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LED BY CHARITY'S MUSIC

Brilliant Scene at the Ball in Aid of the Children's Hospital.

SOCIETY OUT IN FULL FORCE

National Rifle Armory Converted Into a Fairy Bower of Flowers, Colors, and Light--Elaborate Toilets and Sparkling Gems Adorned the Elite of Washington Women--A Most Successful Affair.

The annual charity balls in aid of the Children's Hospital eclipse each other in interest and splendor as the years roll around. So it was that last night at the National Rifle Armory there was a signal success event, in which the thousands of friends of this beautiful benevolence participated amid the most agreeable surroundings.

The hall was a scene of rare beauty, the richest treasures of conservatory and garden having been laid under tribute for the floral decorations and especially as to those about the stage. The draperies along the walls were mostly in pink, caught here and there with masses of pinks. Two of the conspicuous beautiful decorations were umbrellas in pink color which depended from the ceiling.

Two GREAT CHANDLERS. The Marine band occupied the balcony at the north end of the hall, their position being



FOR SHEET CHARITY'S BALL.

adorned with silk flags. The receiving party stood behind the balcony. As the old-fashioned promenade was abandoned the hall was opened with a waltz which set the brilliant multitude in motion. The assemblage was composed of many hundreds of the people of this city in full sympathy with the laudable and sweet purpose of the affair.

THE INSPIRATION OF IT ALL. All those who participated in the arrangements, as well as those who contributed by their presence to the very satisfactory outcome of the ball, may be congratulated on their good work and the very desirable and happy result of the event.

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ANTIQUE AND JET, WITH POINT D'ESPRI TRIMMINGS.

Miss Gale, white silk striped in black and flowered in red, with trimmings of red velvet.

Miss Milton, red silk. Miss McCormick, white point d'esprit. Mrs. Arthur Addison, black net, with cerise ribbons.

Mrs. Dabzell, turquoise-blue satin-striped brocade.



AWAY FROM THE CROWD.

Mrs. Stewart, of New York, black satin, with point lace and diamonds.

Mrs. John Waggaman, white silk, with blue velvet trimmings.

Miss Belle Hazen, lilac silk. Miss Claxton, white moles antique, with purple velvet girle and shoulder knots.

Miss Lizzie Willis, lavender silk. Mrs. Waggaman, of New Orleans, black satin and lace.

Mrs. C. D. Cowles, lavender silk, with embroidered silk velvet trimmings and crystal pendants.

Mrs. C. W. Bradley, white tulle, with white satin ribbons and full sleeves of white satin.

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BALL OF THE BLUECOATS

Policemen and Their Friends Danced at Convention Hall.

IN AID OF THE PENSION FUND

Unique Annual Event at Which the "Finest" Doffed Their Grim Aspect of Duty and Gave Themselves Up to the Allurements of Terpischere--A Success from a Financial and Social Standpoint--Scenes of the Night.

It is not often that a policeman has an opportunity to pay any attention to the social side of his nature. Once a year the brass-buttoned, bowy keepers of the peace cast off their customary cloak of authority, and go to a ball with their wives, sisters and sweethearts that is distinctly set apart for them.

This annual event occurred last night, when the immense auditorium of Convention Hall was filled with policemen and their friends. The dance was given for the benefit of the pension fund for aged and incapacitated members of the force, who have earned relief from exhausting duty on the evening of life.

When Lieut. R. B. Boyle set a duplex whistle to his lips and blew the hoarse, shrill blast light over the mass of people, moving in a confused mass of color. Half the policemen present were in uniform, but stars, belts, and buttons were thrown off, and in their places were bouquiers of carnations and roses, and white gloves. White vests were worn as well, and the officers mingling among the crowd gave a picturesque touch to the event.

Soon the immense floor was filled with dancers, gracefully whirling hither and thither in the mazes of the waltz.

Over the floor in the big arches were set a myriad of electric globes, which cast a mellow, clear light over the mass of people, moving in a confused mass of color.

