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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

Distinguished Guests Danced at the Assembly Ball

Senator and Mrs. Davis, Senator Depew, and Senator Kean Among the Entertainers of Last Night—Maupin-Smith Wedding at Gurley Memorial Church—Personal Notes.

The governors and members of the Washington Assembly gave their annual ball at the Arlington last night. Their guests were the dignitaries of the Diplomatic Corps, men and women prominent in the official and social life at the Capital, and a number of distinguished visitors from out of town, the majority of whom came here to attend the Bromley-Paunceforte wedding. The hosts of the evening were Mr. John Davis, Mr. John Hay, Mr. Walter V. Berry, Mr. Calderon Carlisle, Mr. Henry May, Mr. Charles Bispham, Mr. William H. Emory, Mr. Edward McCawley, Mr. William J. Boardman, Mr. Constantin Brun, Mr. Charles C. Glover, Mr. John C. Poor, Mr. Arnold Hague, Mr. Joseph P. Sanger, and Mr. George Hellen. Mrs. George Lothrop Bradley was the hostess.

Nothing more beautiful in the way of decoration has been seen this winter than the decoration of the ballroom, which were in red and white. The polished oak ceiling was as green as a Southern forest, with wild laurel branches, through which rippled wide red and white ribbons, tied in love-knot rosettes. Twinkling through the foliage were myriads of tiny white and red electric lights, which also garlanded the wall like chains of living jewels. The mirrors that panel the great room were half veiled with pyramids of red and white azaleas, caught artistically with huge bows of ruby red ribbon, and a rustic ledge that adorned the walls was filled with Easter lilies rising from banks of maidenhair fern. The only touch of contrasting color was furnished by the ribbon that garlanded the musicians' gallery, and which was of a delicate lavender shade. Branching out from the centre of the gallery were the limbs of a grey and weather-beaten oak, covered with Florida moss and hundreds of pale mauve orchids. A wall of palm trees stood like sentinels on either side of the gallery, and the niches of the windows were small jungles of tropical plants and fern. The music of the evening was furnished by the Marine Band.

The reception parlors were also elaborately decorated with palms ribbons and flowers. American Beauty roses and huge bowknots and streamers of the same color ornamented the first, and in the second were orchids and ribbons of lavender. Supper was served after midnight.

The great ball was splendid in all its details, and the guests present could afford to jest over the great blizzard of last year, which utterly ruined the Assembly of 1899.

The guests invited were:

