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NEW YEARS GREETINGS

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FORCE BLASTS A BLIZZARD

ng With Icy Fingers Great Northwest In Raging Storms

AND COMING OUR WAY

With Drops and Shifts And Frightful Threatenings all

Along its Crest—Medicine Hat Still in it Sending

Her old Time Compliments to the Great Missouri Valley—Denver Registers 28 Below, a Man Freezes to Death at Fargo, Snow is Piling in Great Drifts in the Dakotas and 4 Below at Springfield, Illinois.

By United Press Wire. Storm Signals Up. Washington, Jan. 2.—The weather at 2 p. m. issued the following bulletin:

Northwest storm warnings at 2 p. m. cold wave tonight followed by snow. Storm warnings should be displayed from Maine to Florida.

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 2.—With one death from freezing reported, that of William Thomas, sixty, North Dakota today is in the grip of the first blizzard of the winter. The thermometer is about eighteen below zero and a strong wind intensified the cold. The storm is general all over the state.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 2.—The first blizzard of the winter is sweeping South Dakota, piling the snow in high drifts with a six below temperature. Street car traffic is blocked. Six trains are reported stalled on the Illinois Central between here and Fort Dodge. Several trains to south points have been abandoned.

Denver, Col., Jan. 2.—The heavy snow fall of Saturday night and Sunday was succeeded today by the coldest weather Denver has had in many years. Street thermometer at 2 a. m. registered twenty-eight below zero and at 7:30 a. m. from fifteen to eighteen below zero.

Minnesota, Minn., Jan. 2.—Drifts of ten to fifteen feet high with the thermometer at five below, mark the first real blizzard of the winter here. The snow is one and one-half feet deep on the level and many trains are being retarded.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Medicine Hat extended new year's compliment to the Missouri valley in the form of a howling blizzard which has pelted away with unremitting fury since early Sunday morning.

Fifteen below zero and a fifty mile gale make up the record. All trains are blocked by snow drifts.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 2.—Central Illinois suffered from the cold wave which brought a temperature of five degrees below zero today.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2.—A cold wave from the northwest with a swirl of snow today sent the temperature down to eight degrees above zero.

North Worth, Texas, Jan. 2.—High winds with snow flurries today hold North Texas in the grip of the coldest weather of the season. Many Red River and Panhandle towns report twelve above.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—Zero weather after a drop in the mercury of forty-five degrees prevails in Kansas City and western Missouri. Snow was very light.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 2.—Sweeping down from the north a blizzard struck Iowa during the night with five below and a twenty knot wind from the northwest.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—A blizzard with heavy snow and high winds opened the new year in Omaha. All traffic is paralyzed.

Will Sweep Atlantic States.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Within twenty-four hours the Atlantic states will be swept by the blizzard which now has the middle west in its grasp, according to a forecast issued by the weather bureau today.

From northern Montana, where the temperature shows thirty-eight degrees below zero, to the Panhandle of Texas, the middle west is in the grip of a most intense cold wave from the boundary of Texas to Houston the temperature lies close to zero.

The storm center today is over Lake Superior and is moving northeast. The barometer is falling along the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida, and within twenty-four to thirty-six hours the storm will control the entire east.

Five Children Dead. Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 2.—Five children of John Koskavage lost their lives in a fire which early today destroyed three houses in Minersville. They ranged in age from two months to eight years. The infant was burned to a crisp while the other four were suffocated.

All the victims might have been saved had not the parents, in the excitement and through a misunderstanding of English, informed volunteer firemen that all were out of the house. The fire followed the overturning of a lamp during a New Year's celebration.

DEEP MYSTERY SURROUNDING

The Death of Miss Slosser And Charles E. Twigg At Cumberland, Maryland.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 2.—That Grace Slosser and her fiancé, Charles E. Twigg, were poisoned by cyanide, administered in chewing gum, was the theory upon which the Cumberland police are today centering their efforts in the deep mystery that surrounds the finding of their bodies Saturday evening.

An analysis of chewing gum found in the mouth of Twigg was ordered today, and if it discloses the presence of cyanide, the police will attempt to trace the gum. No gum was found in Miss Slosser's mouth, but a well chewed piece was found on the floor of the parlor where she and her sweetheart had met to prepare for their wedding, and this the authorities believe, she had been chewing. The couple were to have been married on New Year's day.

