

FIRST EVENING COURT

Initial Function Held by King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

IT PRESENTS A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE

Equals in Magnificence Memorable Fetes of Victorian Days.

SCENE BALLROOM OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE

King and Queen Are Received by Loud Demonstrations.

DRIVE THROUGH STREETS IN HEAVY RAIN

In Diplomatic Circles Are the American Ambassador, Secretary of Embassy and Their Wives.

LONDON, March 14.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra tonight held the first evening court of the new reign. This function replaced the drawing rooms and was naturally very brilliant.

The beautiful spring weather of the past few days changed this afternoon to a heavy downpour, which continued throughout the evening and quite spoiled, as far as the general public was concerned, the spectacle of the king's court.

Once inside the palace the contrast was most striking. Nothing so brilliant had been seen since the early days of the reign of Queen Victoria.

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King Edward received the guests according to precedent. Lady Arthur Butler, daughter of General Anson, Steward of the United States army, was also noticeably pretty.

An informal supper was served after the reception and the court continued until midnight.

Following the termination of the king's court a most unusual scene was witnessed early this morning.

The diplomatic circle included Joseph H. Choate, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Choate, Henry White, secretary of the American embassy at London and Mrs. White, John R. Carter, second secretary of the embassy.

Among the American presentations were Mrs. and Miss Padet Ford. The list of invitations included 500, but a number did not attend the court.

Mrs. Choate wore a Worth dress of pink satin with a train of black velvet trimmed with pink roses.

BRILLIANT SOCIAL AFFAIR

London Partners of J. P. Morgan Intend to Celebrate in Honor of His Son.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, March 14.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The partners of J. Pierpont Morgan's banking firm are projecting a brilliant series of entertainments to be given this season because of the appointment of J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., as joint secretary of the United States special mission to attend the coronation.

The younger Mr. Morgan has already arranged for a series of large dinner parties, and the first of the series was given last week. He will also give a big ball before the coronation.

The elder Mr. Morgan's house in Princess Gate is being put in order for the entertainments to be given there. It has been found necessary to remove a great part of the furniture and objects of art which have been accumulating there.

His suburban mansion, Dover House, Roslington, is being prepared for two fashionable garden parties, which have been planned to be held there about coronation time.

Lord Hope a Bankrupt. LONDON, March 14.—The failure is announced of Lord Francis Hope. The petitioning creditors' claim was \$4,000.

DEATH FOR TRAIN ROBBERS

Capital Punishment Proposed in Bill for This Crime by California.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Representative Kahn of California today submitted the report of the judicial committee on the bill to suppress train robberies. He points out the extent of these depredations, particularly in sparsely settled localities where it is difficult to organize a posse, the robbers escaping before the posse gets in pursuit.

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WOULD INCREASE SENTENCE

President Roosevelt Sorry He Cannot Add to Tubbs' Punishment.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The president, in his judgment, these pending this petition, judge and district attorney, should be notified that I sincerely regret that it is not in my power to materially increase the sentence of this man.

The statement was made by President Roosevelt in denying the application for pardon made in behalf of Richard A. Tubbs, of Alcester, S. D. This case has been pending for some time, and was only recently submitted to the president by Attorney General Knox, who recommended that executive clemency be denied.

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REFUTES JONES' TESTIMONY

Servant's Statement, as Witness, Directly Opposes Story Told by Rice's Valet.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Charles C. Adams, a lawyer of this city, was called as a witness today in the trial in which Althea T. Rice is accused of the murder of William M. Rice. He was questioned by F. D. Turner of Chicago, one of the special counsel engaged for Patrick. Adams said Rice was engaged in business with his father and that he, the witness, and Rice were on friendly terms for thirty years.

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CITES CHICAGO TAX CASE

Mr. McIntosh Says It is Almost Parallel to Omaha Suit.

ATTENDANCE AT HEARING IS GROWING

Referee Ryan Adjourns Court Until Monday Morning, When Real Estate Lawyer will Conclude Argument.

Attorney J. H. McIntosh spent the greater part of Friday afternoon reviewing the famous Chicago mandamus case which played such a prominent part before Judge Dickinson recently in the injunction proceedings. It will be remembered that this case is almost an exact parallel for the tax mandamus case now on hearing before the supreme court referee.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Snow Saturday; Colder in South and East Portions, with a Cold Wave, Sunday; Fair, High North Winds.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows include 5 a.m., 10 a.m., 5 p.m., 10 p.m.

