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Official Social Season Starts With Brilliant Reception

AT WHITE HOUSE

The Reception Was a Public One Tendered by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt-The Manston Was Decorated in Elaborate Fashion-Colombia Was Not Represented Among the Callers-Special Precaution Taken to Insure the President's Safety-During the More Than Three Hours Reception, 6,711 People Were Received.

Washington January 1.-Pres'dent and Mrs. Roosevelt inaugurated today the official social season in the na tion's capital with a brilliant reception at the White House. The interio of the White House never was more beautiful than today. The mansion glowed with electric lights and floral decorations were disposed about the to approach the President with his corridors and parlors. Rare palms, hands in his pockets or otherwise potted plants and exquisite cut flowers concealed. An extra force of secret were arranged effectively in every service officers and additional policeavailable space. Great rectangular urns, banked to the edge with dwarf ception. palms and holly, were placed between the main corridor and the vestibule, forming a fitting back ground for the gorgeous new uniforms of the marine band which, sixty pieces strong, was seated in the vestibule.

Eleven o'clock was the hour fixed for before that time carriages conrs of the diplomatic p to the southern enhite House. Among the of the nations of the noticed that there was Colombia, one of this republics to the south. ented at the reception. Reyes, the minister of s country on a special attend the reception stood, his presence at ise might be misconeople. He, therefore, excused. Dr. Herran. harge d'affaires, was residence by a bron-

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new year's calls at the White House as ambassadors. In all thirty-five countries of the world were represented at the reception.

Following the diplomatrc corps, the members of the United States Supreme court headed by Chief Justice Fuller, were received.

The reception of members of Congress began at 11:30 o'clock. Comparatively few were in attendance, as many of the Senators and Representatives have not returned.

Resplendent in full dress uniforms the military contingent following the Congressmen. This line was made up of officers, active and retired, of the army, navy and marine corps and the District of Columbia national guard. For the first time at a reception, the army was led by officers of the general staff. Lieutenant General Young. as last year as Major General and in the absence of General Miles, who was on a tour of duty in the Far East, was the senior officer in Washington led the line, today again occupied that position, wearing the three stars and the title of chief of staff. For the first time the new uniform of officers of the army was seen to its best effect.

Following the army, were officers of the navy headed by Admiral Dewey, who was absent from Washington last new year's day, conducting the winter manoeuvres of the navy in the Carribean. The officers of the marine corps followed the

Following the military was the civ-Ilian contingent of the government service and members of various patriotic orders.

Then began the reception of citizens, hundreds of whom had been waiting in line for several hours. The line of people entered the north door of the White House, passed across the vestibule and main corridor, through the red room to the blue room, where the guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were received.

Special precautions were taken to in ire the personal safety of the Pr ident. No person was permitted men were on guard both in and about the White House throughout the re-

The reception was concluded at 2:11 o'clock, all citizens in line by that time having been afforded an opportunity to greet the President. Mrs. Roosevelt and the ladies of the cabinet stood in the receiving line until 1:40, when they retired.

A pretty incident of the reception the beginning of the reception. For an was the exchange of greetings between the President and Sir Henry Irving, who is playing an engagement this week at the National theatre. The distinguished tragegian was given a place in the line immediately following the officers of the marine corps. President Roosevelt recognized him instantly and gave him a cordial greeting. For several minutes the line was stopped while the President and Sir Henry chatter animatedly. Sir Henry remained for nearly an hour, being shown many pleasant attentions.

At the conclusion of the reception the President expressed his gratification that it had passed off so delightfully. He was interested in the information that during three hours and eleven minutes he had received 6,71 people, only a few hundred less than were received a year ago. Notwith standing the trying ordeal of shak

hands with nearly seven thousand people, the President was in excellent spirits.

FIRE IN HOTEL.

Murray Hill Hotel Damaged Amount of \$10,000.

New York, January 1.-Three alarms were sent in this afternoon for a fire that started in a room on the sixth floor of the Murray Hill hotel at fortytrly gracicus first street and Park avenue. The fire burned briskly for a while and ate its way to the seventh floor and through enjoyment | the roof of one wing, causing damage ttired in a estimated at \$10,000. A slight panic resulted, during which many guests left the hotel and one woman fainted. No one was injured, however.

It is thought the fire started from crossed electric wires. The firemen had easy access to the fire and did excellent work in keeping it from spreading. was completely under control within g and three quarters of an hour. Much of first the damage was caused by water.

exists only as the means of attaining good ends. I promise you that there will be no step backwards, not even in e smallest department of my admin.

. Low retired to his private office Colonel McClellan took his stand the table in the public office dshaking began. All the Demtown seemed to be on hand, nes, reaching to the city hall formed by the police. It time for the Democratic file by the mayor's desk ption the new heads of sworn in.