The Mexican Ambassador and Madame de Azpiroz, Mr. Georges Allart, Baron Ambroisy, Mr. Walter S. Andrews, Mr. Rodrigo Aspiroz, Col. and Mrs. C. T. Alexander, Hon. Robert Adams, jr., Miss Bessie Ashton, Miss Allen, Miss Archibald, Miss Alexander, Miss Rachel C. Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boardman, Miss Boardman, Capt. and Mrs. B. H. Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Baker, Mr. Brooke M. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. George Lothrop Bradley, Mr. Woodbury Blair, Capt. Warren J. Beach, Mr. Alexander Graham Bell, Miss Bell, Miss Marian H. G. Bell, Drs. Bohlen and Halbach, Gen. and Mrs. A. E. Bates, the Misses Bates, the Danish Minister, Mr. Jerome N. Bonaparte, Mr. Walter V. R. Berry, Miss Berry, Mr. George W. Brown, Miss Carol C. Brown, Dr. Charles Bispham, Miss Barber, Mr. Norman Bestor, Mr. and Mrs. Geoge C. Bloomer, Mr. Myron Brown, of New York; Col. and Mrs. Baughman, of Maryland; Mrs. Burton, of Kentucky; Mrs. Charles A. Broadwater, Miss Wilder Broadwater, Mrs. R. M. G. Brown, Miss Elizabeth B. Bliss, Miss Lydia S. Biddle, Mrs. A. T. Bellnap, Hon. and Mrs. Thomas W. Cridler, Miss Craig, Miss E. V. Clark, Hon. William Aiken Chanler, Miss Chanler, Col. and Mrs. Arthur Cassels, Miss Cassels, Mr. Childs, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Chatard, Gen. Henry C. Corbin, Duke C. de Castanets, Hon. William A. Clark, Miss Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Culver, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Clark, Capt. and Mrs. W. S. Cowles, Col. Francis Colton, Miss Colton, Lieut. A. S. Cosklin, Lieut. W. L. Capps, Mr. and Mrs. Calderon Carlisle, the French Ambassador, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Chapin, the Russian Ambassador and Mlle. Cassini, Hon. John Lee Carroll, Mr. William V. Chapin, Mrs. Randolph Clark, of Boston; Mrs. William Cochran, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Clinton Crosking, Judge and Mrs. John Davis, Miss Davis, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, Mr. E. H. Dennison, Major R. Dickins, Mr. Walter Deuber, Mr. W. B. Denby, Mr. E. B. Denby, Col. and Mrs. H. A. Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald DeKoven, Mr. Charles DeCosta, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Emery, Hon. and Mrs. S. B. Elkins, Lieut. John R. Edie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mr. E. B. Ewing, Miss Kathleen Emmott, Miss Freeman, Mrs. D. Gray Falconer, of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fraser, Mr. J. B. Forsker, jr., Mrs. J. B. Forsker, the Misses Forsker, Mr. William W. Finley, the Misses Finley, Mr. Horace C. Ffoulke, Miss Ferguson, Miss Leila Griggs, Miss Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glover, Miss Glover, Hon. Frederic H. Gillett, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Gallaudet, Miss Gallaudet, F. G. Charles H. Gibson, Miss Gale, Miss Gracie Gormley, Miss Georgie Gormley, Miss Martha Hichborn, Mrs. Barclay Henry, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Heimbold, Mrs. D. L. Hutchinson, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hazeltine, Miss May Hopkins, Miss Hazeltine, Major and Mrs. R. L. Hoxie, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay, the Misses Hay, the German Ambassador, Mr. J. R. Henderson, Mr. Thomas H. Hicks, U. S. N.; Col. and Mrs. B. W. Huidekoper, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Howland, Mr. George H. Howard, Miss Mabel Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinckley, Dr. and Mrs. David J. Hill, Mr. George Hellen, Hon. and Mrs. Joel F. Henzelle, Mrs. and Misses Horstman, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hague, Mr. J. William Henry, Hon. and Mrs. Eugene Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Stilson Hutchins, Capt. and Mrs. J. J. Hunker, Mr. F. L. Huidekoper, Hon. J. J. Hemphill, Hon. Frederic H. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henry, Mrs. and Miss Hanna, Mr. Francis C. Hutton, Hon. and Mrs. R. R. Hitt, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax Harrison, Miss Esther Hunt, of New York; Miss Julia C. Harris, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cross Johnson, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Kittson, Miss Eleanor Kendall, of New York; Miss Kennedy, Lieut. F. W. Kellogg, Col. and Mrs. S. C. Kellogg, Miss Kellogg, Mr. Arthur Keith, Hon. John Kean, Mr. Henry G. Kemp, the Japanese Minister, Mr. David Keator, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Krause, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome M. Lowndes, Miss Letterman, Major C. H. Lauchheimer, Miss Larcom, Mr. Gerard Lowther, Mr. Reeve Lewis, Mr. Fulton Lewis, Mr. A. Monell-Sayre, of New York; Dr. Morris, Hon. and Mrs. Thomas S. Martin, Mrs. Carroll Mercer, Governor and Mrs. W. R. Merriam, Miss Merriam, Hon. and Mrs. James McMillan, Miss McMillan, Gen. and Mrs. Henry May, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Mosher, Mr. C. Pinpette Mitchell, Mr. W. G. Max Muller, Hon. and Mrs. L. E. McComas, Miss McComas, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mr. A. B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Minor, Dr. Robert F. Mason, Mr. W. L. McPherson, Major Charles L. McCawley, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Morehead, Mr. Frank P. Mitchell, Hon. Martin Maginnis, Mr. Thomas A. Marlow, Mr. Samuel Maddox, Miss Marion S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Crosby S. Noyes, Mrs. Wallace Neff, Miss M. G. Norris, Hon. and Mrs. M. F. Olmsted, Mr. A. Humphreys-Owen, Miss Bertha O'Toole, Madame de Perez, Miss Paulding, Mrs. Perin, Miss Peterson, Miss Phelps, the British Ambassador and Lady Pauncefote, Miss Pauncefote, Mr. John G. Paltrey, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Pudelford, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Patterson, Miss Patterson, Hon. Boies Penrose, Col. and Mrs. J. L. DePeyster, Miss DePeyster, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Poor, Mr. A. P. Pulido, the Swiss Minister and Mme. Pioda, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Perkins, Miss Perkins, Mr. Arthur Peter, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Richardson, Mrs. J. M. Richardson, Mr. Jose Romero, Hon. and Mrs. Elihu Root, Miss Root, Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Rixey, Mr. M. de Routkowsky, Lieut. W. L. Rodgers, Mr. Hugh B. Rowland, Mr. Juan Riano, Mr. and Mrs. C. Peyton Russell, Miss Russell, Mr. Philip G. Russell, Mr. P. Rogerzowsky, Gen. and Mrs. W. B. Rochester, Capt. A. H. Russell, Miss Martha Le R. Russell, Mr. H. H. Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Redfern, Mr. A. C. Raymond, Mr. C. F. P. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rae, U. S. N.; Hon. and Mrs. John K. Reyburn, Miss Mary C. Randal, Hon. and Mrs. Charles F. Sprague, Mr. Algernon Sartoris, Miss Eleonora Sears, of Boston; Madame Scheele, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Simpkins, Miss Mildred F. Stokes, Miss Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Steedman, Miss Sophie Siebert, Mrs. J. Dorman Steele, Mr. Gustave de Strale, Capt. and Mrs. S. A. Staunton, Mrs. and Miss Saville, Major W. A. Simpson, Miss Mabel Simpson, Gen. and Mrs. J. P. Sanger, Miss Sanger, Capt. George O. Squier, Dr. Z. T. Sowers, Miss Sowers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Spaulding, Governor and Mrs. Smith, Dr. William Alvah Stewart, Mr. J. Montgomery Strong, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Erra Thayer, of Boston; Miss Edith Taylor, of Philadelphia; Governor and Mrs. Charles S. Thomas, Mrs. Helen T. Malburn, Mr. Samuel Theobold, jr., of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Townsend, Mr. Oliver Taigny, Mr. Eugene Thiebaut, Mr. Morven Thompson, Mr. J. Augustus Taylor, Mr. Richard K. Tyler, Mr. G. Oakley Totten, jr., Miss Edine Tisdel, Miss Earline S. Taunt, Mr. Alex G. Updegraff, Mr. A. del Vasa, Dr. Thomas M. Vincent, Gen. M. V. Z. Woodhull, Miss Helen Whittlesey, Miss Anna Walker, Mr. George M. Woolsey, Miss Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. John Sidney Webb, Miss Webb, Miss Isabel C. Wells, Mrs. C. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. George Westinghouse, Hon. and Mrs. G. P. Wetmore, Miss Wetmore, Mr. N. Theodore Wilson, Mr. Clarence R. Wilson, Mr. Walter D. Wilcox, Mrs. and Miss Ward, Capt. and Mrs. J. R. Williams, Mr. Charles A. Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Wilson, Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. G. de Wollent, Mr. Horace H. Westcott, Mr. Charles D. Westcott, Col. and Mrs. A. S. Worthington, Miss Helen Starr Worthington, Mr. John F. Wilkins, Col. and Mrs. George A. Woodward, Miss Woodward, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh.

