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BRYANS ENTERTAIN DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT HOME RECEPTION

Ambassadors and Ministers Are Guests of Secretary of State at Buffet Breakfast.

DECORATIONS SEMI-TROPICAL
Pineapple and Grape Juice Punch Are on Menu.

ARMY AND NAVY RECEPTIONS
Secretaries Garrison and Daniels Keep Open House.

MISS CLARK MAKES DEBUT
Only Daughter of Speaker and Wife Makes Her Formal Bow to Society at Elaborate Reception Given by Parents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—New Year's day in the capital passed over without a reception since the first days of President Monroe.

In the absence of President Wilson taking a holiday vacation in the south a breakfast to the diplomatic corps by Secretary and Mrs. Bryan was the principal social function of the day. More than 300 guests gathered with the secretary of state at his home. Practically all the ambassadors, ministers and members of the embassy and legation staffs with the women of their families were present. The central and south American countries were brilliantly represented.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison kept open house all day and much of the splendor and brilliancy which usually attends the visit of army and navy officers to the White House was transferred to their homes. One of the largest receptions of the day was at Speaker Clark's home where Miss Genevieve, the only daughter of the Speaker and Mrs. Clark, made her formal bow to society.

Informality Feature.
The informality of the Bryan breakfast was a feature, none of the members of the diplomatic corps appeared in uniform, but the sombre conventional garb of the men and many handsome gowns of the women presented a brilliant scene none the less, against the setting Secretary and Mrs. Bryan had prepared for the affair.

The dining room was made to resemble an orange grove and the drawing was similarly decorated. From their winter home at Miami, the Secretary and Mrs. Bryan had brought large quantities of pineapples, smilax and other semi-tropical plants.

There was no formal reception. The Secretary and Mrs. Bryan stood near the door and wished all "a happy New Year." When the moment for entering the breakfast room arrived, Ambassador Jusserand, as dean of the corps, gave Mrs. Bryan his arm and Secretary Bryan escorted Madame Jusserand.

The breakfast was given in buffet style. Pineapples and grape juice punches were served and there were no wines.

In addition to the foreign attaches in Washington the affair today was attended by officials of the Pan-American union, members of the foreign relations committee of congress and the assistant secretaries of state.

Mummers Parade in Philadelphia.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Philadelphia's ancient and honorable carnival of pompous majesty and fun, the parade of mummies or "New Year's shooters," was held today and it surpassed all previous attempts to entertain the people on the first day of the new year. Ten thousand men in fancy and grotesque costumes paraded the principal streets, while hundreds of thousands stood along the curbs and applauded their favorites.

So keen has been the rivalry among the various clubs and associations which participated in the parade that some of them spent thousands of dollars on gorgeous robes and costumes of satin and brocade. The city offered prizes aggregating \$5,000.

Reception at Albany, N. Y.
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The customary New Year's reception in the state capitol was not held today. Instead the governor and Mrs. Glynn received the public at the executive mansion. They were assisted by Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, and other distinguished guests who are here for the inauguration tomorrow of Dr. John H. Finley as state commissioner of education.

Summer Weather in Denver.
DENVER, Jan. 1.—Denver celebrated New Year's with summer weather which abruptly terminated an unusually cold spell that had lasted for several days. At 2 o'clock this morning the temperature was officially recorded at 57, exactly the average minimum for July for the last three years. Huge banks of snow are

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The Weather

Precipitation for Nebraska—Moderate to brisk north winds Friday with snow flurry; much colder Friday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours	Deg.
6 a. m.	29
7 a. m.	29
8 a. m.	29
9 a. m.	29
10 a. m.	29
11 a. m.	29
12 m.	29
1 p. m.	29
2 p. m.	29
3 p. m.	29
4 p. m.	29
5 p. m.	29
6 p. m.	29

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	29	1912	31	1910	35
Lowest yesterday	27	1912	24	1910	23
Mean temperature	28	1912	28	1910	30
Precipitation	0.00	1912	0.00	1910	0.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	32	
Excess for the day	-3	
Total excess since March 1	-94	
Normal precipitation	52 inch	
Deficiency for the year	4.23 inches	
Total rainfall since March 1	23.70 inches	
Deficiency since March 1	4.23 inches	
Deficiency for the period	1912, 1913, 1914	10.23 inches

indicates below zero.

