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### A NEW YEAR'S CRUSH AT THE WHITE HOUSE

#### The President and Mrs. Roosevelt Receive.

### GREAT PUMPING OF HANDS

#### Lord High Like and Like of Low Estate Elbow Through a Happy Jan. in a Scene of Dream-Like Glory.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt's New Year's reception was one of the most brilliant events in Washington's recent social history. All callers were afforded the opportunity of greeting the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and exchanging with them the compliments of the New Year. No distinctions were made except such as were rendered necessary in the preservation of order; and the greetings extended to all-high and low, rich and poor—were alike cordial and sincere.

The general public for the first time had an opportunity to see the widely heralded improvements in the White House—improvements which when completed will have cost about \$600,000. In addition to a desire personally to wish the President and Mrs. Roosevelt a happy New Year hundreds of persons were attracted to the reception by a wish to see the White House in its new and handsome interior finishings and furnishings. To many who were familiar with the interior of the mansion as it was a year ago, the changes made were a revelation. While, in a general way the form of the interior has been retained, in beauty and effectiveness it is wholly different. Just 102 years ago today President John Adams and his wife opened the White House with a New Year's reception to their friends and to the public generally. The dawn of the first fete day within the walls, since become historic was accompanied by the noise of saw and hammer as was this day. On account of the unfinished condition of the lower floor President and Mrs. Adams received their guests in the room on the second floor now occupied by President Roosevelt as a library. While the improvements now are more nearly completed than was the mansion itself at that time, it will be several months before the workmen will have finished their task.

An hour before the time for the formal reception to begin the mansion was aglow with myriads of electric lights. To the brilliance of the great crystal chandeliers and the splendor of the new turnings was added the beauty of the floral decorations which although few as compared with those of previous New Year's receptions at the White House, were arranged with consummate art and effectiveness. Towering palms of rare variety were placed in niches about the vestibule, main corridor and staircases. Two great square masses of American and English holly were arranged between the vestibule and main corridor, affording a brilliant and effective background for the handsome scarlet uniforms of the Marine Band, sixty pieces strong, which occupied tiers of seats in the vestibule. In the Red, Blue and Green rooms, and in the splendid East Room, were disposed a few vases containing cut flowers, principally large white lilies and lilies of the valley. Here and there poinsettia blossoms showed splashes of flaming red.

It was a merry day for the Roosevelt children. Prior to the reception they had a jolly time in the lower part of the house. They manifested the liveliest interest in all the arrangements.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, the hour at which the reception began, the Diplomatic Corps began to assemble in the Red Room. The members of the corps entered the mansion from the south side, as usual, in order to avoid the crush of the throng already gathered about the main entrance on the north side.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the trumpeters of the Marine Band sounded a fanfare announcing the approach of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the immediate receiving party. President Roosevelt with Mrs. Roosevelt on his arm, descended the main staircase and passing across the main corridor and through the Green Room entered the Blue Room, where the guests were received. Following them came the members of the Cabinet and their accompanying ladies. The receiving party was arranged in the arc of a circle in the bow window of the Blue Room. Facing them were the ladies invited to assist at the reception. Between the two sections of the receiving party a lane was formed by cordons of old gold velvet. Through this lane the callers passed from the Red Room, proceeding through the Green Room into the East Room and thence down the staircase in the East Terrace.

The President was in excellent spirits, and Mrs. Roosevelt never seemed happier or more gracious. The President was attired in a frock suit and the only dash of color about his attire was a tie of grayish tint.

Mrs. Roosevelt wore a gown of ecru lace over blue mousseline de soie. Miss Roosevelt, a white silk gown with lace. The receiving party having assembled in the Blue Room the President and Mrs. Roosevelt cordially greeted each one of the party and those behind the line. The President's greeting to the members of his Cabinet was marked by particular cordiality. This ceremony over, the reception prop-

er began. The introductions were made by Theodore Bingham, the President's military aide, assisted by Major Chas. McCawley, Captain John R. Proctor, Jr., and Lieut. Frank McCoy. The officers were in full dress uniform.

The members of the Diplomatic Corps were received first. As dean of the corps Herr Von Holleben, the German Ambassador, occupied the post of honor at the head of the line. All of the ambassadors and ministers were accompanied by their entire suites, their uniforms weighted with a wealth of gold lace and rich ornamentation and decorations.

