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20TH CENTURY.Brilliant Reception by the President of the
Great Republic Surpasses All
Previous Events.

Washington, Jan. 1.—In the long line of New Year's receptions at the White House, none, perhaps, was more brilliant than the one which today ushered in the twentieth century. And perhaps no feature of it was so universally gratifying to the distinguished throng which came to extend the greetings of the new year to the chief executive of the Republic as the fact that the mistress of the White House was able to participate in the happy occasion and, with the President, receive the felicitations and well wishes of all.

The day has dawned dull and gray, but the air was soft and balmy. Towards 11 o'clock when the reception opened the sun burst through the mist and clouds, brightening the white walls and pillars of the historic old mansion until it shone like alabaster and touched the stripes of the glorious American flag that floated above it with streaks of flame.

A STIRRING SCENE.

The grounds of the mansion presented a stirring scene as the carriages began to arrive and the long line of army and naval officers in full uniform formed to the left of the massive portico. Within, under the glow of myriads of electric lights, which were reflected in the happy faces of the shifting throng, all was brilliancy. The Marine band, stationed under the stairway, discoursed national airs and lively marches throughout the ceremony.

The members of the cabinet and their wives, together with the ladies of the receiving party, were the first to arrive. They laid aside their wraps in the state dining room and went to the President's room, where they exchanged greetings with Mr. and Mrs. McKinley. The ladies of the receiving party entered the red and blue parlors and took their places behind the line.

Meantime the ambassadors and ministers of foreign countries with the attendants of the various legations in their gorgeous and resplendent court uniforms, had gathered in the state dining room. Promptly at 11 o'clock the bugles sounded the approach of the presidential party and, led by Col. Bingham, the master of ceremonies, and Major McCauley, of the Marine corps, the President and Mrs. McKinley descended the main staircase, followed by the members of the cabinet and their wives.

"HAIL TO THE CHIEF!"

As the party passed along to the receiving room the President reflected in his smiling face his health and happiness. He bowed repeatedly to the crowds assembled in the corridors,

greeting many of them with well wishes of the day. Mrs. McKinley also bestowed her gracious greetings upon many in the throng, and when three sweet-faced children near the front chipped a "Happy New Year" to the first lady of the land, she took a handful of buds from her exquisite bouquet of white roses and tossed them to the children. The party passed into the blue parlor and took their places, while the full Marine band burst forth with the stirring strains of "Hail to the Chief!"

LEADERS OF SOCIETY.

In addition to the ladies of the cabinet, the following ladies were invited to occupy places behind the line and nearly all of them were present: The Misses Hay, Miss Cox, Miss Root, the Misses Griggs, Misses Hitchcock, Miss Catlin, Miss McKittick, Mrs. Abner McKinley, Mrs. George B. Cortelyou, Miss Hinds, Mrs. T. A. Bingham, Mrs. David J. Hill, Mrs. F. W. Hackett, Mrs. J. K. Richardson, Mrs. Fuller, the Misses Fuller, Mrs. Aubrey, Miss Wallace, Mrs. Harlan, the Misses Harlan, Mrs. Gray, Miss Trewer, Mrs. Kierick, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Sherris, Mrs. White, Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. McKenna, the Misses McKenna, Mrs. M. A. Hanna, the Misses Hanna, Miss Phelps, Mrs. J. C. Burrows, Mrs. S. M. Culom, Miss Ridgely, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Chas. W. Fairbanks, Mrs. J. K. Jones, the Misses Kean, Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, Mrs. A. P. Gardner, Mrs. James McMillan, Miss McMillan, the Misses Morgan, Mrs. O. P. Platt, Mrs. T. C. Platt, Mrs. Redfield Proctor, Miss Proctor, Mrs. Henry M. Teller, Mrs. Jos. B. Foraker, the Misses Foraker, Mrs. Wm. D. Bate, Mrs. Eugene Hale, Mrs. D. B. Henderson, Mrs. John Dalzell, Mrs. Charles H. Grosvenor, Mrs. S. E. Payne, Mrs. George W. Steele, Mrs. Robert R. Hitt, Miss Richardson, Mrs. J. H. Ketcham, Miss Ketcham, Miss Wilson, Mrs. W. S. Kerr, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. N. N. Cox, Miss Cox, Mrs. J. C. Shibley, Miss Shibley, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Miss Waller, Mrs. George M. Sternberg, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. P. M. Rixey, Mrs. English, Mrs. W. K. Van Rypen, Miss Van Rypen, Mrs. U. E. Grant, Mrs. Sartoris, the Misses Sartoris, Mrs. Philip Sheridan, the Misses Sheridan, Mrs. Daniel Manning, Mrs. Charles B. Dwyer, Mrs. Harriet Lane, Johnston, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. J. Staniel Brown, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. James G. Blaine, Mrs. H. S. Beale, Mrs. Emmons Blaine, Mrs. Buckingham, Mrs. S. Rand, Mrs. Nicholas Anderson, Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. George Fabry, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. H. O. Heitland, Mrs. Henry Matthews, Mrs. Leiter, the Misses Leiter, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. H. B. McFarland, the Misses Ross, Mrs. Tennyrose, Mrs. H. L. Beach.

