleasing to each of those who filed past the line in the Blue Parlor, where the receiving party stood. Miss Alice Roosevelt was conspicuous among these, assisting at the reception. A party of her young girl friends by invitation also participated in the function.

**MANSSION AGLOW WITH FLOWERS.** The interior of the mansion was aglow with a myriad of electric lights, and to this was added the beauty of a profusion of flowers, plants and vines, backed about the mantels and draped from chandeliers and walls. The floral decorations reached their height of effectiveness in the East Room. Here the great crystal chandeliers were looped with smilax, while the recesses of the chamber were banked with poinsettia blossoms, begonias and tall ferns. In the Red and Blue Parlors there was the same effective disposition of flowers and plants, the flaming red of the poinsettia being most apparent everywhere.

In the outer corridor, just within the entrance, the band of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., sixty strong, in their brilliant uniforms were arranged in tiers, while further along in the conservatory was the full courtship of the Marine Band, in bright red uniforms. While the musicians were taking their places the Roosevelt children were having a merry time through the corridors and one of them could be heard playing the "Kangaroo March" in the private apartments of the Presidential family.

### A COSMOPOLITAN THROGG.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the throngs of distinguished callers began to assemble in the main corridor. First came the members of the diplomatic corps in their rich court uniforms, resplendent in broad and decorations. It was a most cosmopolitan throng, the Oriental silks of the Chinese minister and his suite, the red fez of the Turkish minister and the more modern but equally gorgeous attire of the Japanese and Koreans conspicuous amid the groups of diplomatists. The members of the corps gathered in the Red Parlor preparatory to being presented to the President and those about him.

### THE PRESIDENT AND WIFE.

Exactly at 11 o'clock a fanfare from three trumpets stationed at the further end of the main corridor announced the approach of the President and the receiving party. At the same moment President and Mrs. Roosevelt appeared at the upper landing of the corridor, and arm in arm descended the stairway, while the Marine Band broke in with "Hail to the Chief." The President bowed as he passed along, frequently giving a cherry response to the New Year's greetings extended to him from those in the line.

Mrs. Roosevelt held in her hand a superb bouquet of pink crechids. She wore a gown of white satin, heavily plated, with lace yoke and diamond ornaments, and in her hair sparkled a diamond tiara. The President was in the conventional black frock coat. He had no boutonniere and the gray-striped neck scarf was the only bit of color in his attire.

Following, the President and his wife came the members of the Cabinet and their wives.

The Presidential party took up their station in the Blue Parlor with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt immediately

alongside the entrance, ready to grasp the hands of callers as they were announced. As soon as the President took his position he turned to the many ladies invited behind the line and gave each of them in turn, a warm greeting and the well wishes of the day. Then the signal was given for admitting the distinguished official callers, who by this time filled the outer corridors to overflowing.

### THE HAND-SHAKING BEGINS.

As Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, the British Ambassador, Lord Pauncefote, is usually the first of the foreign callers to greet the President. Today, however, he was absent from the line, having conveyed his private greetings to the President and the head of the line was taken by Lady Pauncefote and the Misses Pauncefote and the many military, naval and civil members of the British establishment, all of the officials in full uniform. The French Ambassador, M. Cambon, with all the members of the Embassy staff was next in line. Following him came the German Ambassador, Dr. VonHohelien, accompanied by a retinue of dashing young officers of the German army and navy. The Russian Ambassador, Count Cassini, the Italian Ambassador, Signor Mayor, and the Mexican Ambassador, Senor Azpiroz, were each accompanied by large official staffs.

Following the ambassadors came the Ministers of many countries.

### ROOSEVELT MOST GRACIOUS.

President Roosevelt's manner of receiving his callers was exceedingly gracious and happy. As each guest was announced by Colonel Bingham, the President grasped the hand of the visitor and wished him a hearty New Year, often accompanying this with some felicitous expression to any one recognized as a close friend. There was no hurrying along of the callers, and often there was considerable delay while pleasantries were exchanged. Mrs. Roosevelt's host and the cordiality of her greetings reminded many of the callers of the days when Mrs. Cleveland was mistress of the White House.

### WEARERS OF THE ERMINE.

After the members of the Diplomatic Corps came Chief Justice Fuller and the Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and following them the judges of all the other high Federal courts in Washington, representing as a whole the judicial branch of the Government. Next came the legislative branch, Senators and Representatives in Congress. Speaker Henderson was among these.

