

New Year Day Throng at White House Reception

Brilliant Assemblage of Diplomats and Representatives of Official Life—Attendance Larger Than Ever Before

Washington, Jan. 1.—Everybody who is anybody in Washington—that is, official Washington—who was well enough to go or did not have some really good excuse to stay away, was at the White House today. The occasion was the president's New Year reception, a time-honored function that is nearly as old as the republic and as firmly grounded as it was in its earlier days, in spite of the almost general abandonment elsewhere of the custom of making New Year calls. These ice-creams, as the old Washingtonians call them, have been going on at the White House almost from the first year of its completion, and that was just a century ago. Every year the attendance grows larger, and if the old mansion had not been remodeled there would have been serious difficulty in handling the hundreds who entered today.

The White House was beautifully decorated today with flowers and lights. Music was furnished by the marine band. All the members of the diplomatic corps were attired in court costumes or military or naval uniforms. Colombia was not represented. General Rafael Reyes, the envoy of Colombia, in this country on a special mission, did not attend the reception, lest (it is understood) his presence at the White House might be misconstrued by his people. For this reason he had begged to be excused. The new republic of Panama was represented by M. Bunau-Varilla.

The guests were received in the blue parlor, members of the cabinet and their families assisting the president and Mrs. Roosevelt. A notable absentee from the receiving line was Secretary of State Hay, who is confined to his room by illness. Mrs. Hay, however, was present. She remained only a short time, leaving early in order to receive at her own home the members of the diplomatic corps, who were guests of the secretary of state and Mrs. Hay at breakfast.

The introductions at the White House reception were made by Colonel Thomas W. Symons, the president's aide, assisted by Commander C. M. V. Winslow, the president's naval aide, Major Charles McCawley, Captain J. W. Glidden, Lieutenant Roscoe C. Bulmer, Lieutenant G. R. Forsch and Lieutenant David F. Sellers.

First to be received were the members of the diplomatic corps. As dean of the corps, Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador and master of the imperial court, occupied the position of honor at the head of the line. Among the ministers who attended a New Year reception at the White House for the first time was Sir Lintung Liang-Cheng of China, attended by his staff attired in gorgeous oriental silks and satins. In all thirty-five countries were represented.

Following the diplomatic corps the members of the United States supreme court, headed by Chief Justice Fuller, were received. Justices of the United States court of appeals, and of the district court of the District of Columbia, then were received. The reception of members of Congress began at 11.30. Comparatively few of them were present. Officers of the army and navy followed, and after them the general public was admitted. Negroes were conspicuous among the latter element.

"A LITTLE ACCIDENT"

Only a Matter of Cutting the Throats of Two Persons

New York, Jan. 1.—Karl Dayhle, 56 years old, of 267 East Tenth street, cut his wife's throat with a clasp knife early this morning, and then slit his own throat from ear to ear. Dayhle died two hours later, but Mrs. Dayhle was taken to Bellevue Hospital where the physicians say she will recover.

John Bohler, Mrs. Dayhle's son by a former husband, came home about 1 o'clock this morning with a fellow clerk from a butcher shop in Eleventh street. John hurried out and brought back a can of beer. The Dayhles had

gone to bed, but Mrs. Dayhle got up and they all pledged one another in beer. Karl Dayhle refused to drink, but from the other room he shouted, "Prosit Neujahr." After Bohler's friend left Mrs. Dayhle complained to her son that Dayhle had tried to choke her because she would give him no more money for drink. They both went to bed. Bohler was awakened by his mother. She was bleeding from a gash about an inch long on the left side of the neck. "Karl cut my throat," she gasped. Bohler bandaged the wound and ran out in search of a physician. When he returned with a doctor Dayhle had severed his own throat also. The physician said there was no hope for his recovery.

Young Bohler, who seemed unmoved by the crime, went about arranging the affairs of the family with the utmost coolness. After planning the removal of Dayhle's body and inquiring after the condition of his mother at the hospital Bohler went to the butcher shop in Eleventh street where he is employed and went to work. As an excuse for being late he gave "a little accident at home."

THEATRE EMPLOYEES AND ACTORS IN JAIL

negligence. All were locked up in a cell in default of \$5,000 bail each.

The eight charged with involuntary manslaughter are William Carleton, stage manager; Edward Engel, stage hand; Thomas M. Queen, stage hand; Frank Porter, electrician; Archibald Bernard, electrician; Frank J. Andrew, carpenter; Fred Pigeon, alias Nolan, carpenter; Max Mazzanovich, carpenter. The five held in cells at the Harrison street station as witnesses are Edward J. Wines, actor; William Plunkett, assistant stage manager; Victor Boat, actor; Samuel Bell, actor; William Slack, actor.

