

New Year's Reception at The White House was A Brilliant Function

Thousands of Persons Gathered To-day at White House to Offer to the President and Officials Greetings.

All Rank and Station was Forgotten and Officials Mingled with Laborers in Happy Equality. Program of Reception.

Washington, D. C., January 1.—The New Year's reception at the White House was a brilliant function, and almost a perfect day served to attract thousands.

The White House doors were swung open to all the nations, and those who called to pay respects to the Chief Executive never received a heartier welcome.

New Year's cheer banished rank and class distinction. The President met Ambassador and laborer with the same firm handshake.

A great throng moved slowly through the executive mansion while the Marine band played patriotic airs. The diplomatic corps, judiciary, army, navy, and civilian officials in the various departments were received in turn before the thousands of citizens who had been standing in line for hours could be permitted to meet the President.

At about eleven o'clock the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, assembled in the library where they met the Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks, when they exchanged New Year's greetings.

The entire party then descended to the Blue Room with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt in the lead.

The President took his position near the door and at the head of the receiving line, on his right being Mrs. Roosevelt, and on her right was Mrs. Fairbanks, and so on down the line, the ladies of the cabinet taking their position in order of the President.

Behind them stood the Vice-President and the members of the cabinet. Opposite the receiving party were the Presidents aide who made the introductions.

Last of all came the general public, thousands of whom had been in line several hours waiting their turn, and for the time being, the doors of the White House were open to all.

FATE OF MANY BISHOPS.

A Number are In Ill Health—Some Have Died—Hard Work For Ones Remaining.

Norfolk, Va., January 1.—Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the college of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, announces that the recent death of Bishop Tigert and Bishop Smith; the illness of Bishop Galloway and the state of health of Bishop Key and Bishop Duncan, will put the work of holding the annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South on Bishop Morrison, Bishop Ross, Bishop Chandler, Bishop Atkins, Bishop Ward and himself.

This may necessitate a change of dates of some of the annual conferences so that the bishops now in active, vigorous life may be able to preside over the deliberations of these bodies.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN.

Rocks Piled on the Track Derail the Engine of the Florida Express.

Danville, Va., January 1.—An attempt was made yesterday to wreck train No. 22, known as the Florida Express, the same train which carried the ill-fated car of President Spencer and his party at the time of the big wreck at Lawyers on Thanksgiving Day. The scene of the attempted wreck was at Whittles, about 20 miles north of Danville.

The train was running about twenty-five miles an hour, when the engine ran into a pile of rocks that had been placed in its path deliberately, on the track. The front wheels of the big locomotive jumped the track and all the passengers were more or less shaken up. Railway detectives are now at work on the case.

CONDITION OF COL. BOYD.

Newly Elected Adjutant and Inspector General Suffered Stroke of Paralysis—Is Still Conscious.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 1.—Col. J. C. Boyd, of this city, adjutant and inspector general-elect, who was to take the oath of office Jan. 15th, suffered a stroke of paralysis yesterday evening. His condition this morning is critical, though he is still conscious.

Fellow Servants Act.

Memphis, Tenn., January 1.—Judge McCall of the Federal Court today declared the LaFollette Fellow Servants act unconstitutional. The action was that of Damsello Howard against the Illinois Central Railroad Company. A special representative of the department of justice at Washington argued the case for the government.

Every time a largem an shrinks from his duty a small man rises to the occasion.

TRIED TO BLOW UP SHIP.

Desperate Struggle With Crew and Unknown Band.

London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to a news agency from Odessa, published today, says a band of unknown men made an attempt last night to blow up the Russian Steamship Company's Atlantic liner Gregory Morch, which has just completed her first trip to the new Odessa-New York service.

A desperate struggle took place between the crew and members of the band during which several sailors were shot. The lighted fuse of a bomb was extinguished before any damage was done.

M'LELLAN'S TITLE TO OFFICE.

Mr. Hearst to Contest Mayoralty Election of New York.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The first paper served on the new attorney general, Jackson, today was an application for re-argument on the petition of William R. Hearst for leave to begin quo warranto proceedings to test the title of George B. McClellan's to the office of mayor of New York, of which Mr. Hearst claims to have been deprived by fraud and violence in the election of 1905.

NEW ORLEANS MAIL CUT.

Large Part of City Cut Off From Free Mail Delivery.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—Today a considerable portion of New Orleans was cut off from further free mail delivery by the order of the Postmaster General.

The inhabited portion of a large number of New Orleans streets are without sidewalks and these are the parts of the city deprived from free delivery.

The city has already contracted to build many necessary side walks and it is expected that within a year most of the delivery will be restored.

