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THE LATE QUEEN AT BALMORAL— DUNROBIN CASTLE—ADMIRAL SIR HEDWORTH LAMBTON—ANECDOTES.

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Invercauld lies near Balmoral—a name famous the world over as the Highland home of the late Queen and to-day of the King. A castle on which the very German taste of the very German husband of the late Queen has left its mark. It is no more a fine castle than Buckingham Palace is a fine palace. It stands, however, in a beautiful country, and some of the best drives within easy reach are there on the Invercauld property. They are private, but all gates swing open to kings and queens.

The privacy was one thing the late Queen liked. So long as she was in the Highlands the loyalty of her subjects was expected to manifest itself by ignoring her presence. If you saw the Sovereign approaching you effaced yourself. You slipped behind a tree or looked over the hedge or retied your shoelaces. You might do anything except be aware of this august lady's presence and recognize it by the usual salute and the bared head as she went by. The Queen was ever, as her son is, insistent upon etiquette. No form or ceremony must ever be neglected. But at Balmoral the etiquette consisted in the absence of all form or ceremony outdoors. You were expected to know this, and if you did not know it but stood at attention with lifted hat this mark of homage would not be well received. I once heard a stranger who had offended in this way say that the look upon the Queen's face as she passed was a lesson not to be forgotten.

Her majesty drove quietly about in a pony carriage with perhaps the ever faithful John Brown in attendance to lay a shawl about her shoulders or take one off, as he judged best. You might see him do as much as that in the publicity of Hyde Park in London. It was partly in the simplicity of this Highland life that the Queen found repose. Her majesty would sometimes stop at Invercauld House for tea, apparently as one neighbor appealing to the hospitality of another. But I imagine these impulses were announced beforehand, and that the list of guests at Invercauld was known at Balmoral. During one week there was among them a lady who, for purely technical reasons, was never received at court, though she went almost everywhere else in London and had and has a position almost unique. But so long as this lady remained at Invercauld House the Queen found herself too much occupied with business of state to come to tea.

Royalty knows or knows about almost everybody. The present King has always been the best informed man in his dominions. It is rare that he meets a man or woman whose face and history are not familiar to him. He did once, at Dunrobin Castle. This was not many years ago, when the King and Queen were circumnavigating this island, part of their empire, in the royal yacht. The yacht anchored for some days in the bay off the castle. The King or Queen, or both, came ashore during the day and returned to sleep on board. As the King, the Duke of Sutherland and Captain Hedworth Lambton, commander of the yacht, were walking up from the pier through the gardens to the castle a man passed them. "Who is that?" asked the King. The duke had to admit he could not tell. "Oh, sir," said Captain Lambton, "don't you know the castle is full of people whom the duke doesn't know and the duchess never sees?" The King took this pleasantry as it was meant: aware that there was beneath it just that evanescent adumbration of fact which made it plausible.

Captain Lambton, then the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, brother to the present Earl of Durham, is now Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, K. C. B., the youngest man of his rank in the service; or was when he was made admiral. Noted for the quaint felicity of his sayings, sometimes with an edge to them; noted for his service with the Naval Brigade in South Africa and the relief of Ladysmith; noted as a skilful seaman who has commanded the cruiser division of the Mediterranean fleet and is now in command of the China squadron. The Lambtons are a family apart, and Sir Hedworth is a man apart even amid his own family. There are few men who give you a stronger impression of having made their own that rule of life which consists in taking things as they come. Struggling through the watercourses of the veldt with his 4.10 gun, or on the quarterdeck of the royal yacht in harbor with only duties of ceremony to perform, he is the same man.

He came to Dalmeny House for the week end while the Victoria and Albert was lying at Queensferry. On the Sunday morning he asked Lord Rosebery and his house party to go with him to the yacht for morning service. We drove through the beautiful park to the Leuchold Gate and so to Queensferry pier, whence a launch took us on board. The yacht has a displacement of something more than five thousand tons. Those external lines of beauty which you expect in a yacht had been omitted by the Admiralty designers responsible for this vessel, but once on board everything is admirable. The ship was lying in the Forth, above the bridge, waiting for her majesty, the present Queen, to embark for Copenhagen. Nothing could be smarter than the decks and the crew except the officers; all in full uniform.

It was August, and though some Americans say the sun never shines on these islands, there are moments of exception, and this was one. It was burning hot. Captain Lambton read the service, his officers and guests about him, the men in front, all amidships, on the upper deck. He came to the Lord's Prayer, all kneeling and all caps off. In the very middle of it, without a change of intonation or accent, he said to his men: "If anybody feels the sun they may put their caps on." I suppose a super-devout churchman might have been shocked, but the reader was captain of the ship and he had no idea of allowing one of his men to have a touch of sunstroke. It appears they were in no danger, for not one of them put on his cap. Nor did any one seem to think his captain's interlocutory sentence out of place. I have seen often enough both in the navy and in the army that the most rigid disciplinarian may be of all others the most careful of his men's health and comfort.