The chorus girls, who had also been summoned, shrieking and frightened, verged on hysteria while being questioned in the chief's office. Twice Edith Williams of New York fainted and had to be taken into an ante-room and resuscitated. After questioning the chorus girls Chief O'Neill talked with Archibald Bernard, the chief electrician.

"If the electric appliances were at fault this man will have a great deal to do with it," the chief said after the interview.

It was agreed that the cases should be continued until tomorrow. The prisoners were returned to their cells. "I would ask that the defendants be kept here and not removed to the county jail," said Mr. Hogan, their counsel. "There are better accommodations at the jail," said the justice. "Unless bail is furnished all will be probably taken there. However, that is a matter the police will have to decide, and is not in my power."

Meantime detectives had brought a score of chorus girls to Assistant Chief Chutler's office in the city hall, together with other theatre company attaches. Eight women and six men were then sent to the Continental Hotel in custody of detectives. All promised not to leave the city.

There was no holiday for Coroner Traeger today. From early morning he and all his deputies and clerks were at work on the myriad details connected with identification of the dead, the issuing of burial permits and the examination of valuables found upon the bodies. Coroner Traeger has begun a systematic inquiry among the smaller hospitals to learn how many victims of the fire have died in their places concerning whose deaths the police have no information. The coroner feels certain that many people rescued by their friends, although badly injured, were taken to private hospitals where they have since died. As they came to their deaths as a result of the fire it is his duty under the law to include them in the list of the victims.

At the various morgues the work of identification went on and the deputy coroners were busy all day issuing burial permits and superintending the removal by undertakers of bodies for which permits had been issued. Owing to the immense draft upon the capacity of undertakers' establishments this work went on slowly notwithstanding every effort was made to hasten it. Every wagon in the city suitable was in service until late tonight removing the dead. Many families to whom

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burial permits were issued yesterday waited in vain until a late hour today for the arrival of the dead relatives, the facilities of the undertaking firms being totally inadequate to the burden suddenly thrust upon them. This incessant work on the part of the coroner and his assistants will continue until the last body has been identified or it is decided to bury the unfortunate as unknown.

Despite the fact that practically all public celebration of New Year's Day was abandoned, including all the society and club events scheduled for last night and today, the theatres failed to rise to the occasion sufficiently to call off the special holiday matinees today. Surprise was expressed by the few pedestrians in down-town streets when they encountered the flaming placards outside the theatres, "Matinee today at 2 o'clock." The argument put forward by the theatre managers was that the New Year matinee had been advertised long before the Iroquois fire and that there had been a large advance sale of seats. Therefore, they declared, it would be unfair to that portion of the public who desired to spend the holiday witnessing a theatrical performance to close the theatres.

AFTER BIG FISH

City Official and Theatrical Managers Charged With Manslaughter

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Warrants charging Harry J. Powers, Will J. Davis, managers of the Iroquois theatre, and Building Commissioner Williams with manslaughter were issued tonight by Justice Underwood on complaint of Arthur E. Hull, whose wife and three children were killed in the Iroquois. The complaint states that these defendants did, wilfully and maliciously cause the death of Helen Hull by failing to provide the proper protection against injury and death by fire in the construction and management of the Iroquois theatre.

Mr. Hull appeared with his attorney, Thomas V. Knight, before Justice Underwood at his home late tonight and signed charges on which the warrants were issued. Word was sent to Managers Davis and Powers and Commissioner Williams that warrants were out for their arrest and that if they would come and give bail they would not be subjected to arrest.

States Attorney Dineen, who told of the filing of the complaint and the issuance of the warrants, said that he would take charge of the case and prosecute it to the full extent of the law.

No more pathetic case than that of the Hull family can be found in that terrible death roll of Wednesday's disaster. His wife, her two little boys and little daughter were overcome in the fire. Mrs. Hull was 35 years old. Her body and that of her son Dwight were found at Jordan's morgue. Helen's and Donald's bodies were found at Gavril's morgue. When Mr. Hull first recovered from the shock of his terrible loss today he decided to act. The arrest of the stage hands and the actors of the company looked to him like a farce. It was the men who were responsible for the action of these subordinates that he thought should be held to account.

Equally bitter is his feeling toward the city officials who, he believed, failed in their duty in permitting the erection of the ill-fated playhouse in violation of the city ordinances. Mr. Hull is secretary of the J. H. Wood Claim and Adjustment Company, with offices in the Monadnock building.