The grand march was led by Lieut. Boyle, accompanied by Mrs. James E. Joyce. Police-Minister Kilmartin followed with Miss Lillie Postmann, and Police-Minister Schuyler and Mrs. Schuyler came next, with the civilians following.

There was variety in the pleasures of the night. During the early part Prof. Piester gave an exhibition of trick riding on a bicycle that all the ladies declared was simply delightful.

Every police lieutenant in the city was present with the exception of Lieuts. Vernon and Kelly, who were sick. The committee of arrangements consisted of Lieuts. J. F. Kelly, J. A. Swindells, T. R. Amis, J. E. Heffer, and R. B. Boyle.

The reception committee was made up as follows: C. H. Bradley, chairman; J. E. Schuyler, J. C. Holmes, Dennis O'Donohue, M. P. McEgarr, C. A. Stevens, D. C. Hamilton, H. Lohman, C. H. Murphy, and H. C. Watson.

The members of the floor committee were J. L. Kilmartin, chairman; G. W. Hicketts, James E. Joyce, Frank Kauer, M. G. Dell, J. E. Pierce, J. S. Berryman, E. Anderson, J. D. Sutton, T. J. Hanley, J. L. Daley, W. W. Andrews, J. J. Sullivan, G. T. Peck, H. Ehlers and H. H. Hutten.

Among the ladies were: Mrs. Sutton, Miss Kelly, Miss Brennan, Mrs. Heffer, Mrs. De Neel, Misses Mamie and Laura De Neel, Miss Mary Shipman, the Misses Kid, Enrich, Mrs. Louzenberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Garraway, Mrs. William B. Brown, Misses Nellie and Hattie Brown, Mrs. Samuel Gibson, Mrs. George E. Linkins, Mrs. Rose and Miss Nettie Ross, Miss Annie Taylor, Mrs. John Bender, Mrs. Langley, Miss Pearl Martin, Miss Lucopinn, Miss Annie Swartz, Miss Mabel Burroughs, Miss Nora Lynch, Miss Annie Hoffman, Mrs. Edward Anderson, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Calvin Kiar, Miss Schuyler, Capt. and Mrs. Feenore, Miss Rose Wagner, Miss Emma Knott, Mrs. Thomas Hill, Mrs. Lillian Kitwell, Miss Lulu Kitwell, Mrs. Ed Morsell, Mrs. Charles Ross, Mrs. Ruppert, Miss Albert, and Mrs. Thomas H. Elliott.

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COLUMBIA ATHLETIC RECEPTION

A Brilliant Affair and a Successful Entertainment--Social and Other Features.

INJUSTICE IN THE ORDER

Protests Against Commissioners' Sidewalk Proclamation.

Vigorous protest is meeting the Commissioners' order to clear the streets. The police continue to give notice to take in signs, remove fruit, vegetable, grocery, and fish stands on Louisiana and Pennsylvania avenues, Seventh, Ninth, F, and G and other streets.

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INTERVIEWS WITH MERCHANTS

With but One Dissenting Voice They Declare That the Proposed Enforcement is Arbitrary and Unnecessary--Interests Which Will Be Injured or Entirely Destroyed--President Fordway Speaks.

MOBBY'S COMMAND BANQUETS

After Electing a Permanent Organization and Appointing a Meeting Place.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 16.—The surviving members of Mobby's command, the Fort-tenth Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, held a reunion followed by a banquet here to-day.

Just before the banquet hour, at night, the members of the command assembled for the purpose of electing a permanent organization. It was decided to name it the John S. Mobby Camp, Confederate Veterans, and the first regular meeting will be held at Marshall, Fauquier county, Va.

Speeches in response to toasts were made at the banquet by Col. John S. Mobby, Gen. J. B. Gordon, Gen. John Daniel, Major I. W. Hunter, Gen. W. H. Payne, Gen. L. L. Lewis, Gen. Marcus Wright, and Senator Hunter.

Placards Posted in Public Places Threatening the Town with Fire.