### GOLD LACE AND SABER.

There was another flash of gold lace and clank of saber and spur when at 11:40 the highest ranking officers of the army and navy were received. Side by side, at the head of the army contingent strode the stalwart well-known figures, Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, Commanding the army, and Major-General Henry C. Corbin, Adjutant General. Next came the high ranking officers of the navy, including the admiral and heads of the naval staff departments. The admiral wore the superb sword voted to him by Congress for the victory of Manila, and on his breast was the Congressional medal commemorating that event. He, too, was most cordially welcomed by the President. The officers of the marine corps, with Brig. Gen. Haywood at their head, followed the navy. After them came a number of government officials and various veteran organizations.

### ALL COLORS, AGES, CREEDS.

At 12:30 the reception to the public began and great crowds accepted the first opportunity to grasp the hand of the President. At that hour the crowd at the outer gate stretched away in both directions for several blocks. All stations, colors, creeds, sexes and ages were represented in the motley throng, which ebbed up to the President. The latter in no way relaxed his cordiality, and all received the same cheery greeting. For more than an hour this human stream flowed past the President. At one time there was a brief intermission to permit some of the ladies to withdraw for their private receptions. The President embraced this opportunity to limber up his right hand, which began to show the effects of continued handshaking.

### LAST OF THE CALLERS.

As the last of the callers filed by the President took Mrs. Roosevelt on his arm and amid the strains of a quickstep by the Marine Band, the Presidential and Cabinet party withdrew to the private quarters of the President. He showed little fatigue and Mrs. Roosevelt also underwent the physical strain without apparent discomfort. It was estimated by the White House attendants that 8,100 people passed before the receiving party. Veteran officials regard it as one of the largest and most successful receptions ever held.

### Berry's Condition Improves.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 1.—Reports from Bentonville today state that United States Senator J. H. Berry's condition has improved materially, and that he expects to leave tomorrow for Washington.

### THE FAMINE IN FUEL

Some Large Mills in South Carolina May Have to Shut Down.

(By the Associated Press.)

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 1.—A gentleman from South Carolina, who is in Roanoke today, arranging for coal shipments to South Carolina. He stated that the lack of fuel in and around Columbia had brought industries to a serious position. Owing to floods it has been impossible to utilize water to generate power, and there being little coal available it was believed there was danger of a suspension on the part of some of the immense mills in South Carolina. He was endeavoring to get immediate shipments. The fuel famine seems to be general, as there are complaints in all directions. Nearly all of the coal bearing railroads have been seriously hampered of late by high water and destructive floods. Besides the Christmas holidays and consequent inability to get miners has cut off the supply at the fields. It is said the Norfolk and Western have 2,000 cars waiting to be loaded. It is said that some of the railroads having no coal fields to draw upon for fuel are reduced to the point of using wood.

### THE ROANOKE BOOMING.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Weldon, N. C., Jan. 1.—There is a heavy freshet in Roanoke river today, the water being 35 feet above the gauge. The Ohio of the Weldon and Norfolk Steamboat Line was able to sail right over corn fields in the low lands, and come right up to the basin mills. The congregation of the Baptist church had a most delightful entertainment at the Coast Line hotel last night, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Few, if any, changes will take place here in business circles with the coming in of the new year.

### DROWNED IN FRENCH BROAD.

(By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 1.—Henry Penland, of Asheville, was drowned last night at Marshall. He was attempting to cross the French Broad, which is greatly swollen.

### An Aged Woman Burned to Death.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Annie Davis, aged ninety years, was burned to death in her home near Germantown last evening. She was sitting by the fire place when her dress ignited. Her chair was burned up. The address at the emancipation celebration here today was made by Dr. Hargrove, colored. He advised his race to remain in the South, be industrious and secure homes.

### Jim Lowery Still at Large.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Cherry Mountain, N. C., Jan. 1.—Jim Lowery, upon whose head a price of \$700 is set, is a young negro, nearly white, slender in build with high cheek bones, rather aquiline features, and rather oddish in appearance. Several men who look no more like him than does the silent sphinx of Egypt have been captured, and Sheriff Smith has spent a small fortune identifying him in Asheville, N. C., Richmond, Va., Atlanta, Ga., Columbia, S. C., when Jim Lowery has never been one hundred miles away since his atrocious murder. In justice to Sheriff Smith, he has been untiring in his vigilance, trying to effect the capture of this illusive criminal.