In these Dreadnought days nothing of the pre-Dreadnought period counts. But I was once on, I believe, the first Dreadnought, of a type long since antiquated, with a low freeboard forward and the whole expanse of the forecastle deck so arranged as to be, with reference to the rest of the vessel, a lever on which the Atlantic might pile itself up. I asked the captain what might happen in a heavy head sea. "The chances are," he answered coolly, "she would go down head foremost." However, at the moment she was comfortably anchored off Queensferry.

That danger exists no longer, for the model is obsolete, and this particular ship no doubt went long since to the scrap heap. But the unsolved problems of naval warfare are still numerous. A fighting admiral in the British navy will tell you strange things if he happens to be in a talkative mood. Nothing is better worth listening to than the discourse of a man who has command of a great fleet or of a great ship, whether of war or commerce. I quote one sentence from this admiral:

"You want to know what is likely to happen when two modern battle fleets meet at sea, equal in fighting strength and under equal conditions. No man knows. It has never yet happened. But the chances are both would go to the bottom."

Out of many Highland incidents I choose one, for brevity's sake.

Invermark. A place renowned for many kinds of sport, salmon fishing included. It belonged, when I knew it, to the late Lord Dalhousie, who generally let it and confined himself to Brechin Castle, with excursions to Panmure House. Invermark was a lodge and nothing more—just room for half a dozen guests and their guns and servants. Lord Dudley and the late Lord Hindlip had it together one year. Lord Hindlip was the head of the great brewery firm of Allsopp & Co. He announced to us one night at dinner that he must go to London next morning on business. He went, returning two days later. He had spent twelve hours in London. Somebody said "I hope your business turned out all right." Lord Hindlip answered: "I don't know about all right. I bought £750,000 ($3,750,000) worth of hops at a price which makes it impossible there should be any profit in the next twelve months' brewing." Nobody asked, but everybody looked another question: "Then why buy?" Lord Hindlip continued his sentence as if he had not noticed our curiosity. "But if I had not bought yesterday there would have been no brewing of beer at all for the next twelve months, nor perhaps ever."

This was one of the houses—perhaps only those belonging to the great brewers—where beer was served with the cheese instead of port. But not the kind of beer known to the ordinary mortal. Beer specially brewed, long kept, tenderly cared for, and somehow transformed into a transcendental fluid, transparent, golden in color, nectar to the taste, strangely mild on the palate, but swiftly finding its way to the brain if you were ensnared into drinking a tumberful. There was nothing to warn you unless your host warned you, which he generally did not. He perhaps rather pressed it upon you as they do the Audit ale at Trinity College, Cambridge, with a hospitality not free from guile. That I knew through the late Mr. Justice Denman, who was my host, and when I resisted he told me how Lord Chancellor Campbell had praised the mildness of the ale, and had a second drink, and then a third; and upon emerging from the buttery into the fresh air found himself embarrassed; he, the hardest head at the bar of his time. A story which I hand on as a warning to the next comer.

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CAPT. JONES WEDS MRS. MUNN.

Ceremony Takes Place at Pittsfield, Mass., at Noon.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Lenox, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Evart Ewing Munn, of Florence, Italy, was married in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, in Pittsfield, at noon to-day to Captain Harold Wellington Jones, of Washington. The Rev. Thomas W. Nickerson, the rector, officiated. Miss Eleanor H. Jones, of Boston, a cousin of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. Fred Jones, of Rochester, acted as best man, and Arthur Jones, of Boston, and Thatcher Jones, of Rochester, were the ushers. They are all brothers of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a Parisian gown of army blue covered with silver gauze and hand painted chrystal ornaments. Her hat was of blue, trimmed with white ostrich plumes and ermine. Miss Jones's gown was of white chiffon. She wore a hat of white ermine and carried American Beauty roses. Captain Jones wore the dress uniform of his rank. Ex-Mayor Walter F. Hawkins, of Pittsfield, gave the bride in marriage, and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins served a breakfast after the ceremony. Captain and Mrs. Jones will live at No. 1515 Park Road, Northwest Washington.

METROPOLITAN LIFE CONCERTS.

The Metropolitan Life Glee Club will give its first concert, second season, in the Assembly Hall of the Metropolitan Life Building on Thursday, at 8:15 p. m., to be followed by two concerts on Saturday afternoons, January 8 and 15. The programme of the evening concert will be repeated at each of the afternoon concerts. The Glee Club is supported by two hundred and fifty associate members, all employes of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Tickets are issued gratuitously to all other employes of the company. Applications to the number of twenty-two hundred have been received, and nine hundred tickets have been distributed for the associate, active and honorary members of the club.