COLOM, Colombia, Jan. 16.—The greatest excitement prevails here among the native population, and the American residents are anxiously hoping for the arrival of a United States war vessel. This state of affairs is due to the fact that placards have been posted in a number of public places, announcing that a plot had been formed to destroy Colon by fire.

It happens fortunately that the United States cruiser Atlanta is at Trujillo, on the coast of Honduras, and so within reach of cable communication with the Navy Department. In case of need she could run to Colon in two or three days. On the west coast the nearest available force is at San Francisco, where there are at least four men-of-war that could be dispatched to Panama at three days notice and arrive there in about ten days.

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JURY AGAINST THE ORDER

They Wouldn't Give a Verdict Adverse to a Fair Plaintiff.

LAUNDERED A FAMILY.

Jim French and His Gang Shoot Inoffensive Cherokees.

MINNESOTA STIRRED BY A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 16.—A regular bomb-thrower was exploded in the house of representatives this afternoon in the shape of a resolution from Henry Feig, calling for an investigation of the financial affairs of the State.

Charges of misappropriation of public funds to the amount of \$150,000 are made, while over \$500,000 is asserted to be carried on the books of the State. The circumstances connected with that event are deplorable. The highest post has been deserted at the first crisis. The wholesome precedent, established by the honorable members of the Senate, was alone set for, he having always rather encouraged than sought to ally himself with the misdoers.

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MR. BRISSON IN THE BREACH

The Presidency Will Go to Him or M. Waldeck Rousseau.

PERIER'S ACT IS EXECRATED

The Reading of His Letter of Resignation to the Chamber of Deputies and Senate Was Followed by Demonstrations of Disapproval--Cries of "Vive Le Roi"--Possible Re-ignation of Parliamentary Government.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—M. Flouquet, formerly premier and one of the most experienced statesmen in France, declared in the lobby of the chamber of deputies this afternoon that M. Henri Brisson, president of the chambers of deputies, could count upon 100 votes in the senate and upon 300 among the deputies.

It is this M. Brisson will be elected President of the French Republic to-morrow. The Republican Senators at their meeting to-day had not officially received the following: M. Brisson, 54; M. Loubet, 18; M. Challemel-Lacour, 17; M. Dupuy, 4. A second ballot had the following result: M. Waldeck-Rousseau, 51, and M. Brisson, 66.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The Chamber of Deputies was called to order at 2 o'clock and seated at 2:30 p. m., with M. Brisson presiding.

M. Brisson read M. Casimir-Perier's letter of resignation amid murmurs from the Left, which he read and officially received.

As the deputies were leaving the chamber the Duke De La Rochefoucauld, Duke De Doucencourt, cried: "Vive Le Roi!"

A scene of great excitement followed, during which the members of the Left, returned with loud cries of "Vive Le Republicain."

M. De Lamoignon, Legationist, replied with a loud shout of "Vive Le Roi!"

This increase of excitement greatly caused the members of the Left to gather together and shout for the republic at the top of their voices, while cheers for the Duke De La Rochefoucauld and the Duke De Doucencourt were heard in the galleries for the latter drowned out the cries for the former, and the Chamber of Deputies was emptied amid a scene of great tumult.

In the Senate M. Casimir-Perier's letter of resignation was received very badly.

The Senators, in direct contrast to their usual attitude of conservatism, rose and vociferously interrupted M. Challemel-Lacour, president of the Senate, while he was reading the President's communication. Nearly every phrase elicited a shout.

When the reading was concluded vehement protests arose from all parts of the house and continued for some time.

The senate finally adjourned until Monday next.

PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT. Is France to Lose It Through the Sinking of Casimir-Perier?

[Copyrighted, 1895, by the Associated Press.] PARIS, Jan. 16.—The 100 days ended in Waterloo. It will not be M. Casimir-Perier's fault if the 202 days of his presidency do not end in the ruin of parliamentary government in France.

He has acted like a spoiled child or an ill-tempered chess player who, on finding that he had done badly, topples over the board. Paris avoke this morning to learn that M. Perier had resigned. He is well