QUAY IS A SAFE WINNER.

Ex-Senator's Forces Carry Both Branches of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

The Majority in the House is 1, and in the Senate 23.—Opening Work Today.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Both branches of the Pennsylvania legislature met in biennial session today at noon, and the feature of the occasion was the battle between the Quay Republicans and the allied forces of the anti-Quay Republicans and Democrats of the house, resulting in a victory for the Quay forces. William T. Marshall of Allegheny was the choice of the Quay forces for speaker, while the Democrats and anti-Quay Republicans were lined up for Gen. Wm. H. Koons of Somerset, an anti-Quay Republican. The membership of the house is 203, there being a vacancy in the Sixteenth (Pa.) district. Of these, 14 are Republicans, 189 are Democrats.

Senator Snyder, of Chester county, was the choice of the Quay faction for president of the senate, and was elected by a vote of 36 to 13 for Senator Nidger, Democrat, of Cumberland.

After passing the usual routine resolutions, and appointing committees to wait on the governor and the senate with the information that the house was organized and ready for business, a recess was taken until 4 p. m.

In the house the proceedings began with the formal swearing in of the members, after which the roll call showed three absentees. Nominations for speaker being in order the names of Mr. Marshall and Gen. Koons were presented. As the voting proceeded it was seen that the vote would be close, and it was announced as 100 for Marshall and 99 for Koons. Four Democrats voted for Marshall.

Killed a Burglar.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 1.—While attempting to force an entrance into Cole Bros' lighting and warehouse last night, Thomas Walker, alias Skippy, alias Drake, well known to the police as a crook, was shot and killed almost instantly by Harry F. Kretzer, who was taken to the four courts and later released on \$10,000 bonds, says the warehouse of Cole Bros had been robbed fourteen times in the past two years and considerable valuable material taken.

Why He Resigned.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—The resignation of Bishop H. M. Turner as president of the college of African Methodist Episcopal bishops was announced today on account of a disagreement. It is understood, regarding assignments given certain bishops.

Newspaper Man Dead.

Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Ebenzer P. Upham, a former publisher of the Jamestown Journal, the Dubuque (Ia.) Times, Des Moines Register, Chicago Inter-Ocean and the Industrial World of Chicago, and for a great many years partner of Frank W. Palmer, the present governor, died at his home in this city last night, aged 72.

"GOOD MORNING TO ALL—I'M THE TWENTIETH CENTURY!"

1901 Enters the Swirl of Cosmic Affairs Freightened With Responsibility, Not Only For Him self, But For the Next Ninety-Nine Years.



