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TAFTS RECEIVE 5000 GUESTS

Throng of Friends Attend Silver Wedding Anniversary.

HAND CLASP FOR ALL

The President and His Wife Receive Congratulations and Many Beautiful Presents — White House Grounds Elaborately Decorated.

President and Mrs. Taft celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, and it will be many a day before the national capital forgets the function.

Every one, from the most exclusive social cave dweller to the newest member of congress, seems willing to admit that the reception was one of the most notable social affairs ever held at the White House.

With the weather absolutely perfect, the White House grounds transformed almost into fairyland, the 5000 invited guests having the best kind of a time, and four times that many interested and enthusiastic spectators standing twenty deep outside the spiked iron fence that surrounds the executive mansion, President Taft as he stood at the head of the receiving line with the first lady of the land, didn't seem to have a care in the world. He was particularly happy, as he said repeatedly in the course of the evening, that Mrs. Taft, lately not in the best of health, seemed to have won strength for the occasion and was with him every moment of the time that the thousands of guests were filing by, exchanging hand grips and expressing the hope that they might be spared to be present away off in the future at the Taft golden wedding day.

Probably not a single one of the guests had the slightest conception of the elaborate preparations that had been made in a decorative way. And to those entering the White House, either from the avenue side or the carriage entrance, there was little beyond a searchlight playing on the fountain in front of the portico and a few clusters of lights on the lawn to indicate what awaited them on the spacious grounds in the rear.

Back there, though, the scene was beautiful beyond description. All around the outer edge of the acres of level, short clipped grass within the White House enclosure swung Chinese lanterns of fantastic designs, blocks upon blocks of them, barely six inches apart, swaying in the light breeze and casting queer shapes and shadows on the lawn.

Within the great square of lanterns every tree, big and little, every evergreen, every shrub and bush wore a dress of colored light. From the top of ancient elms and oaks long streamers of lights in the national colors, looped here and there from branch to branch, swung downward to the ground. In the pines and cedars clusters of smaller bulbs, wound about the trunks, glowed within the green. From the roof of the White House a squad of white-clad jacksies from the dispatch boat Dolphin operated a big navy searchlight, casting ever-changing colored rays on the converging streams of the great fountain and basin in the center of the lawn. Just underneath the huge stream of white light cast from the Dolphin's big reflector, the red, white and blue of the national emblem shone out from the thousands of colored incandescents arranged near the top of the back portico of the White House.

It was a busy day at the executive mansion and a busy and happy day

SOUNDING AT THE MAINE.

Great Care Taken to Prevent Collapse of Dam.



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for the Tafts. They were the recipients of a fortune in silver, gifts pouring into the White House by the wagon load.

Congratulatory cablegrams from many of the rulers of the world poured into the White House. Former President and Mrs. Roosevelt sent an antique silver bowl.

In addition to the silver service sent by the senate, the Vice President and Mrs. Sherman individually sent a tall silver vase, marked with the monograms of the President and Mrs. Taft. The Speaker of the House and Mrs. Clark sent twenty-five American Beauty roses, one for each year of the married life of the recipients.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox sent a massive silver vase for American Beauty roses.

From the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh the President and Mrs. Taft received a fruit platter of silver, designed by Mrs. MacVeagh, and intended for state dinners. It is oblong in shape, two feet wide and very deep, with an inner rim of gold. At either end is a spread eagle, with the coat of arms of the United States.

The gift of the Secretary of War and Mrs. Stimson is a tall silver vase and a silver tray.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham sent a large repousse silver jewel case. It is considered a rare piece of workmanship.

From Postmaster General Hitchcock there is a handsome silver vase, inscribed with the initials of the President and Mrs. Taft and the date.

The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer have sent a loving cup. There are gifts in silver from all the other members of the cabinet. Charles D. Norton former secretary to the president, and Mrs. Norton sent a silver jewel case.

Gov. Pennewill Has Ivy Poisoning. Governor Pennewill, of Delaware, is a victim of poison ivy. The executive is at his home, Greenwood, suffering from extraneous poisoning due to the weed.