Mr. Constantin Brun was the first of the ministers to be received, he having the distinction of being the senior minister. Cuba was represented today for the first time, Senor Gonzales De Quesada having the honor of extending the first greetings of a new year to the President on behalf of the new island republic. In all 35 embassies and legations were represented at the reception.

Soon after the Diplomatic Corps had been received, Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay left the receiving line and repaired to their own residence at Sixteenth and Lafayette Square, where at noon they received and entertained at luncheon the entire foreign diplomatic representatives in the city.

After the diplomats President and Mrs. Roosevelt received the Supreme Court of the United States, headed by Chief Justice Fuller. All of the justices were accompanied by the ladies of their households.

At 11:30 o'clock the reception of Senators, Representatives and delegates in Congress began. Seemingly, there were fewer than in some former years, owing largely to the fact that a majority of the Congressmen have not returned to Washington from their holiday vacation.

Following the Congressional, came the military contingent. General Miles, who is in China enroute home from a tour of the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey, who is in command of the combined fleets at Culebra Island, who led the military procession to the White House last year, were both absent. Major General Young, next in rank to General Miles, accompanied by Major General Corbin, Adjutant General of the army, led the line of army officers who preceded the naval officers. At the head of the latter were Rear Admirals Remy and Melville.

The army officers appeared for the first time as a body in their new dress uniforms. The new cap with flaring top which has taken the place of the old cap, which was inclined to lose shape with wear, is a distinctive feature of the change. The frocks are elaborately ornamented, thus producing a more showy effect, as was noticeable today.

At the conclusion of this feature of the reception, various departmental officials were received. In this section Vice Governor Luke Wright, of the Philippines, was a notable figure. The President gave him a most cordial greeting.

At 1 o'clock the reception to citizens generally began. For hours hundreds of people of all ages, colors, sexes and conditions had been waiting in line to greet the President and to receive his greeting. The line passed slowly through the main entrance of the White House across the corridor into the Red Room and thence past the President and party in the Blue Room.

The throng was typically American, happy, fine looking and well dressed. The weather throughout the reception was so delightful that none suffered any discomfort or inconvenience from the long wait in line which many of them had. There was no hurrying and some times slight delays occurred as the President or Mrs. Roosevelt exchanged pleasantries with particular friends. Occasionally the President varied the formality of the receiving by inviting, as a special compliment, some personal friend or dignitary of rank to take place with the receiving party.

Mrs. Roosevelt endured the long strain of the reception admirably. A few minutes before the close of the reception Mrs. Roosevelt, not knowing how long it might yet continue, left the President's side and was escorted by Captain Cowles to luncheon in the private apartments of the mansion.

The gates were closed at 2:25 o'clock, the line by that time having passed within the grounds. The reception of callers was concluded at 2:34. The President, after chatting a few minutes with the receiving party, retired to his private apartments for luncheon. According to programme the reception should have ended at 2 o'clock, but the President directed that all persons in line should be afforded an opportunity of entering the White House and being received. The total number of callers fell a trifle short of seven thousand. The President extended a cordial greeting and handshake to each one. He was particularly interested in the babies, many of whom were carried by their parents. At the conclusion of the reception the President manifested little fatigue.

The police arrangements were under the personal supervision of Major Sylvester, and Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service, was present with agents of his corps. The detective permitted no one to pass the line with a hand in a pocket or covered.

### Anti-Liquor Fight Imminent.

(Special to the News and Observer.)  
Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1.—The first outward manifestation of a fight against the liquor element in the city came yesterday evening, when a number of prohibitionists employed Mr. Geo. Rountree, an able member of the local bar, to appear before the county commissioners and see that the applications for renewal of licenses for the new year complied strictly with the law governing same. That a fight in the near future is imminent has been tacitly understood for some time, and the contest yesterday afternoon is construed to mean that it is all

### THE N. C. PENITENTIARY DOES NOT OWE A CENT

#### The Present Administration Has Earned, Over and Above All Expenses, \$40,288.44. A Splendid Record.

"The State's prison does not owe a dollar. Today we paid off every cent of indebtedness, so that no man living holds a claim against it."

"The net earnings of the penitentiary for the past two years is \$40,288.44."