Robbed in all her bridal finery, the young woman was today prepared for burial. The body of her fiancé was taken to his home in Keyser, W. Va.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES

For John B. Moisant Held Today in New Orleans. Many Evidences of Appreciation.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 2.—Admiration for John B. Moisant as an aviator caused numerous New Orleans residents today to visit a receiving vault in Metairie cemetery, the temporary resting place of the man killed here Saturday, in a fall of his monoplane. Moisant's body will be removed to Chicago for interment, but the relatives have not decided on a date for the removal.

Owing to the intense shock caused his sisters and brother by the tragic death, an effort was made to carry through the funeral ceremonies privately.

This proved impossible, and a great throng of residents and visitors, many of them witnesses of the fatal flight, formed a funeral procession to Metairie cemetery where the Rev. John Malone of St. John's Roman Catholic church officiated.

Floral offerings were received from Aero clubs of America, England, Germany, France, Belgium, and many cities of the United States. Among the honorary pallbearers were the team mates of the dead aviator: Rene Simon, Rene Barrier, Roland C. Carrors, Charles K. Hamilton, John J. Frisbie, Edmund Audemars and Joe Seymour.

Alfonso Committed to Policy. Madrid, Jan. 2.—King Alfonso today accepted the selection by Premier Canal as of Senor Gasset as minister of public works, Alfonso Castillo, as minister of the interior, and Amos Salvador as minister of public instruction.

The acceptance of these men coupled with the king's refusal to accept the resignation of the premier tendered yesterday definitely commits Alfonso to the anti-clerical policy of the premier. The latter's resignation was offered merely as a test of the king's loyalty to Canalejas.

Alfonso having thus gone too far in the fight against the church, to retreat, it is believed that the reform program will now be pushed more vigorously than ever.

SPEAKER S. J. VINING

Makes an Able Address When Elected to Preside Over Ohio House.

DECLARES FOR HONESTY

And That Campaign Pledges Must be Carried Out In

Good Faith—Governor Harmon's Message Urges

Taxation Reform, Elimination of Corruption, Economy in State Government; State Canal Must be Made To Pay Its Keep and the Canal Property of the State is to be Taken Away From the Grabbers Thereof.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—The election of officers and the reading of the governor's message was about all that was scheduled for today, the opening day of the seventy-ninth general assembly of Ohio.

Lieutenant Governor Treadway called the senate to order at 10 o'clock and Secretary of State Carl Thompson the house at the same hour. As both branches are Democratic, all the elective officials in both branches are of that party. In the house the officers elected are: Representative Samuel J. Vining, of Meigs county, speaker; Representative Price Russell, of Wayne county, speaker pro tem; Charles Kempel, of Akron, clerk; and William L. Melching, of Auglaize county, sergeant-at-arms. The rest are those chosen in the Democratic house caucus ten days ago.

In the senate William Green, of Coshocton county, was elected president pro tem; William V. Goshorn, of Crawford county, clerk; and Rodney Ritgel, of Erie county, sergeant-at-arms. After the reading of the message and the election of officers, both adjourned for the rest of the day. Most of the members had planned to call on Governor Harmon at his home during the afternoon.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—A strong speech by Speaker Vining, and the action of the senate in amending the rules so that newspaper men can be barred from the floor were important features of the opening of the seventy-ninth general assembly of Ohio in the capitol today.

There were the usual crowded galleries, flowers for the speaker and the lieutenant governor, and lobbyists on the outside. The governor's message was not read until the afternoon session. In it he urged further reforms in taxation; deplored election corruption in Adams county and suggested remedial legislation; urged economy in all state institutions and departments; said the state canal system had not been disposed of, but should be made to pay its own way, and urged that useless canal employees be discharged.

Speaker Vining said that every pledge in the Democratic state platform should be fulfilled or the people will decide that the Democratic party went into power in Ohio under false pretenses.

"It is our plain duty to make every pledge good," he said. He deprecated partisanship in legislation, criticized professional lobbyists and declared emphatically that no bill should be pigeonholed in committee, but that the fate of every bill should be decided openly upon the floor of the house.

He urged special attention to legislation in behalf of agriculture and labor and the moral welfare of the state, and urged economy in all directions. He said the sessions should be as short as possible, consistent with carrying out the platform pledges and making needed changes in other laws. He declared for "equal rights for all, special privileges to none." His address was frequently applauded by Republicans as well as Democrats.