It was stated that the governor had come into contact with the plant while inspecting the state militia camping ground at Rehoboth, Del., last Saturday.

WOOL BILL PASSES HOUSE

Revision Measure Put Through by Vote of 221 to 100.

27 REPUBLICANS FOR IT

President Sent Message Saying Tariff Board Had Not Completed Report and He Could Not Send Data on Wool.

By a vote of 221 to 100 the house of representatives at Washington has passed the Democratic wool revision bill. The announcement of the result was greeted with great applause by the Democrats, who gave Representative Underwood, of Alabama, the majority leader, an ovation as he stood in his place to make the final motion following the formal passage of the bill.

Democratic joy was quickly changed to chagrin as Speaker Clark, taking a document from the table, announced that a message had been received from the president of the United States. In the message the president said that the tariff board had not completed its report on the wool schedule, and that for this reason he found it impracticable to comply with the resolution recently passed by the house calling for the data on wool collected by the board.

The president's opportune announcement that the complete wool report of the board would be forwarded to congress in December this year provoked applause among the Republicans, who jeered at the Democrats, the house as a whole having in mind assertions repeatedly made by Republicans in debate that it was unwise to attempt a revision of schedule K in advance of a scientific statement as to conditions by the tariff board.

Unconsciously the president had played a joke on the Democrats.

Twenty-seven Republicans jumped the reservation and voted for the Democratic bill. Most of them were insurgents, some of them near-insurgents, while two representatives, Anthony and Campbell, of Kansas, have hitherto been classed as regulars.

Representative Berger, of Milwaukee, Socialist, stood by the bill, as did Representative Aken, of New York, who is not classified politically. Representative Francis, of Ohio, who comes from a big wool district, was the only Democrat to desert his party.

The last stand of the Republicans against the bill was made on a motion of Representative Payne, of New York, that the measure be sent back to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to that committee to hold it until a report on the wool schedule was made by the administration board. This was defeated by a strict party vote.

The wool bill goes to the senate with the prestige of having passed the house by a big majority.

ADOPTS NEW GOVERNMENT

City of Trenton Votes in Favor of Commission Form.

At a special election held in the city of Trenton, N. J., the voters adopted the provisions of the Walsh act of last winter, providing for a commission form of government, with most of the radical features that are being tried out in a number of the cities of the west and south.

The majority in favor of the proposition was 1902, the vote being 6792 for and 4890 against.

Under the Walsh act the entire present system of government will be wiped out in the city, whose affairs will be placed in complete control of an elective commission of five members, exercising both legislative and administrative functions. The commissioners will elect one of their members, who will be the putative mayor of the city. They will hold office for four years, unless the recall feature of the act should be placed in operation in the meantime. The initiative and referendum are among the other features of the act accounted upon to add to the novelty of the new scheme of government.

Dived From Train to Save Boy. Willard Allen, a Pennsylvania railroad trainman, jumped from the top of a fast moving freight car directly into the feeder of the Delaware & Raritan canal, near Trenton, N. J., and saved the life of Charles Johnson, a fifteen-year-old lad, whose cries for help had reached the railroad.

Johnson sank just as the trainman jumped and he was found on the bottom of the canal. The risk taken by the railroad was very great, but he did not hesitate an instant.

His conductor said he had to report him for deserting the train, but would ask the company to reward instead of censuring him, in that he had saved life by the brave deed.

SUES FOR DIVORCE ON BIRTH OF SON

John Bancroft, Jr., Starts Action Against Wife, a Dupont.

CASE CREATES A SENSATION

Wilmington Millionaire Declares Max Heibler is Father of Child Born Three Weeks Ago.

John Bancroft, Jr., son of John Bancroft, millionaire textile manufacturer of Wilmington, Del., has applied for a divorce from his wife, daughter of Alfred I. Dupont, multi-millionaire vice president of the Dupont Powder company.

