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## Collector Duncan Finds a Way to Make Everybody Happy

### Mrs. Shipp to Have a Clerkship in His Office and No Republican to Be Displaced — Duncan Says Republicans are for Roosevelt

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Washington, Jan. 1.—Special.—The announcement was made today that Mrs. Margaret B. Shipp has been appointed stamp clerk in the office of Collector Duncan at Raleigh, succeeding W. P. King, who is to become postmaster at Windsor, N. C. Mrs. Shipp's salary is \$1,100 and the Windsor post, which had recently entered the presidential class, will pay Mr. King a salary equal to the one he has been receiving. The wishes of the president in rewarding Mrs. Shipp have been carried out and not a Republican in office has been disturbed.

It required some clever maneuvering to accomplish this seemingly difficult result, but it is a fact nevertheless, and the man responsible is Collector E. C. Duncan. Some people sat up at night for weeks endeavoring to solve the problem before the party without protesting a Republican. Where others filled Mr. Duncan brought his shrewdness to bear on the situation. His happiness reigns in the Republican family in the state. Mr. King's appointment will be tomorrow and Mrs. Shipp can qualify at any time. When asked about Mrs. Shipp's appointment today Mr. Duncan said:

"In deference to intimations from the president I have appointed Mrs. Shipp to a place in my office, the appointment to be effective at once. I was asked about the matter several weeks ago, and the statement was made that the president wished to do something in her behalf. Her appointment at Lincoln from the fact that the incumbent would be removed. I agreed to the suggestion, as I could carry it out without removing any man in the service or affecting any Republican in North Carolina. To effect the arrangement I recommended to State Chairman Rollins that he appoint W. P. King, stamp clerk in my office, to be postmaster at Windsor. He agreed to this, and as a result no Republican goes out, for he relieves his mother,

the present postmaster. It became necessary for Mr. King to go home and be with his mother by reason of the death of his father during the past few days. By this arrangement I do not only please the president, but such well known Republicans as ex-Chief Justice Furches and others."

Mr. Duncan, who is one of the wheel horses in the North Carolina Republican organization, was questioned as to the Roosevelt sentiment in the state. He replied:

"All Republicans in the state are for the nomination of the president. It is only a question as to who can holler the loudest, and with a sentiment like this prevailing, of course there will be a solid delegation of substantial men, who will stand by him to the finish. I will not undertake to suggest who will be the delegates, but I think I know enough of the sentiment of the Republicans in the state to warrant me in saying that none will be selected as a delegate who is not thoroughly loyal to the president."

A reception to witness the old year out and welcome the new one in, was given to natives of southern states in Washington at Mount Vernon Place M. E. church Thursday evening. Every southern state was represented and North Carolinians took a prominent part in the exercises. Representative R. N. Page made the happiest speech of the evening and the audience reluctantly allowed him to end his remarks. There were more than fifty Tar Heels present. Among the number were Representatives Page and Gudgeon and members of their families, Mrs. Lee S. Overman and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Woodard.

The Wake Forest post office entered the presidential class January 1, and the salary of the postmaster is now \$1,000. Mrs. Mary A. Timberlake, the present postmaster, will receive a re-appointment.

W. E. Nattress of Iredell, who has been living in Philadelphia for the past year, has moved here and opened an office as general stenographer.

Jacob F. Warlick has been appointed rural delivery carrier from Crouse, route No. 1.

Tomorrow Chairman Rollins will recommend the appointment of John L. Phelps as postmaster at Plymouth. He will succeed Mrs. Pagan, who was appointed to the office thirteen years ago by President Cleveland.

Collector Duncan has an engagement tomorrow with Commissioner Yerkes. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of New Bern and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Woodard of Wilson are visiting here.

## BIG GUNS GOING TO LOVE FEAST

### New York Democrats Will Entertain Many Distinguished Guests

New York, Jan. 1.—The arrangements for the Democratic love feast that will be held at Sherry's Monday night will be completed tomorrow. The dinner is to be given to Mayor McClellan by the citizens of New York, but so many Democrats of national prominence will attend that the feast may have a wider significance.

