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PRESIDENT'S NEW YEARS RECEPTION

Annual Reception to Government Officials, Diplomats and Citizens of Washington

THOUSANDS IN LINE

Setting of Pomp and Magnificence For White House Reception—Thousands of People in Line Early Despite the Weather—Vice-President Sherman First Caller, Followed by Cabinet, Supreme Court, Diplomats, and Long List of Others in Public Life, Then by the General Public.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—Amid a setting of pomp and magnificence, with music of the finest band in the country to lend eclat to the occasion, while rare flowers perfumed the air, President and Mrs. Taft today held their New Year reception at the white house.

Despite the rapidly falling temperature, the gloom and chill of the weather and the wet pavements, it is estimated that there were five thousand persons lined up awaiting their turn at 9 o'clock this morning. It was a long wait, but the cheerful crowd was entertained by the glitter and magnificence of the arriving and departing diplomats and army and navy officers.

The reception at the white house today excelled in brilliance all official functions of the year. The gorgeous uniforms of the diplomatic corps and of the army, the navy, and the marine corps, presented a picture of blended color. The scene inside the white house was a beautiful one. The reception rooms and corridors were lavishly decorated with flowers from the white house conservatory, and with beautiful gowns worn by the women and the brilliant uniforms of the men made a fitting background.

The Marine Band, stationed at the foot of the main stairway, heralded the arrival of the President and Mrs. Taft and the members of the receiving party shortly before 11 o'clock. During the long hours of the reception that followed, the band played constantly.

Receiving with Mrs. Taft was Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. MacVeagh, Mrs. Wickerson, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Ballinger and Mrs. Nagel.

The famous Taft smile first shone for "Sunny Jim" Sherman, vice-president of the United States. It was promptly at 11 o'clock when the two exchanged greetings. Following in quick succession came cabinet officers, justices of the United States supreme court, ambassadors and ministers. Next in line were senators and representatives and then the real show of the reception, the army and navy officers, glittering with gold, lace and medals.

There was a Taft smile for every person in the line; a hearty handshake and a "prosperous New Year."

CALIFORNIA'S NEW REFORM GOVERNOR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 2.—A new era dawned for California today with the inauguration of Hiram Johnson, the new reform governor. If Governor Johnson is successful in the campaign he purposes to wage as executive, he claims that "the interests" meaning the railroads, steamship companies and other powerful corporations will be driven from their control of Golden Gate politics.

Mr. Johnson, who is insurgent even outside of politics, declared against a showy inauguration and taboed the proposed ball, which for many years has been a brilliant social adjunct of the inauguration ceremonies.

Friends and political followers of Mr. Johnson, who are looking into the future, declare that fate may deal him a larger hand in the game of politics. They declare that Mr. Johnson may be nominated for the presidency if the republican insurgents are able to control national affairs two years hence.



Joseph G. Robin, whose financial entanglements resulted in the closing of the Northern Bank of New York, and its nine branches.

or "Happy New Year" for all. "Delighted," long a magic word at the white house, was heard only once, and that was when Attorney General Wickerson, in the early hours of the reception, said something to the president which brought forth the old Rooseveltian exclamation.

The reception was held in the following order, after the vice-president and the cabinet had been greeted:

The chief justice and the associate justices of the supreme court of the United States; the judge of the court of commerce, the judges of the court of custom appeals, the judges of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, former members of the cabinet, ambassadors and ministers of the United States.

Senators, representatives and delegates in congress.

Officers of the army, navy, marine corps, commanding general and staff of the militia of the District of Columbia.

The solicitor general, the assistant attorneys general, assistant secretaries of departments, assistant postmasters general, the regents and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the civil service commission, the tariff board, the railroad securities commission, the isthmian canal commission, the commissioners of the District of Columbia, the treasurer of the United States, the librarian of congress, the public printer, the heads of the bureaus in the several departments and the president of the Columbian Institute of the deaf and dumb.

The various patriotic clubs of the District of Columbia and after the clubs and citizens began to pass in line. Several hours were consumed with them.

There were more new faces among the diplomatic corps than a president of the United States has seen at a New Year's reception in many years. The first to be presented was Baron Hangelmuller, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, who only recently succeeded the Italian ambassador, Baron Des Planches, as dean of the diplomatic corps. Two new ambassadors were Yousuf Zia Pasha, the Turkish ambassador, and archbishop Cusani Confalonieri, the Italian ambassador. Among the ministers appointed since last New Year's day are Senator Justiz, the Cuban minister; Mr. H. H. Byrn, Norwegian minister; Senator Don Juan Rianoy Gayangos, the Spanish minister, and Senator Don Rafael Maria Arizaga, the minister from Ecuador, all were in line.