TO CONSTRUCT TAFT'S ORDER

U. S. Supreme Court Will Take Up Important Case.

GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM ON LAND Right to Vast Acreage in Wyoming and California Will Be Tested in Case Soon to Come Before Tribunal.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A most important case to the entire west will be taken up in the United States supreme court early in January. It is the case of the United States versus the Midwest Oil company and others and involves the validity of an order made by President Taft, September 27, 1909, withdrawing from location or entry large areas of petroleum lands belonging to the United States in Wyoming and California.

The purpose of the withdrawal was to reserve an adequate supply of fuel oil for the future use of the navy and to aid proposed legislation, whereby it was expected that important changes would be made in the terms upon which petroleum deposits could be acquired by private interests.

The order was made at a time when much excitement had developed, particularly in California, over the strikes which had been made in oil. There was a strong speculative movement to gain control of large areas of public land demonstrated, or probable value for petroleum, and many locations of such lands were being made under the petroleum laws, which does not limit the number of claims which an individual or a corporation may locate.

The president's order was very generally disregarded, and much of the land included, particularly those portions known to be of high value, have since been entered upon and are now being claimed by various individuals and corporations. The value of the subject-matter dependent upon the decision in this case is very great. The defendants contend that the order of the president was void because at the time when it was made there was no statute which expressly authorized the president to withdraw the lands. It is the government's contention that the practice of making such withdrawals for public purposes is of long standing, and has frequently been recognized by acts of congress as legal; that the existence of this authority is not inconsistent with the petroleum mining law, and that the exercise of it is justified on constitutional grounds.

The present case arose in Wyoming, but the principles which control it will control the cases in California as well.

Rush for Licenses Before Eugenic Law Becomes Effective

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 1.—A rush to evade the new eugenics marriage law, effective today, made yesterday the busiest day on record for the Milwaukee county marriage license clerks. At the regular closing time eighty-four licenses had been issued and the office was so crowded with applicants that it was decided to issue licenses until midnight.

The new law requires a thorough medical examination of both applicants for a license. It also stipulates that only \$5 shall be charged by physicians for making the examination. Many doctors have declared they will not make this necessary tests for this fee.

Fear that county officials will refuse to issue licenses unless the medical certificate states that comprehensive blood tests have been made caused the record number of permits in the closing days of the year. Reports from the other counties in the state agree that an unprecedented number of permits have been granted.

CITIES OF WEST SHOW BANK CLEARINGS GAINS

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Bank clearings in Minneapolis for 1913 showed an increase of \$130,180,700.44. The total for 1913 was \$1,182,224,055.30.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—Detroit bank clearings for 1913 broke all local records with a total of \$1,331,003,256. This was an increase of \$208,035,335 over last year.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—Bank clearings here set a new record in 1913, it was announced today, when the totals for the year were given as \$1,201,014.84, against \$1,159,397,623.84 for 1912.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Bank clearings here for the year 1913 established a new record with a total of \$2,560,262,611, which was an increase of \$27,234,606 over 1912.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 31.—St. Paul bank clearings for 1913 amounted to \$699,515,662.10. Last year's clearings established a record by aggregating \$679,166,733.85. Bankers declare that bank mergers out down the figures this year.

SECRETARY AND MRS. BRYAN TO ENTERTAIN DIPLOMATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—New Year's day in the capital will be observed without many of the official functions which generally mark it as a day of brilliant social events. President Wilson's absence has eliminated the principal feature, the White House reception.

Tomorrow's principal event of official color will be a breakfast to the diplomatic corps in the Hall of the Americas at the Pan-American Union building given by Secretary and Mrs. Bryan. Most cabinet members will be in the city, dining with their friends or families.

TAXATION AND GOOD ROADS WILL BE CONSIDERED

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Taxation and good roads problems will be discussed at length during the sessions of organized agriculture in Lincoln, January 15-21.

The farmers of the state will be urged to express their views on these subjects. The State Tax commission have announced that they will hold sessions at the state house Thursday, January 22, at 9 a. m. and Friday, January 23, at 9 a. m. Farmers are invited to attend.

FRIENDS FIGHT DUEL; ROW ABOUT LANDLADY

Pals of Years Battle with Rifle and Revolver Because of Taxi Ride.

ONE OF THEM LEFT RYND Other Gets in Taxi, Shoots Landlady, Wife.

Seven Shots Fired and Combatant May Lose Arm.

EMBRACE AND SHAKE HANDS

Mrs. Wilma Lehn, Who is Mixed Up in Affair, Says There Was No Room for Both Men in Machine.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 1.—Armed, one with a rifle and the other with a revolver, John Liebe and Carl Marquardt, fast friends for years, fought a duel in their rooming house today after quarreling because Marquardt had ridden home from a New Year celebration in a taxi-cab with Mrs. Wilma Lehn, their landlady, and had left Liebe behind.