Certain senators who have been severely criticized by newspapers because of their legislative records in former sessions are believed to be behind the movement which resulted today in changing the senate rules so that newspaper men can be more easily barred from the floor of that branch. The resolution which carried provides that newspaper reporters and stenographers are to receive their credentials hereafter from the standing committee on privileges and elections, instead of from the president of the senate, as has been the custom up to this time. The committee on privileges and elections will be selected by Senators Dean, Dore, Cetone, Huffman, Yount and Shaffer, who

comprise the Democratic membership on the senate committee on committees. Dean, Huffman, Shaffer and Cetone have been the targets for most of the newspaper attacks. Under the new arrangement they will be able to bar any newspaper men whose writings do not suit them.

Rev. S. S. Palmer invoked Divine blessing in the senate and Rev. Frank Courtwright in the house. Chief Justice Speak, of the supreme court swore in the senators and Associate Justice Davis the representatives.

Just as the supreme court judges were swearing in the first batch of legislators, the assemblymen were startled to hear the strains of "How Dry I Am." They came from the podium where a band was serenading in honor of Representative I. H. Lorex, of Clark county, the "wet" preacher.

JUDGE BLAIR STILL AT WORK

At West Union Disfranchising the Boodlers by Scores And Hundreds.

West Union, O., Jan. 2.—The Adams county vote selling probe was tardy in resuming this morning because of a delay in trains which made Judge A. Z. Blair, sitting as special judge, late in arriving. He held court in a hotel lobby at Peebles, however, at daybreak when fifteen Adams county vote sellers met him at the train after waiting hours in the drizzling rain and told him they wished to enter a plea of guilty.

Judge Blair requested them to wait until he had eaten breakfast and then held an impromptu court session around a rough table in the hotel office, disfranchising the fifteen men and imposing the minimum fines and suspended workhouse sentences. All were from Franklin township and had been previously indicted.

Their action in awaiting Judge Blair at the train not only saved them additional court costs, and saved time for the court, but showed the effect the finding of five men who had been indicted but failed to come to court promptly had upon other vote sellers. The five in question were fined \$200 and costs each, and sentenced to eight months in the Cincinnati workhouse Saturday by Judge Blair. They will be taken to Cincinnati today.

The men who waited at the train ranged in age from twenty-one years to seventy years, and some of them had walked in the rain half the night to be on hand.

"Judge, we're guilty," they told him as the train stopped and Judge Blair stepped off onto the depot platform. "We sold our votes like the others and we want to do the right thing—take our medicine."

While it was expected from the action of Judge Blair Saturday that probably several hundred indicted men who have failed to come into court would be dealt with severely, Judge Blair is willing to extend further leniency to those who now come promptly before him, believing that the heavy penalties imposed on the five Saturday will be effective in bringing prompt response to the officer's summons.

While the arrest yesterday of six men charged with making threats to kill Judge Blair and dynamite the court-house and Adams county jail, it developed that an attempt to steal or destroy the records in the vote selling probe was feared and the more than 1,100 indictments already on record were placed in a bank over Sunday. Judge Blair refuses to discuss the threats against him.

The six men now in jail were from Manchester and had been indicted previously. Long before daylight this morning hundreds of people from all over the county were flocking into West Union and it will easily be the biggest court day since Judge Blair started the election probe. The newly elected Democratic officers, a new sheriff and a new prosecutor, took charge at midnight Sunday. Sheriff Gibboney, of Manchester retiring, Special Prosecutor Stephenson, who has been prosecuting the election fraud cases, will continue to serve as assistant prosecutor.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

By President Taft and Wife At the White House Today.

BUGLERS SOUND CALL AT

Eleven Which Inaugurates One of the Most Gorgeous

Spectacles at the National Capitol.

President and Vice President, The Cabinet Officers, the Ambassadors And Diplomats, The Judiciary and Congressmen, With Their Wives and Sweethearts, the Department Officials and the Common People, All Seem to be in it for a Gala Occasion.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Taft smiled his New Year's greeting to the world today.

It was the second time that the President and Mrs. Taft officiated as host and hostess at the time-honored function, the White House New Year's reception. In defiance of the weather, crowds gathered outside the White House hours before the buglers of the Marine Band trumpeted the entrance of the Chief Magistrate and the First Lady of the Land to commence the reception of the government officials, all of whom were received before the hatch was lifted to the common people.