With the ambassadors and ministers were a large number of attaches who for the first time greeted the president at an official function. A striking example of this is given in the personnel of the Italian embassy, the entire staff of which has been changed in the last year, with the exception of Mr. Roberto Centaro, the second secretary. Among the new attaches of the British embassy were

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MR. GEORGE E. HUNTER

Answered the Summons of Death Early This Morning

Died This Morning at His Residence, 112 West Edenton—Prominent in Business Life of Raleigh—Was Chairman of Democratic County Executive Committee in Last Campaign—Will Be Buried Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mr. George E. Hunter is dead! The entire county mourns the loss of this man. Prominent in the business activities of Raleigh, he was surrounded by a large circle of business associates and numberless friends.

About 4 o'clock this morning Mr. Hunter answered the summons, and his soul passed into the great unknown world beyond. He was 54 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by a widow and three children, George, Louis and Elizabeth. Two brothers, Walter and James, and three sisters, Mrs. E. O. Perry, Mrs. Mary Wilson and Mrs. W. A. Lee, of Wake County, lived in Wake county in 1856. He has lived practically all of his life in the county of his birth, among the people he knew and who knew him, and whom he called his own.

Shortly after the campaign closed in November, Mr. Hunter's health began to fail, taking his bed with what the physicians described as hemorrhage of the brain, caused by much study and constant book work, he was practically confined up to his death. It did not come unexpected, for it has been expected at any time since last Wednesday.

Never holding an elective office, he has ever been a faithful private in the ranks. Last fall he was chosen chairman of the democratic county executive committee, and how well he performed his duties, the result of the election is the result. Against all kinds of odds, he won a magnificent victory for the democratic candidates. He fought hard, but the battle was open and on the level. He did not stoop to the tricks of the demagogues, but his fight was like men with men.

He has been a consistent member of the First Baptist church for a number of years.

For four years he was in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, being in the treasury department. After leaving the railroad service, he was associated with Mr. W. A. Myatt, for about four years. Leaving that firm he went to work for Mr. E. S. Dunn, making the firm of Hunter and Dunn, wholesale grocers, remaining there until the time of his death.

Besides being interested in these firms, he has been associated in one way or another with many concerns. He was a partner in the Hunter Bros. and Brewer Company, a director of the State Penitentiary, also one of the subscribers of the Mechanics National Bank. He was a member of the Order of Knights of Pythias, the Union Order of United American Mechanics and Royal Arcanum.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence. The pall-bearers will be: W. R. Burke, E. S. Dunn, W. N. Jones, T. H. Briggs, Joseph Daniels, J. J. Hunter, J. R. Penney, J. D. Boushail.

The services will be conducted by Rev. Livingston Johnson, assisted by Dr. R. T. Vann.

COLD WAVE COMING.

Freezing Temperature, With Cold Winds and Snow for Eastern Section.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—The cold wave which ushered in the New Year in the Rocky Mountain region, and which reached the Great Lakes today, is rapidly approaching the eastern part of the United States. Freezing temperature, with cold winds and snow is forecast for this section tonight. Florida probably will be visited by the worst of the storm tonight. Fruit growers have been warned and brush fires are being built in the orange groves in the northern part of the state.

Reports received this morning indicate that Texas has felt the worst of the storm so far of any of the southern states. In Montana the mercury is 38 degrees below zero.

The center of the disturbance this morning was estimated to be over Lake Superior. The wind, which is blowing out of the west, is sweeping the entire nation. Its eastern extremity this morning extended along the entire line of the Mississippi valley.

THE WEATHER.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Tuesday: Rain in eastern; rain or snow in western portion tonight; colder, Tuesday, fair, except snow in the mountains; much colder with a cold wave by night; winds becoming northwesterly and brisk to high.



Miss Dorothy Lawson, third daughter of Thomas W. Lawson, the noted financier of Boston, and Henry McCall, son of Congressman Samuel W. McCall, to whom she was recently married in the Lawson home, Dummerston, at Egypt, Mass. The place of the honeymoon has been kept secret.

DIED FROM GRIEF OVER MRS. EDDY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—After a passing away of Mrs. Mary Eddy, Eddy resulted in the death of Captain Joseph S. Eastman of Somerville, one of the early students of the founder of Christian Science, and whose last wish that he be buried at sea in the town of his mother in Mount Auburn Cemetery as possible will be carried out.