The social season will be brought to a close tonight with the reception which Senator and Mrs. Foraker will give at their splendid residence in Sixteenth Street.

Senator and Mrs. Davis gave a dinner of twenty-eight covers last night when their guests were largely from the diplomatic circle. Those present were the German Ambassador, the French Ambassador, the Russian Ambassador and Mlle. Cassini, the Mexican Ambassador and Senora de Azpiroz and their daughter, Senora de Perez, the Minister from Guatemala, the Swiss Minister and Madame Pioda, the Belgian Minister and Countess de Lichtervelde, Madame Wu, the Japanese Minister, the Turkish Minister and Mrs. Frye, Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Hill, Representative and Mrs. Hitt, [illegible] Roche, and Miss McNaughton.

The elegantly appointed board was decorated with red, white, and blue ribbons, and lilies of the valley. The name cards of the diplomats were artistically ornamented with the flags of their respective countries.

Senator Depew and Miss Paulding entertained a company at dinner last night. Their guests were Mrs. Legare, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. H. B. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. Thoron, the Hon. Sybil Pauncefote, Miss Root, Miss Lovering, Miss Cockrell, Miss Lay, Miss Wallach, Miss Clagett, Miss Bates, Miss Hegerman, Hon. Robert Cousins, Prince Troubetskoy, Lieutenant Commander Stanton, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Warren, Mr. Horstmann, Mr. Foraker, Mr. Paulding, Mr. Westcott, and Mr. Depew.

Senator Kean was among the dinner hosts of last night. He entertained in honor of Mr. W. C. Endicott, of Boston. The additional guests were Representative and Mrs. George B. McClellan, of New York, Miss Dix, the Misses Kean, Mr. Rockhill, former Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr. Lowther, of the British Embassy.

Miss Kean, sister of Senator Kean, was the hostess at a luncheon yesterday given in honor of Miss Dix, daughter of Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, of New York. The ladies invited to meet Miss Dix were Miss Barber, the Hon. Sibyl Pauncefote, Miss Dupont, Miss Marie McKenna, Miss Florence Forsker, Miss Mildred Phelps Stokes, of New York, Miss Merriam, Miss Satterlee, Miss Helen Patten, Miss Allen, daughter of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Miss Gilmore, and Miss Elizabeth Kean.

Mrs. Hitchcock gave a luncheon for young ladies yesterday afternoon. The guests were Mrs. George C. Fraser, Mrs. Richey, Mrs. de Peyster, Miss Jackson, the Misses Evans, Miss Alexander, Miss Norris, Miss Lucy Kean, Miss Emmet, Miss Riggs, Miss Ffoulke, Miss Rochester, Miss Horstmann, Miss Bromley, and the Misses Hitchcock.

The marriage of Miss Florence Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Smith, of Baltimore, and formerly of Washington, and Mr. Robert Washington Maupin took place at Gurley Memorial Church at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Van Ness, pastor of Takoma Presbyterian Church. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, who gave her hand in marriage. She wore her traveling suit, a stylish tailor-made gown of mode broadcloth, with hat and gloves to match. Her flowers were violets. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Richard Faulkison Hawes. The ushers were Mr. Robert Small, Mr. Arthur Calver, Mr. William T. Davis, and Mr. William E. Dyre. Mr. Maupin was at one time a newspaper man in this city, and both he and his bride have many friends here, who thronged the church to witness the impressive marriage service. There were also present a number of friends and relatives of the bride from Baltimore. The severity of the woodwork was softened by a profusion of palm foliage, with which the altar and chancel were tastefully dressed. The wedding march was rendered by Mr. Frank C. Calhoun, of Baltimore, who also played softly while the ceremony was being performed, and gave several appropriate selections while the guests were being seated. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for Old Point Comfort. They will be at home, after March 5, at 1717 Madison Avenue, Baltimore.

Miss Edna Carter McCortney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. McCortney, and Dr. Stewart Brown Muncaster will be married at 12 o'clock today from St. John's Church, the pastor, Rev. Mackay-Smith, officiating. Miss Jefferson, of Wheeling, W. Va., will be maid of honor, and Mr. Alexander Muncaster, brother of the groom, best man. The ushers selected are Mr. J. H. McCortney, Mr. Walter Muncaster, Mr. Metcalf, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Peters, of Georgetown.

THE PRESIDENT'S CALLERS.

A Delegation From the Maimed Soldiers' League Among Them.

