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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

President Cleveland's Brilliant Reception.

WASHINGTON, January 1.—At precisely 11 o'clock the Marine Band, stationed in the vestibule, began a march, and a minute later Colonel Wilson, head marshal, appeared at the head of the grand stairway leading from the second floor on the west. Immediately behind him came President Cleveland and Mrs. Manning. The President looked as well as usual and walked steadily, evincing no discomfort. Behind the President and Mrs. Manning came Secretary Bayard and Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary Manning and Mrs. Endicott, Secretary Vilas, Colonel Lamont and Lieutenant Duvall, of the Navy. It required but a half minute's time for the arrangement of positions in the Blue-room to be made, and immediately the reception began. The Diplomatic corps entering first, then followed all the justices of the Supreme Court, except Justice Wood, who is in California, and then officers of the Army and Navy and Congressmen.

There were not many Senators and Representatives. Among those who called were Senators Sherman, Pugh, Walthall, Allison, Beck, Cockrell, Miller, Morrill, Manderson, and McPherson, and Representatives Carlisle, Thompson, Outwaite, Hatch, Breckenridge, Lyman, Herbert, Murphy, Scott, Mills, Burns, Van Eaton, Townsend, Ward, Conger, Wilkins, Pettibone, Clements, Green, Lymes, Randall, Springer, Harris, Barnes, and Bontelle.

At noon precisely the naval officers appeared, headed by Rear-Admirals Quackenbush and Foster, followed by the army officers. Ex-Secretary of War Holt walked with General Sheridan, and behind him was Judge-Advocate-General Dunn. Almost every Army and Navy officer stationed in Washington was present, and as they filed through the Blue-room the dark gold which adorned their uniforms formed a marked and effectively picturesque contrast with the brilliant toilets of Mrs. Cleveland and the Cabinet ladies.

As the body of handsome-faced men poured into the East-room, mingling with the gaily-dressed crowd assembled there, the picture brought to mind was an enormous and dazzling kaldeoscope. The crowds that lingered in the parlors and halls were much larger than for many years past.

Mrs. Cleveland looked particularly well, the excitement of the occasion lending a brilliant color to her cheek and a glistening sparkle to her eye. She stood at the right of the President, and firmly grasped each hand as it left the President's, and with a cordial intoning of the visitor's name, she looked toward the next comer. The reception was marred by no accident or disagreeable incident, and the arrangements seemed to be almost perfect for the comfort and convenience of the guests. The reception ended at 2:05 o'clock.

A WESTERN SCANDAL.

The People of San Antonio Excited Over a Count's Arrest.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., January 1.—Higher social circles of this city are in a quiver of excitement over the arrest of Count Emil Carl Frederick Gunther Von Schwarzenburg, who was united in marriage last Tuesday night to Miss Maria H. A. Murphy, a teacher in the public schools of this city and a lady of rare accomplishments. The charge upon which the count is arrested is bigamy, and is preferred at the instigation of the brother of the count's first wife.

The hearing of the case has been postponed until next week to give time for the accused, who is on his way from New York, to appear in person and prosecute the man who he claims has deeply wronged his sister. The denouement of this marriage will be awaited with feverish expectancy by society and the friends of the recently-made countess in this city.

Mail Bags Burned Up.

FORT KEOGH, MONT., January 1.—Misspah, a stage station on the Miles City and Spear Fish mail line, was burned Friday night, with a loss of the United States mail. It was a terribly stormy night when the driver reached the station, a genuine Arctic blizzard prevailing. Three men went to sleep in a stack, leaving a big fire in the stove. The house caught fire from the logs, and the high wind destroyed every building and the main coach. The men barely escaped with their lives and no clothing, and were almost frozen to death before help arrived.

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Rev. Mr. Messaros Acquitted.

PHILADELPHIA, January 1.—The jury in the case of Rev. Waldo Messaros, charged with felonious assault on Mrs. Mary Culston, retired at noon yesterday and at 10:30 o'clock last night arrived at a conclusion and delivered their verdict sealed to a court officer. At 10 o'clock this morning, when court convened, the seal was broken and the verdict of the jury found to be "not guilty."

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

Austria's War Preparations.

VIENNA, January 1.—The mayor of Bros, a town in Transylvania, has been officially notified to prepare for the spring manoeuvres which are to be held there, and which will be attended by Emperor Francis Joseph.

Austria's Eastern Policy Unchanged.