That is what Mr. Nathan O'Berry, of Wayne, a director of the State penitentiary, said to me yesterday afternoon as he was leaving Raleigh for his home in Goldsboro.

"Yes," he added, "the earnings of the State's prison since the new board of directors took charge, over and above the expenses is \$40,288.44, and we have paid every cent the penitentiary owes."

How has it been done? By the best business management and the closest economy in everything connected with its affairs.

During the previous administration the expenses of the State's prison aggregated \$450,000. During the present administration the expenses have aggregated \$260,000. In other words, the expenses under the Day administration were something like \$190,000 more than under the Aycock administration.

These simple figures tell a whole volume.

The new board, appointed by Governor Aycock, found when they entered upon their duties that the penitentiary was indebted to nearly everybody. During their term they have paid every claim against the prison, some of them having stood as long as three years. Today the state is clear.

Isn't that a good New Year's present to the tax-payers of North Carolina who

but opened. The 61 licenses previously passed by the city and two others in the country were allowed yesterday by the commissioners, but not until the applications were considerably amended. Some of the opponents to the granting of licenses are outspoken in their views favoring a dispensary and it is thought that the fight sooner or later will be on that issue.

### WAITING ON THE POWERS.

#### The Replies to Castro's Note Are Not Yet Received.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The rejoinders of the European Foreign Offices to President Castro's reply to their arbitration proposal have not reached Washington. This, however, occasions no surprise as the holidays are much more closely observed in European capitals than in Washington.

Following the rule which it has adopted in the treatment of correspondence passing between Venezuela and the allies, the State Department still declines to make public any information respecting the details of President Castro's reply, but inquiry confirms the Associated Press report from Rome to the effect that Castro did attach a condition to the acceptance of the arbitration proposal and that condition was not endorsed by the Washington government. However, it is pointed out that it has not been regarded as necessary at the State Department to either approve or disapprove any of the details of the propositions now in exchange between the principals. As to the condition attached to the acceptance, it can be stated that it is not of great consequence, nor is it likely to involve the loss of the arbitration project, for it is understood to relate rather to the means of getting the issue to arbitration than to any substantial principle involved.

### Creeping Bear Uses His Tomahawk

(By the Associated Press.)  
Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 1.—"Creeping Bear," a full-blooded Cheyenne Indian, is a prisoner at headquarters awaiting the result of injuries inflicted upon George Millard, an ex-policeman. Last night Creeping Bear struck Millard with a tomahawk. The wounded man was taken to the hospital where his life is despaired of. The Indian claims that Millard applied an insulting epithet to him, whereupon he struck him with the tomahawk. Creeping Bear came here from a reservation near El Reno, Oklahoma, two months ago. He claims to be a graduate of the Carlisle Indian School.

### Governor Dockery's Wife Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dockery, wife of Governor Dockery, who for several weeks had been suffering from an affection of the heart, died at 5:45 a. m. today. Mrs. Dockery was born in 1850. She was a native of Missouri and a lineal descendant of Commodore Perry. Eight children of Governor and Mrs. Dockery died in infancy.

### Rev. Dr. Battle at Greensboro.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, for eleven years pastor of the principal Baptist church of Petersburg, and for many years closely identified with the work of that denomination in Virginia, is a welcome and honored guest of relatives in Greensboro. He arrived yesterday with his gun and will spend several days in hunting. While here he is the guest especially of his cousin, Dr. J. T. Battle, and generally of every member of the congregation of the First Baptist church. He preached to a large and interested congregation in that church last night and will also preach there next Sunday morning and night.

When asked this morning about the report that he had been called to the pastorate of the church in Greensboro, Dr. Battle was emphatic in saying that he was not here in any sense to preach a trial sermon, or on trial at all. "I came here on the invitation of friends and relatives," said he, "to visit them and the church, and indulge myself in a much needed recreation. See that gun, those dogs? Well in a few hours I'll show you something with a bunch of feathers."

However modest Dr. Battle may be, about this matter, this correspondent is reliably informed, that the congregation of the First Baptist church here, which is now one of the most important in the State, will without doubt in the course of a few days make a call to the eminent divine. They feel too that it should not be in vain, for before going to Virginia he filled most acceptably important pastorates in North Carolina at Wadesboro and at Wilson and other points and is to the "manor born" and his leaving the State to go to Petersburg eleven years ago was felt to be a distinct loss to the Christian work of the time.