> oner McAdoo after issued a statement he would do everyer to prevent black-"grafting" or bribeice, but it would be expect a polieman to to pay for his apion or assignment. clared, preferment only, judging by udards.

ALL THEATRES INSPECTED

An Effort to Prevent a Repetition of Wednesday's Awful Horror

A DAY OF MOURNING IN CHICAGO

After an Inspection Made by Order of the Mayor, Nineteen Theatres and Music Halls Were Closed for Violation of the City Ordinances-Such a Day of General Mourning Has Never Before Been Witnessed in Chicago-In Every Portion of the City, There Were the Signs of Death-A Sad Incident That Has a Happy Ending-The Search for the Dead Goes On-Thrilling Account of the Catastrophe Told by One Who Saw It-Several Further Arrests Made.

Carter H. Harrison today took steps to prevent as far as possible a reproduction of Wednesday's horror at the Iroquois theatre. As a result of an investigation made at his orders and lasting but a few hours, 19 theatres and museums were ordered closed, some of them being the leading and most popular play houses of the city.

The act of the mayor was based on a single violation of the ordinances which are intended to protect the patrons of theatres from just such an occurrence as that which cost so many lives on Wednesday. This was that every one of these places had omitted to supply an asbestos cur-

The Chicago Opera House and the Olympic Theatre are vaudeville houses of the highest class and probably do as much business in point of numbers as any one of the theatres in the city at single performances. They give, however, a matinee every day in the week and it is seldom that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of opening. In addition to this they have been accustomed to selling large numbers of tickets for standing room, and as a general thing more people are within these places of amusement at an average performance than can be found at any other play house in the

The Garrick theatre, which was ordered also closed is a small play house on the northwest side of the city and should not be confounded with the larger theatre of the same name situated on Randolph street, one block west of the Iroquois.

Inspection of Theatres.

The inspection ordered by the mayor today was carried out by Building Commissioner Williams and Chief of Police O'Neill. The scope of the investigation included no other feature than asbestos curtains. The mayor instructed Commissioner Williams to report to him promptly at the conclusion of his investigation, declaring that it was his intention that no theatre should be allowed to open its doors in Chicago hereafter unless it was provided with an asbestos curtain of standard quality that would work at all times and under all conditions.

"It may not be possible." said Mayor Harrison, "to prevent loss of life when audiences rush for the door ways, but I have determined to see that every precaution is taken to prevent such occurrences as will alarm the people and start them on a rush for the exits. It is all very well to say that the great loss of life in the Iroquois theatre was due to the fact that the people lost their heads and crowded into the doorways and aisles like maniacs, but the fact remains, and it cannot be denied that there would have been no panic if the apparatus in this theatre, which, judged by all ordinary standards, was the best equipped play house in the city, had been in proper working condition. There is no getting beyond that fact. From all the evidence now in hand it is clear that if the asbestos curtain in this theatre had been in the condition it should have been, here would have been no loss of life, comparatively speaking."

The report of Building Commissioner Williams showed that the Academy of Music, with a seating capacity of 2,000, had a curtain of burlap. The Alhambra, with a seating capacity of 2,300, the Avenue 600, the Bijou 1,300, Clark Street Museum 270, Criterion 1,400, Fiegenbaum's 400. Howard's 900. Marlowe 1.300. New American 1,400, all had curtains of linen. The curtain in the Chicago Opera House was of burlap, covered with fire proof paint. In the Columbus Stock Theatre; and in Sam T. Jacks it was of canvas. The Olympia Theatre, with a seating capacity of about 1,600 people, has a curtain of

"There were other glaring defects," said Building Commission Williams, "Which were not noted in some of the houses, but we were not paying particular attention to them today, although I noted them and the theatrical managers will be compelled to remedy them as soon as possible."

A Day of Mourning. Such a day of mourning Chicago never witnessed as that which has ushered in the new year. In every portion of the city almost, it seemed as though there were funerals going. or undertaking wagons arriving with dead who were being brought to their homes for the last time. While the

Chicago, Ill., January 1.-Mayor | funeral processions were moving through the snow covered streets to various cemeteries, the throng about the various morgues and undertaking establishments seemed almost as large as ever. Many men appeared at the door of Rolston's and Jordan's morgues this afternoon who had been on their feet for 48 hours, constantly searching for those they had lost. The greater number of dead are in these two places and men who had viewed the ghastly rows of corpses before and had gone on unavailing searches to every other morgue and undertaking room in the city to which the dead from the theatre had been taken came back once more to Rolston's and Jordan's almost in despair, but hoping against hope that they might have overlooked their dead in the great number that had crowded the tables and floors on Thursday morning. In some cases they were successful, in many others they were not. Practically all of the bodies which admit of careful identification have been carried away, and of those which remain, the majority are in such a condition that only the most minute and careful inspection will be able to reveal their identity to those who knew them best.