### Sent to Jail for Arson.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Hillsboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—An old negro woman by the name of Pullie, was arrested yesterday and tried before Mr. John Kupland, Justice of the Peace, and sent to jail for the burning or aiding in burning Mr. Pace Kerpatrick's barn last Sunday, and the other barn about one month ago. At the trial she implicates her son and the officers are on the lookout for him now. The old woman lives not far from Mr. Kirkpatrick's.

### Resumption of Traffic.

(By the Associated Press.)

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 1.—A special from Bristol says: "The Virginia and Southwestern Railway which suffered from the late storm will have their line in operation to Maymead today, and probably to Mountain City. Trains will leave Bristol on regular schedule for all points in Tennessee, except Elizabethton. They expect to be running into Elizabethton by the end of the present week."

### Schedules Resumed.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 1.—Schedules on all railroads entering Montgomery, which were interfered with by the recent floods have, with the exception of the Atlanta and West Point have been resumed. Later reports from Tallahassee say that the damage by high water there will exceed first estimates. The loss by the breaking of the power company's dam will fall on the constructors, as the work has not been turned over.

In a fire at Progresso, Mexico, December 24, five thousand bales of sisal hemp, valued at \$125,000, were totally destroyed.

### PARTY ENDS IN RIOT SOUTH BEST PLACE

Three People Killed in a Fight at Robbins, South Carolina.

(By the Associated Press.)

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Three people were killed and two injured at Robbins, S. C. in a fight which occurred during a party given at the residence of Jesse Griffin. The participants in the fight were white people and well known in this part of the county. The dead: GEORGE DUNBAR, HARRY DUNBAR, FLETCHER BENNETT. The wounded: MRS. GEORGE DUNBAR, ARTHUR DUNBAR. A "watch party" was given at the residence of Jesse Griffin and during the evening William Cobb became involved in a dispute. Cobb later left the house. After his departure the quarrel was taken up by Fletcher Bennett and Dunbar drew his pistol. Griffin, the host, interfered, taking Dunbar's pistol from him. Fletcher Bennett suddenly seized the weapon and shot George Dunbar, killing him instantly. The latter's son, Harry, came to the defense, but was also killed by Bennett. Arthur Dunbar, another son, also joined in the fight and shot Bennett.

The shooting became general and Bennett received a second shot, which killed him, and Arthur Dunbar received a wound which may prove fatal. Mrs. Dunbar was also shot but it is believed she will recover. Arthur Dunbar is fatally wounded.

### JAMES W. REID DEAD

A Former Congressman, One of the State's Most Eloquent and Brilliant Men.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Reidsville, N. C., Jan. 1.—James W. Reid died at his home in Lewiston, Idaho, this morning. He was a former Congressman from this district, son of the late Dr. Mira F. Reid and brother of the late Rev. Frank L. Reid, D. D., leaders of the Methodist ministry in North Carolina. He has been practicing law in Idaho for sixteen years. His wife resides at Wentworth.

Mr. Reid was one of the most brilliant men this State has produced in recent years. His public career was successful. He was a son of the late Rev. Mira F. Reid, D. D., one of the most influential Methodist preachers the State has known. After leaving Trinity College Mr. Reid entered the practice of the law and was a leader among the younger lawyers in his district. Upon the election of Governor Scales, he succeeded the Governor in the National House of Representatives. Later he went to Idaho, where his eloquence and ability gave him a large practice. He had rare personal charms and many admirers. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago and Kansas City, and a leader of his party in Idaho.

### BRICKLAYERS LOCKED OUT.

(By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—The members of the Bricklayers' Union were locked out by the contractors this morning and practically every building where bricklayers were employed is at a standstill. A special meeting of the Brick Contractors Association was held last night, when every member present agreed not to start any more, or carry on any work until the union should agree to certain rules, which had been adopted by the contractors.

Among the new rules is one changing working hours from 5 a. m. to 8 a. m., and from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m. Another is that members of the union shall work for none but members of the Contractors Association.

The latter rule, the members of the union say, they will not consider, because it would stop them from working for some of the largest contractors in the city, who are not members of the association, and thus would throw more than half of their members out of work at the present time.

### TO BREAK THE MERGEO.

(By the Associated Press.)