FOG TIES UP WAR SHIPS.

Most Powerful American Squadron Ever Gathered is Now at Hampton Roads.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 1.—Rear Admiral Evans' flagship, the Maine, and the battleships Kearsarge, Kentucky, Iowa and Illinois, are anchored off the Cape Charles lightship waiting for the fog to lift.

The battleships Rhode Island and Missouri came in today and joined the Indiana, Alabama and Connecticut. It will be the most powerful squadron of American war vessels that ever gathered for any occasion. The ships go South from here for the winter maneuvers in and around the West Indies.

One of the heaviest fogs in the history of this port is hanging over the harbor. Quite a large fleet of vessels of all descriptions are tied up.

Investigate Rwy. Wrecks

Corporation Commission will Begin at Once Investigation into Cause of Recent Wrecks. Test Block System.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today reached an agreement to investigate the block signal systems on both the Southern and Baltimore and Ohio Railways, in view of the recent disastrous collisions and derailments on these roads, attended by serious injury and loss of life.

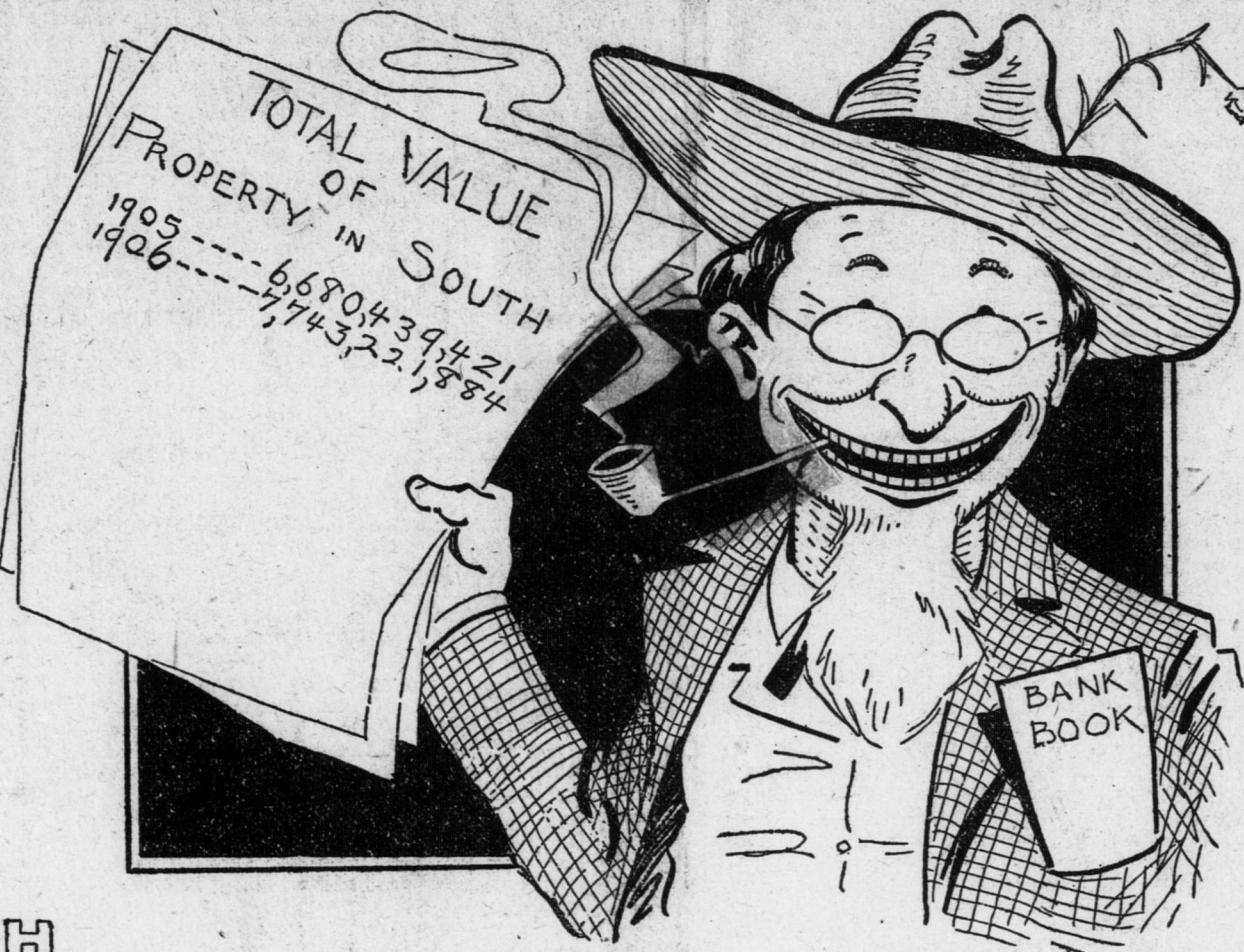
The first hearing, which will be public, will occur in this city Friday, the 4th instant. The commission will make its investigation under a resolution of Congress approved June 30, 1906, empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to report the use and necessity of the block signal systems and appliances for automatic control of railway trains in the United States.

