

PEOPLE'S DAY AT WHITE HOUSE

President and Mrs. Taft Give First Annual Reception to Officials and Public. FUNCTION LASTS THREE HOURS. In that Time Chief Executive Shakes Hands with 5,515 Persons. TAIT SMILE IS ON DUTY. New Chinese Minister and Daughters Attract Attention.

SPEAKER CANNON IS LATE

He Does Not Arrive in Time to Head Congressional Contingent—General Miles and Bell Lead Army Delegation. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President and Mrs. Taft held their first New Year's levee at the White House today. Although Mrs. Taft has not yet regained her full strength and seemed rather pale in a gown of white silk, she carried out her original intention of remaining in the receiving line until all the members of the cabinet, the foreign ambassadors, ministers and members of the supreme court had paid their respects. At the end of twenty minutes Mrs. Taft retired. The vice president and all of the members of the cabinet, with the exception of Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of War Dickinson remained in the receiving party until the last of the general public had passed. The reception began promptly at 11 a. m. and ended at 1:55 p. m., when the White House doors were closed. In the two hours and fifty-five minutes that he held his position at the portal of the famed blue-room, President Taft shook hands with exactly 5,515 people. The number fell considerably short of the figure during the last years of the Roosevelt administration. The day overhead was well lighted, but melting snow made conditions underfoot anything but desirable. The line of citizens began to form, however, at 10:30 a. m., although they were not scheduled to enter the White House grounds until 11 o'clock.

Taft Smile on Duty

President began and ended the session with a smile. For his personal friends among the diplomats, the government officials and the navy and army contingent Mr. Taft had heard a word of greeting. Occasionally a citizen had a word to say to the president and the latter listened attentively until his aides hurried the visitor along to make room for the crowds in the rear. The president stood the ordeal splendidly. The average time of passing was forty people to the minute. Although he gave each a strong clasp, the president declared he felt no fatigue. The standing in one position so long, however, made him declare that he felt almost as though he would have to learn to walk all over again.

Cosby Makes Introductions

The introductions were made by Colonel Spencer Cosby of the army, major domo of the White House, assisted by Captain Butt, Lieutenant Commander Palmer and others. As usual the public early was in evidence. It being the president's first New Year's reception there was great pressure for the honor of wishing him the compliments of the season. The citizen contingent was made up largely of Washington residents. The time for their reception had been fixed at 3 o'clock, but three hours earlier the crowds began to gather and by 11 o'clock the line stretched for blocks, extending beyond the State, War and Navy department buildings and down Seventeenth street.

Speaker Cannon is Late

Speaker Cannon was half an hour late in reaching the White House and had to go through the line long after the other members of congress. Representative Murdock of Kansas, one of the insurgent leaders of the house, got a most cordial reception from the president. So did Gifford Pinchot. It was reported that Mr. Pinchot and Secretary Ballinger shook hands, but this proved incorrect. The delegation of army officers was headed by General Nelson A. Miles, retired, and General Franklin Bell, chief of staff. Admiral Letourneau, in command of the Washington navy yard, led the navy contingent. Admiral Dewey did not attend. Mrs. Sherman, wife of the vice president, and a number of the women of the cabinet received at their homes, the number including Mrs. MacVeagh, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Wickersham, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Ballinger and Mrs. Nease, all of whom had as their assistants the women of the families of officials connected with the departments over which their husbands preside.

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Gorges Menace All Shipping on the Ohio River

Boat Cables Are Likely to Break When Threatened Floods Come. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 1.—Coal barges and every type and kind of craft on the Ohio river in the vicinity of Louisville representing a value of hundreds of thousands of dollars, are in danger today. Practically all the boats have been fastened by means of cables or otherwise anchored by the prediction of experienced river men that if the ice gorges break quickly the trees will be uprooted or the cables snapped.

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Newspaper Man and Sheriff Mix

Controversy Results Over Ill-Feeling Growing Out of Trials of Cattlemen Recently at Basin. BASIN, Wyo., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Pelix Alston, sheriff of Big Horn county, this morning assaulted G. C. Morris, a newspaper correspondent, in the office of a well known Basin real estate dealer, striking Morris a stinging blow in the face. The feeling on the part of Alston dates back to the cattleman's trials. Morris sent out verbatim reports of the testimony of the investigation of the method of drawing juries which was heard just before the cattleman's trials, and which resulted in the indictments being quashed. In affidavits filed in court at that time serious charges were made and Alston's name figured in them. Just before the cattleman were taken to Rawlins they were for Morris and the sheriff denied him access to them. Morris later secured an order from the court and Alston was compelled to let the cattleman receive the visitor. Alston is nearly six feet tall and weighs about 150, while Morris is only a little over five feet, weighs about 125 and is nearly 50 years of age, about fifteen years the sheriff's senior. Morris did not attempt to defend himself, but maintained his position with respect to Alston verbally.

