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1911 FUNCTION IN WHITE HOUSE IS GORGEOUS

ENTIRE AFTERNOON TAKEN UP IN GREETING "COMMON" PEOPLE AT WHITE HOUSE.

GOLD LACE LENDS COLOR

New Year's Reception at White House an Event of Unusual Splendor Today—Vast Number of Dignitaries, Gold Branded and Silk Greet in Annual Government Reception—Poor People Allowed to Enter Later On.

Washington, January 2.—President Taft smiled his New Year's greeting to the world today.

It was the second time the president and Mrs. Taft had acted as host and hostess at that honored function, the White House New Year's reception. In defiance of the weather, crowds gathered outside the White House hours before the buglers of the Marine Band trumpeted the entrance of the Chief Magistrate and the First Lady of the Land to commence the reception of the gilded diplomats, the judiciary and the government officials all of whom were received before the latch was lifted to the common people.

All the World Represented. There was a character for every role in the world drama among the crowd that twisted in a persistent and stamping line from the White House doors down Pennsylvania Avenue. Possessors of shiny elbows jostled bloods in fur-lined overcoats with familiar contemptuousness, matrons of determined physiognomy kept a hawk-like watch for advantageous places in the line. There were lean, there were fat, there were tall, and there were small, in the thousands that came to shake the hand of President Taft and to wish him a Happy New Year.

Bugles Herald President. With the first deep boom of the great hall clock at eleven four buglers stepped out from the band and sounded the Presidential call. The President and Mrs. Taft appeared at the top of the broad winding stair and came down to receive the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman, and the members of the cabinet and their wives. The party then moved to the southern end of the Blue room, where the President and Vice-President and the cabinet members formed a receiving line and the ladies took up their places to the right of them. Then commenced the reception of the diplomatic corps.

Most gorgeous Spectacle in 1911. This is one of the most gorgeous spectacles that the National Capital witnesses in the entire year. Bedecked and beribboned with the orders of their monarchs, in all the splendor of their court costumes, the representatives of the foreign nations filed past the President. It was a brilliant panoply of colors—of red and gold and blue, scintillating here and there with the shining helmets of the Germans and the silks of the Oriental ambassadors and ministers. The ambassadors were led by Baron Hongelmüller von Hongervar, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, who, since the last New Year's reception has succeeded to the rank of dean of the diplomatic corps. Following him came the ambassadors arranged according to their seniority—those most recently accredited to the United States coming last in line. The last ambassador in line was Marchese Cusani Confalonieri, the newly appointed Italian Ambassador. Following him were the charges d'affaires of the Brazilian and Chilean embassies, the representatives of those countries having died in the past year.

and no successors having as yet been sent by their governments.

After the ambassadors came the ministers, headed by Señor Don Joaquín Bernardo Calvo, the Costa Rican Minister, who has been for years dean of the ministerial contingent. The last in this line was Mr. H. H. Byrn, Minister from Norway, who was presented to the president only a few weeks ago. Each ambassador and minister was accompanied by his wife and the members of his suite.

White Leads Justices. Before the last diplomat had passed from sight the new Chief Justice of the United States, Edward Douglass White led the associate justices of the supreme court into the receiving room. They were followed by other members of the judiciary, among them the judges of the new courts of Commerce and Customs Appeals. Then the President shook hands with the senators and representatives who remained in Washington during the holidays. There were only a few of them.

The congressional delegation marked the end of the first part of the reception. The buglers again stepped from their places with the band, and sounded another spirited fanfare, as the doors opened to the army, navy and marine corps—all in their full dress uniforms. Every military officer on duty in Washington was there, and the gold lace of their uniforms

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EXPLOSION AT MILL MAY BE FATAL ONE

ALBERT HANSON, EMPLOYE, STILL UNCONSCIOUS FROM BLOW.

Explosion Throws Workman Against Boiler With Great Force.