The resolution which the commission will make the investigation provides "that the Interstate Commerce Commission be directed to investigate and report on the use of and necessity for block signal systems and appliances for automatic control of railway trains in the United States. For this purpose the commission is authorized to employ persons familiar with the subjects and may use such of its own employes as necessary to make a thorough examination into the matter. In transmitting its report to Congress the commission shall recommend such legislation as to the commission seems advisable.

"To carry out and give effect to the provisions of the resolution the commission will have power to issue subpoenas, administer oaths, examine witnesses, require the production of books and paper and receive depositions taken before and proper officers in any state or territory of the United States."

Vicar's wife (sympathetically)—Now that you can't get about, and are not able to read, how do you manage to occupy the time?

Old man—Well, mum, sometimes I sit and think, and then again I just sit.—Punch.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Laws are Now in Effect

A Number of New Laws Enacted by Congress. Effecting Nation at Large, Went Into Effect To-day.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Today marks the beginning of the life of several legislative acts of Congress of great importance to the nation.

These are the free alcohol law, the pure food law, the anti-pass section of the interstate commerce law, and the modification of the navigation laws to simplify enrollment and licenses.

The pure food law contemplates barring from interstate commerce injurious to the health, and the free alcohol law intends to assist the farmer and smaller users of power to have fuel that in efficiency and cost shall be cheaper than gasoline, or kerosene.

The anti-pass provision of the interstate commerce law forbids common carriers, directly or indirectly, giving interstate free tickets or passes for passengers, except to their employees, and families, agents of the carriers, and their surgeons, physicians, and attorneys, to persons engaged in religious and charitable work, and to certain other specified classes.

FOR RECOUNT IN NEW YORK.

Attorney General-Elect to Consider Application Once Denied.

New York, January 1.—Attorney General-elect Jackson, who is to take office Tuesday, sent the following letter to William R. Hearst to-day:

"Dear sir: In the matter of application of William Randolph Hearst to Hon. Julius Mayer, attorney general of the State of New York, for leave to institute quo warranto proceedings against George B. McClellan, mayor of the city of New York, which leave was heretofore denied, you are hereby notified that should you desire to renew, or to make another such application, and a rehearing and consideration of said matter will be granted by me as soon as I take office as attorney general on January 1, 1907.

"You are thus informed because I deem that the welfare and dignity of the people of this State demand the immediate settlement of the serious questions involved. Yours truly, W. S. JACKSON."

The representatives of Mr. Hearst announced, immediately that they would accept this offer that the papers looking to the institution of a suit for a recount were already prepared and would be presented to Mr. Jackson to-day, Tuesday.

WILL OBEY ULTIMATUM.

New York Central Labor Body to Reseat Ousted Delegates.

New York Jan. 1.—By a vote of 64 delegates against 54 the Central Federation of Labor has decided to obey an ultimatum of the American Federation of Labor, issued at its Minneapolis convention.

This means that not only will the C. F. U. have to reseat the delegates of the Theatrical Protective Union, the Musical Mutual Protective Union and other of A. F. of L. organizations which it suspended, but also that fifteen or twenty independent unions which were represented in the body must get out.

It also means that unless the officers of the American Federation of Labor and its international unions exert the nicest diplomacy a split is likely to occur in the C. F. U. and the unions which are legislated out of its fold may, with other unions, form a rival central body.

DORMITORY ROOM TAXED.

Presbyterian College Plans Many Musical Events of Interest.

The Presbyterian college re-opens after the Christmas recess with this New Year's day. The college year, so far, has been one of unprecedented success. As the college boarding accommodations has already been taxed to its utmost, this session, it will be a problem of no small moment for the authorities to satisfactorily place the new students that seek admission with the New Year.

Four new practice pianos have been added to the conservatory this session to meet the increased requirements there.

A concert on similar lines to the "Colonial Concert," that proved so great a success last session, has been arranged for, under the auspices of the college alumni. This is in answer to the many calls made for its repetition last session, but which could not be complied with then on account of the many other musical events that crowded the latter part of the last session.

Dr. Fisher is also booked to give another series of recital-talks, on similar lines to those that were so instructive and attractive last season. The series are as follows: "Songs and Singers," "Humor in Music," "Expression, Interpretation and Emotion," "From Suite to Symphony."

