

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

First New Year Reception of the Century

THOUSANDS IN THE LINE

Foreign Dignitaries and American Functionaries Precede the Throng of Plain Citizens—Mrs. McKinley Shakes Hands Until Her Strength Fails—Minister Wu the Lion of the Occasion—Floral Decorations

Washington, Jan. 1.—On this the first day of the twentieth century amid a scene of brilliancy and beauty the dignitaries of all nations, jurists, statesmen of all political creeds, soldiers, sailors and thousands of patriotic Americans assembled at the White House and paid their tribute of respect to the president and "the first lady of the land."

The function was formal, yet characteristic of American simplicity. High officials of office joined with civilians for the sake of life in extending the greetings of the new year and of the old year to the president of the United States. Not unlike the ceremonies of former years but following the custom long ago established, were the greetings today.

Standing in the blue parlor of the White House for two and one-half hours the President and Mrs. McKinley received the good wishes of the people for a happy new year. Shouting with the greetings were the members of the cabinet and their ladies as well as many others prominent in social and official life. The day was pleasant and agreeable and good cheer prevailed.

The line formed at the west gate and proceeded toward the mansion, passing through the main lobby into the Red parlor and through the Red parlor into the Blue parlor where the reception party was stationed. Beside the President stood Colonel Bingham and Major McCauley and as the line passed each caller was presented to the President by Colonel Bingham and in turn presented by the President to Mrs. McKinley. The reception of Mrs. McKinley extended a hearty handshake.

Following the diplomatic corps came the Chief Justice and the Assistant Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Judges of the Court of Appeals, the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, ex-ministers and ex-ministers of the United States.

Then came Senators and members of the House of Representatives and delegates in Congress followed by the commissioners of the District and judicial officers of the District. Following them were the agents and secretaries of the Smithsonian Institute, the Commissioner of Patents, the Civil Service Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Commissioner of Labor, assistant secretaries of departments, assistant postmasters general, the Solicitor General, Assistant Attorneys General, the Treasurer of the United States, General Postmaster, the Commissioner of Patents, Director of the Census, Comptroller of the Currency, the heads of bureaus in the several departments, the President of the Columbian Institute for the Impoverished and Dumb.

After the close of the Associated Veterans of the War of 1846-47, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Union Veterans' Legion, Union Veterans' Union, Spanish War Veterans, members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association of the District of Columbia.

TAXED AT CASH VALUE

Witnesses from Brunswick and Columbus Testify

NO RULE TO CUT VALUES

Testimony Offered to Show that Lands Were Sold to Settlers at Fancy Prices—Property at Southport Bought at Speculative Prices on Prospect of a Railroad Which Has Not Been Built—New Features Today

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1.—Special.—Witnesses for the State in the hearing before Standing Master Shepherd regarding assessment of values of railroad properties today were from Brunswick and Columbus counties.

Sheriff J. G. Butler, Register of Deeds R. Q. Powell, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Joshua Smith, Commissioner Ira Lennon and Assessors Henry Vines, D. J. Jolley, L. W. Staley and R. J. Powell were witnesses from Columbus. They testified to the absence of any custom or practice of undervaluation of either land or personal property, and said they had never heard of any purpose or agreement of assessors to assess property at less than true cash value.

Register of Deeds Powell confirmed the evidence submitted by H. C. Morfitt, clerk of the Superior Court, yesterday, regarding sales of land to colonists from Northwestern States at fancy prices, the purchasers not being sufficiently acquainted with values of lands to know that they were paying excessive prices.

W. H. Pyke, J. A. Pullan, W. W. Drew, William Mercer, J. E. Hendrix and J. P. Somerset, most of them estate agents, were witnesses from Brunswick county. Messrs. Pullan and Pyke, leading citizens of Southport, gave interesting testimony relating to prices of land in Southport offered in evidence by the railroads. He said that those sales were made to John Gossler, a Northern capitalist, who bought merely as speculation in the hope that Southport would some day get on a boom from the effect of the railroads talked of for years, but yet apparently far from consummation.

Other evidence was not out of the ordinary. Counsel for the railroads are not disturbed over the evidence. They cross-questioned sharply, never letting them go without obtaining some admission of more or less weight favorable to their cause. They say that the whole question has narrowed down to this: Poor and undesirable lands are assessed at their true value; valuable real estate is assessed at 50 to 75 per cent of its value.

A few more Columbus county witnesses remain to be examined tomorrow; then New Hanover's turn will come, and testimony at to valuation of farms will be given. The witnesses had been called by D. Shaw and F. H. Busbee, counsel for the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern, respectively, arrived today.

THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS

Very Large Reward Offered for Capture of the Cudahy Kidnappers

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.—It now begins to look as if the reward for the capture of the Cudahy kidnapers will actually be pushed up to \$100,000. Dozens of friends of the Cudahys from all sections have begun to wire General Cowin, the family lawyer, suggesting that he be the recipient of funds from all sections to add to the reward for the kidnapers.

A GIFT OF \$20,000

Judge Faircloth Remembers the Baptist University

WILL DO GREAT GOOD

Applied to the Debt of the Institution, Judge Faircloth's Bequest Will Reduce the Amount by Nearly One-half. The Baptists Have Determined to Wipe Out the Incumbrance This Year—The Undertaking an Easy One

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—Special.—It was given out privately today, but upon trustworthy authority, that the will of the late Chief Justice W. J. Faircloth contains a clause giving twenty thousand dollars to the Baptist Female University in Raleigh. It was not stated whether the gift is to be applied to some special purpose or to go into the general fund of the institution.

Assuming, in the absence of information to the contrary, that Judge Faircloth's bequest is an unconditional gift to the college, it is understood that it will be available for extinguishment of the college debt. It was stated at the Baptist Tabernacle watch-night service Monday night that there was a debt of \$45,000 hanging over the college. If Judge Faircloth's bequest may be used for reducing this incumbrance it will cut nearly one-half of the incumbrance at once and make the task of completing the good work one of comparative ease to the Baptist people of the State, who will feel encouraged to make a supreme effort to clear the college of debt before the meeting of the State convention next December. Indeed it would not be surprising should the entire debt be wiped out before commencement.

The Baptists are determined to get rid of the incumbrance, and they know no such word as fail when they make up their minds to do anything.

RACES AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—Results at New Orleans track:

First race, selling, 1 mile—Ublers 3 to 1, Jack Martin 6 to 1, Nestor 5 to 1. Time, 1:53.

Second race, handicap, 3/4 mile—W. J. Deboe 7 to 5, Senator Beveridge 2 to 1, Ida Ledford 3 to 1. Time, 1:20.

Third race, S. C. handicap, St. course—Violent Pirates 2 to 1, Jack Hayes 6 to 5, Don Clarence 15 to 1. Time, 1:37.

Fourth race, selling, 7/8 mile—Choice 8 to 1, Fleerwing 6 to 5, Vario 8 to 1. Time, 1:55 1/2.

Fifth race, 1 mile, selling—B. of Orleans 5 to 1, Orio 8 to 1, Drumburg 5 to 1. Time, 1:57 1/2.

Sixth race, selling, 3/4 mile—Bean 15 to 1, Bright 16 to 1, Saline 5 to 1. Time, 1:20.

ENTRIES FOR TODAY

First race, 1 mile, selling—Patchwork 95, Jack Mayer 97, Water Plant 99, Hinsdale 102, George Gardner 103, Madeline G. 103, Jack Phelps 103, Phosphorus 104, Valdez 104, Gracious 105, Salvaletta 106.

Second race, selling, 1 mile—Pantland 92, Ledford 97, Mr. Brookwood 98, Sarifa 100, Castine 103, Dick Furber 101, George Lee 107, George B. Cox 105, Jessie Jarboe 107, Handuff 110.

Third race, selling, 1 1/4 miles—False Lead 109, Baugou 110, Ind 100, Bright 103, Albert Vale 106, Dan Cuppl 106.

Fourth race, handicap, 3/4 mile—Boomerack 90, Senator Beveridge 96, Alpaca 102, Early Bird 103, Tom Kinsley 107, Sir Christopher 108, Ed Garland 111.

Fifth race, selling, 7/8 mile—Pirates' Queen 91, Educate 93, Floyd Dixie 104, Fuke, 104, Adeline C. 107, Henry of Franstrum 107, Parker Bruce 110, Horseshoe Tobacco 112.

Sixth race, selling, 3/4 mile—Tildee 98, Marie Maree 98, Ross Morn 101, Gray John 103, Rey Talazar, 103, Uacle Bill 103, Pell Mell 111, 103, Veloc 103, Scrivener 106, Midsummer 107, Tom Collins 108.

NEW YEAR IN MANILA

General MacArthur Gives a Reception to the White Ho. as Functions

Manila, Jan. 1.—New Year day was ushered in here with the booming of cannon and the playing of American national airs by the bands.

Wool Manufacturers Fall

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Samuel Riddle's Sons, wool manufacturers, with mills located at Glen Riddle, Pa., have petitioned for protection in voluntary bankruptcy.