W. Bourke Cockran will preside at the dinner and ex-President Grover Cleveland will be there as a guest and a speaker. Over three hundred men will be present. It is more than likely that a presidential boom will be uncovered. David B. Hill is expected and Richard Olney has signified his intention of being on hand.

When the date for the dinner was first set the fact that it was the opening day of Congress and of the court of appeals was overlooked. This may prevent some of the prominent men invited from coming, but all have sent word that they will be present if it is possible for them to do so.

Leader Charles Murphy of Tammany Hall will be there. Others expected are John G. Carlisle, ex-secretary of the treasury; August Belmont, John D. Crimmins, ex-Comptroller Ashbell P. Fitch, ex-Mayor J. G. Grant, J. W. Simmons, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, Joseph C. Hendricks and ex-Mayor

VanWyck. All the big Tammany guns will be there.

The dinner will be held in the large ball room at Sherry's.

## Offices in Norfolk

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Special.—The executive offices of the Seaboard Air Line will remove to this city instead of Richmond as heretofore. President Barr, who has resided here for several years, said this evening: "My headquarters will be in Norfolk. There will be no change in the system here."

That Mr. Barr will have his headquarters in this city comes as gratifying news to the business men of Tidewater Virginia, who have all along contended that the main office of the Seaboard should be located here. Mr. John Skelton Williams will move his office from Richmond to New York.

## GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

### Kentucky Going In to Reduce the Negro Vote

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 1.—The coming session of the Kentucky General Assembly will witness one of the bitterest fights in the history of the commonwealth. The fight will be between the Republicans and Democrats on the educational qualifications of voters. The bill to be introduced has already been prepared by T. E. Butler of Crittenden county, who is said to be backed by a large number of Democrats who will work for the passage of the measure. The bill disqualifies every man from voting who can not read and write unless his ancestors were legal voters prior to 1867. Of course the bill is a direct blow at the negro voters, and will only in a rare instance affect the white voters, should it pass. It is similar to laws which are in force in some southern states.

The Democrats are said to have been planning the bill and enlisting aid from party leaders for several months. Alarm is expressed by Republicans, inasmuch as the present legislature is largely Democratic.

## Nothing for Japan to Do Except Fight

### Report Comes From Paris that Russia Will Refuse the Japanese Proposals. Resort to Arms Almost Certain

London, Jan. 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 of one here admits having received. The baron said:

"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 averting war."

"My information from Paris," said the minister of Japan, "is not official, but in connection with information imparted to me by the British court it is probably only too correct."

"If Chancellor Von Buelow's statement that Russia's reply will be framed in a manner intended to satisfy Japan turns out correct, it will be better news than I have dared to hope for."

It was learned that Japan has secured a large additional amount of coal in the name of one of the largest English shipping firms sending vessels to the far east.

The St. James Gazette says it understands that the Japanese government has taken over two vessels of the Nippon line for use as hospital ships.

## OMINOUS SILENCE

### No News Received From Japan in Twenty-four Hours

London, Jan. 1.—There is absolutely no official or unquestionable information confirming the Paris and Berlin rumors that Russia's answer to Japan has been delivered and that it is unfavorable. On the other hand they are not officially controverted and they obtain credence in some quarters here. It is believed that a decision has been reached by Russia which, when it is communicated to Japan, must precipitate hostilities. Great Britain and France is especially urging a conciliatory attitude upon the Russian government.

The telegraph, with unusual typing and spacing, says:

"Even in diplomatic circles, which have hitherto professed that they were sanguine of a pacific solution, there

was recognition that a rupture between Russia and Japan is all but inevitable. Neither Japan nor Russia will abate anything in its claims, and there is no disposition on either side to invite mediation of friendly powers. It is believed that Japan will take decisive steps within the next few days unless a conciliatory message is dispatched from St. Petersburg, a contingency which those best able to form a judgment do not anticipate. It is moreover remarkable that for the first time since the crisis the newspapers and news agents are absolutely without dispatches from Japan. It is twenty-four hours since a news message was received from that country, and as English correspondents are numerous and the censorship has hitherto been exercised liberally, it is to be concluded that their dispatches have been purposely delayed. At the same time there is direct authoritative intimation that the situation has changed. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, said this evening that he had not been informed whether Russia's reply had been delivered or not. Personally, his views were neither gloomier nor more sanguine than they were Wednesday."