For many years Captain Eastman followed the sea. At the age of 21 he was a cabin boy and at 23 captain of a freight steamer. Captain Eastman had returned from the sea when he became a student of Mrs. Eddy 25 years ago. His wife, who was Miss Mary Frances Barry of this city, was his first partner after he completed his course in the Massachusetts Normal physical college founded by Mrs. Eddy and had been a large number of years as a leader. He had a wide-spread reputation among Christian Scientists and treated patients as far away from his home as Constantinople and London. Captain Eastman's health began to fail a week after the death of Mrs. Eddy although up to then he had not been ill. He took to his bed and failed steadily. In his occasional periods of consciousness he talked of being with Mrs. Eddy.

Fought For Woman.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 2.—G. F. Robinson and J. E. Smith fought a duel last night to settle which one should have Mrs. Robinson. Robinson and the woman had been married several years. Smith paid attention to her and it was agreed that the victor in a duel should take her. Robinson is dying and Smith is in jail.

JOHN A. DIX NEW GOVERNOR, N. Y.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—John A. Dix was inaugurated governor of New York today, succeeding Governor White, with imposing ceremonies. In his speech of acceptance Mr. Dix dwelt at length upon the need of public economy in this state, pointing out that the fiscal estimates for the coming year show a deficit of \$13,000,000 for the state.

A salute of nineteen guns, fired by the first battery, field artillery of the national guard, heralded the fact that the grand nephew of General John A. Dix of Civil War fame, had taken the oath of office.

The ceremonies took place in the Assembly room of the legislative building, which was jammed with representatives from all sections of the state. Mr. Dix, accompanied by his military aide and private secretary, rode from his home to the state house in an automobile. Shortly afterwards, the guns, which were planted on the lawn,

JUDGE ADAMS ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIMSELF

Suffering From Nervous Prostration He Slashes His Throat With a Razor

HE WAS AT KEELY

Judge Spencer B. Adams of Greensboro, suffering from mental breakdown, tries to kill himself—Was at Keely and Had Lately Returned From Florida, Where His Actions Denoted Unbalanced Mind—News at Noon Was That He Would Recover.

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 2.—News from Judge Spencer B. Adams at noon is that he is doing fairly well. He attempted suicide last night at 9 o'clock at Keely Institute, where he was a patient for nervous prostration, slashing his throat with a razor, severing half of the windpipes. He had been despondent for some time, but no one expected suicide. He had recently returned from Florida, where his actions excited suspicion and was placed in Keely. Barring complications, it is thought he will recover.

Story of Act.

Following two weeks of unusual actions and symptoms of despondency for one who was universally known for his jovial and happy disposition, ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams last night brought the worst fears of his friends to a grim act of reality when he attempted suicide by slashing his throat with a razor. He was hurriedly carried to St. Leo's Hospital, where his wound was attended by Dr. John A. Williams and Dr. W. J. Meadows.

Utmost Secrecy Maintained.

The attempt at suicide was made between 8 and 9 o'clock last night at the Keely Institute on West Washington street, where Judge Adams has been a patient for the past week. The circumstances leading up to and surrounding the act are not known, the utmost secrecy having been made of the affair by all parties in a position to give details. Only the extent of his wounds and the statement as to his condition could be made public by those in authority to give the actual facts. No motive for the act has been assigned and if any is known it, like the circumstances, is known only to those who were on the scene or who have since had official connection. Intimate friends of Judge Adams, as well as members of the family, declined to discuss the matter with newspaper men or to give any facts relative to the deed or incidents that might have led to it.

Extent of Wounds.

Dr. W. J. Meadows, after attending the wounds, stated that the patient had a good chance for recovery. After repeated efforts and conferences the physicians gave the following facts to the correspondent:

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ELECTION ON LOCAL OPTION IN ONTARIO

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 2.—More than four score municipalities throughout the province of Ontario, including many of the leading cities, are voting today upon the question of local option. The election today brought to a close a bitter campaign which has had Ontario in a furor of excitement from Glengarry county in the extreme east to Essex in the west. The temperance forces, strongly organized, waged an aggressive campaign.

There are 816 municipalities in Ontario with a total of 1,950 licenses. Of these 416 are already dry.

Fire in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—The plant of the Schoen-Porter Fertilizer Company was destroyed by fire early today. Loss \$150,000, fully covered by insurance. One hundred men are temporarily idle.