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 1.—Attorney General McClurg is contemplating the institution of proceedings to break the merger of the Southern and Mobile and Ohio railroads. It is understood the proceedings will be begun within ten days.

### A Fortune for a Poor Woman

(By the Associated Press.)

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Lonnie Hanson, who has lived in Montgomery, and who has been in straightened circumstances for many years, was today notified by ex-Governor Joseph F. Johnston that a fortune had been left her in Germany. Governor Johnston has received necessary proof of the fortune, and Mrs. Hansen will forward her response tonight.

### SOUTH BEST PLACE

Negro Leader Tells His Race Not to Go North.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Jan. 1.—Dr. James E. Shepar, (col.), who holds a position in the revenue service, delivered the Emancipation oration held by the colored people at White Rock Baptist church here today. In the course of his speech he said: "The negro must learn this lesson, and the sooner, the better it will be for his peace of mind, if he desires power in the future he must be educated and own something, so I would advise my people to acquire education, not an education that unfits for work, but an education that ennobles labor. Let them accumulate something and by their demeanor at home and in the public highways demand the respect of their fellows. I note with ever increasing alarm the tendency to crime among our young people. It requires the careful study of the leaders in the home and in the church to devise some means by which the young men and women can be saved. It is a startling fact that, comprising less than three-fifths of the population, a trifle less than three-fifths of the crimes committed are charged to us. That a great many of these crimes are wrongly charged and that a large per cent of them would be overlooked in other races is true. Still the fact is ever present with us that the per cent of crimes committed is too large for the future prosperity of the race and the good of the country. An honest effort ought to be made by the leaders in church and in the other walks of life to bring about a better condition of things. I want to take this opportunity of saying publicly that I do not believe the better class of negroes ever hide a crime or cloak a criminal, generally they are in the lead to expose a crime and assist in law in detecting a criminal. Crime must be frowned and every honest man, whether white or black, should unite in doing so. The great failing has been, the white race has taken the acts of one or two individuals and charged the same to the whole negro race. "In face of the recent disfranchisements in several of the Southern States, I still hold to the opinion that I have ever expressed, the South is the best place for the negro and the Southerners his best friends. We ought to resolve that we will not encourage the wholesale immigration of the negro to the North. The centers are fast becoming congested and the conditions in the main are not as good as the conditions that exist here. I know the prejudices, but we must first work out our salvation in the land where our fathers died and which they loved. In it all, I will, however, advise you to be Christian men and not cowards, for the world despises a coward.

"The political situation requires but a passing notice. To advise the negroes as a unit to eschew politics would be unwise and contrary to the spirit of free institutions, those that are fitted should, if possible, exercise the right of franchise, and those that are not should fit themselves to meet the requirements of the law.

"Encourage a friendly spirit and by all means in a manly way live at peace with all mankind, and in the end right will triumph for 'Justice may slumber but she never soundly sleeps.' Accused of talking too much and not doing about as an officer should, Police Officer Cagle is suspended from duty for ten days.

December a year ago was ahead of last month by nine marriage licenses, the record for the past month being fifty-six and of these twenty-four were for colored couples.

The new school buildings will be used in the morning, and plank walks have been placed for temporary street use in getting to them. There are now four buildings for white and two for colored, all six excellent buildings.

Judge E. W. Hatch, of New York, lectures here Saturday night on "The Trial of Christ before Pilate," under the auspices of the Elks. He is an eloquent member of the bar, and speaks on the trial from a lawyer's standpoint.

Durham has thirdest destroyers a plenty. One more license for a bar runs the number up to twenty-three.

New Year's Day was very generally observed here, banks, depots, postoffice and many stores remembering it was the first of the year.

"Crack Shot" is a new brand of cigars just out from a brand new factory. It is the enterprise of C. H. Branch and E. C. Dunlap.

The sum of \$152,485.65 is the amount received by Collector Rigsbee for the United States Government last month from Durham's tobacco industries. Last year was the best ever had here by the revenue department.

Today the new bar-room ordinance went into effect and it is from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. that the doors are open. All drinks are to be served over the counters, and no screens or obstructions are allowed to interfere with the view from the street, and all who desire may view the disappearance of the red, red eye.

A small boy and a small toy pistol combined to burn Miss Minnie Ward in the face very badly a few nights ago. The boy snapped the pistol in her face.