MANHATTAN OPERA REVIVALS.

Oscar Hammerstein said yesterday that there would soon be revivals at the Manhattan Opera House of "Louise," "Pelléas et Melisande" and "Salomé," and that "Zaza" would shortly receive its first New York production. He said that Mr. Devries will sing Pelléas in place of Mr. Dalmores, who sang it last year.

MR. BACON MEETS COLLEAGUES.

Paris, Jan. 1.—President Fallières held a series of official receptions at the Elysées Palace, the principal of which was that of the diplomatic corps. Robert Bacon, the American Ambassador, who presented his credentials yesterday, was present at the reception to-day and met his colleagues of the diplomatic corps, M. Delmani, the Spanish Ambassador, formally extending the greetings of his fellow members.

OBITUARY.

HENRY DICKSON.

Henry Dickson, president of a building contracting company which bears his name, was found dead in bed at his home, No. 45 Broad street, Newark, yesterday. Heart disease, superinduced by an attack of acute indigestion, hastened the end.

Mr. Dickson, who was a prominent figure in the financial and political field in Newark, was one of the best known men in New Jersey. He was fifty-seven years old and leaves a wife and four children. The funeral will take place on Tuesday.

Mr. Dickson was a director in the Firemen's Insurance Company, the Manufacturers' National Bank and several building and loan associations, the Northern Republican Club and the North End Club.

He was at one time vice-president of the Board of Trade in Newark, a member of the Essex County Board of Taxation, the Newark Excise Board and president of the Master Masons' Association of New Jersey. Mr. Dickson was also president of the Fairmount Cemetery Association. He was a factor in the Republican party and was one of the Republican electors in the campaign of 1900.

JOHN H. LEDGERWOOD.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Morristown, N. J., Jan. 1.—John Hedges Ledgerwood died at his home, in Speedwell avenue, this morning. He was vice-president and treasurer of the Ledgerwood Manufacturing Company, of No. 98 Liberty street, New York, with plants in Brooklyn and Newark, N. J.

Mr. Ledgerwood was brought to his home here from Shelter Island on September 25, where he had been spending the summer. He was suffering from neuritis, and since that time had been confined to his home, though not considered seriously ill. His death came suddenly. He was in the eightieth year of his age.

Mr. Ledgerwood was born in New York and lived in Morristown from his sixteenth year. He married a daughter of the late Judge Stephen Vail, of this town. Judge Vail started the Speedwell Iron Works here in 1812, and in 1858 Mr. Ledgerwood began to learn the iron business at Speedwell. He was working there when Alfred Vail and Professor Morse perfected their telegraph, the building used for their experiments being only a few feet from Mr. Ledgerwood's home. Mr. Ledgerwood was one of the organizers in 1852 of the Church of the Redeemer here. He was a member of the Morristown Club and of the New York Yacht Club. He leaves a wife and several children.

THE REV. BENJAMIN JOHN FITZ.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Greenwich, Conn., Jan. 1.—The Rev. Benjamin John Fitz died from tuberculosis today in Chicago, while en route to Denver for his health. The body will be brought to Greenwich for burial, the funeral being on Monday at 3 o'clock, at Christ Church.

Mr. Fitz was born in Stafford, Conn., on August 1, 1876. He entered Bowdoin College, and received the degree of A. B. in 1897. Three years later he received his A. M. from the University of Colorado. He taught in the Colorado State Preparatory School and was instructor on the faculty of the University of Colorado for three years. Later he took holy orders in the Episcopal Church and was connected with the Holy Cross Mission in New York City. He leaves a wife, who was Mrs. Josephine Kind, of Lincoln, Neb.

GARRETT B. HOPPES.

Bethlehem, Penn., Jan. 1.—Garrett B. Hoppes, manager of the Eagle Hotel here and of the Mononotto Inn, at Fisher's Island, N. Y., died to-day of diabetic gangrene. He was forty-eight years old and was a graduate of Lehigh University.

MACK IN "PRINCE OF BOHEMIA."

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Wilkes-Barre, Penn., Jan. 1.—Lew Fields produced the new musical comedy, "The Prince of Bohemia," with Andrew Mack and Miss Christie MacDonald in the chief parts, here to-night. The two scenes of the play are laid in England, and Mack appears as a young American collegian. The book is by J. Hartley Manners, the lyrics by E. Ray Goetz and the music by A. Baldwin Sloane. In the cast are Harold Crane, W. T. Carleton, Charles McCarthy, Henry Norman, E. H. Kelly, John Ardiseoni, Vincent McCarthy, Henry Warwick, Sim Pulen, Miss Mary Forest, Miss Georgie Lawrence and a chorus of sixty. The production is staged by "Ned" Wayburn.