A Sad Incident.

Barry Avenue. Both children had attended the performance and after many hours of tireless searching the broken hearted father finally found the daughter, Agnes, in an undertaking establishment. Mr. Lange, almost exhausted through his continuous trips from morgue to morgue, from hospital to hospital, from police stations to the coroner's office and then back through the wearisome route again and again, came this afternoon in utter despair to the office of Chief of Police O'Neal and begged two detectives to assist him. He also pleaded with newspaper men and his voice choked and failed as he referred to his wife, who lay utterly prostrated at their home. Mr. Lange said these were his only children and the detectives and newspaper men promised every assistance, though they themselves were almost worn out by long hours of work. Finally the body of the girl was found and the broken hearted father gathered up the little form and took it to his carriage.

"I have only one of them at last." he said, "and this will be a great comfort to her mother." The absolute failure of Mr. Lange to identify some hospital.

Turned to Joy.

Mr. Lange's sorrow was turned to joy when he reached his home tonight. As he drove up to the door with the body which he had brought from the morgue as that of his daughter, he was greeted by his wife, who told him that their two children had returned home this evening, in safety. They had become dazed apparently and had been wandering around the city without knowing where they were. Mr. Lange at once returned to the morgue with the body "There was so little by which I

could recognize the body," he said, that I was confident that I never would be able to satisfy my own mind absolutely that it was my daughter, but at the same time there were some strong points of resemblance and I concluded that it must be she.'

The funeral of the two Regensber children was held this afternoon at lgan Avenue, in the heart of the aristrocratic section of the south side. ducted the services announced that he would be able to deliver only a lay the bodies of children waiting for him to officiate at their funerals. Zeister, 3256 Lake Park avenue, to that the hotel was on fire. attend the funeral of another young victim, Walter B. Zeister, who was considered one of the brightest students in the University of Chicago. The experience of this one clergyman other ministers were called upon to was s thick that they had great diffi-

perform during the day. It was absolutely impossible for the friends and relatives to the cemeteries. In many cases it was not pos-

(Continued on Fifth Page.)

Milwaukee, Wis., January 1.-Captain Frederick Pabst, president of the Pabst Brewing Company, died at his Russia Decides Not to residence here today. While the members of his family and his friends knew that he was suffering from an incurable disease and that he could not live

ly. He was 67 years of age. Captain Pabst has been in failing health for the last four or five years. but his condition was not considered serious and did not alarm his family. A His physicians repeatedly advised rest, and acting on their suggestion, he took several trips abroad, spending much of his time in Carlsbad.

Early in December Dr. William Oster of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, an expert in pulmonary disease came to Milwaukee to consult with Captain Pabst's physician. After a careful diagnosis of the patients's condition, Dr. Oster pronounced the case without hope. The patient received Dr. Oster's verdict calmly and continued to visit his office and direct his business affairs until ten days ago. The disease from which he died, was pulmonary cedema.

Hotel Destroyed by Fire.

Brainard, Minn., January 1 .- Fire which broke out in the Arlington Hotel today did about \$50,000 damage to the building. There were about thirty guests in the hotel and great confusion prevailed for a time and there was a mad rush for exits. Theodore Hallister of Duluth, an attorney who was attending court here, was forced to crawl down stairs on his hands and knees. A. E. Bass and message and it therefore is supposed wife, a deaf and dumb couple, re- that the Japanese government is stopcently married, were asleep when the ping dispatchees. fire broke out and had to be carried from the burning building. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

NEGROES ENDORSE AYCOCK.

At Celebration of Emancipation Day in Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., January 1.—The regroes of Raleigh celebrated Emancipation day here with an immense gathering while the speeches made were for the improvement of the race. Resolutions were passed setting forth the material progress of the race and saying that the negro has proven his fitness and won his title to the rights and privileges of a man and a

in reference to the negro in his Baltimore speech were endorsed. Appreciation was expressed for the educational policy of North Caro'ina, saying it gives all children, regardless of race, an opportunity for education.

In reference to the race question the following is said: "We appreciate the friendly feeling that exists in this state between the races, and desire this feeling to grow."

The resolutions state that the negroes give hearty endorsement of the position taken by President Roosevelt in behalf of equal civil and political rights of every class of American citizens.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA.

Grand Chapter Meets in Richmond With Large Attendance.

Richmond, Va., January 1.-The grand chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity met here today with an attendance representing all sections of the country. A banquet was held this evening, at which Evan R. Chesterany one of the bodies as that of his man, of Richmond, presided and adson aroused some hope that the boy dresses were made by Congressman may still be alive, and cared for in Swanson, Rev. Dr. Strange of this city and others. Tonight, the chapter elected officers as follows: Grand Alpha-J. Hartley Herrick, Philadelphia, Grand Beta-John B.