The graduating recitals will follow this series of addresses, when the public will again have opportunity to hear the college specialists in music. The recitals will be followed immediately by the commencement concert, the whole of the evening giving a summary of the practical work done by the students of the conservatory.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS.

Pennsylvania General Assembly Opened Today—Important Matters to be Considered.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—The general assembly of Pennsylvania convened at noon today. The session was entirely routine. After the organization and reading of Governor Pennypacker's last message a recess was taken until Jan. 14th, to give the presiding officers time to select the standing committees. The Republican party is in majority in both houses.

The real work of the session will begin immediately after the inauguration of Governor-elect Edwin S. Stuart, Jan. 15th.

The most important subject discussed in the governor's message relates to the controversy over decorations and furnishings of the new State Capitol. The erection of this structure cost \$4,500,000 and the decorations and furnishings \$9,000,000. Charges of extravagance were made in connection with the expenditure of \$9,000,000 and the matter was made an issue in the last gubernatorial campaign. The money was largely expended by the board of public grounds and buildings of which the governor by virtue of his office is a member.

The governor in his message courts an inquiry and requests the legislature to make a thorough investigation of the charges.

JOY AND SORROW.

While New Year is Being Celebrated Funeral Processions of Which Victims Pass Silently By.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Happiness and sorrow were closely allied today in the National capital. On one side were the new year's receptions, beginning with that of the Presidents and descending through the cabinet officers to the residential set while on the other were numberless funeral corteges bearing to the "silent cities" the dead victims of the Terra Cotta wreck on Baltimore and Ohio Sunday.

Notwithstanding the evidences of joy throughout the city, the pall of death was universally felt and for the first time in many years Washington tempered its pleasures over the birth of the new year with the remembrance of the dead in its midst.

CASE AGAINST MINING COMPANY

Adjusted in United States Court. Indignation at Blackburn's Statement. Judge Bynum Does Not Resent Blackburn.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—In all the comment here yesterday and today, and there was very much of it, over the letter given out by Congressman Blackburn, and published in Sunday morning's papers, charging Governor Glenn and Congressman Hackett with a corrupt bargain with the book trust, and the Governor of the State with absolute malfeasance and acceptance of a bribe, there has not been heard a single man, Democrat or Republican, who does not indignantly resent the imputation cast on the chief executive and through him on the State of North Carolina. Gentlemen here from the governor's home at Winston do not hesitate to say that should Blackburn show himself there it would be difficult to prevent his being openly cowbirded by some of the governor's neighbors and intimate personal friends.

The lawyers here, without exception, seem astonished at the publication, all agreeing that it is a criminal libel, per se, many of them declaring Blackburn could be indicted by grand juries in every county in the State where the papers publishing the letter is circulated, and some of them warmly averring, that it ought to be done.

In connection with the published report from Washington, that ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, was one of the counsel for Blackburn in his contest against Hackett for the seat in Congress, Judge Bynum desires it stated that this report is entirely a mistake. He says not only has he never been consulted by Blackburn over the matter, or advised him or conversed with him in the slightest degree, but that he had sometime ago in response to a request from Mr. Hackett to appear for him, written that he would do so, upon the making of satisfactory arrangements.

In the United States court today the case of Julian Leroy White vs. the Montgomery Mining Company was adj.usted. Some time ago the creditors of this company filed a bill and asked that the property be sold and it was sold a few days ago at Troy by the receivers. W. J. Adams, of Monroe, and ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., of Greensboro, the plaintiffs, bidding it off for \$10,000. The minority stockholders objected to a confirmation of the sale and the plaintiffs came into court today and increased their bid to \$25,000. It was agreed for the sale to be confirmed at this price, the money to be held for distribution until the debts had all been made known. The matter was referred by Judge Boyd to Major J. E. Alexander, of Winston, referee in bankruptcy.

Judge Boyd today signed the bill of exemptions in the case of Louella May administratrix of George B. May, vs. the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Mr. Clement Manly, of Winston-Salem, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. C. Buxton, of Winston-Salem, appeared for the railroad. At a recent term of the court the plaintiff recovered a judgment of \$5,500 against the road as damages for the death of her husband, who was killed in a wreck in Virginia two years ago. The case now goes up to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

At a called meeting yesterday of the stockholders of the Southern Life and Trust Company it was decided to increase the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The business of this well known institution is increasing so rapidly that an increase in capital is almost imperative. Scarcely more than a year ago the capital was increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held next month at which time the reports of officers will be made. The Secretary of State

From Messenger Boy To Assistant General Manager of Southern

recently authorized the company to increase its capital to \$500,000.