DURHAM SCHOOLS

Reports "how a Flourishing Condition, but Many Children Do Not Attend School"

Durham, N. C., Jan. 1.—Special. Next Monday the schools of the county will open for the spring session. On the same day the board of education will hold one of the most important meetings of the year. At that meeting the funds will be apportioned for the various schools. The apportionment will be somewhat larger than heretofore and will enable the schools to run between eight and nine months.

Prof. C. W. Massey, superintendent of the county schools, is preparing his report to go before the board. This report will show the enrollment of the county schools to be 1,533 in the white schools. The colored attendance has not been made out. Three new school buildings have been completed since the beginning of the fall schools, all in consolidated districts. The number of school houses has been decreased from 49 to 44.

In the county there are 753 families who patronize the schools and 420 who do not send to the schools at all. Those families who do not patronize schools live largely in the cotton mill district. In West Durham there are 162 families who do not send their children to school, in East Durham 140 and at Orange factory 42. This leaves but 76 families in the rural districts who do not send to the schools. In his report Mr. Massey will say that if the law requiring twenty per cent. of attendance before schools can be opened had been complied with three white schools and all colored schools but two would have remained closed until December 1st. This is no unusual circumstance and is the case with each fall session. In fact during the fall session the enrollment increased about two hundred over the enrollment of last year.

BLUEBEARD BENEFIT

Dramatic Talent Will Help Members of the Company

Chicago, Jan. 1.—With the best dramatic talent the city can offer, a benefit performance will be given Monday afternoon at Cleveland's theatre for the members of the "Mr. Bluebeard" Company, who lost much of their property at the Iroquois fire. The performance will begin at noon and keep up until 6 or 7 o'clock in the evening. Actors that have been approached have manifested the greatest desire to take part.

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A Virginia Bachelor Buried His Money in the Smoke House

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Good Cheer for Unemployed

New York, Jan. 1.—It was announced today by the window glass workers' union that district assembly No. 300, Knights of Labor, with which it is affiliated, made an appropriation of \$40,000 to give every member who is out of work \$10 with which to celebrate Christmas and New Year.

Weyler's Campaigns in Cuba

London, Jan. 1.—General Weyler will shortly publish a book entitled "My Military and Political Campaigns in Cuba," according to a special dispatch from Madrid. Two interesting chapters will be headed "My Project for Landing in United States Territory" and "Reasons Why I Was Obligated to Abandon the Project."

UNPARALLELED SUCCESS OF THE NEW YORK LIFE

Last Year's New Paid for Business Shows a Gain of \$23,000,000 Over Previous Year

New York, Jan. 1.—The close of 1903 finds many people expectant as to the reports of the large financial institutions. It has been assumed, with the changes in valuations of the stock and bond list since July first, that there would be considerable marking off in values and in the reduction of surplus holdings. The New York Life Insurance Company is the first of the great corporations to make a statement. The applications for new insurance amounted to \$475,000,000. The new paid-for business accepted by the company for 1903 is \$225,000,000. President McCall states that this last mentioned amount is in excess of the previous year by \$22,000,000. It shows also a gain of over \$190,000,000 in total paid-for insurance outstanding which is stated at one billion seven hundred and forty-five millions in amount covered by 810,000 policies. The income of 1903 is over eighty-seven millions, and is in excess of the income of 1902 by more than eight millions. The company reports also that it does not invest in or loan upon stocks of any kind, and that no credit is taken in assets for the excess of the present market value of securities over their cost value, which excess is over two million dollars. The total resources of the company exceed three hundred and fifty million dollars. Its bond holdings increased in 1903 over thirty millions. The policy reserves, as certified by the state insurance superintendent, and surplus reserves, have been increased during the year by more than thirty-five million dollars.

The various bank and trust company officials predict an easy money market, and the stock and other exchange members appear to be well satisfied that trade stagnation and the doubtful views of business improvement will likewise be cleared away in the early part of the year. The large building and railroad operations held up by strikes and tight money market will, it is believed, be resumed very early in the new year. The government export and import figures would seem to indicate that the total exports will fall a few millions below those of 1903, and be about equal to those of 1901, but materially in excess of those of 1902, while the total imports will exceed those of any preceding year, and, combined with the exports, make the grand total of commerce more than in any preceding year; also that the exports of manufactures will exceed those of 1902 by several millions, but be somewhat below those of the record year 1900, and, perhaps, 1901.

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