The action, which caused a sensation, is a sequel to the elopement of the young couple to Washington, Dec. 8, 1907, where they were married by Rev. D. C. McLeod. The case is brought on alleged statutory grounds. The docket reads: "John Bancroft, Jr., vs. Mrs. Madeline Dupont Bancroft and Max Heibler, Jr. Libel for divorce."

The Max Heibler, Jr., mentioned is a three-weeks-old son of Mrs. Bancroft, the paternity of whom Bancroft denies. Max Heibler was a resident of Munich, Bavaria, where Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft passed much of their time, following their elopement on Dec. 10, 1907. The husband declares that the son born to Mrs. Bancroft is the child of this Max Heibler.

The case promises to be one of the most sensational that has ever been heard in the Delaware courts. Divorce cases in this state are heard in open court, and the case will come up at the September term of superior court.

The wedding of the couple created a sensation at the time they left the home of the girl's father in an automobile, following a stormy scene with the girl's mother, and were married in Washington the same day. At the time the bridegroom was a student at Princeton.

Shortly after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft went to Munich, where the husband completed his studies at Heidelberg University. Upon returning to this country, young Bancroft became connected with his father in the Bancroft manufactory.

Allegations are to the effect that while the young wife was in Munich, the husband remaining in Wilmington, she had improper relations, continuing at other European cities. The child was born at the home of Mrs. Bancroft in this city three weeks ago.

The object in joining the child as defendant with its mother, it is said, is to have the court pass upon its legitimacy.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Bancroft are in this city. He is at Minerva, N. Y., and she is at Atlantic City. Mr. Whiteman, attorney for the husband, declined to discuss the affair.

Thomas Heisal, lawyer for the wife, said: "I have a perfect defense."

According to the docket, Mrs. Bancroft's age is twenty-three and her husband's twenty-six. It is the impression in Wilmington that Mrs. Bancroft is considerably more than three years younger than her husband.

Record Tour of French Actress.

When Sarah Bernhardt sails away from New York to Paris on the La Lorraine on Thursday the expressions of affection for American theater-goers in which she may confidently be expected to indulge ought to come from her heart, for her tour in its financial returns has exceeded the records of any other French dramatic star.

Independent of the returns of her coming four performances at the Globe theater in New York, the gross receipts of Mme. Bernhardt's season have totalled \$982,000. This huge sum has been earned in less than eight months, and the physical energy displayed by the venerable French genius during her visit has been quite as amazing as her artistic powers.

At the age of sixty-seven, when most grandmothers are content to take only a passive interest in the affairs of the world, she has traveled more than 25,000 miles, crossing the continent twice.

More Postal Savings Banks.

Postmaster General Hitchcock designated fifty additional postal savings banks, making a total of 700 established to date. Among those named, which will be open for deposits on July 14 are: Chestertown, Md.; Redbank, N. J.; and Canonsburg and Pottstown, Pa.

Child Drowned in Wash Tub. John Monroskow, five years of age, was drowned in a wash tub filled with water at the home of his parents in Wilmington, Del. The child clambered upon a bench and fell headlong into the tub while his mother was engaged in other work.

SENATOR LUKE LEA.

Gave Quart of His Blood to Save Wife's Life.



Senator to Wife's Library

Mrs. Luke Lea, wife of the senator from Tennessee, whom an operation was performed at the Georgetown University hospital in Washington a few days ago, became suddenly worse and Senator Lea was hastily summoned.

When he arrived Senator Lea was advised by the physician that a transfusion of blood was the only thing that would save the patient's life. The senator immediately submitted to an operation.

Senator Lea was able to walk about the hospital with assistance and is rapidly gaining strength. It is said that nearly a quart of blood was transfused. Mrs. Lea is now thought to be on the road to recovery.

Convicts Save Family From Fire.

To the bravery of a squad of convicts William Lewis, his wife and five children owe their lives.

Lewis is a wealthy planter, and his large residence occupies a commanding position on the public road a few miles from Utman. Some twenty convicts, at work on the road, camped with their guards near the Lewis residence.