NEW VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

The New Columbia Theatre, 47th street and Broadway, will open to-morrow. The box office was thrown open yesterday and a bottle of champagne was broken on the marble counter in celebration of the occasion. Two vaudeville performances will be given daily, with a complete change of bill every week.

DOCTOR VICTIM OF BLIZZARD.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 1.—Dr. Leonard A. Kittener, forty-nine years old, one of the most prominent homœopathic physicians in Delaware, died at his home here to-day, a victim of the Christmas blizzard.

While on his way to visit a patient last Monday he was thrown from a sleigh and injured. Three days later he sustained a stroke of paralysis, and to-day uræmia developed, which resulted in his death.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, Jan. 1.—The cold wave in the Northwest has developed marked intensity and has overspread the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and the northwestern states. The temperature has fallen to below zero in Montana, North Dakota and Northern Wyoming. This cold wave will advance eastward during Sunday over the middle Mississippi Valley, the lower Ohio Valley and the lake region, and will reach the Eastern states Monday. A disturbance of marked intensity will follow this cold wave, and it will cause general snows in the plain states, the Rocky Mountain region and the extreme Northwest Sunday, and in the upper Mississippi and the Missouri valleys and the upper lake region Monday, and possibly the Ohio Valley by Monday night.

The weather has become much warmer in the Eastern and Southern states, under the influence of a depression that is passing rapidly eastward across the Great Lakes. In these districts the temperature will be high during Sunday, followed by a change to considerably colder weather by Sunday night or Monday in the middle and north Atlantic states and the northern portions of the Gulf states. There will be generally fair weather Sunday and Monday in the Eastern and Southern states. Fair weather will prevail in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and the lake region Sunday, with much lower temperature, followed by unsettled weather and probably snow Monday. There will be snow Sunday and Monday in the Rocky Mountain region and the plains states.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coasts will be moderate southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly Sunday night; along the south Atlantic coast, moderate southwesterly; along the east Gulf coast, moderate southerly, becoming variable; on Lake Michigan, brisk and possibly high northerly.

Forecast for Special Localities.—For New England, partly cloudy to-day, warmer in east portion; Monday fair and colder; moderate southwest shifting to northwest winds.

For Eastern New York, partly cloudy to-day; Monday fair and much colder; moderate southwest, shifting to northwest, winds.

For Eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy to-day; Monday fair and colder; moderate west to northwest winds.

For New Jersey, cloudy and warmer to-day; Monday fair and colder; moderate southwest, shifting to northwest, winds.

For Western Pennsylvania, partly cloudy and much colder to-day; Monday unsettled; brisk northwest winds.

For Western New York, partly cloudy and much colder to-day; Monday fair and cold; brisk northwest winds.

Observations of the United States weather bureaus, taken at 8 p. m. yesterday, follow:

City.	Temperature.	Weather.
Atlantic City	32	Cloudy
Albany	38	Cloudy
Boston	34	Cloudy
Buffalo	40	Rain
Chicago	38	Clear
Cincinnati	50	Cloudy
New Orleans	64	Clear
St. Louis	44	Foggy
Washington	36	Partly cloudy

MR. TAFT RECEIVES

SHAKES 5,575 HANDS.

Innovations at New Year Reception—Mrs. Taft in Line.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Taft received 5,575 guests in the White House today, this being the first official reception of his administration.

In many ways the New Year's reception was notable in the social history of the capital, for so many changes, minor in themselves but important in the aggregate, had been made under the supervision of Mrs. Taft that, instead of being the ordeal which the New Year reception has proved on many former occasions, it was actually pleasurable.

For the first time in many years the "Blue Room list" was abandoned, and in place of the great crush which has been the rule in other years the guests in the Blue Room were limited in number, including the families of Cabinet members, the Supreme Court, with the house guests of both, and the groups of young people who are spending the holiday season at the White House.

Mrs. Taft received with the President until after the members of the Supreme Court and their wives had passed. She had announced that she would be in the Blue Room for a short time to-day, and her appearance there caused great pleasure not only to the receiving party, but to the members of the Diplomatic Corps and others who called to pay their respects to the President.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the President's party descended the grand stairway, preceded by four of the President's aids, Colonel Spencer Cosby and Captain Archibald W. Butt, of the army; Lieutenant Commander Leigh C. Palmer, of the navy, and Lieutenant Daniel Van Voorhis, of the army.

Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman followed the President and Mrs. Taft. In the absence of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox, who went to Pittsburg to attend the funeral of Frank B. Smith, brother of Mrs. Knox, the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh followed the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman. Other members of the Cabinet followed in the order of precedence, the Postmaster General escorting Mrs. Dickinson, wife of the Secretary of War, who is in Porto Rico, and Miss Helen Taft walking with Secretary Wilson. Colonel Spencer Cosby made the introductions to the President, and Captain Butt performed a similar duty for Mrs. Taft.

DIPLOMATS COME FIRST.

Baron Mayor des Planches, the Italian Ambassador and dean of the diplomatic corps, was the first of the diplomats to shake hands with President Taft, and wish him a happy New Year. The entire membership of the corps followed in the order of precedence. Among the foreign representatives there were more new faces than have been recorded in many years. Baron Uchida, the new Japanese Ambassador; Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador; Chang Yin-tang, the new Chinese Minister; Dr. Ritter, the Swiss Minister; the Marquis of Villalobar, the Spanish Minister, and a number of others, not to mention a long list of secretaries and other attachés of the various embassies and legations, took part for the first time in a White House reception.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the President, and her two house guests, Miss Eleanor Roelker, of New York, and Miss Elizabeth Parsons, of Columbus, Ohio, were in the drawing rooms throughout the afternoon.

President Taft was apparently no more fatigued at the close of the reception than when he shook the hand of the Italian Ambassador. He had a cheery word for everybody, a long handclasp for the veterans of the army and navy, and a familiar slap on the back for his old friends who came to wish him a happy New Year.

Members of the Cabinet and their wives remained in line until shortly after 12 o'clock, when they left the Blue Room to join Mrs. Taft and a small number of invited guests at a buffet luncheon in the state dining room.

The only person who stayed to help the President out was James Wilson, the Secretary of Agriculture, who paced up and down in the little space between the windows of the Blue Room while President Taft greeted the thousands of visitors who filed past.

American Beauty roses carried out the tone coloring in the Red Room, and in the Blue and Green rooms pink and white carnations and roses were placed in tall vases. In the large corridor, where the line passed into the Red Room, there was a great bank of ferns and tall palms, behind which the Marine Band played throughout the three hours of the reception.

NEW RULE WORKS WELL.

One of the changes which Mrs. Taft arranged and which worked with remarkable success was in the order in which the line passed. In former years the specially invited guests have passed from the Blue Room to the Green Room, and remained in the latter apartment to chat. This year the Green Room was roped off the same as the Blue Room, and the guests passed straight through to the East Room. This resulted in getting the line through in so much quicker time than formerly that nearly half an hour was saved.

In fact, the line moved so rapidly that when the last of the army officers were about to pass into the Red Room the naval officers were just then leaving the Navy Department, a block away. The sailors, however, came up at a quick step and arrived panting, but in time to prevent a break in the line.

It took a little more than an hour for the President to receive the specially invited guests and official bodies, and from shortly after noon until just 2 o'clock he greeted the general public. There were all sorts of people in line, those who wore their "Sunday best" and others without collars or cuffs. But the President's greeting was the same for all, and the long line of citizens went out of the White House praising the nation's chief. There were more children in line than usual, and for each of the little ones the President had a hearty handshake and a smile.

Juvenile interest centered largely in "Charlie" Taft, the younger son of the family, who, however, did not appear on the scene until the reception was nearly over.

The Marine Band, under the leadership of Lieutenant Santelman, greatly facilitated the progress of the reception. It played a succession of marches, with a rhythm and spirit which seemed to suggest expedition.

Quite as much brilliancy was added to the reception by the rich and beautiful costumes of the women as by the glittering uniforms of the diplomats and the army and navy men. Many of the wives of the diplomats brought their costumes from famous houses abroad for the express purpose of wearing them to-day for the first time.

SOME OF THE COSTUMES.

Mrs. Taft wore a draped gown of white crepe meteor, trimmed with rose point lace and silver and crystal embroidery, and carried pink orchids and lilies-of-the-valley. She wore her hair in the new mode, with a heavy coronet braid.

Miss Helen Taft, who was present at an official White House reception for the first time, wore a girlish costume of rose pink satin and carried a cluster of lilies-of-the-valley.

Mrs. James S. Sherman wore a princess costume of gray chiffon velvet embroidered with several shades of gray silk and some rich lace on the bodice. She wore pearls and diamonds and carried a bouquet of pink orchids.

Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh wore a costume of gold brocade and lace.

Mrs. J. M. Dickinson wore a princess gown of gray satin almost covered by an overdress of net heavily beaded in cut steel and finished with cut steel fringe. She wore some rare lace on the bodice and some old-fashioned jewels.

Mrs. Wickersham wore a costume of white chiffon cloth, with embroidered yoke and sleeves and a finish of lace.