The men fired seven shots in all and Liebe is in the hospital with a shattered arm, which may have to be amputated. After the shooting the men embraced and shook hands, declaring they had no further cause to quarrel.

Marquardt took Liebe to the hospital, after which he went to bed and slept until he was awakened by the police. Mrs. Lehn explained she wanted to take both men in the taxi, but there was not room.

J. B. Ruth, Former Manager of Standard Oil in State, Is Dead

John B. Ruth, died Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, aged 77 years. He had been failing for two years past, but death was due at last to old age.

Mr. Ruth will be remembered as the manager of the Standard Oil company in Nebraska for a great many years. He came here in that capacity in 1890 from Cedar Rapids and Davenport, Ia., where he had been manager for the company. He continued as manager of the Standard's business in this state until five or six years ago, when he retired from business. He was a very genial man, always ready to help others, and was well liked by everybody who knew him, and was said to have been one of the best and most successful managers the Standard had in the country.

Mr. Ruth was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 7, 1836, and when a boy moved to Erie, Pa., which place remained his home until shortly before his coming to Omaha. His first wife, Mrs. Abigail Ruth, died in Omaha in 1901, and he was again married in 1909 to Mrs. Lizzie C. Morton of Omaha, who survives him. Mr. Ruth is also survived by two sons and a daughter, G. H. Ruth of Marshalltown, Ia., one of the proprietors of the Marshall Oil company of Iowa, doing business in several states; H. G. Ruth of Flint, Mich., who is a salesman for the Standard Oil company in Michigan; and Mrs. Frank L. McCoy, wife of the attorney, who resides at 1516 South Twenty-ninth street, where Mr. Ruth died and from whose home he will be buried.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, but the hour has not yet been fixed. Mr. Ruth had been a soldier in the Union army and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was for many years a member and elder in the Westminster Presbyterian church and for the last few years had been a member of the North Presbyterian church, of which Rev. M. V. Hiebbe is pastor and who will conduct the funeral services.

TROOPS GUARD COURT HOUSE IN CHESTERTOWN

CHESTERTOWN, Md., Dec. 31.—A battalion of Maryland National Guard, consisting of four companies from Baltimore, arrived here today. They were sent at the request of the judges of the Kent county court, who believed their presence necessary during the trial of the two negroes, Norman Mabel and James Faraway, for the murder of James R. Coleman. The troops marched to the jail and went into camp around the county buildings.

The troops' coming was totally unexpected, as order had been restored since the indictment of the negroes, who already had confessed their guilt.

The judges were apprehensive, however, that there would be another outbreak if the verdict should be against the negroes, which a large part demanded that the negroes be hanged.

Farmers and others from the outlying districts began to flood into town early for the trial, which had been set for today.

TRAFFIC IN GERMANY IS DELAYED BY SNOW

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The German capital was covered with fourteen inches of snow at noon today and the fall still continued. A heavier snowstorm has been recorded only once in thirty years.

Near Halle, a passenger train crowded with people passing to their homes to spend the New Year holiday, was blocked by snow at midnight and people were still prisoners at noon today.

Reports from other parts of the empire show that the snow fall is general. The gate on the north coast has subsided.

SECOND TRIAL OF SCHMIDT BEGINS JANUARY TWELFTH

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Hans Schmidt, the former priest, in whose trial for the murder of Anna Amuller the jury disagreed yesterday, will be tried for the second time, beginning January 12, before the criminal branch of the state supreme court here. This decision was reached today at a conference between District Attorney Whitman and Supreme Court Justice Davis. A special panel of 100 laymen will be ordered.



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MINERS ASK ARBITRATION State Accountant Checking Treasury

Clarence Darrow Suggests Two Plans to Governor Ferris.

EXECUTIVE IS NONCOMMITTAL

Attorney for Strikers Suggests Joint Board Selected Entirely by President Wilson or Governor of Michigan.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 1.—After a conference of labor leaders here today, Clarence S. Darrow, counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, asked Governor Ferris to send a telegram to President Shaw of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company, requesting him to come to Washington relative to taking steps to settle the strike controversy in the Michigan copper mining district. If President Shaw refuses to accept the invitation, Darrow asked the governor to send him a letter urging arbitration.