### Farmer Commits Suicide.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Salisbury, N. C., an. 1.—John Atkinson, a prominent farmer living at Cornatzer, a railroad station between Mocksville and Winston cut his throat with a razor yesterday morning. Mr. Atkinson was of unsound mind and the deed was doubtless the result of his unsettled mental condition.

### The Harvey Logan Case.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Judge C. D. Clark signed the bill of exceptions in the Harvey Logan case and forwarded them to Knoxville, where Logan is held in jail. This carries the appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati. Logan was convicted and given a long sentence for train robbery in Montana, more than a year ago.

### Foy Killed While Out Hunting.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Durham, N. C., Jan. 1.—In the country west of the city yesterday afternoon there was a distressing accident, in which a youth lost his life. The particulars, which reached Durham today, are of a very meagre nature. The report is that Bud Daniels and Will Davis, two white

boys, went out rabbit hunting yesterday. In the afternoon Daniels was walking in front of his companion and by some means had left both barrels of his gun cocked. The gun was discharged and the entire load entered the breast of Davis, killing him instantly.

Those who bring the report of the shooting say that the two young men were the best of friends and there is no intimation that there was anything of a foul nature. Daniels is now almost prostrated with grief and since the killing of his friend has refused to be comforted. The funeral services over the remains of the deceased was held today. Both boys were about fifteen or sixteen years of age and are well known.

### FEAR DEPOPULATING MAZATLAN.

#### The Bubonic Plague Assuming a More Virulent Form. People Flying.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Mazatlan, Mexico, Jan. 1.—There is no longer the slightest doubt that the disease now afflicting this city is genuine Asiatic plague, for microscopic investigation proves that bubonic pest bacilli are in the blood of those afflicted with the disease. The plague has grown virulent within the last 44 hours and the alarm, which had begun in some measure to abate, has returned with increased strength. The people are fleeing from the city at the rate of 300 per days and some 5,000 have already gone.

It is a remarkable fact that more than 50 per cent. of the persons attacked are women. The news of the recurrence of the plague at this port has reached the interior towns of the State and is causing a panic. Sanitary cordons of armed men have been placed around the towns to prevent the entrance of any one from this place.

### FOR A WOMAN'S RUIN

#### Gardner Wanted for Seduction and Murder.

#### His Victim, it is Asserted, Dies From the Effects of Taking Drugs Which He Supplied.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Kinston, N. C., Jan. 1.—A request by telegraph from Williamston, North Carolina, officials to officials here to arrest R. L. Gardner for seduction and murder created quite a sensation this morning. Gardner was a travelling salesman widely known in Eastern Carolina. He made Kinston his headquarters. He represented Jeffries & Shelton, of Richmond, Va.

A gentleman here saw Gardner in Richmond on Sunday last at the Murphy Hotel and was told by Gardner that he would leave that evening for Beaumont, Texas. Particulars are meagre, but it is learned that Gardner's victim was a young woman prominently connected at Williamston, and that her death, which occurred on the 21st of December, was due to the effects of medicine which was supplied by Gardner.

Gardner is about five feet eight inches high, of slender build and weighs about 140 pounds. He is cleanly shaved, has laughing blue eyes and is of a pleasing countenance.

### Here's a Farm for You.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 1.—On the McKendree farm in Edgecombe county, ten miles from Rocky Mount, owned by Messrs. Graham, Bremer and Wimberly, was made last year 242 bales of cotton, the average weight of which was 400 pounds, also \$1,000 worth of tobacco and \$1,500 worth of peanuts. This was done by thirteen plows. Who can beat this?

### Mrs. Alexander Melver Dead.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Sanford, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Alexander Melver, mother of our townsman, John S. Melver, died this afternoon at 2:30. The interment will be tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Cool Springs. Mrs. Melver was 75 years of age and had been in declining health for the past eighteen months.

### Girl Accidentally Shot Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 1.—Miss Clara Sweeting was shot and instantly killed at Pine Barren, near here today by Paul Lambert, a boy. The shooting was accidental. The two were walking along the railroad tracks when a small parlor rifle, in the hands of Lambert, was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the abdomen of the young lady.