Mrs. George Von L. Meyer's costume was of mauve moire silk poplin, embroidered in gold and with a trimming of lace on the bodice.

Mrs. Richard A. Ballinger wore a draped princess gown of white brocaded crêpe, with the upper part of the bodice of lace and crystal embroidery on both skirt and bodice.

Mrs. Charles Nagel wore a draped princess gown of white embroidered chiffon cloth.

Baroness Mayor des Planches wore a costume of black velvet, with quantities of rare old Italian lace on the bodice and a large black hat with white plumes. She wore a number of jewels.

Baroness Hengelmüller, wife of the Austrian Ambassador, wore a striking costume of electric blue satin heavily embroidered in silver, a large white picture hat, with sweeping plumes, and a black marabou stole and muff.

Mme. Jusserand's costume was of old rose broadcloth, made empire and trimmed with gold embroidery. A large black hat with plumes completed the costume.

Mme. Nabuco wore a gray broadcloth costume, with gold lace and embroidery on the bodice, and a hat of the same shade trimmed with plumes.

Mrs. James Bryce also wore a costume of gray, the material being velvet, and a large gray velvet hat with a bird of paradise, with plumage.

Countess von Bernstorff was in a costume of black velvet, with panels of embossed velvet, a yoke of white lace and a black hat and sable furs.

Baroness Uchida wore sage green chiffon cloth and a hat to match.

Other attractively dressed women were: Mrs. H. W. Kennard, in black velvet, with a large black hat with willow plumes; Mrs. Esmond Ovey, in a pale gray satin draped princess, with a large black satin hat; Mme. Matsui, pale gray charmeuse satin, with a black hat; Countess Luise-Alexandra von Bernstorff, peachblow crêpe de chine, a black hat, with white plumes, and sable furs; Countess von Wedel, wistaria satin crêpe de chinee, embroidered in self-colored silk, with a plumed hat of the same shade; Señora de Calvo, sage green broadcloth, embroidered, and a large black velvet hat; Mme. Chermont, gray velvet, with gray velvet hat and ermine stole and muff; the Hon. Mrs. Bernard James, golden brown satin, draped princess, with sable muff, stole and hat; the Hon. Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth, turquoise blue chiffon cloth and a white hat.

The Misses Meyer wore twin costumes of rose colored moire silk poplin, with hats of the same color; Miss Hildegarde Nagel wore an old rose satin costume; Miss Helen Cannon, a gown of black embroidered chiffon over white satin, lace on the bodice and pearls; Mrs. Henry Sherman Boutell, gray satin with white lace; Miss Boutell, pink chiffon over white satin; Frau von Livonius, a gown of white moire embroidered in silver, and a large white hat with an aigrette; Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, an imported gown of ashes of roses satin, with a heavy flounce of Irish lace, and lace and fur trimming other parts of the gown; Baroness Preuschen von und zu Liebenstein, old rose satin edged with a border of blue fox, with Venetian lace and fur on the bodice, as well as on the large white hat which completed the costume; Miss Eleanor Roelker, of New York, gray broadcloth, with an overskirt effect and train, heavily braided, and gold embroidery on the chiffon yoke and sleeves, and a gray hat with ostrich plumes; Miss Elizabeth Parsons, white chiffon cloth over satin, trimmed with bands of gold, and a white hat trimmed with plumes and gold roses; Señorita Marta Calvo, ashes of roses corded silk, made princess, and a white hat with long plumes; Mrs. Edward Loftus, American Beauty rose colored chiffon velvet princess, with gold and Irish lace trimming, a hat of cloth of gold and sable furs; Señorita Carbo, taupe colored satin, heavily braided, with hat and furs of lynx; Señorita Ana Christiana Carbo, pearl gray crape embroidered, and lynx muff and stole; Señorita de Herrarte, hyacinth blue corded silk with silver trimmings, and a black hat with plumes; Señora de Mejia, French blue poplin embroidered in blue and gold, with yoke and sleeves of gold tissue and a small black toque; Señorita Palita Mejia, gown of white cloth heavily embroidered and trimmed with white satin on the bodice and yoke, and sleeves of white tulle and gold net, a large white beaver hat trimmed with gold roses and white tulle; Mme. de Lagercrantz, black satin, with yoke of golden embroidered net, and a black velvet hat; Mme. Cruz, smoke colored chiffon cloth over satin, with hat of smoke colored velvet and gray furs; Mme. Gude, réséda green crêpe de chine, with yoke of gold tissue and embroidery, and a black hat trimmed with plumes; Miss Gude, yellow satin embroidered in gold, and pale blue hat trimmed with gold; Miss Sigrid Gude, gray cloth trimmed in gold, and black toque with gold roses; Countess Moltke, pale gray satin with bands of gray silk embroidery, and toque of gray velvet trimmed with white gardenias; Mme. Sannon, black satin and lace, with a black plumed hat; Miss Amalia Mejia, lavender crêpe de chine embroidered in crystals, and hat of black beaver trimmed with white plumes and gold braid.