It is learned that Mr. J. T. Latham and family, who resided in Greensboro for about two years previous to going to New York, a few weeks ago, will soon return to Greensboro to live. Mr. Latham arrived in the city this morning to spend several days. He is a prominent cotton buyer.

Mr. R. L. Boyd, who came here from Raleigh one year ago to become superintendent of the Bell Telephone Exchange has been promoted and will leave here January 15th for Charlotte, which will be his headquarters in the future. Mr. Boyd becomes maintenance supervisor of the third district of the Bell Telephone Company, with headquarters at Charlotte. The district embraces all North Carolina and the Western part of South Carolina. He has well earned his promotion, and since coming to Greensboro has made hosts of friends who regret to see him leave. He will be succeeded by another Raleigh manager, Mr. E. A. Woodruff.

The passenger train arriving here from Mt. Airy yesterday at noon, when running at slow speed up grade, just south of the main line in the yard limit, struck the caboose of a freight, standing on a curve, but beyond turning the cab over, slightly injuring the fireman of the passenger and jarring the passengers, no damage was done. But for the fact that the train was moving slowly, there would have been a terrific wreck. The freight, besides being at a standstill on the incoming passenger train track, was just beyond a curve, where it was impossible for the engineer of the passenger train to see it in time to succeed in slackening up, with the very fortunate fact that it was also going up grade. It is understood that the reason the freight was standing on the passenger track, at the hour it was due here, and no flagman sent back to protect the passenger, was that the freight conductor's watch had stopped, and he was misled as to the hour.

CHICAGO EDITOR VERY ILL.

Alfred Seapf is Stricken With Pneumonia at Hampton.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 1.—Alfred Seapf, of Chicago, editor of the Electrical World, is very ill at the home of Henry Schmeltz, in Hampton. Accompanied by his wife, the editor came to spend Christmas with Mr. Schmeltz. On his way he contracted a severe cold, and pneumonia developed upon his arrival here.

Gov. Warner Begins Second Term.

Lansing, Michigan, January 1.—Gov. Warner, Lieutenant Governor Kelly and other state officers-elect took the oath of office at noon today in the hall of the house of representatives. This evening the regular inaugural reception takes place. The legislature will convene to-morrow at 12 o'clock, when Governor Warner will read his message.

Inauguration of Hughes

Charles E. Hughes was To-day Inaugurated Governor of New York State. Program of the Ceremonies as Followed

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Charles E. Hughes was today inaugurated governor of New York in the presence of a large number of men and women, representing the various cities of the State. The ceremonies in the capital occupied little more than a half hour. Bishop Burke, Roman Catholic, delivered the prayer at the opening of the proceedings, which were closed with a benediction pronounced by Bishop Doane, Protestant Episcopal. The oath of office was administered by Secretary of State Whalen, following which came the address of welcome by the retiring to the incoming governor, and the response of the latter, both very brief. The inauguration was preceded by a parade of various companies and commands of the third brigade, National Guard of New York.

PRINCE VISITS NORFOLK.

Henry of Croy Mixed Business With Pleasure While There.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Henry of Croy, Prince of Westphalia, Germany, who has been in Norfolk for several days, returned to New York tonight. He stopped at the Virginia Club while here. He is a business man as well as a Prince but also made himself a part of local society, having had letters to social leaders here. He was more interested in the Jamestown Exposition than anything else here.

Girls See Father Killed.

Say He Provoked Tragedy By Attacking Their Escort.

Monticello, Ga., Dec. 1.—James Falk, a merchant was killed at 2 o'clock this morning on the veranda of his home and in the presence of his two daughters, Ruth and Mary, by Hubert Waldrup, a young man who had just returned with the girls from a dance. Mr. Falk did not want the girls to go to the dance, but yielded, when Mr. Waldrup promised they should be home before midnight. Waldrup did not keep his promise for it was 2 o'clock when he returned with the girls. An effort was made to get the girls into the house through a window without disturbing their father, but Mr. Falk heard the noise and appeared on the veranda. He chided Waldrup and the girls for being out late. Waldrup remonstrated, and it is said Falk attacked him. The young man drew a revolver and shot the father dead in the presence of the girls.

New Year in Paris.

Paris, France, Jan. 1.—Paris observed the birth of the New Year in the customary enthusiastic manner. New Year's Day in fact is more generally celebrated in the French capital than Christmas, and this year was no exception to the rule. Outdoor fetes were held almost without number, special performances were given in all places of amusement and countless receptions and social entertainments given in the homes of rich and poor alike. President Fallieres received at the Elysee and receptions were given at the American and other foreign embassies.