## DIED IN THE ROAD

### Holiday Dinner Party Became an Occasion of Mourning

New Rochelle, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Condetta B. Pallen, the well known writer and lecturer on Catholic subjects, who is living in the Emmet mansion, invited Edward Lester Wood, an iron manufacturer of New York City, to have New Year's dinner with him today; but the guest arrived dead, and instead of a holiday party the day was turned into an occasion of mourning.

Mr. Wood, who was the son of Col. Oliver Wood of Ohio, came to Pelham Manor in a trap with his wife and son and was apparently in good health. Finding that there was no hack at the station, he and his family started to walk. Her husband stooped down to put it on. As he was doing so he gave an exclamation of pain and fell unconscious to the ground. Mrs. Wood and her little boy lifted him to the roads and he died a few minutes later with his head in her lap. The body was taken to the Pallen home by a sleighing party. Coroner Weisendanger found that the merchant had died of apoplexy. Mr. Wood was 56 years old.

## Colombia Gunboat Sunk by an American Cruiser

### So Reported in a World Cable From Colon, but Secretary Moody Says He Does Not Believe a Word of It

New York, Jan. 1.—2 a. m.—A World cable from Colon, dated January 1, says:

"It is reported here that the Colombian gunboat General Pinzon was sunk yesterday in the Darien gulf by an American cruiser, probably the Olympia, which was Dewey's flagship in the battle of Manila bay."

"Immediately upon receipt of the report Admiral Coghlan left here on board the Mayflower. This was the last American warship left here. The protected cruiser Olympia, the auxiliary cruiser Prairie and the gunboat Castine were hastily prepared for sea and dispatched for the San Blas coast yesterday."

The General Pinzon was formerly James Gordon Bennett's yacht Namouna. The Namouna was a screw steamer, schooner rigged, 234 feet long. She was built at Newburgh in 1881. When taken over by the Colombians she was fitted with a battery of eight guns. Her captain was Charles E. Tillon, a big American, who spent three years at Annapolis and who once saved his life by killing a murderer with one blow of his fist.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Secretary Moody says he has not had any report that any of the American fleet has sunk a Colombian gunboat. He says he does not believe a word of the report.

## Mugwump Mayor Gives Place to a Democrat

### McClellan Assumes the Reins of Government of Greater New York—Little Speech-making and Much Hand-shaking

New York, Jan. 1.—The old city hall was in gala dress for Colonel McClellan and his staff when they took charge of the place, where for two years Mayor Low and his associates have put in so much hard work. The ceremonies were brief. Colonel McClellan and his secretary, John B. O'Brien, arrived at the city hall about 11 o'clock and went to Mayor Low's private office. At 12 o'clock the retiring and the incoming mayors repaired to the main office and Mayor Low, with brief remarks, turned over to Colonel McClellan the control of the city.

avenue, at noon today. He would have been 68 years of age in March. For the past four years Captain Pabst's health had been falling. This morning he suffered a relapse and began to fail rapidly. He retained his consciousness and conversed with his wife and children who were about his bedside until ten minutes before the end, when he became unconscious and passed away.

Mr. Low said:

Colonel McClellan, the hour has come when I am permitted to give the city into your care, in obedience to the will of the people. Any one who has been mayor of New York will always be ready to honor his chief magistrate. Mr. Mayor, I am glad, as one of the great body of citizens, to salute you and wish you well."