The President yesterday received a visit from a delegation of the Maimed Soldiers' League, of Philadelphia, who wished to thank him for his interest in their behalf in securing the passage of a bill for the increase of the pensions now allowed to soldiers who have lost limbs by service in the civil war. The league has for a long time been working for the passage of this bill, and has hopes that this Congress will effect it. Those who called yesterday were James M. McGee, Major Levi McCauley, J. H. R. Storey, A. G. Rapp, and Franklin Ibach.

A party of 122 tourists from Massachusetts and Connecticut waited upon the President and paid their respects during the morning. Among the other callers at the Mansion were Senators Nelson, Foraker, and Hawley, and Representatives Spaulding, Lacy, Southard, Payne, Dalzell, Hopkins, Alexander, Graham, Cushman, Sherman, and Delegate Flynn; District Attorney Anderson, and Mr. Sewall, of Maine, who ran for Vice President on the ticket with Mr. Bryan.

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A STRINGENT FOOD LAW.

Prohibits the Use of Arsenic or Alum in All Articles of Diet.

The law enacted by the Missouri Legislature which prohibits the manufacture or sale of any article intended for food or to be used in the preparation of food which contains alum, arsenic, ammonia, etc., places that State in the lead in the matter of sanitary legislation.

Laws restricting the use of alum in bread have been in force in England, Germany, and France for many years. In this country, in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and several other States, direct legislation in reference to the sale of alum baking powders has also been effected. In several of these States their sale is prohibited unless they are branded to show that they contain alum, and in the District of Columbia, under the laws of Congress, the sale of bread containing alum has been made illegal.

Following are the names of some of the brands of baking powder sold in this vicinity which are shown by recent analysis to contain alum. Housekeepers and grocers should cut the list out and keep it for reference:

Baking Powders Containing Alum:

EGG.....Contains Alum.
Manf. by Egg Baking Powder Co., New York.
DAVIS' G. K.....Contains Alum.
R. R. Davis & Co., New York.
SEA GULL.....Contains Alum.
Sea Gull Specialty Co., Baltimore.
GOOD LUCK.....Contains Alum.
Southern Mfg. Co., Richmond.
PARROT AND MONKEY.....Contains Alum.
Sea Gull Specialty Co., Baltimore.
ROLAX.....Contains Alum.
Smith, Horpel & Co., Baltimore.
KENTON.....Contains Alum.
Potter, Parlin & Co., Cincinnati.
BON BON.....Contains Alum.
Grant Chemical Co., Chicago.
PATAPSCO.....Contains Alum.
Patapsco Baking Powder Co., Baltimore.

In addition to these, it is learned that many grocers are selling what they call their own private or special brands. These powders are put up for the grocer and his name put upon the labels by manufacturers of alum powders in Richmond, Baltimore, Cincinnati, and elsewhere. The manufacturers, it is said, find their efforts to market their goods in this way greatly aided by the ambition of the grocer to sell a powder with his own name upon the label, especially when the grocer can make an abnormal profit upon it. Many grocers, doubtless, do not know that the powders they are thus pushing are alum powders, which would be actually contraband in many sections if sold without disguise.

It is quite impossible to give the names of all the alum baking powders in the market. They are constantly appearing in all sorts of disguises, under all kinds of cognomens, and at all kinds of prices, even as low as 5 and 10 cents a pound. They can be avoided, however, by the housekeeper who will bear in mind that all baking powders sold at 25 cents or less per pound are liable to contain alum, as pure cream of tartar baking powders cannot be produced at anything like this price.

JUSTICE GRAY MAY RESIGN.

Attorney General Griggs Mentioned as His Probable Successor.

It is said to be probable that the Supreme Court of the United States will very soon have a vacancy to be filled, owing to the resignation of Justice Gray, whom rumor reports as on the point of retiring from the bench. Should this occur, it will be because of his age, and owing to the arduous duties of the position, to which he has for nearly twenty years given his best efforts.

The law permits the voluntary retirement of the justices of the Supreme Court upon their attaining the age of seventy years, their pay being the full amount for active service and for life. Justice Gray has more than reached this limit, his seventy-second birthday anniversary coming on the 24th of next March. He is five years older than the Chief Justice, or than Justice Harlan, and from seven to seventeen years the senior of the other justices. He was appointed by President Arthur in December, 1881.