Enter, innocent of guile and bearing good will upon all mankind, the spirit of the twentieth century. He is a very small boy so far; the poets and other prophets tell us he will be a giant in achievement. With hat in hand, and a pleasant face, he wishes all mankind a "Happy New Year!"

OF THE PEA SOUP VARIETY

Dense Fog that Envelops the City of London in Darkness.

Place Where Pedestrians Climb Lamp Posts to Discover Their Light—Floods Claim Victims.

London, Jan. 1.—Dense fog, of what is called the pea soup variety and the worst in several years, covered the whole of London district, seriously interfering with traffic of all kinds today. Even pedestrians have difficulty in finding their destinations.

The water in the lower part of Bath is 14 feet deep, and the tops of cottages are just appearing above the waste. Boats have been kept busy rescuing the inhabitants of the place from the water. Four deaths from drowning are reported.

Thousands have been rendered idle through the closing of innuited works. In some districts trains were held up all night out of the reach of assistance.

British Capture Prisoners.

London, Jan. 1.—Gen. Kitchener has telegraphed to the war office as follows:

"Pretoria, Dec. 31.—Gen. Knox, who has been following up Gen. De Wet, reports that he has captured some horses. Five wagons, with supplies, and 4,000 rounds of ammunition. He has released and allowed to go to their farms 76 Boer prisoners, who were taken at De Wet's laager, and who were being forced to fight."

"Gen. French recently captured 12 prisoners and a large quantity of carts and cattle. Among the prisoners was a dispatch rider bearing a letter from Beyers to Smuts."

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Czar Compliments Troops.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—At Livadia the czar yesterday reviewed the Russian troops that have returned from China. His majesty passed in front of the detachments and then ordered a march past. As each company passed, the czar thanked them for their services. Dinner was served to the soldiers in their barracks where the czar passed about from one table to another, addressing remarks to individual soldiers. Subsequently holding aloft a glass of brandy, his majesty addressed the troops as follows:

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MANILA SEES A
GREAT RECEPTION

Thousands of Natives at the New Year's Greeting by Americans.

FIRST OFFICIAL SOCIAL.

Another Indication of Improving Conditions in the Philippines—Judge R. W. Young There.

Manila, Jan. 1.—If President McKinley's New Year's reception proves greater than that of Gen. MacArthur, it will not be the fault of the people of Manila. This reception was the first official social function at which the Americans and Filipinos have mingled in a social way. For three hours a stream of vehicles wound through the grounds of the governor-general's residence, and discharged their callers—official and civilian—most of them natives, though there was a sprinkling of foreigners. The American flag, branches of pine flowers and vines predominated in the decorations throughout the mansion.

Admiral Remy received the callers by the side of Gen. MacArthur, and the wives of several generals assisted. The introductions were made by Gen. MacArthur's staff, assisted by the members of the staff of Admiral Remy. The callers, after having been introduced, passed out upon a broad balcony overlooking the Pasig river, and a majority of them lingered about the mansion until the ceremonies were finished.

Archbishop Chapelle, the apostolic delegate to the Philippines, and other church dignitaries, were received first. The members of the Philippine commission and the judges appeared in mission and the judges appeared in black frock coats, and their attire formed a decided contrast to the white and gold uniforms of the officers of the army and navy. The Filipino women wore elaborate native costumes and conversed affably in Spanish.

Stonecutters' Law is Void.

New York, Jan. 1.—By an opinion by the appellate division yesterday, the statute of 1885, known generally as the "Stonecutters' Law," is held to be unconstitutional. The statute enacted five years ago required that all stone used in municipal work in this State except paving blocks and crushed stones, should be worked and crushed within the boundaries of the State.

The opinion was based upon an action brought in the supreme court by Ralph J. Frost, a contractor, to obtain \$2,215 as an installment on sewer work. Comptroller Coker declined to pay on the ground that Frost was not using stone cut in this State, and he was sustained by the lower court.