Mr. Darrow's suggestion for arbitration was for the miners to name two men, the operators to select two and the appointment of a fifth arbitrator be left to President Wilson or Governor Ferris. If this plan is not satisfactory, Darrow said the strikers would be willing to submit their case to an arbitration board selected entirely by the president or governor.

The labor leaders' proposals were rejected, Darrow asked that a special session of the legislature be called for the purpose of passing a tonnage tax.

The labor leaders submitted their propositions to the governor at noon and he did not decide immediately on what course he would pursue. He stated, however, that he would send some kind of communication to the head of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company.

BOOST YATES' CANDIDACY

Loebek Strong Supporter of Omahan for Reserve Boarder.

STEPHENS ALSO BACKS HIM

McAdoo Favors Selection of Roberts of Fort Dodge, and This May Jeopardize Chances of Nebraska Banker.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Henry W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National bank, is to be put forth strongly for a position as member of the newly authorized federal reserve board which is about to be selected by the president.

Senator Hitchcock has just received from Omaha a copy of a telegram sent to President Wilson a few days ago urging the selection of Mr. Yates for this most important post, the dispatch to the president being signed by the most influential business interests in Omaha and in the state. It is as follows:

To the President of the United States. We respectfully recommend for your consideration the name of Henry W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National bank of Omaha, for appointment to membership on the federal reserve board. Mr. Yates is a student of finance and of financial conditions in the broadest sense, and having been a successful financier is particularly well qualified to deal with the affairs and problems now before the financial and commercial interests of the country. He has been a loyal, consistent democrat under all circumstances, and his appointment would have the general endorsement of all interests in this section of the country.

The telegram of endorsement is signed by the following: McAdoo Brady company, Paxton & Gallagher, Hayden Brothers, John Deere Plow company, Arthur Mullen, Carpenter Paper company, the Linsinger Impment company, E. E. Bruce, M. E. Smith & Co., Lee-Glass-Anderson company, Wright & Wilhelm; E. A. McGevery, president of Creighton university, and the Byrne & Hammer Dry Good company.

DAWSON COUNTY WOODMEN VOTE TO STAY INSURGENTS

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—At a mass meeting of Insurgent Modern Woodmen of America, at which every Woodman camp in Dawson county was represented, and which was addressed by Dr. Bechtel of Hastings and C. E. Ford of Kearney, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of all the Modern Woodmen of America camps of Dawson county, in mass convention assembled and being addressed by Dr. Bechtel of Hastings and C. E. Ford of Kearney, Neb., that we heartily endorse the patriotic work done by the Insurgent Modern Woodmen of America of Nebraska, and by the national Modern Woodmen of America, and that we endorse the platform adopted by the federation of Insurgent Modern Woodmen of America, and we heartily favor the election of a whole set of new officials for the head camp, and the laying off for good of all the old guard when the head camp meets at Toledo, O., in 1914.

The resolutions were signed by D. M. Doughty, R. M. Mansfield and George C. Gillian, the committee on resolutions.

MILLION TO GET PART OF COTTON CONDITIONAL GIFT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1.—R. A. Long, millionaire lumberman and philanthropist of Kansas City, announced tonight he had given \$1,000,000 to the Church of the Disciples of Christ, conditional upon the church raising an additional \$5,000,000 by January 1, 1917. Part of the money is to be distributed among colleges of the church in training students for missionary service.

Among the colleges that are to benefit are Drake university, Des Moines, \$50,000; Texas Christian university, Fort Worth, Tex., \$50,000; Phillips university, Enid, Okla., \$25,000; Phillips university, Lincoln, Neb., \$25,000.

At the Start

1913
ROAD OF GOOD INTENTIONS
1914

REBELS ATTACK BORDER CITY

Bloody Battle Raging in Town of Nuevo Laredo.

TWO HUNDRED FEDERALS DEAD

Awful Carnage in Wrought by Machine Guns Used by Both Sides—Rebels Are Preparing to Renew the Assault.

LAREDO, Jan. 1.—Mexican constitutionalists directed a terrific assault against Nuevo Laredo, held by the federals, today. Red Cross workers reported they had found over 200 dead with many wounded and that the loss of life would run much higher. Use of machine guns on both sides accounted for many deaths. The first onslaught was indeterminate, the constitutionalists retiring, but promising to renew the battle later.

Fighting was begun today when a column of federal infantry led by a squadron of cavalry dashed out of Nuevo Laredo toward the east, where some constitutionalists seemed to occupy an exposed position. As the attacking column passed a point near the Rio Grande, three federals broke ranks and ran toward the river. Their comrades shot them dead.