Already has this Administration placed one man upon the Supreme Bench, supplying the incumbent from the Cabinet, and there is reason to believe that a second will go from the President's official family to the higher post. It is said that the present Attorney General has no higher ambition than to become a justice of that court. The rumored early resignation of Justice Gray is not discredited at the White House, nor is it denied that his successor may be Mr. Griggs. The personal ambition of Mr. Griggs, together with the regard in which he is held by the President, have great weight in shaping opinion, and the report comes from several of his close political friends that he will beyond doubt be the man chosen for the place.

The Attorney General is not yet fifty-one years of age, and has served in the Cabinet for about two years, having taken the place made vacant when Judge McKenna was commissioned to the Supreme Bench. He will not have a clear field for his appointment, however, for it is well known that the President has had in mind for the coming vacancy the former Secretary of State, Judge Day, and it is a possibility that he may be the final choice.

PORTO RICANS FOR SOLDIERS.

Another Battalion of Natives of the Island to Be Enlisted.

General Davis, Military Governor of Porto Rico, has been instructed by Secretary Root to raise 400 native recruits of that island, who will be enlisted as volunteer soldiers in the United States Army, to serve until July 1, 1901. The work of raising the recruits has already begun and will be finished within a few weeks.

The new recruits will be mounted on native horses, which the Quartermaster General is now purchasing in Porto Rico, and will be armed and equipped exactly like the mounted infantry of the Regular Army. The men will receive the same pay and allowances for rations as the regular troops. A battalion of native infantry was raised in Porto Rico about a year ago, and has given excellent satisfaction. The new battalion being raised will be consolidated with the old one, and will be commanded by Major James A. Buchanan, of the Fifteenth Infantry, whose nomination as lieutenant colonel has been sent to the Senate.

All the commissioned officers of the Porto Rican companies will be Americans except two surgeons, who will be selected from among the prominent surgeons of the island. The non-commissioned officers, as far as possible, will be selected from natives who possess a certain amount of knowledge of the English language; the privates will also be taught English as rapidly as possible, in order that they may better understand the orders given by their superiors. The native troops will take the place of the United States Regulars, who will be withdrawn from the island within the next few months.

CUBAN INTERNAL REVENUE.

The War Department Issues a Statement Concerning It.

The internal revenue collections for Cuba for six months ending December 31, 1899, were announced by the War Department yesterday. The total collections were $412,448.44, derived from the following sources:

Inheritance and conveyance tax, $187,610.32; corporation tax, $43,956.64; tax on railroad freight and passengers, $140,864.52; forest privileges, $555.64; redemption of rent charges, $220.14; interest on rent charges, $8,534.14; interest on interest in arrears, $324.32; rent of Government land, $2,363.45; sale of condemned property, $147.28; sale of public lands, $675.73; sundry revenues, $28,562.79; refunds for undue payments, $503.69.

A National Park in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 26.—A strong effort is to be made by the Daughters of the Confederacy, in co-operation with the McEwan Bivouac and Starnes Camp, United Confederate Veterans, to secure a national park at Franklin. The proposed site is that of the famous Franklin battlefield.

IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

Former Representative D. P. Dyer, of Missouri, is at the Ebbitt from St. Louis. He is here looking after some political matters, and will remain in the city during the balance of the present session of Congress.

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C. F. Durant, the Chicago lawyer, has returned to the city, with his family, and is quartered at the Riggs. He is well known in Washington, and will remain for several months.

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Commander S. Nishi, of the Imperial Japanese Navy, and T. Noguchi, of Tokio, Japan, are at the Arlington. Commander Nishi comes here to replace Commander K. Narita, as the naval attache of the Japanese Legation, the latter having been recalled. Mr. Noguchi is the head of the Mitsui Silk Company, and is en route to Paris, where he will superintend the construction of his exhibit. He is a large manufacturer of silk goods, and employs 4,500 people in his factories. He will remain here for several days.