About two o'clock in the morning one of the convicts discovered the Lewis residence in flames. He notified the other convicts, and they ran to the burning house, being fired on several times by the guards, who thought the prisoners were escaping.

When the convicts reached the home it was almost completely enveloped in flames, and the Lewis family was in the second story, facing almost certain death. The convicts quickly improvised a ladder that reached to the second story and Lewis, wife and five children were rescued. Several of the convicts were badly burned.

Lewis announces that he will endeavor to obtain pardons for the convicts. It is said that nearly every person in the county will sign the petition for pardon.

Murdered and Robbed.

In a little fringe of woods on the edge of Paradise creek, near Norfolk, Va., a murder was revealed when a party of searchers out scouring

the country in quest of J. L. Benton, a merchant, who had been missing from his home on Deep Creek shell road since last Friday, found him with a gaping wound in his face.

Robbery was undoubtedly the ruling motive of the crime and a shotgun was the weapon.

Industrious and possessed of a large family to care for, Mr. Benton had accumulated considerable money, which he carried about with him wherever he went. He had in his pockets when he left his home on Friday morning nearly \$900. When his pockets were searched the money was gone.

WANT BURAH TO RUN WITH TAFT

Idaho Man Urged For Second Place on Ticket.

For president of the United States—William Howard Taft, of Ohio.

For vice president—William Edgar Borah, of Idaho.

This is the ticket which it is learned the leaders in the movement to have President Taft succeed himself are working for. They are desirous of having Senator Borah, of Idaho, take the nomination for second place on the presidential ticket.

For some days it has been going the rounds in high political circles that the administration looked on the able young senator from Idaho with a kindly eye. But Tuesday it came out from a high source that actual overtures had been made to Senator Borah to get him to take the nomination for vice president. He has been given to understand he can have the administration support.

It is admitted on all hands that Senator Borah would make an excellent running mate for President Taft. The president likes him and admires him, despite the fact that they have clashed sharply on one or two occasions. In the fight for the direct elections amendment and in other struggles in the senate Borah has proved himself the peer in capacity of the ablest men of the senate. He is one of the foremost lawyers of that body.

Among the progressives of the senate Borah is recognized as a strong factor in their cause. He is less radical than Senator LaFollette, but at the same time generally votes for progressive measures.

KERN FAVORS JAIL TERMS

Stone Pile Only Cure For Trust Evils, Declares Senator.

"The sentence of one trust official guilty of violating the Sherman law to the stone pile for thirty days would do more to break up trusts than the institution of a thousand civil suits. The

is no prospect for relief until individuals shall be held personally responsible for their violation of the criminal law."

So declares John Worth Kern, Democratic candidate for vice president in the last Bryan campaign.

"There is no prospect that dissolution prosecutions against trusts under the civil sections of the Sherman law will compel the trusts to good behavior," he asserts.

Human Remains From Maine. The first parts of a human body from the wreck of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor were discovered when workmen removing mud and debris from the spar deck forward of the after superstructure found the blackened and coral encrusted bones of a left forearm and right foot.

They were taken in charge by an undertaker and placed in a receptacle on the collier Leonidas.

Of course there is nothing to suggest identification, but it is hoped that this may be established by discovery of other objects in the immediate vicinity.

The water in the cofferdam has now been lowered thirteen feet below normal, revealing considerably more of the craft, especially amidships.

A superficial examination of the most recently uncovered portions has tended somewhat to revive the hope that it will be possible to float the after half or more of the hull.

Senator Warren to Wed.

Announcement was made in Washington of the engagement of United States Senator Francis E. Warren, of Wyoming, who is chairman of the appropriations committee, and Miss Clara Le Barron Morgan, daughter of the late John L. Morgan, of Groton, Conn.

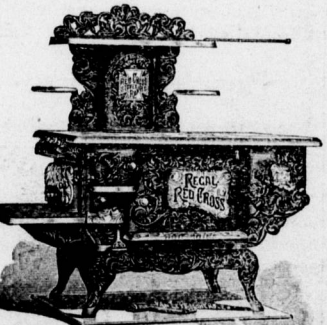
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