

FIRST LADY FOR A DAY

Baby McKee's Mamma Presides With All Possible Grace at the

INITIAL NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

Given Under the Auspices of the Present Administration.

ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SCENES

Was Witnessed in the Parlor of the Home of the Chief Magistrate.

The first New Year's reception at the White House since the advent of President Harrison was given yesterday. Mrs. McKee presided, and her beauty and grace were the subject of universal remark.

WASHINGTON, January 1.—The New Year began with a cold, disagreeable rain, which continued throughout the day, and this naturally had a depressing effect upon those who had prepared a programme for the occasion.



THE EAST ROOM, AS IT LOOKED WHEN DECORATED.

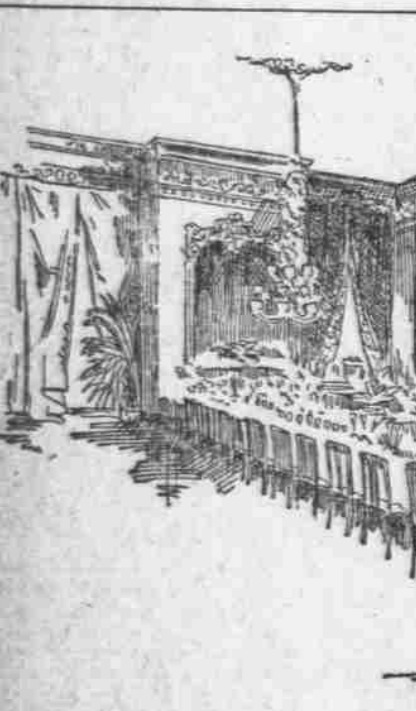
official reception given by the head of the present administration. Certainly never before has there been at a White House reception such a large and distinguished representation from the other nations of the world.

AN INSPIRING SCENE

The mansion had been specially prepared for the occasion, and when the reception was at its height, presented a spectacle of unusual beauty and splendor.

PLANTS IN PROMINENCE

In the East Room, opposite the corridor, was a large bank of tropical plants tastefully arranged, reaching nearly to the ceiling, and the many broad mantels of the East Room were ornamented with choice plants



HOW THE EAST ROOM APPEARS WHEN SPREAD FOR DINNER.

In gilded pots. The Red and Green Parlors also contained a profusion of plants and flowers, but the Blue Parlor, where the reception was actually held, gave indication of having received the greater share of attention from the decorators.

In this room, in addition to a liberal display of rare plants, ferns and similar, there was a profusion of cut flowers, including roses, poinsettias, tulips, carnations, hydrangeas, anemones, japonicas and begonias.

When everything was in readiness, the President and party descended to the Blue Parlor and took their places in line. The Marine Band signalled their arrival with the extremely familiar air, "Hail to the Chief."

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