There was a character for every role in a world drama among the crowd that twisted in a persistent and stamping line from the White House doors down Pennsylvania avenue. Possessors of shiny elbows jostled elbows in fur-lined overcoats with familiar contemptuousness, kept a hawklike watch for advantageous places in the line. There were lean, there were fat, there were tall, and there were small, in the thousands that came to shake the hand of President Taft and to wish him a Happy New Year.

With the first deep boom of the great hall clock at eleven, four buglers started out from the band and sounded the Presidential call. The President and Mrs. Taft appeared at the top of the broad winding stair and came down to receive the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman, and the members of the cabinet and their wives. The party then moved to the southern end of the Blue Room where the President and Vice-President and the cabinet members formed a receiving line and the ladies took up their places to the right of them. Then commenced the reception of the diplomatic corps.

This is one of the most gorgeous spectacles that the National Capital witnesses in the entire year. Bedecked and bejeweled with the splendor of their court costumes, the representatives of the foreign nations filed past the President. It was a brilliant paucity of colors—of red and gold and blue, acintillating here and there with the shining helmets of the Germans and the silks of the Orientals, ambassadors and ministers.

The ambassadors were led by Baron Hongkumler von Hengervar, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, who, since the last New Year's reception has succeeded to the rank of dean of diplomatic corps. Following him came the ambassadors arranged according to the seniority—those most recently accredited to the United States coming last in line. The last ambassador in line was Marchese Cosani Confalonieri, the newly appointed Italian Ambassador. Following him were the charges d'affaires of the Brazilian and Chilean embassies, the representatives of these countries having died in the past year, and no successors having as yet been sent by their governments.

After the ambassadors came the ministers, headed by Senor Don Joaquin Bernardo Calvo, the Costa Rican Minister who has been for years dean of the ministerial contingent. The last in this line was Mr. H. H. Bryn, Minister from Norway, who was presented to the President only a few weeks ago. Each ambassador and minister was accompanied by his wife and the members of his suite.

Before the last diplomat had passed from the sight the new Chief Justice of the United States, Edward Douglas White led the associate justices of the Supreme Court into the receiving room. They were followed by other members of the judiciary among them the judges of the new courts of Com-

merce and Customs Appeals. Then the President shook hands with the senators and representatives who remained in Washington during the holidays. There were only a few of them.

The congressional delegations marked the end of the first part of the reception. The buglers stopped from their places with the band, and sound of another spirited fanfare, as the doors opened to the army, navy and marine corps officers—all in their full dress uniforms. Every military officer on duty in Washington was there, and the gold lace of their uniforms was but little less gorgeous than the gilded dress of the diplomats.

With the passing of the military, the spectacular features of the reception were at an end, and the lesser government officials in plain citizens clothes, filed in, in the following order:

The Solicitor-General; Assistant Attorney General Assistant Secretaries of the Departments; Assistant Postmasters General; the Regents and Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute; the Civil Service Commissioners; the Interstate Commerce Commissioners; The Tariff Board; the Railroad Securities Commission; the Isthmian Canal Commissioners; the Commissioners of the District of Columbia; the Treasurer of the United States; Librarian of Congress; the Public Printer; the heads of bureaus in the several departments; the President of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Then followed the various patriotic societies who are accorded special recognition at the New Year's Reception. Members of the following organizations were in line: The Society of the Armistice; the American Club of 1847; the Associated Veterans of the War of 1846-47; the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; Librarian of Congress; the Pub States The Grand Army of the Republic; the Union Veteran Legion; the Medal of Honor Legion; the Union Veteran's Union; the Society of the Army of Santiago; the Spanish War Veterans; the Army and Navy Union; the Minute Men; the Sons of the American Revolution; and the members of the Oldest Inhabitants Association of the District of Columbia.

The last of the official visitors had left by one o'clock. Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Sherman, and the ladies of the cabinet withdrew from the reception line to the State Dining Room, where refreshments were served. In the Blue Room the President and his cabinet squared their shoulders and prepared to receive the long line that for hours had been gathering along the White House walk. The President's smile broadened, the ladies rounded, the band broke into a lively two-step and the "common people" entered.

A heterogeneous throng—typically American—filed in to the lively music of the band, quickened to hurry them along. The line moved fast until it reached the President, but there it was delayed by each individual endeavoring to obtain a distinctively personal greeting from the host.