Unconscious as the result of an explosion in the boiler room of the Perry sawmill, Albert Hanson, a young employee of the Perry mill lies at the Grande Ronde hospital hovering between life and death, and it will require about twenty-four hours to determine his fate. The accident is the result of a bursted water heater in the mill power house where Hanson and several others were either working on some frozen pumps or lounging in the room. The explosion was so severe that it threw Hanson against the boiler, fracturing his skull and causing concussion of the brain. Others were thoroughly soaked and frightened and James Smith was slightly injured.

Dr. Mollitor was called to Perry in all possible haste and under his supervision, Hanson was brought to La Grande on the morning train and later moved to the hospital where he is still unconscious.

Hanson is the son of the saw filer at Perry and is unmarried. The frozen water pipes and pumps were the chief cause of the accident. The sudden cold snap caught the working apparatus and it was while working with the pumps that the explosion occurred. Manager Stoddard has exerted every possible effort to insure the man's recovery, if such a thing is possible.

BRIDE AND GROOM DEAD.

Chewing Gum Thought to Have Imparted Death to Happy Couple.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 2.—Believing Grace Elosser and Charles Twigg were murdered the police today began an investigation of the couple's death who were found seated side by side in the girl's home Saturday night. The investigation shows death was due to cyanide poisoning and it was believed it was injected into the chewing gum, some of which was found in Twigg's mouth. The couple were to have been married yesterday. The police don't believe it was suicide, but believe some one put the poison in the gum which Twigg carried.

NEW CHIEF JUSTICE, EDWARD DOUGLAS WHITE.



Justice White played an important part in the gorgeous New Year Function at the White House today. Then too, of course, Judge White is the first Democrat to gain such high distinction as was recently his, by a Republican administration.

CABOOSE LIFTED NEW EXPRESS ON COAL CAR BY WRECK BUILDING FOR THIS CITY

REAR END SET-TO THROWS CABOOSE ON NEXT CAR.

Little Harm Done to Traffic in Pleasant Valley Smashup.

To lift a caboose from the rear end of an east bound train and plant it squarely and fairly on the next car ahead, was the feat of a rear-end collision at Pleasant Valley yesterday. None were hurt.

The freight train was running down the hill when the engine ran into a couple of torpedoes and in applying breaks the engineer stopped his train rather suddenly. A helper engine following down and unaware of the sudden stop, smashed into the caboose, pushing it bodily on the next car ahead, a coal car. So complete was the "lift" that the caboose could be hauled to La Grande on the coal car. The wrecker was called to the scene and picked up a couple of trucks and other debris which for a short time only blocked traffic.

SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT.

Council Meets to Make Transfer of Administration and Routine Matter.

The old council gives way tonight to the new administration and Mayor A. L. Richardson's message will likely be read at this meeting. Appointment of officials to fill the appointive offices will be made and action to ratify taken. Little else will be done.

Perry, wife of a peddler was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital where she gave birth to a nine pound baby boy two hours later. Both are doing well and the woman is recovering. News of the event became known today when the police was asked to find the reveler who shot through the window.

HAWLEY SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR

Storey of Ada County Elected Speaker of Idaho's House Today.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 2.—Without the least semblance of ceremony, James Hawley was sworn in as governor today. Idaho is under a Democratic administration the first time since 1901. The house and senate, all safely Republican, convened at noon today to perfect its organization and then adjourned until tomorrow. Charles Storey of Ada county, was elected speaker.

Lorimer Matter Revived.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A vote on the resolution declaring the seat of Senator Lorimer vacant is assured in the senate, according to today's indications. If Senators Beveridge and Frazier submit a minority report from the Lorimer investigation a resolution will probably accompany it. If none of the others introduce a resolution, Borah of Idaho will.

EMPTY AIRCRAFT DRAPED; BIRD MEN SAD

LOS ANGELES AVIATION MEET COMES TO CLOSE EARLY.

Thousands View Remains of Moissant Before He is Laid to Rest.

