

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. The blaze of new electric lights, the scent of flowers heaped along the corridors, the glitter of ladies' jewels and dresses and the court uniforms made a memorable and magnificent scene.

The queen stood throughout the fastidious ceremony, graciously smiling. The princess of Wales was attired in white and silver and the other princesses were robed in white.

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

An informal supper was served after the reception and the court continued until midnight. Among the striking beauties were Lady Cynthia Graham and Viscountess Casletree.

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Following the termination of the king's court a most unusual scene was witnessed early this morning. All the fashionable photographers of London were busy taking pictures, with the aid of electric light of the ladies in their presentation dresses.

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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. His father will arrive in London soon.

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.

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.

The report says we are accustomed to sneer at the futile efforts of Turkey, Greece, Spain and other countries to stop brigandage, yet we have in train robbery a system involving both robbery and murder as atrocious as brigandage. The bill reported provides the death penalty to train robbers when death results to anyone on the train, otherwise imprisonment for from five to ten years.

The house committee on territories today decided upon an omnibus territorial bill which will provide for statehood for Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma instead of statehood bills for each territory. The bills have been separated, but today they were harmonized in their provisions, and Chairman Knox was authorized to incorporate them into one measure.

Representative De Graffenried of Texas made the motion to consolidate the bills, which was so framed as to require the chairman to submit to the house one bill and one report to the end that action might be taken at one time, the earliest possible date, on the question of the advancement of all of said territories.

By a vote of 5 to 4, the house committee on census today passed a bill drawn by Representative Hay of Virginia, reported, amending section 5 of the recently passed permanent census act by peremptorily placing all of the employees of the census office who were on the rolls March 3, 1900, except unskilled laborers, in the classified service.

The purpose of the measure is to retain in the government service the large number of census employees who would be discharged under the construction which the executive branch of the government has placed on section 5 of the permanent census act. The vote to report the bill was: Heatwole and Stewart of New York (rep.) and Hay, Klutz and Burleson (dem); the negative vote, Crumpacker, Hughes and Russell of Connecticut (rep.) and Griffiths (dem.)

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. Kimmell, McCook; T. C. Hacker, Red Cloud; A. F. Enos, 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, Walden; 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. Bardollar, Coffeyville.

Missouri—J. W. Presson, Dolden; W. H. Garando, New Madrid; J. H. Jacobs, Northborne; C. H. Hartwell, 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 fractured skull 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 C. Nelson, alias Captain A. N. Freeland, alias John Anderson, alias Nelson Porter, was arrested here today at a hotel where he was 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 \$375.

WOULD INCREASE SENTENCE

President Roosevelt Sorry He Cannot Add to Tubbs' Punishment.

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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. About the only difference is that instead of William G. Shriver and George T. Morton, who appear as relators in the Omaha case, two daughters school ma'ams appeared as relators in the Windy City case, and instead of boosting the taxes a paltry \$100,000, which is the case in this case, they squeezed \$250,000,000 out of reluctant corporations which until that time had contributed little or nothing to the public coffers. Another difference was that they had twenty corporations to squeeze, while Mr. McIntosh and his clients have only five.

Mr. McIntosh went into all of the ramifications of the Chicago case and placed great stress upon the arguments of the attorney for the respondents. These in a general way were the same as those of Messrs. Connell, Webster, Moran, Fritchett, Hall and McCullough.

The attendance at the hearing before Referee Ryan is growing from day to day and when court adjourned at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon nearly all the benches in the spectators' enclosure were occupied. Some of the cases have not been argued, and the argument from the first. Most of those present were large real estate owners, though once in a while a distinguished member of the bar drops in. General John C. Cowin was among the visitors Friday.

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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.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 50, 1 p. m. 62, 8 a. m. 40, 2 p. m. 63, 10 a. m. 48, 3 p. m. 64, 5 p. m. 48, 8 p. m. 63, 8 a. m. 51, 9 p. m. 63, 10 a. m. 50, 6 p. m. 62, 11 a. m. 58, 7 p. m. 60, 12 m. 58, 8 p. m. 61, 9 p. m. 64

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. In Utah the snow was especially heavy in the districts where the precipitation has been much below normal and much good will result.

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.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., March 14.—A furious storm has raged here all day, the wind blowing a gale and the air being full of particles of ice which cut the skin like needles.

JEFF DAVIS FIGHTS J. K. JONES

Arkansas Governor Bitterly Opposes Re-Election to Senate of Democratic Leader.

FOREST CITY, Ark., March 14.—United States Senator James K. Jones, who is a candidate for re-election, met in debate here today Governor Jefferson Davis, who is advocating the election of ex-Governor J. P. Clark to succeed Jones. Dr. Davis attacked Senator Jones for his connection with the alleged round bale cotton trust. Senator Jones quoted W. J. Bryan's declaration that he had investigated and found that Senator Jones' company was not a trust, and declared that as both ex-Governor Clark and Governor Davis were delegates to the Kansas City convention they should have brought up the trust issue against him and protested against his reelection as democratic national chairman.

The charges made concerning his bankruptcy proceedings in 1868, he said, were of republican origin.

MORE BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Remains of Six Victims of Steamboat Disaster Taken from River.

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 14.—The bodies of six of the twenty victims of the steamer Providence disaster have been recovered. They are: ENGINEER ROUF, GEORGE LAMP, cook, WILL HARRISON, TWO NEGRO HOUSEBOARDS. All the bodies were found in the engine room of the wrecked steamer. Wreckers have succeeded in righting the hull and towing it to the bank. The cabin and upper works of the boat are gone completely. The lake is being dragged and dynamite used with the hope of recovering the other bodies.

SCHLEY PLANS A FALL TOUR

Accepts Invitation of Mississippi Legislature to Visit Capital of State.

CANTON, Miss., March 14.—In acknowledging the receipt of joint resolutions passed by the Mississippi legislature inviting him to visit the state, Admiral Schley has addressed the following letter to Hon. W. S. McAllister: I hope to be able to visit in the fall, and to visit you, as city attorney, if possible to come to Jackson, Miss., on my return. I shall be glad to stop over a day or two with you in your state. I need not assure you how much I appreciate the action of the legislature in extending this kind invitation to me, nor to say how much pleasure I shall experience in meeting and greeting the people at your capital. I promise myself this pleasure in making an itinerary for the fall months, although I am not able to decide definitely the date.

MOVEMENTS OF CELESTIAL BODIES

At New York—Arrived—Laurentina, from Glasgow; Germanic, from Liverpool; Bolivia, from London; Arrived—Rhinland, from Philadelphia; Arrived—Belgenland, from Liverpool, via Queenstown; Switzerland, from Liverpool; Arrived—Siberian, from Philadelphia; Arrived—Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from New York, via Plymouth, for Bremen; Arrived—Parisian, from Liverpool; Arrived—La Bretagne, from New York; Arrived—Southwark, from New York; Arrived—Passat-Travel, from New York, for Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa.

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