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BANQUET AT WHITE HOUSE

MOST INTERESTING FORMAL SOCIAL AFFAIR OF THE SEASON.

ANNUAL DIPLOMATIC DINNER

This function is so hedged about with rules and precedents which must be closely followed that President can't make change.

Ardmoreite Special.

Washington, Jan. 10.—One of the most interesting formal social affairs of the White House season will take place this evening, when President and Mrs. Roosevelt give their annual dinner to the diplomatic corps. The banquet will begin at 8 o'clock and will continue through numerous elaborate courses for two or three hours.

The order of seating the ambassadors at this evening's affair will give the Italian representative the place of honor, followed by the diplomats from Austria, France, Germany, Great Britain, Brazil, Russia and Japan.

The diplomatic dinner is the most formal of the social functions given at the White House, and is hedged about with rules and precedents with which neither the president or his cabinet have any power to interfere.

Want Better Freight Rates. Ardmoreite Special. Garden City, Kan., Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the newly organized Southwestern Farmers' and Business Men's league plans for securing better freight rates for their section were considered and a plan of campaign to attain this end agreed upon.

Mexican Assassin to Hang. Ardmoreite Special. Socorro, N. M., Jan. 10.—Carlos Sals, the Mexican assassin who foully murdered John Billingsby and William McLaughlin, mining prospectors in the Manzano mountains, after having been entertained in their camp, will be hanged here tomorrow.

McLaughlin and Billingsby were shot in the back at their mining camp, which was in a lonely part of the mountains. Sals and Valles were found with the rifles of the murdered men in their possession and were convicted on December 5 last, a little over two months after the commission of the crime.

Anti-Gambling Crusade.

Lander, Wyo., Jan. 10.—As a result of a crusade against gambling in the new town of Shoshoni, in the recently opened Shoshone reservation, Joe Silvio, Ben Aronson and Harry Billingsby, alleged proprietors of the leading gambling "hells" in the town, will be played out in district court today.

Brownsville Day Saturday.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Foraker gave notice in the senate today that he would make an effort to secure a vote Saturday on his resolution providing for an investigation of the Brownsville riot.

Tillman also gave notice of a speech on Saturday on the same subject. It is understood there will be other speeches.

TRY KENTUCKY ASSASSINS

FOUR ARE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF DR. COX.

TOWN FULL OF ARMED MEN

Special Judge Carnes Has Wired Governor Beckham Asking That Fifty Soldiers Be Sent to Jackson to Protect His Life.

By Associated Press. Lexington, Ky., Jan. 10.—Special Judge Carnes who is trying James Hargis, Ed Callahan, John Smith, and John Abner for the assassination of Dr. Cox, wired Governor Beckham today asking that fifty soldiers be sent to guard him against assassination. Jackson is filled with armed men.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Jar the World in Both Hemispheres This Morning.

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Jan. 10.—Several distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Baltimore county at 4:45 this morning, but no damage is reported.

Predicts Earthquake.

London, Jan. 9.—Hugh Clements, a London meteorologist, prophesies that there will be further earthquakes in America Jan. 12. He also predicts an earthquake in Algeria today.

Gasoline Advanced.

Cleveland, Jan. 10.—Oil was today advanced, gasoline testing eighty-six cents from 22 1/2 to 23 1/2 per gallon.

Legal Hanging in Missouri.

Warrenton, Mo., Jan. 10.—William Church was hanged this morning for the murder of his foster parents when he strangled to death. On the scaffold he expressed his regrets.

MORAN SCOTT APPOINTED

Trustee of W. M. Cox Bankrupt Estate.

Moran Scott of this city was appointed as trustee of the bankrupt estate of W. M. Cox of Durwood and his bond fixed at \$500.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE AND MR. HITCHCOCK HAVE SENSATIONAL DISCUSSION

Washington, Jan. 9.—"I should dislike very much to have emphasis brought up to the question whether the secretary of the interior, acting on the advice of his attorney, intends to violate an express act of congress." This remark, hinting at the possibility of impeachment, made by Senator Clark of Wyoming, was the climax to a hearing that was almost a series of sensations. The hearing was held by Senator Clark's committee at the request of Secretary Hitchcock, who had expressed a wish to present his reasons for having suspended allotments on 4,000,000 acres of land in the Cherokee and Choctaw nations for the purpose of making a forest reserve. But, very much to the surprise of the committee, Secretary Hitchcock announced when he appeared with Judge Campbell, attorney general for the interior department, that he was not ready to make his statement.

Surprise became amazement mixed with some indignation, when the secretary here remarked that he had concluded to state his reasons in the form of a report to congress. Immediately the temperature of the room was perceptibly raised.

Senator Clark of Wyoming, as well as Senators Long, Teller and Brandegee, expressed the opinion rather hotly that such a course would be improper, if not disrespectful to the committee. Then, despite the expressed wish of the secretary not to discuss the matter at that time, members of the committee began to hurl barbed questions at him.

Secretary Hitchcock was palpably disconcerted. He moved nervously in his chair and the blood mounted until his head, aureoled by baldness, was pink illuminated.

Delivered to a discussion of the matter, the secretary protested the beneficence of his motive in suspending the allotments.

"No one questions your motive, Mr. Secretary," Senator Clark interrupted. "What the committee wants to know is where you get your authority to suspend an act of congress." Mr. Hitchcock replied that Judge Campbell had supplied him with a list of precedents which he believed authorized him to do what he had done.