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—Birdmen gathered at Dominguez field, seemed relieved today as this is the last day they will be compelled to fly where Hoxsey plunged to his death Saturday. The meeting adjourned one day early to permit Hoxsey's hosts of friends and aviators to attend his funeral at Pasadena. The aviators were more listless today than yesterday. There was nothing spectacular and only short flights were attempted. Many aviators, among them Knabenshue, Wright, Latham and Curtis believe that a sudden sickness, probably "mountain sickness, which sometimes affects aviators, caused the Hoxsey accident.

Thousands See Moissant Remains.

New Orleans, Jan. 2.—Thousands visited the receiving vault at Metairie cemetery today where Bobby Moissant the aviator, was laid to rest temporarily, Saturday. The body will be removed soon and taken to Chicago and buried. He was born in Chicago. The ceremony yesterday was simple. Moissant's comrades were honorary pall bearers.

Pasadena, Jan. 2.—An unusual tribute was paid to Moxsey, the dead aviator in the tournament rose parade today. He was to have ridden in the floral parade seated in an aeroplane with which he won the world's record, but the aeroplane was entered on a float today and the draped seat was vacant.

WANT MACHU DYNASTY DOWNED

Young China Society in America to Help Accomplish It.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—A nation wide campaign to raise funds to accomplish the overthrow of the Manchurian dynasty in China was started today by San Francisco members of the Young China society. There are 600 members in San Francisco and that many more throughout California who pledged themselves to give freely. The campaign will be carried on in all parts of the United States. The purpose is to raise a million dollars.

COLD WAVE GRIPS MIDDLEWEST DISTRICT

STORMS WORK EAST WITH ORIGIN ABOUT DENVER AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

REACHED FOUR ABOVE HERE

Low Thermometer Records Recorded in Various States in the Midwest—Poor Suffering Intensely—One Man Frozen to Death—Nebraska, Michigan and Dakotas Seem to Suffer Most—Trains Stalled Often.

Touching four above zero, according to the readings of Government Weather Observer Worstell, last night inaugurated the winter's cold weather, and like a year ago, the winter cold snap commences with the new year. A year ago the coldest weather of the year was registered on January 2. Not alone is La Grande in the grip of winter, but it is evidently lashing by the outer edges of a storm that is sweeping the central western country, but principally through the Mississippi valley. Mercury has dropped in a vast area east of the Rockies and in the Rockies. The snowfall of last Saturday is being retained today though the mercury has risen rapidly since morning. The weather forecasts a drop tonight again, and frozen water-pipes in residences caught unawares will precipitate that "annual" horror, so excruciatingly distasteful to La Grande citizens, who are unprepared for near-zero weather.

Denver, Jan. 2.—A blizzard beginning on New Year's day still holds the middle west today. Snow, wind, and bitter cold extends from Denver to St. Louis, and it also sweeps Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska and the Dakotas. The wires are down, traffic is delayed, and the temperature has dropped in Kansas fifty degrees, and throughout the central west 20 to 30 degrees. Many Nebraskan points are ten below zero this morning. A number of trains are reported stalled in the snow near Sioux City, Iowa, and in Wyoming there is a heavy snow gale and high winds in Kansas. It is five degrees below zero in Denver and ten below in Cheyenne.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—A blizzard, unparalleled in recent years, is moving eastward through the central west, and leaving stalled trains and prostrated wires in its wake.

The storm center is over Michigan and it is expected the chill winds will reach the Atlantic states tonight. The poor are suffering from the intense cold. Wm. Thomas was frozen to death at Fargo, North Dakota where it was 18 below zero.

At Minneapolis the mercury was 8 below. Trains are stalled and there is little traffic moving in and out of the city. A few trains managed to get in at a late hour. The storm swept Illinois at Springfield with zero weather and snow.

SPIES ARRESTED LAST YEAR.

Two Japanese Taken in Custody Last September but Released.

Washington, Jan. 2.—That military and naval authorities in the Philippines knew last September that Japanese spies were active in the archipelago is the statement today by Assistant Attorney General Villamour of the Philippine government. He said last September two Japanese spies were arrested. They had maps of the Islands and of Manila harbor and its fortifications. Arrests were known in Washington but there was no law to hold them so they were released. There is no doubt but Japanese are familiar with the details of the fortifications.