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Henry C. Pirrung, President of the Columbus, Ohio, Board of Trade, and C. C. Philbrick, a newspaper publisher from that city, are at the Shoreham. They are in the city endeavoring to secure the location of the Democratic national headquarters in the Ohio capital, and are laboring to obtain the influence of Democratic leaders.

"I am confident that Columbus will be the choice," said Mr. Pirrung last night, "as the battleground of the campaign will be Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan. The movement is non-partisan and both parties are anxious that the campaign be directed from the Ohio capital. The board of trade, which I represent, assures the committee that everything possible will be done to make the officers comfortable. We will provide a good building in a convenient part of the city."

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F. E. McKinley, United States Special Agent, is at the Ebbitt from Oklahoma. He is endeavoring to have his father, who is now receiver of the Guthrie Land Office, made mining inspector for New Mexico, and feels confident that his errand will be a successful one. He will remain in the city until Saturday.

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T. M. Buffington, principal Chief of the Cherokee Indians, is at the National, accompanied by the following delegates: Perry Wyly, Hooly Bell, Jess Cochran, and Benjamin Hildebrant. They are in the city to arrange for the ratification of the Cherokee and Dawes agreement, and will remain about two weeks.

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Prof. W. S. Johnson, the head of the American Wireless Telegraph Company, is at the Arlington from New York for a few days. He has been in communication with the War and Navy Departments for some time with reference to having the Government adopt the system for signal purposes. In order to demonstrate the usefulness of the method for marine purposes, Prof. Johnson states that he has made a contract with the Ann Arbor Railroad to maintain communication with the car ferry which operates between Frankfort, Mich., and Sturgeon Bay, Wis. At times the ferry is not heard from for several days, and it is proposed to keep in constant communication with the boat in future.

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"Alabama is destined to become the Keystone State of the South," said W. B. Stilwell, of Birmingham, Ala., at Willard's, last night. "It has iron ore, coal and limestone, cotton and timber in abundance, and mills and steel plants are going up all over the State. The cotton mills especially are giving Alabama a great boom, and within a few years not a single bale of the raw material will be shipped out of the State. The Southern mills have the advantage of location, and in addition to this, plenty of good labor is to be had. All of the mills are fitted with latest improvements, and it is a fact that in many of these the latest apparatus allows one man to do as much labor as two hands in New England. I mean by this that he can care for eight looms instead of four. Millions of dollars in capital from all over the country is going into these mills, and as a result, Alabama is getting a big boom which will result in placing her in the front rank."

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Adolf Sonnenschein, Chief Engineer of the Witkowitz (Austria) Steel and Mining Company, is at the Raleigh. He is making a tour of the United States for the purpose of studying the iron and steel manufactories.

"My ideas of what America was have all been knocked on the head," said he last night. "You see I had a belief that this was a wild, dangerous country, and that my life would be in peril during my stay. The newspaper stories which we see on the Continent in Europe are enough to make a man believe anything about America, but I was agreeably surprised. I was not sandbagged, nor was I robbed as I stepped off the steamer at New York. Instead, I find here more comfort and security than in any other country that I have visited. You get more for your money here than elsewhere, and you get it better. While the iron trade is carried on in wonderful proportions here, the methods used are practically those used in Austria. At present our plant is tied up by a great strike of the iron and coal hands, which has brought out 30,000 men. The trouble was caused by the Government, which offered to give the miners two hours less labor each day at the same rate of pay. The operators were not prepared to grant this, and today the mines are guarded by troops. As the men went out without first stating their grievances and calling a meeting of operators, the latter now refuse to deal with the strikers. The Austrian law provides that in all labor troubles the inspector of works shall call a meeting of operators to confer with a committee of the workers, and thus adjust matters. This was not done, and I suppose the result will be that the mines and plants will remain closed until the men are starved into submission. The trouble is a political one, in a sense, as the Bohemian element is urging the miners to hold out."

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James R. Sovereign, the labor leader, is at the Metropolitan, from Idaho. He is here as a witness in the investigation of the Coeur d'Alenes labor riots.

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