Barlow & Wilson's minstrel show, Friday night and Innes' Band in a short time are eagerly looked for. The Innes' Band concert is to be a social event, the Board of Patronesses being composed of many of Durham's most prominent ladies.

### J. H. PARKER & CO.'S COTTON LET

The following extracts are taken from the weekly letter of J. H. Parker & Co., cotton men of New York:

"The week has been a short one owing to the holidays, and the feature of the week's trading has been the liquidation of January contracts and the exchange into later options. Some decline was naturally to be expected, but the market has displayed surprising strength and while local opinion is very much mixed as to the outcome of the crop the belief is growing that the crop is a short one. Receipts at both ports and interior towns have been on a liberal scale, but we think the large movement is due to free buying of spot cotton and the rapid shipment to ports, as all reports we are receiving from Southern points indicate rapid marketing of the crop, and it is now claimed that there is less cotton held by farmers and middle men in Texas than on the first of March this year. It may be recalled that receipts were unusually heavy in Texas during the spring months as compared with previous years. In fact the movement over the cotton territory last spring was about the largest on record. Our reports further indicate that the rapid marketing has been compulsory to a large degree owing to the short crop, and the pressure brought to bear on planters by merchants and factors. The principal bear argument, however, is that the crop is a late one, and therefore has not been marketed as early or as freely as usual and that receipts are likely to continue liberal in the next month, but we can get no information to confirm this view.

"As previously stated, all our information from the South is to the effect that the government estimate is approximately correct. We are also in receipt of many reports stating that the acreage will necessarily be curtailed the coming year and this will undoubtedly have some influence on prices later in the season. Receipts for the first two weeks in January will compare with a light movement last January. A liberal movement now may possibly cause some decline, but we believe such decline would be quite limited, and we unhesitatingly advise buying, if any decline takes place. The foreign, and especially our domestic consumers, have not secured their requisite supplies and it may become a serious matter with them on fuller confirmation of a short crop. The movement up to date is still behind that of last year and is more than one million bales behind the large crop year of 1898. So far the advance has not been sufficient to cause pyramid speculation, and there has been liquidation on a large scale during the past ten days, and in our judgment many who were bullish realized prior to Christmas, and are hoping and expecting to repurchase on some recession, and to this extent the market is in a stronger position. Private cable advices state that trade conditions are gradually improving on the continent.

"We do not regard the interest in the market at present a large one, and there is still an absence of anything like broad speculation. Hester gives the amount coming into sight for the week as 376,558 as compared with 357,697 in 1900, 253,357 in 1899 and 447,157 in 1898, and since September 1, 6,161,542 in 1900, 5,786,990 in 1899, and 7,491,296 in 1898."

### Death of Miss Mary Mangum.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Jan. 1.—Miss Mary Mangum, youngest daughter of the Hon. Wiley P. Mangum, died this morning at her home near Umbra, on Flat river. Miss Mangum was about 72 years of age, an amiable and devoted wife, and resided with her sister, Miss Pattie Mangum, at the old home place.

The deceased was one of the best and truest women of the Old North State. She was a member of the Episcopal church, and a most exemplary Christian in every sense of the word.

The funeral services will take place at the old home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. S. S. Bost, rector of St. Philip's church, of this city. Interment will be in the Mangum burying ground, nearby.

### TOO MUCH TIN HORN.

(Special to News and Observer.)

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 1.—"Sappho" is the name of a handsome new boat built by John Bell for the fish business of Geo. N. Ives & Son, at Morehead. It is 38 feet long and has 8 foot beam, drawing 2 feet of water. The frame is oak, juniper covering, and pine finish and a gasoline engine furnishes power. There is a mast stepped forward, and in summer the "Sappho" will be yacht like.

Thaddeus Fisher has been held under a \$100 bond for court. On Christmas eve night at Schenks bar he was threatened and abused by an unruly negro, Henry Wise, who tore his coat and beat him with a tin horn. Fisher shot him, claiming self defense and fear for his life. Wise is laid up with a severe wound. He was regarded as a dangerous character and Fisher is a mere boy.

### A SOUTHERN SOAP COMBINE.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—It is understood that Southern soap manufacturers are organizing for a consolidation of all plants south of the Ohio river. Edward O. Miles, secretary of the largest soap manufacturing concern in Atlanta, said today that his company had been asked to join the combination, which Mr. Miles said would affiliate with similar associations in the North and West.

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