SNOW COVERS LARGE AREA

From Three Inches to Two Feet in Depth in Western States.

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 14.—Since last evening snow, varying in depth from three inches to nearly two feet, has fallen over the entire inter-mountain region.

The storm extended over eastern Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, Western Colorado, Utah and Northern New Mexico.

The storm was accompanied by little wind and no serious delays to trains are reported.

One fatality has been reported as the result of the severe snowstorm. Max Adler, employed as a cook on a construction train of the Oregon Short Line, strayed from his car at Terminus, Utah, last night and today his frozen body was found within half a mile of the train.

FIERCE WINDS IN COLORADO

One of the Worst Storms of Winter Sweeps Over the Mining Section.

OURAY, Colo., March 14.—One of the worst snowstorms of the winter is raging here. The wind is blowing sixty miles an hour and the snow is drifting badly.

Communication with surrounding mines is cut off. There is great danger from snow slides.

TELLURIDE, Colo., March 14.—A blizzard began last night and has continued throughout the day. Over a foot of snow has already fallen.

A terrific wind has piled the snow in huge drifts and the snow is blowing in gusts.

Work was stopped today at the Liberty Bell mine, where the snow slides occurred two weeks ago.

BLIZZARD IN NORTH DAKOTA

Severest Storm in Two Years Rages All Day, Delaying Trains.

MINOT, N. D., March 14.—The severest blizzard in two years has raged here all day. Railroad trains are delayed.

RATIFY WAR TREATY

Senators Unanimously Confirm Act of Hague Peace Conference.

DEVOTE BUT SHORT TIME TO DEBATE

Bases Discussion Entirely on Conduct of Philippine War.

APPLIES TO LAND AND NAVAL WARFARE

Suppresses Inhuman Methods of Fighting by Contracting Nations.

PERMITS RUSES OF WAR CONDITIONALLY

Allows Strategy to Be Employed by One Nation to Obtain Information Concerning the Enemy.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The senate spent an hour in executive session today on the convention ratifying the Hague peace conference treaty relating to the conduct of war on land and sea, and finally ratified the agreement without a division.

The discussion turned entirely on the conduct of the war in the Philippines and related especially to General Funston's capture of Aguinaldo.

Senator Teller inquired whether if this treaty had been in force at the time, the method of Aguinaldo's capture could have been justified. He quoted the provision in the treaty relating to the conduct of spies and said that he did not mean himself to say that General Funston's course would not have been regular, but merely to secure the opinion of senators who had given attention to the treaty and who also were familiar with the details of Aguinaldo's capture.

Senator Burton replied to the inquiry, speaking especially for General Funston and said that he was sure the proceeding on the general part had been not only humane, but that it had been in accordance with the rules of civilized warfare.

In Line of Honorable Warfare. It was true, he said, that General Funston and his force had acted somewhat in the capacity of spies, but what they had done had been in the line of honorable warfare.

Senator Hear also spoke at some length regarding this provision of the treaty. He referred to Aguinaldo's capture and said that he believed the adoption of the treaty would have a tendency towards elevating the conduct of modern warfare.

Some of the members of the committee on foreign relations said that ratification of the treaty would place this country in accord with the highest thought of the time and expressed the hope that their treaty would receive the unanimous support of the senate.

Those who raised questions apropos of the discussion disclaimed any intention to prevent favorable action.

The countries party to the treaty are Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, the United States, Mexico, France, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Rumania, Russia, Servia, Portugal, Roumania, Serbia, Servia, Spain, Sweden and Norway, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Binding Only on Partisans. The provisions of the treaty are binding only on the contracting powers in case of war between two or more of them, and cease to be binding when a non-contracting power joins either of the belligerents.

The most important feature of the treaty, the contents of which have been generally known, is that prohibiting the use of the dum-dum bullet. Among other things specially prohibited are: To employ poisoned arms, to kill or wound treacherously, individuals belonging to the hostile nation or army; to employ arms or having no longer means of defense, has surrendered, or is incapable of fighting; to employ arms or projectiles or material of a nature to cause superfluous injury; to make improper use of the flag of truce, of the national flag or military ensigns and the enemy's uniform, as well as the distinctive signals of the army; to employ treachery to destroy or seize the enemy's property unless destruction or seizure be demanded by the necessities of war.

Ruses of War Allowed. The provisions of the treaty are binding only on the contracting powers in case of war between two or more of them, and cease to be binding when a non-contracting power joins either of the belligerents.