In response Colonel McClellan said, "I believe I can only fulfill the trust of municipal government, not in the interest of the few, but in the interest of all the people. I believe in party responsibility, but party responsibility exists only as the means of attaining good ends. I promise you that there will be no step backward, not even in the smallest department of my administration."

Then Mr. Low retired to his private office and Colonel McClellan took his stand behind the table in the public office and hand shaking began. All the Democrats in town seemed to be on hand and long lines, reaching to the city hall steps, were formed by the police. It took a long time for the Democratic enthusiasts to get by the mayor's desk. After the reception the new heads of departments were sworn in.

## Beer Maker Dead

Milwaukee, Jan. 1.—Frederick Pabst, president of the Pabst Brewing Company, died at his home, 2000 Grand

avenue, at noon today. He would have been 68 years of age in March. For the past four years Captain Pabst's health had been falling. This morning he suffered a relapse and began to fail rapidly. He retained his consciousness and conversed with his wife and children who were about his bedside until ten minutes before the end, when he became unconscious and passed away.

## THEATRES CLOSED

### No More Plays Until Fire Proof Curtains are Provided

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Eighteen theaters were peremptorily ordered to close this evening and remain so until the management has obeyed the city ordinance and equipped the houses with asbestos or iron curtains. The orders were issued by Building Commissioner Williams today after a conference with Mayor Harrison, and copies of the order were delivered immediately to the theater managers. One of the theaters to which the order was taken had the ban removed shortly after the order was served as Manager W. J. Davis happened to be in the city hall at the time the order was sent out and requested Commissioner Williams to send a man to inspect the curtain which on the building department books had been entered as "burlap covered with fire-proof paint."

Deputy Commissioner Stanhope went at once to the Illinois and afterward reported that he had inspected the curtain, submitted a piece of it to fire test and it had withstood the test. Deputy Stanhope brought a piece of the curtain with him to Commissioner Williams' office and again tested it with fire, the asbestos withstanding the test.

## Theatre Employes and Actors in Jail

### Manslaughter Due to Criminal Negligence Is the Charge—They Will Be Examined Before Magistrate Today

Today, with the work of identification of the dead, the work of investigation as to where to place the blame for the disaster of Wednesday went rapidly forward. Ninety-seven bodies were identified during the day, and of the 562 dead there still remain only 23 unknown. The increase in the death list from 563 that was given Wednesday night to 582 tonight is due to the finding of bodies in private places and the subsequent death of injured victims at the several hospitals.

Over at 58 Dearborn street, where the effects of the victims were taken, is property valued at perhaps thousands of dollars. There are furs, jewels, hats, cloaks, gold and coral chains and longkettes. There is also money in small amounts. All the effects were gathered at the morgues and the bodies from which they were taken were numbered. If those who have been unable to find the bodies of loved ones would go to this place they might through some trinket or bit of wearing apparel find some clue that will aid them in their search.

The first result of the investigation by the police and building departments came in late this afternoon in an order from Commissioner Williams to close seventeen theatres in the city which were not provided with fire proof curtains. The order brought protests from several theatre managers. They were firmly told to obey the order, remedy the violation of the building ordinances and make no protests. Commissioner Williams also forbade all future admissions of "standing room" in any theatre in Chicago.

The city bells will toll requiems for the dead tomorrow when hundreds of funerals will be held. All places of business will be closed.

In the long procession of funerals that will crowd the city's streets tomorrow, a majority of the hearse will be white. They will contain the bodies of children, victims of Wednesday's

holocaust. In a majority of the hearses draped with black will be bodies of the women victims.

## FIXING THE BLAME

### Many Arrests Made in the Effort to Learn Who Is Responsible

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Twenty-seven employes of the Inequoils and the "Mr. Bluebeard" extravaganza company are under arrest. Eight were formally arraigned today before Magistrate Caverly, charged with involuntary manslaughter, due to criminal negligence. Managers Powers and Davis appeared before Chief of Police O'Neill and had a lengthy conference with him. With Mr. Davis and Mr. Powers were Attorneys Thomas Hogan and William J. Hines. Charles Plamondon, a friend of both men, also was in the party, as was Ben Stevens, manager of Klaw & Erlanger's production, "The Billionaire," now playing at Mr. Davis' other theatre, the Illinois.