Baer, Baltimore, Grand Iota-T. B. McAdams, Richmond, Grand Thetas-Alfred Tennyson Levina, Nashville, imparted to me by the British govern-Tenn.; Gould Anthony, University of ment it is probably only too correct. Maine. Grand Sigma—Boyd Lee If Chancellor Von Buelow's Statement Sparks, Philadelphia. Grand Upsilon—that Russia's reply will be framed in H. Charles Giffenbach, Pittsburg. a manner intended to satisfy Japan Grand Tau-James Starr, Philadelphia, turns out correct it will be better

morrow night.

President of the Pabst Brewing Company Dies Suddenly at His Home. MAKES REPLY

Grant Japan's more than a few months longer his **Proposals** death came suddenly and unexpected-

PARIS RUMOR

If This is True, There Seems to be Small Possibility of Averting War -The News in London is Regarded As Being True-In Germany it is Said Russia's Reply is Not Provocative, But Intended to Satisfy Japan-A St. Petersburg Dispatch Says That No Answer Has Been Framed.

London, January 2.-The far eastern outlook is gloomy. No further news has developed, but the fact that not a single telegram from Japan has been received by any London newspaper since Thursday night in itself creates alarm. The telegraph capital is not aware of any delay in the transit of

The feeling of apprehension was reflected at Lloyd's yesterday, underwriters demanding additional premium to cover a war risk on all vessels, no matter of what nationality, proceeding The London morning papers print east of Singapore.

alarmist statements. The Daily Telegraph in leaded type says:

"Even in diplomatic circles, hitherto sanguine of peace, there is a recognition that a rupture is all but inevitable. Neither Japan or Russia will abate anything of their claims, and there is no disposition on either side to invite the meditation of friendly powers. It is believed that Japan will dispatched from St. Petersburg, a contingency which those best ble to form judgment do not anticipate."

The Daily Mail deals similarly with the situation and says that it understands that Russia has reached a desision which, when communicted to

Japan, must precipitate hostilities. The sailing of the Nippon mail boat Inaba Maru, which was fixed for yesterday from England, has been post-

poned. The Daily Mail's Malta correspondent reports that five Russian torpedo boat destroyers which are undergoing repairs there have suddenly been ordered to sea in an unfinished condi-

London, January 1 .- Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to grant the Japanese proposals. This is the first intimation any one here admits having received anent the Russian re-

The Baron said to a representative of the Associated Press: "If my information from Paris is borne out by the wording of the Russian reply and if the Japanese government adheres to its present determination, there seems to be small possibility of avert-

"My information from Paris," said the minister of Japan, "is not official but in connection with information The chapter is expected to adjourn to- news than I have dared to hope

of the little girl, which he thought to be that of his own child. LOUVRE HOTEL IN CHICAGO IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Chicago, January 1 .- Three persons were killed and four others injured in the home of their parents, 3440 Mich- a fire tonight that destroyed the Louvre Hotel, 3611-3623 Lake avenue. Nearly Business of the many calls upon his one hundred guests were in the hotel time Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, who con- at the time the fire broke out, several of whom had retired for the night. short address. In four other homes With the remembrance of the Iroquois of the members of his congregation theatre horror fresh in their minds. every one in the place became panic-From the Regensberg home, Dr. stricken and rushed madly for the Hirsch went to that of Dr. Joseph streets as soon as it became knows

indentified. When the fire was discovered most of the guests were in their apartments in his rounds from home to home is and all hurried to escape, but in the but an instance of what dozens of upper story of the building the smoke

At a late hour the dead had not been

culty in finding exits. Several persons were rescued from bereaved relatives to secure all the the second story through the efforts of carriages they wished to convey their three of the guests of the hotel. These three men raised a plank to a window and breaking in the glass held it so several women and men could slide down

it. Many were enabled to escape in this way as the stairs and passage ways to the bottom floor had become congested in the rush for safety.

A boy about 15 years old was taken from the building almost suffocated. He died a few minutes after being taken to the street. But for the herois efforts of Miss Mary Corbett, an eniployee of the hotel, three children o Mrs. F. O. Schaffer, one of the guests would undoubtedly have lost their lives Tying a cloth about her head, Mes Cor bett rushed into the burning bulling picked up two of the children and carried them to the street. The other child was led from the place by a man who heard Miss Corbett's call for assis-

tance. The loss is \$40,000.

Reduction in Wages.

Birmingham, Ala., January 1 .- The steel works division of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company announced a reduction in wages averaging about 15 per cent. The wages of laborers receiving one dollar a day, were not reduced.