### Associate Justice Resigns.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Associate Justice William A. Little, of the Supreme Court of Georgia today tendered his resignation to Governor Terrell. The governor named Jos. R. Lamar, of Augusta, to succeed Judge Little. Ill health was the cause of the resignation.

### May Yoh's Claim Settled.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 1.—The Central News announces that the claim of May Yoh for \$45,000 against the estate of Lord Francis Hope has been settled amicably. The terms of the settlement have not been published.

### SHOT OUT HIS BRAINS

#### Suicide of Robert F. Madden at Charlotte.

#### James G. Alexander Cuts His Throat With a Pen Knife. He is Not Expected to Live.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—Robert F. Madden, a Mason, claiming Atlanta as his home, ended his earthly woes in a room at the Central Hotel here today by blowing his brains out. Death was instantaneous. No cause can be ascribed for the deed.

The Masons of Charlotte took charge of the remains and will hold them until word is received from Atlanta.

The deceased came to Charlotte three weeks ago and applied to the manager of the Central Hotel for a position as clerk. He was given the position and had served the hotel faithfully up to the time of his death. He was cheerful this morning and gave no intimation of the deed he contemplated. It was his turn on duty in the office at noon, but he complained of not feeling very well and the night clerk was put on. Madden then went up to his room. Shortly afterward a bell boy of the hotel passed Madden's room and stopped at the door to talk with him.

Madden, when he saw the boy exclaimed, "I am going to kill myself." Before the boy could reply Madden placed a pistol to his right temple and fired. The ball passed through the brain and came out at the left temple. He died instantly.

Madden came here from Rock Hill and by his quiet manner made many friends. Little is known of him except that he was an experienced hotel clerk and served the Charleston Hotel during the exposition there. The body was prepared for burial and will be sent home as soon as word is received.

James G. Alexander, a prominent citizen of Mallard Creek township, attempted suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a pen knife. Partial dementia is ascribed as the cause of the deed. Mr. Alexander recently lost, by death, his father and sister and this has preyed upon his mind. He appeared in the best of health this morning and without giving word or hint of his intentions, quietly drew out his pocket knife and plunged the blade into his throat. His wound is serious and he is not expected to live.

### FIFTY-EIGHT LIVES LOST.

#### Fire in a Coal Mine in the Province of Ykatorinoslav.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—Fifty-eight lives were lost in the recent fire in a coal mine at Bachmut, Ykatorinoslav province. Eleven men were rescued after having been sixty hours in the burned mine and twenty-one of the miners were saved after having been five days in the mine.

### Germany is Satisfied.

(By the Associated Press.)

Berlin, Jan. 1.—President Castro's reply to the powers, through Minister Bowen, is substantially an unqualified acceptance of their proposals to arbitrate and the accompanying conditions. The Foreign Office here received his answer today and is satisfied with its spirit. A further interchange of views, preparatory to signing the protocol, will take place in Washington. The only really important question to be settled is what shall be done with the blockade. A continuance of the blockade is relied upon to hasten the conclusion of the arbitration preliminaries, especially on the part of Venezuela.

### Adding Insult to Injury.

(By the Associated Press.)

LaGuayra, Venezuela, Jan. 1.—The former Venezuelan gunboat Humbadora, now transferred into a British warship, arrived here at noon today and caused considerable indignation among the people ashore, who looked upon her arrival here under the British flag, especially on New Year's day, as adding insult to injury.

The Italian armored cruiser Carlo Alberto arrived here at 1 p. m. today.

### Castro's Note Received in Rome.

(By the Associated Press.)

Rome, Jan. 1.—Foreign Minister Prinetti this afternoon received through Ambassador Meyer Secretary's Hay's note communicating President Castro's acceptance of The Hague arbitration in principle, but with an additional proposition which the government at Washington does not support.

Rome, Jan. 1.—While reserve is maintained at the Foreign Office with regard to the Venezuelan matter, it has been learned that the Foreign Office considers the additional proposition made by President Castro as not likely of acceptance. Communications on this subject are now being exchanged with Germany and Great Britain.

### May be Easily Reconciled.

(By the Associated Press.)

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 1.—The arbitration propositions of the foreign powers and the counter propositions of Venezuela, exchanged through Minister Bowen yesterday, are said by a high Venezuelan authority to be easily reconcilable.