The conference was held behind closed doors and it could not be learned just what was said.

It is understood that Chief O'Neill demanded of the managers a full explanation of the condition which made the theatre such a death trap. When Mr. Davis left the chief's office Detectives Johnson and Wrenn accompanied him, but Chief O'Neill denied that Mr. Davis was under arrest.

"I have received information from the two men," said Chief O'Neill. "I learn that one man alone was supposed to operate the asbestos curtain. I am seeking that one man."

"Is that man in Chicago?" he was asked.

"This man we are looking for has been missing since the afternoon of the fire," Chief O'Neill admitted. "He disappeared almost before the flames got a start. I have been looking for him. We only had his nickname. These managers have given me his full name. I am going to find this man. Then, I think, we can get near placing the responsibility."

During the interview the two managers arranged for bail for the employes, actors and chorus girls now in custody. Eight of those arrested were arraigned before Justice Caverly at the Harrison street police station today on the charge of manslaughter, due to criminal negligence.

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## MILES SCENTS WAR

### He Predicts Gigantic Struggle Between Japan and Russia

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 1.—In an interview given this morning at Richmond, General Nelson A. Miles said that the present year of 1904 would witness the greatest war in the history of the world. He had just been reading the morning papers and seemed very much impressed by the conditions out of which he thinks the great struggle will come. He said:

"I predict that the year 1904 will be signalized by one of the world's greatest wars. It will be between Russia and Japan and the conflict may involve several European states. I do not believe the United States will be dragged into it."

Gen. Miles refused to discuss the question of a Democratic nominee for president or to say whether he would accept such a nomination.

## THE KAISER'S SILVER

### A Notable Exhibit for the St. Louis Exposition

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Emperor William told Ambassador Tower today that he sides the loan of works of art from the St. Louis exposition to the St. Louis exposition the great silver service used on state occasions, which was presented to the emperor on his accession to the throne by the cities of Germany. Emperor William is more interested in the success of the St. Louis exposition, Mr. Tower says, than any public man in Europe with whom the ambassador has talked on the subject.

The emperor was cheerful and lively at today's reception. He spoke easily and naturally. He has sent to President Roosevelt his best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the American people.

Ambassador and Mrs. Tower today received about three hundred members of the American colony.

## BRICKS VS. BULLETS

### A Lynchburg Negro Gives Policemen a Plucky Fight

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 1.—Silas Mickels, colored, became disorderly last evening at his home, and when the police sought to arrest him he barricaded himself in his room, and with pistol, knife and stones he threw them at bay through the entire night. Early this morning it was thought that he was trying to break into an upper room, and when the police ran up there to intercept him, Mickels ran into the street.

With a half dozen policemen and a big crowd following, Mickels dashed through the streets and time again, but was shot at a street corner. Once he took refuge in a factory, but was soon dislodged. Once he was cornered, but with a big stick he fiercely attacked his pursuers, and though they shot at him repeatedly, he escaped unhurt, and again went flying through the streets.

Once more he was cornered, and this time he hurled stones and bricks at the officers. Policeman Tanner received a bad wound on the head. Sergeant Tyree was hit on the arm, Officer Hudson on the leg and Officer Smith on the head. With a brick in his hand Mickels started again for Smith. The latter pointed his pistol at Mickels and declared that he would kill him if he did not surrender. Just as the negro was about to throw Smith sent a ball crashing into Mickels' brain. The negro fell and will die.

## A Lineman Shocked

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—Special. Frank Stears, a lineman of the Western Union Telegraph Company, had a narrow escape at 4 o'clock this afternoon. While at work at the top of a 60-foot pole at the Buford Hotel corner, Stears touched a live wire and the strength of the current was such that he was rendered almost senseless and was badly burned on the hand. Stears held on in desperation until he regained his balance sufficiently to climb down the pole.