The causes leading to the petition are given as follows: The unsatisfactory condition of the trade in woolen and cotton goods, the rise in the price of raw wool, the rise in the price of the manufactured product, while there has been no advance in the market price of the latter; insufficiency of working capital and lack of means to properly equip old-fashioned mills with modern machinery and to modernize them.

Diag Coming to the United States

Austin, Texas, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Mexico, Mexico, says: "President Porfirio Diaz will apply to Congress for a leave of absence from the country early in January. He will go direct to France, and will spend several months in Paris and traveling on the continent. He may visit the United States on his return journey."

Two Big Stores Burned Out

Burlington, Ia., Jan. 1.—A fire which broke out after midnight burned out the Corner Mercantile Company's establishment, entailing a loss of \$300,000, and then spread to Schramm & Schmiegel's wholesale dry-goods store, where \$75,000 damage was done. Schramm & Schmiegel carried \$45,000 insurance.

How the Queen Celebrated

London, Jan. 1.—The Queen sent new year gifts of meat and coal to over 900 persons in Windsor.

BOERS SENT HOME

General Knox Releases Seventy-Six Prisoners Recently Captured

London, January 1st.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, December 31: "Knox, who is following up DeWet, has captured some horses, five wagons, loads of supplies and 6,000 rounds of ammunition. He released and allowed to go to their farms seventy-six Boers who were taken by DeWet's men, and who had been forced to fight. French recently captured twelve prisoners and a large quantity of carts and cattle."

Hotel Vedone Burned

People Thought the Fire Alarm a Wolf came to the New Century

Asbury Park, N. J., Jan. 1.—The Hotel Vedone was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The cause of the fire was not ascertained. The hotel was a three-story building and was owned by E. D. Puelin, who was in the city at the time of the fire. The hotel was a popular resort and was one of the best in the city. The fire broke out at 10 o'clock and spread rapidly. The firemen were unable to reach the hotel and it was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Three Bandits Made a Last Stand

Vancover, B. C., Jan. 1.—The mail stage bound for the health resort at Harrison Hot Springs, was held up at noon yesterday, six miles out of Agassiz, by three robbers. This place is about sixty miles from Vancouver. There were nine passengers in the coach, one of whom was a woman. All the robbers wore black masks. One of them grasped the horses' heads, while the others covered the occupants of the coach with rifles. There were a dozen mail sacks in the coach and the driver was told to put these out on the ground.

"Now if you will please step down and line up, we won't keep you waiting long," politely remarked the tallest bandit and the frightened passengers obeyed. They held up their hands and two of the robbers quickly and systematically emptied their pockets. The woman was poor. Her clothes were shabby and her purse contained only 50 cents. This the dashing leader of the highwaymen returned to her with an added \$5.00 gold piece taken from the pocket of a commercial traveler.

"Madame," he said, "we do not rob here roasts. If you will kindly accept this with our compliments we shall be really indebted to you. Allow us to wish you a very happy New Year. The passengers in all contributed \$2,720 in cash, besides watches, rings, a diamond stud and gold sleeve buttons. The commercial traveler at first yielded only about \$18, but the stage robbers were dissatisfied with this sum and accused him of bad faith.

THE TREASURY BALANCE

Surplus for Six Months is Less Than for the Same Time Last Year

Washington, Jan. 1.—At the close of business yesterday afternoon the books of the United States Treasury showed an available cash balance on hand in excess of all reserve funds of \$144,141,474.65. The treasury year begins July 1st, and the receipts for the first six months of the fiscal year have been \$291,841,961.23, against \$284,183,494.85 for the corresponding months of the last fiscal year. The expenditures have been \$275,350,555.22, against \$268,450,552 last year, and the surplus of receipts over current expenditures has been \$18,481,327.61 against \$21,116,904.33.

Mrs. Berger Arrested

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 1.—Special.—Mrs. E. H. Berger, who wounded her husband with a revolver at Bona Vista, was arrested today by Sheriff Lee and brought here. She was given a preliminary trial at which she was bound over to court by Magistrate James charged with assault with intent to kill. Her husband was formerly a well known banker of Duluth. He fears to have her released and declares she is crazed with jealousy.

New Battalion to Be Organized

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Orders have been received at the Military Department of California headquarters to organize a second provisional battalion on the Presidio. The number of recruits in the new-organized camp has increased to such an extent that it will soon be necessary to organize a regiment.

Transport Thyra Sailed for Manila

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—The United States transport Thyra sailed for Manila with 550 horses and a cargo for the army in the Philippines.

Odell Inaugurated Governor of N. Y.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Benjamin F. Odell, Jr., of Newburg, was inaugurated as governor of the State of New York at noon today, to succeed Theodore Roosevelt. Both the incoming and retiring governors made addresses.