PESTH, January 1.—Herr Tisza, the Hungarian prince-minister, answering the New Year's congratulations of the Liberal members of the Diet to-day, said that the Government adhered to the Eastern policy himself and Kalnoky had already enunciated, and would endeavor by every means to maintain peace so long as the vital interests and honor of the country were not jeopardized.

LONDON, January 1.—The Standard says that the government would warmly welcome Mr. Goschen if he should consent to enter the Cabinet, and that if he should stand for the exchange division of Liverpool he would have the support of the Conservative leaders.

SHANGHAI, January 1.—It is expected that the Marquis Tseng will succeed Li Hung Chang as foreign minister, in which event it is thought he will inaugurate a new era of progress in harmony with western ideas.

MADRID, January 1.—Senor Moret, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has consented to prolong the commercial *modus vivendi* with the United States until the middle of next March.

LONDON, January 1.—Mr. Chamberlain has postponed his proposed meeting with the electors of Birmingham on Wednesday, as he wishes to await the result of the present political crisis.

More Earthquakes.

COLUMBIA, S. C., January 1.—Slight, though very distinct shocks of earthquake, accompanied by faint detonations, were felt in this city at 9 o'clock Thursday night and 1 o'clock Friday morning. Several shocks are reported to have occurred at Summerville and Charleston during Friday night.

A School Commissioner's Send-Off.

ELMIRA, N. Y., January 1.—A. P. Nichols, of Wellsburg, school commissioner of Chemung county, distinguished himself a while ago by horsewhipping a young lady who he claimed had offended him by her attentions. Since that time the town has been growing too hot for him. Upon learning that he thought of leaving the place, the village trustees passed a resolution thanking him for taking his departure and sympathizing with whatever place he should select as a residence. Yesterday, when Nichols left, the villagers fired cannon in honor of the event, and some young men carried his effigy through the streets on a stretcher and finally buried it in the public square.

Terrible Boiler Explosion.

AKRON, O., January 1.—Two persons were killed, three probably fatally injured, a score of others bruised and cut, as the result of an explosion of a battery of boilers in J. F. Seiberling & Co's Empire Mover and Reaper Works to-day. The explosion, besides causing the entire collapse of one of the big shop-buildings, shattered windows in all the rest. Missiles flying into shops knocked down men right and left. The ruins quickly took fire, and the firemen had a stubborn fight.

A Frostburg, Md., Sensation.

William Williams (colored), who was arrested at Frostburg, Md., December 30th, upon the charge of arson, was interviewed, and admitted that he set fire to Nichols' furniture rooms, also to W. H. Koch's residence on Wednesday morning last, and was to get \$20 for doing it from Mrs. Marx Wineland, a white woman. He also said Mrs. Wineland went with him the night he set fire to Nichols' building. She was arrested shortly after his confession, and released on bail for the action of the grand jury. Mrs. Wineland has always borne a good reputation in Frostburg, and is the wife of Marx Wineland, a prominent and wealthy merchant, although the two have not been living together for some years.

Narrow Escape from Being Buried Alive.

MONTGOMERY, PA., January 1.—Samuel Smeltzer, of this place, who has just returned from Red Lion, York county, reports the people greatly excited there over the narrow escape of a respectable citizen from being buried alive. Henry Weichman, aged 45, who had died suddenly, was being lowered into the grave when his weeping son cried out: "I must see father once more; something tells me he is not dead." The young man's appeal was granted, and the lid of the coffin was removed. The body was found to be warm, and was carried back to the house, where the supposed dead man slowly regained consciousness, and is thought to be getting well. The Weichman family are certainly having a happy New Year.

Eleven Persons Poisoned.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., Jan. 1.—Nine members of the family of Henry D. Shockey, of Quincy township, this county, and Misses Ella and Bertie Moats, of Ringgold, Md., are lying very ill at Mr. Shockey's residence. They were taken sick on Monday last after eating dinner, and it is supposed that the coffee which they drank at that meal has poisoned them. They were taken with vomiting, followed by headache and severe pain in the stomach. A physician has been in almost constant attendance upon them, but has been able to ease their sufferings but little. It was thought at first that the poison had been administered in the eatables, but on examination of them and of the dishes in which they were contained, disclosed no poison in them. A theory that the glazing of the crocks had seced off and was the cause of the suffering, has been dispelled by examination. It is feared that several of the persons will die.

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