As the federal sortie was about to reach the constitutionalist lines, the main body of rebels appeared south of the city, coming from a different direction than the federal column. The rebels were about to attack. Back into the city the federal column dashed, and machine guns began a steady fire on the main body of constitutionalists, which soon withdrew.

The federal's main fighting during the first three hours was done from semi-circular entrenchments composed of loaded freight cars protected with bags of sand.

The American city was not touched by bullets during this stage of the fighting. American soldiers lined the river bank with orders not to permit combatants to cross.

CHARITY BALL NETS GOODLY AMOUNT TO THE CITY MISSION

Promoters Are More Than Pleased with Success of the Big Social Event.

MORE THAN \$3,500 CLEARED

Record Broken for Affairs of This Kind in the West.

ALL PLEASSED WITH OUTCOME

Miss Magee Witnesses Dance for Her Deserving Institution.

SOCIETY LEADERS ATTEND

Full Dress Suit is Not Necessary to Admit One to the Dancing Floor, Where Enjoyment is Most Keen.

Omaha's most brilliant and successful charity ball was held New Year's night at the Auditorium for the benefit of the City Mission, with thousands of local and visiting people attending to make the fate one to be long remembered for its beauty and good time, as well as for the extensive charity work that will result from the proceeds.

About \$4,000 cash was in the hands of the committee at the close of the ball, with more in sight from the sale of tickets not yet reported, and less than \$500 of expense to be met. Everybody was jubilant over the financial outcome of the affair, and agreed that the proceeds of the charity ball were a sweet desert to the delightful program of festivities which created the fund for the use of the City Mission.

Supported by all sorts of folks, the New Year's gala event naturally was a most democratic affair. Although full dress was displayed by many dancers, it was not necessary in gaining admittance to the big floor. Many of the dancers appeared in simple dress and enjoyed themselves and the occasion fully as much as the swallow tail and decolette dancers.

ALL JOIN TO HELP

The secret of the democratic character of the assembly seemed to be in the fact that everybody joined to help the City Mission in its worthy work among the city's poor. Many of those who extended their support to the ball did so solely because it was given in a good cause, while others went largely to enjoy themselves, without much regard to the good work they promoted. The large majority last night seemed to have the double purpose in view, however.

Fully two dozen regular dance numbers were played by the musicians, as well as many encores and extras. The music kept pace with the other numerous up-to-date features of the gala occasion, consisting of the very latest in tango-chorean measures.

No real tango was attempted by the dancers for the simple reason that few if any were acquainted with the intricate steps of the real Argentine dance. The "lively staff" was everywhere in evidence, however, although extreme propriety prevailed throughout the evening.

NO PROGRAMS USED

There was no lull in the dancing, for as soon as the orchestra finished a selection the band struck up another, to allow the gay participants to satiate their dance-mad desire.

No programs were used by the dancers, in accordance with the latest fad in the dance world. With the immense crowd and the large floor the innovation proved a wise scheme, for the usual confusion in finding partners was avoided, and no demure miss could accuse a friend of "skipping."

In addition to the hundreds of dancers, more than 1,000 people occupied reserved seats in the fifteen large sections of the ballroom and watched the lively spectacle with late in the evening. Some explained that it was more interesting to look on than to dance, others that they were tired out from the New Year's eve celebration, while still others frankly admitted that the new and energetic steps of the heat-treating waits, castle walk, one-step and other up-to-the-minute dances were quite beyond them.

MOST BRILLIANT AFFAIR

As compared with other big charity balls given in Omaha during past years, last night's affair was agreed by all to lead the list, not only in magnificence and brilliancy, but especially in financial results. The previous record for money raised by such means was \$2,300, which was cleared for the Ladies' Christian Aid society in 1885 by a ball given under the auspices of social and business leaders, some of whom were promoters of last night's ball.

Omaha also has reason to congratulate itself upon the success of the ball, since it compares to similar affairs given in other cities of the middle west. Chicago taken a back seat in the comparison, as less than \$1,000 was raised there by a charity ball, while Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and other cities as large or larger than Omaha, also showed a much smaller profit for sweet charity.

Miss Fortia Mansfield Sweet of Chicago opened the evening's gaiety with a series of solo dances that were enthusiastically received and generously applauded. She was assisted in the program by the Misses Irene Ratchford and Mildred House of Omaha, who alternated with pleasing dances while Miss Sweet was changing her costume.

The serving of refreshments began as

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