NEBRASKA LIST IS LARGE

State Has Ten Postmasters Confirmed by the Senate in One Day.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations: C. R. Crosby, Indian agent for the Peck agency, Montana.

Postmasters: Nebraska—O. A. Ashbrook, Hebron; F. M. Kimmel, McCook; T. C. Hacker, Red Cloud; A. F. Eno, Stanton; L. M. Comstock, Central City; G. M. Prentice, Fairbairn; G. W. Jackson, Fairmont; J. C. Mitchell, Adams; E. Branson, Tecumseh; Colorado—E. E. Eversole, Montevista; South Dakota—H. J. Rice, Hudson; Kansas—M. Delaney, Waterville; C. M. Higley, Cawker City; S. L. Billings, Maud; C. W. Perdue, Beloit; J. McPherson, Blue Rapids; N. B. Neelman, Clifton; F. C. Scott, Valley Falls; H. D. Hill, Avening; G. Doty, Burlington; L. A. Swenson, Lindsay; W. J. Watson, Pittsburg; G. J. Ballard, Coffeyville.

Missouri—J. W. Presson, Dolden; W. H. Garando, New Madrid; J. H. Jacobson, Northborne; C. H. Hartell, Holden; L. W. Brannon, Princeton; A. Goodson, Carrollton; A. Lille, Golden City; D. B. Holson, Willow Springs; T. Curry, Oregon.

WRECK ON THE NICKEL PLATE

Passenger Train Plunges Into Open Switch, Injuring Several Trainmen.

KNOX, Ind., March 14.—The westbound Nickel Plate passenger train due here at 2:25 p. m. ran into an open switch, resulting in a disastrous wreck. The following persons were injured: A. A. Schwind, engineer, Fort Wayne; Jim Dalton, fireman, Fort Wayne; C. L. Alexander, baggage master, Cleveland.

William Browne, mail clerk, Cleveland. The train was running at a high speed when it collided with a number of freight cars which were standing on the sidetrack. The baggage coach was torn to pieces and destroyed by fire. The fire raged several hours, blocking all traffic over four hours.

No one was killed although many passengers were slightly injured. Engineer Schwind received a severe wound on the head. He narrowly escaped bleeding to death. Dalton's shoulder and wrist were severely injured. Alexander and Browne it is feared were internally injured. The railroad company's loss is heavy.

MAN WITH ARMY OF WIVES

While He is with Number Nine, Number Eight Causes His Arrest.

SAN ANTONIO, March 14.—On the complaint of his alleged eighth wife, formerly Mrs. Mary A. Harker of Plattsburg, Mo., Christian A. Nelson, alias Captain A. N. Freeland, alias John Anderson, alias Nelson Porter, was arrested here today at a hotel while in company with his alleged ninth wife, formerly Mrs. A. E. Millburn, whom he married at Fort Scott, Kan., two weeks ago.

Nelson admits that he is wanted in several states, and it is charged that he has undivorced wives in Los Angeles, Cal., Portland, Ore., Plattsburg, Mo., Fort Scott, Kan., Salt Lake City, Utah, St. Paul, Minn., and other points. He is about 45 years old, good looking, well dressed and speaks with a slight German accent.

BIG DEAL IN TEXAS CATTLE

Freight Alone on the Purchase Amounts to Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 14.—Frederico Terrazas, son of the former governor of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, is here closing one of the largest single firm deals ever made in this country. The sale will include 25,000 head of cattle, which will go to Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas. The terms are private. To transport this large number of cattle will require 500 cars, making forty trains of five cars each. The approximate freight bill on the stock to the various destinations will be \$94,000, the group rate per car being \$175.

ENTER MONEY ORDER FIELD

Banks Will Become Competitors of Express Company if Project Succeeds.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 14.—The Sentinel tomorrow will print the following: "Charles T. Farrell, assistant cashier of the Capital City National bank, and president of the Indiana Bankers' association, left yesterday to attend a meeting at New York City Monday of prominent bankers from nearly every state of the union in one of the most important banking schemes of late years. The proposition is to enter the money order field as a competitor of the express companies and the government itself. It is proposed to issue uniform bank money order payable through an immense clearing house in New York, thereby bringing the Western National bank branch clearing house into the pay order category.

The scheme was first introduced by bankers, who held a meeting at the city hall last spring and invited the co-operation of western banks to extend the proposed system over the entire country.