The relator contended that "the stone law" was in contravention of the commerce law and of the Constitution of the United States, and therefore void. He also alleged that the clause in the contract inserted in pursuance of the statute to carry out its provision was in conflict with the act of Congress of July 1, 1890, declaring illegal various contracts, combinations or conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce among the several States. He made the further claim that the statute is in conflict with the State constitution and the 14th amendment of the United States Constitution.

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GLOOMY FROM
GREAT BRITAIN.

Last Day of a Disagreeable and Disappointing Year Was Depressing.

BITTER DREGS IN THE CUP.

Damage by Floods—Disaster in War—Bad Management, and Other Grave Misfortunes.

New York, Jan. 1.—A special to the Tribune from London says:

The last day of a disagreeable and disappointing year was most depressing. Floods were clapping their hands north and south and west from unceasing rains, and the Birmingham canal was breaking hose in Staffordshire and causing great havoc. The war news was bad, and the war office management was worse. Additional details of the British reverse at Helvelth, shows that a famous fighting regiment, bearing the names of glorious battlefields on its colors, had been surprised at night when strongly entrenched and had lost one of its best guns in surrendering it to the Boers. The commander of the Boers invariably release their prisoners does not render such incidents less humiliating to British pride. The bitter dregs of the cup for English lips throughout the campaign have been the evil tidings that their best battalions have been captured, taken off their guard and captured with their guns, and there was a draught of this kind to leave a bad taste in the mouth at the end of the year.

There was also a general feeling of exasperation over a fresh scandal, almost as bad as the publication of the Spink-up dispatches, which would inevitably involve the laundrying of military reputations under the public pump. Gen. Colville confirmed the general impression that he was seeking a trial by newspapers by issuing yesterday a second statement and then reserving his case until Lord Roberts' return. Military men shrug their shoulders over his unprofessional conduct in getting the public ear for himself and scattering broadcast insinuations against the general staff when Lord Roberts is nearing the coast of England. They are inclined to say with Corporal Brewster: "It would not have been done in the days of the Duke."

The spirit and eagerness of his defense are commended, but veterans consider it the worst possible military form for Colville to rush into print as though he were convinced that the case against him had been closed and that he could not expect justice from the war office.

Mr. Broderick also is sharply criticized for reverting Lord Lansdowne's ruling, but these attacks are premature. It is not yet known whether Lord Roberts' report upon the Lindsey affair was filed before or after Lord Lansdowne left the war office. Mr. Broderick's friends say that he has not made any attack upon the court, since Gen. Colville has no special influence there, although he has a strong circle of influential friends in the West End and is a guardian general.

Dr. Pearson's Great Gifts.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Dr. D. K. Pearson completed his great benefactions for the nineteenth century—amounting to more than \$2,500,000, by making a check to Charleston College, Northfield, Minn. The last donation makes a total of \$2,500,000 which Dr. Pearson has given to the Minnesota institution. He also gave a check for \$25,000 to Frederick W. Coombs, treasurer of Lake Forest University. This gift was on a promise made last February, when Dr. Pearson offered \$25,000 on condition that \$100,000 be raised for the university endowment fund. By Saturday night \$100,000 had been obtained, and the remaining \$150,000 was raised by collections in the Presbyterian churches of Chicago on Sunday. The endowment fund now amounts to \$725,000 of which Dr. Pearson has given \$125,000. The trustees of the university will attempt to raise \$100,000 for new buildings, to be expended as follows: Gymnasium for the academy, \$20,000; science buildings for the university, \$40,000; recitation building for Perry Hall seminary, \$40,000.

His Jokes Have an End.

London, Jan. 1.—Sir John Tenniel's final cartoon will appear tomorrow in Punch, when he will retire after fifty years' connection with the paper.

Killed on the Railway.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—J. W. Bell, engineer, was killed, and John Scott, fireman, fatally injured by the derailment of a Chicago & Northwestern locomotive at Burlington, near here, today. The engine ran off the turn-table and tumbled into the pit beneath.