Mme. Ritter wore yellow satin embroidered in gold and trimmed with chiffon, and a small violet colored toque, with mauve plumes; Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver, an Empire gown of gold embroidered black satin, and Miss Oliver, a gray satin with bands of self colored embroidery; Mrs. Huntington Wilson, wine colored crêpe de chine in draped Grecian effect, with touches of gold on the bodice; Mrs. Bowers, black satin, and Miss Bowers, white broadcloth in draped princess effect; Mrs. W. H. H. Green, of Seattle, gray velvet and satin, with large gray hat with white plumes; Mrs. Henry B. Brown, black dotted net draped over white satin.

The four young daughters of the new Chinese Minister, in Oriental robes of white and pink ribbons in their dark hair, attracted much attention. They seemed to range from thirteen to eighteen years of age, and as they passed the President and timidly held out their white gloved hands, they formed a veritable little stepladder.

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 had been received. Representative Murdock, of Kansas, one of the insurgent leaders of the House, got a cordial reception from the President. So did Gifford Pinchot, the Chief Forester. It was reported that Mr. Pinchot and Secretary Ballinger shook hands, but this proved to be incorrect.

Generals Miles and Bell headed the army officers, and Rear Admiral Leutze led the naval contingent. Admiral Dewey was not present.

IN CABINET HOMES.

Brilliant Ball Given by Mr. and Mrs. Meyer.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Jan. 1.—Almost without exception the members of the Cabinet and their families dined quietly at home, with only a few additional guests.

The one large and brilliant entertainment in the Cabinet circle was the ball at the home of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, where several hundred young people made the first night of the new year merry. Mrs. Meyer was assisted in receiving by Miss Meyer and Miss Alice Meyer. Miss Helen Taft and Robert Taft, with the members of their house party, were among the guests.

Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, left Washington tonight for New York, to arrange for resuming her concert tour for the rest of the season.

Brilliant scenes were enacted at the home of the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman and at the houses of the Cabinet members, where receptions were held from 3 until 6 o'clock. The particular guests of the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman were from the Senate and House, although diplomats and army officers and official society generally paid their respects. Mrs. Sherman had to assist her Mrs. McLean and the Misses McLean, wife and sisters of Rear Admiral McLean; Mrs. D. F. Alexander, Mrs. Henry Sherman Boutell, Miss Boutell, Mrs. John W. Weeks, Miss Weeks, Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mrs. S. C. Neale, Miss Sherrill, Mrs. Schleuter, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. H. E. Devendorf and Miss Devendorf.

For the first time in many years on New Year's Day the home of the Secretary of State was closed, the family being in deep mourning for the death of Mrs. Knox's brother. The diplomats, however, distributed their calls generously among the Cabinet homes and added much to the brilliancy of the receptions.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh were assisted by their house guests, Mrs. Wirt Dexter, of Boston, and Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, of Baltimore, and had as additional assistants Mrs. Charles D. Norton, Mrs. C. D. Hilles, Mrs. Norman Williams, Mrs. Wesley Merritt, Miss Elizabeth R. Seldmore and Miss Georgiana Hopkins, of Boston.

Mrs. Dickinson, who opened her home for the afternoon notwithstanding the absence of the Secretary of War in Porto Rico, had one of the largest and most brilliant receptions of the afternoon, as so many of her visitors were officers of the army and were in full dress uniform. Mrs. Dickinson had an attractive bevy of young women with her. They were the daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver, and the daughters of the staff officers, including Miss Ruth Bliss, Miss Maitland Marshall, Miss Sally Garlington, Miss Carolyn Murray, Miss Aleshire, Miss Garrard, Miss Dorothy Williams and Miss Langitt. Mrs. Dickinson was also assisted by Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Joseph C. S. Blackburn, Mrs. W. H. H. Green, of Seattle, and Mrs. Gordon Paine, of Baltimore. Lieutenants Grant and Hammond made the presentations.

The home of the Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham wore a more quiet aspect, as all their early callers were members of the Supreme Court and the justices and associate justices of the various courts of the district. They, however, welcomed a large number of diplomats and others from official society. Assisting Mrs. Wickersham in receiving were Mrs. L. W. Bowers and Mrs. Martha Bowers, Mrs. Wade Ellis, Miss Harlan, Mrs. Franklin K. Lane and Mrs. James Harlan.