Gaynor Takes Oath of Office

For First Time in Years Most of New York Officials Are Anti-Tammany. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—William J. Gaynor was installed as mayor of New York today, with simple ceremonies. There was a throng as big as the mayor's office would hold to witness the brief ceremony. The other newly elected officers of the greater city and its five boroughs also formally assumed their duties.

WOULD DEBATE TOM WATSON

Former Populist Candidate Asked to Defend His Attack on Missions. ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 1.—Thomas E. Watson, one time populist candidate for the presidency and recently a critic in the public print of foreign missions, today was challenged to a public debate by representatives of the various Protestant churches of Georgia. The challengers have named as Watson's opponent William T. Ellis, a Philadelphia newspaper man.

Switchmen's Strike May Involve Twenty Thousand

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—If an amicable adjustment of the differences between the northwestern railroads and the switchmen is not reached through the mediation conference here, the strike will spread and probably 20,000 will become involved. It was declared by H. Berham, head of the Railway department of the American Federation of Labor today.

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BRITISH POLITICS LESS STRENUOUS

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Have Fun with Feels

The peers on the platform continue to furnish a picturesque element in the battle. They feel compelled to face the public in order to vindicate the claims of their class to power and as a good proportion of them shine more brilliantly at fox hunting than statesmanship, their audiences get plenty of fun out of them, and frequently howl them down. Punch displays a canvas at a fair with the yokes pitching balls at it.

Tariff and the Navy

A. J. Balfour, Lord Curzon and Lord Milner are leading the opposition's fight with Austen Chamberlain putting tariff reform to the front and Lord Charles Beresford accusing the government of neglecting the navy. The administration forces draw the largest crowds, larger even than Premier Asquith.

What Senator Cummins Said

In the course of his speech Senator Cummins said: "With respect to the tariff, the stand-patters feel that it makes little if any difference how high the duties are if they are high enough to exclude exportations. Their first, and I have sometimes thought their only, concern is for the producer. They are so much afraid of hurting him that they close their eyes to every voice save his and assume that, knowing what he wants, he will not ask for more than he deserves. The echo of the platform of 1908, which contains the plagues of the republican party to the people of the country, have become so faint in their counsels that they are drowned in the cries of impoverished manufacturers. On the other hand, the progressives remember that we promised the American people that we would import competitive commodities should be measured by the difference between the cost of production in this and rival lands, and that we made the promise in order to give at once protection to the producer from unequal competition and protection to the consumer from a voracious extortion. We know that in many fields of industry home competition had been substantially destroyed and we intended to subject our home producers to the fear of foreign competition if prices were raised above a fair and reasonable profit.

Fifth Murder Among Sisseton Tribe as Result of Overindulgence

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The acquittal a few days ago of a Sisseton Sioux Indian, who was charged with murder, calls attention to the serious problem which confronts those who are in charge of the affairs of these Indians, due to the demoralization which has resulted from many of the Indians being afflicted with an overpowering desire for strong drink. Since the year 1892 five murders have been committed among this tribe as the result of over-indulgence in liquor. As these Indians have all taken their allotments of land they have the same standing as white men and there is no way, except by moral suasion, to prevent them drinking liquor to excess.

Fight is Not Ended

"I do not attempt to obscure or to minimize the extent of our defeat, but if any one harbors the delusion that the passage of this recent tariff law ended the fight for fair and reasonable protective duties, it would be wise for him to at once reform his conclusion.

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THE AFTER PROPHETS. —From the Washington Star.

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Iowa Senator, in Address at Des Moines, Says Fight is Only Begun.

CALLS PROGRESSIVES TO ACTION

He Asks Them to Send Men to Lower House Who Will Aid Senators in Their Efforts for Lower Duties. DES MOINES, Jan. 1.—Senator Albert B. Cummins, in a speech before the guests at the Progressive Republican dinner at the Savoy tonight, served notice that the fight for progressive and Roosevelt principles is not ended, insisted that defeat in tariff revision should not deter them but should encourage progressiveness and urged progressives in Iowa to send to congress men from the state men who will support the senators instead of neutralizing their efforts.

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Depot Platform Full of People Torn to Pieces

Gas Accumulating Under Boards Explodes and Injures Score of Holiday Travelers. MONTREAL, Jan. 1.—Twenty-two were injured in the explosion which wrecked the train platform at Place Viger station at the east end of the city last night. Most of the injuries consist of broken legs. Mrs. Charles Bruneau of Montreal, cannot live. The explosion was caused by the ignition of an accumulation of gas under the long wooden platform paralleling the station.

BREWERS IDLE FOR PRESENT

None in Omaha Makes Beer While Litigation is Pending. WANT TO KNOW RIGHTS FIRST. Hearing to Determine Result of License Fight Will Be Resumed Before Judge Estelle Tomorrow Afternoon. No brewery in Omaha is manufacturing beer or will until the litigation affecting its right to a license is determined, and that is indefinite, as the matter is still before Judge Estelle, who says it must be carried out to a complete finish.

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