A foot down the line from the President stood several well-groomed and well-built men apparently lounging carelessly about, but keeping a careful eye on the moving line as it approached the Executive. They were the secret service men, and not a man in the throng was more than a few feet from the President without their close scrutiny. There were no hands wrapped in handkerchiefs, no packages were carried in the line, and no one approached the President without keeping the two hands in plain sight.

The band quickened its tune, shifted from the lively two-steps to more by race-time; the attendants were more persistent in keeping the line moving, but still the common people came on. Until the gray of dusk heralded the ending of the winter day they filed through the Blue Room.

Not once did the famous Taft smile droop. There was a word for everyone. As the President shook hands with each citizen he exemplified the Holiday spirit of good cheer. With the handshake and the smile he generally repeated the caller's name, as announced by Capt. Archie Butt, his aide, or else said he was "glad to see" him—and he looked the part, too.

Two Recover Speech.

New York, Jan. 2.—New Year's gifts in the shape of restored speech having been made to two New Yorkers. After hovering between life and death since October 16, the result of having been struck by an automobile, young Victor Waldron, of Yonkers, wished his nurse a "Happy New Year," the first words that he had uttered since the accident.

Charles Reeves, an express clerk, recovered from a two month attack of paralysis sufficiently today to speak a few words, his first since the attack.

Governmental Listing.

Paris, Jan. 2.—A bill calling for the governmental listing of all aeroplanes and aeroplane pilots so that France may call upon them for military service, is soon to be introduced in the chamber of deputies. Automobiles are thus listed, from the poorest automobile truck to the finest privately owned limousine. So, also, are horses.

GREAT CHANGE IMPENDING IN

The American Congress, the Old Guard Passing From Control.

DEMOCRATIC TREND OF

Recent Elections to Have an Important Influence

Especially in the House. Virginia and North

Dakota to Elect Two Senators, Each, And the Insurgent Gronna, Will Go In—Henry Cabot Lodge Threatened Retirement by Hostilities in Massachusetts, Bulkeley May be Re-elected in Connecticut, Pomerene and Hanley May Both be Beaten in Ohio, etc.

By United Press Wire.

- SENATE SEATS IN THE NEXT CONGRESS
- Senators already elected, 2
- Senators who will be re-elected without opposition, 9
- New men for the senate who will be elected without opposition, 4
- Primary and legislative contests, 17
- Senators whose terms do not expire until 1913, 29
- Senators whose terms do not expire until 1915, 30
- Total 92

Washington, Jan. 2, 1911—Nineteen hundred and eleven probably will remove from the United States senate 23 of its members—one fourth of its total membership. The new year will bring the election of new senators in more than two-thirds of the states. It will witness a sweeping change in that picturesque and long-powdered adjunct of the upper house—the "Old Guard."

Democratic trend of the November election will naturally have a material bearing on the senatorial contests, but will not be so marked as in the house, where the Democratic forces change from a minority to a majority.

Two of the states—North Dakota and Virginia—will choose two senators each.

In North Dakota, the regular term of Senator McCumber (Republican) and the appointive term of Purcell (Democrat) will expire on March 3. Purcell was appointed by a Democratic governor last January to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Fountain J. Thompson. The legislature elected in November has a large Republican majority, and one of its first duties, and its great pleasure, will be to replace Purcell with a Republican. Rep. Asie J. Gronna, a militant insurgent, is assured the position. McCumber will be re-elected without opposition.

The next Virginia legislature will elect two senators, one for the term beginning March 4, 1911 and the other for the term beginning March 4, 1913. If Senators Martin and Swanson, or either of them have opposition in their desire for reelection the matter will be fought out in a Democratic primary held the first week of next September. Friends of Senator Martin whose term and March 2, 1913, are inclined to believe that there will be no contest for his seat. Whether Swanson will have competition is doubtful. Congressman Carter Glass has been strongly urged by friends to contest with Swanson for the honor, but Glass has not indicated whether or not he will make the fight. In the absence of opposition the question of re-electing the senators would go direct to the legislature.

Martin has been in the senate 15 years. Swanson served seven terms in congress and two terms as governor of Virginia before he was appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late Senator Daniel. Glass has just been elected for the sixth time as a member of congress.

Friends of Senator Lodge find cold comfort in the news from Massachusetts and they greatly fear that he may follow Aldrich, Hale, Scott and Burrows, veteran leaders of the senate into retirement. The most optimistic of the senator's followers speak of the situation as close or doubtful.

As the main object of Lodge's enemies is to bring about his defeat there is no indication who will be chosen as his successor in case of his death.

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