Another Cabinet home brilliant with uniformed callers was that of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, where all the naval men in and about Washington and most of the diplomats paid their respects. Assisting Mrs. Meyer and Miss Meyer were Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, Mrs. Eugene H. C. Leutze, Mrs. Richard Wainwright, Mrs. W. P. Potter, Mrs. R. F. Nicholson, Mrs. W. E. Mason, Mrs. R. C. Hollyday, Mrs. H. I. Cone, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. T. M. Potts and Mrs. Philip Andrews. Lieutenant E. T. Constein, Lieutenant Long and Lieutenant Richard Wainwright, all in full dress uniform, made the presentations.

The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Ballinger received a sufficient number of guests comfortably to fill the large ballroom at the Shoreham, where Christmas decorations lent a cheerful air. Assisting Mrs. Ballinger were Mrs. Samuel H. Piles, Mrs. Hugh Wallace, Mrs. Wilson, wife of the former Senator from Washington; Mrs. William E. Humphrey, Mrs. Frank Pierce, Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Mrs. Oscar Lawler, Mrs. M. B. Berryhill, Mrs. Edward Keys and Mrs. Francis E. Leupp.

Neither the Secretary of Agriculture nor the Postmaster General kept open house, but spent their time in calling on the other Cabinet members.

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Nagel, assisted by their daughter, Miss Hildegarde Nagel, received a large number of visitors. They were assisted by Mrs. Henry G. Sharpe, Miss Jane Riggs, Mrs. Edward Carpenter, Mrs. A. Garrison McClintock, Mrs. Charles Henry Butler, Mrs. A. Gordon Cumming, Mrs. T. T. Taft, Mrs. Corcoran Thom, Mrs. Charles Mulliken, Miss Shirley Putnam and Miss Sophy Johnston.

CROWD GREETS PRIMA DONNA.

Miss Hunt Made New Year Happier in Restaurant with Her Song.

Some belated New Year's Eve happenings in the big restaurants are coming to light, and according to those who witnessed it no scene was more striking than that in Martin's shortly after midnight, when Miss Ida Brooks Hunt, the prima donna of "The Chocolate Soldier," entered, to meet some friends who were already there. Miss Hunt's entrance was the signal for the orchestra to strike up music from "The Chocolate Soldier," and from all parts of the big room instantly rose calls from "My Hero, My Hero," the song that Miss Hunt sings in the operaetta. Embarrassed, she looked about for refuge, but the crowd was insistent, and the leader, taking a quick cue, began the opening strains of the waltz song.

Miss Hunt seemed never to have been in better voice, and sang the air with great verve. When she finished there was an extraordinary scene. Diners stood up and pelted the little woman with flowers. Some one threw her an American flag, which she caught and waved above her head, and the crowd went wild. "That voice came from Indianapolis," yelled one enthusiastic Hoosier, and the crowd took that up, too. In the excitement Miss Hunt found her table and received the plaudits of her friends and their congratulations.

"It was just the liveliest reception I ever had," said she later; "I don't remember anything half so nice ever happening, and I was so choked up with happiness that I just don't understand how I ever managed to sing at all."

AIRSHIP TRANSPORTATION.

Plans of a German Company Organized to Carry Passengers.

Consul Talbot J. Albert writes from Brunswick of the plans of a company organized in Germany to operate airships:

"This age will soon see passenger ships navigating the air. A German airship company has become an accomplished fact. The organization of the Deutsche Luftschiffahrts-Aktiengellschaft was effected in Frankfort on November 16, 1909. The 3,000,000 marks ($714,000) necessary was oversubscribed. One-sixth each of the stock was taken in Hamburg, Frankfort and Munich, while in Baden-Baden 100,000 marks was subscribed privately and 50,000 marks by the city. The company intends to promote aerial navigation generally and the operation of airships as vehicles for the conveyance of passengers. The president is chief Mayor of Frankfort, while there are twenty-six other directors from Dusseldorf, Cologne, Stuttgart, Essen, Elberfeld, Mannheim, Munich, Leipzig and Hamburg. It is proposed to establish airship stations in the cities mentioned. Frankfort will be the seat of the company and receive the first two airships, namely, the Zeppelin IV, in April, 1910, and the Zeppelin V, in June, 1910, if the airship station there is finished. If not, in order to make the enterprise lucrative, passenger trips will start from Friedrichshaven, the original and present station of the Zeppelin ships, and the first halting place and station will be Baden-Baden. Ample capital has been supplied at that city to lay out an airship station and anchorage ground as vast as that projected at Frankfort. The next station will be on the coast of the North Sea, probably Hamburg.

"The fourth in the series of Zeppelin ships will be built by the Zeppelin Air Ship Construction Company for the newly founded German airship company (Deutsche Luftschiffahrts-Aktiengesellschaft). It will be specially constructed for the transport of pass