Then followed a colloquy when culminated in Senator Clark's hit at impeachment.

Senator Clark asked the secretary if, in the event the committee should not be satisfied with Judge Campbell's precedents, he would keep his order in force.

"I do not care to say at this time," Mr. Hitchcock replied, Senator Clark brooded his question.

"Silence," he asked, "congress should not see fit to create the forest reserve as you desire. Would you still hold your order in force?"

"I do not care to say at this time," Mr. Hitchcock repeated.

Thereupon Senator Clark, speaking with deliberation and facing Secretary Hitchcock squarely, made the statement which hinted so broadly at impeachment as a possible outcome of the controversy.

The gravity of the statement was appreciated at once. Instantly there was stillness that gave a dramatic air to the situation. It was relieved by the interjection of Judge Campbell, sitting at Secretary Hitchcock's side, who remarked hastily that the opinion he had given did not include the case of congress regarding to set aside having an opportunity.

Taking his cue from that remark, Secretary Hitchcock said: "Let's not cross the bridge till we reach it." That relieved the tension somewhat and the committee was further mollified by the secretary's remark that he would send Judge Campbell's memorandum to the committee this afternoon. He also volunteered the information that so much of the order as forbade the issuance of patents to land already allotted would be revoked at once.

Then the discussion became somewhat informal, but covered rather a wide range of subjects relating to Indian Territory. Grafting was a topic.

Senator Clark remarked that the committee had heard much talk of grafting, and he suggested that perhaps the system of administering affairs was partly accountable for it. "Some of our laws are," Senator Teller interjected. "The law extending the restrictions twenty-five years beyond the time provided by treaty has given a fine opportunity for grafting," he added. "The grafters have the opinion of some of the best lawyers in the West that Congress had no right to modify those treaty

stipulations without the consent of the Indians. Acting on that belief they are buying land at the ridiculously small price that is always paid when the title seems clouded, and at the price that they will pay for possession."

This suggested the question of removing restrictions on the secret purchase of land, intimating that his views had not changed. He thought the grafting could not be checked under the circumstances. "This is to show the prevalence of it," he said he had been trying, but almost in vain, to trace the expenditure of some tribal funds by members of the Chickasaw government. He intimated that some warrants had been misappropriated, and said he would perhaps disclose the matter further later.

It has been known for several days that the secretary had had an inspector in the Chickasaw nation. He returned today. What he discovered is kept a dark secret.

During the conversation that followed the climax of the meeting, Senator Clark informed the secretary that he had received telegraphic information that the constitutional convention had taken action looking to the purchase of the coal lands.

Mr. Hitchcock would express no opinion as to this, but remarked in answer to a question that he was not in favor of the plan devised by Commissioner Leupp.

Mr. Cornish, one of the attorneys for the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes, was given a brief hearing after Mr. Hitchcock left. Mr. Cornish called the committee's attention to the action of the Oklahoma constitutional convention and said that the Indian's desired that nothing be done toward the disposal of the coal lands until the representatives of Oklahoma should have an opportunity to negotiate with the tribes for the purchase. Mr. Cornish also protested against the creation of the proposed forest reserve. He said that the value of nearly all the merchantable pine had been included in the appraisement of the land made available. It had been snapped up from the beginning by Indians who had sold the stumpage and that very little merchantable timber was left. The committee will probably file its report this week.

AWFUL DEATHS FROM EXPLOSION TONS OF MOLTEN METAL ON MEN

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 9.—A disastrous explosion occurred tonight at about 7 o'clock at the Eliza furnaces of the Johns & Laughlin Steel Works, when a large quantity of slag which had accumulated at the base of the furnaces became ignited. Tons of molten metal were showered around the furnace for a radius of forty feet.

Out of a force of thirty-five men employed at the furnace when the explosion occurred, three of them John Cramer, Andrew Featherka and Gustave Kessler, have been taken to the morgue, their bodies horribly mutilated by the fire. Seven men are in hospitals frightfully injured and the rest have not been accounted for.

While the mill owners are inclined to believe the missing men are not cremated in the molten metal, nothing definite is known as to their present whereabouts. Only one man, George Knox has turned up since the explosion, and he says everything happened so quick that he doubts whether the men escaped.

Chief Peter Snyder of the Fourth Fire district was seriously injured while attempting the firemen to extinguish the fire which followed the explosion.

The officials at the mill refused to allow anyone to enter the yard where the furnace is located. All information was refused to newspaper men, the officials saying later they might issue a statement. A heavy guard of foreign workmen was stationed at the yard entrance and even the police were powerless to get past the signers.

Charles Bodnow, a yard brakeman, who was passing near the furnace on a train when the explosion occurred, gave a graphic description of the disaster.

"Our train was right near the furnace," said he, "when the metal poured out of the furnace. I saw the men running for a place of safety. To the right of the furnace I saw a party of three men, all of whom were running wildly and their clothes were a mass of flames. Apparently some of them had been injured when the explosion occurred. I again looked to the right of the furnace but I could not see any of them and I believe all were burned to death. My train was in the path of the metal and I was compelled to uncouple the train and signal the engineer to pull ahead."

GOV. ELECT CAMPBEFL IS FOR BAILEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT PLACE IF TENDERED

Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—Colonel Jot Gunter gave out the following tonight: "I have just returned from Palestine, where I had a long talk with Governor-elect Campbell. He has had many solicitations by letter and personal interviews to permit his name to be presented to the legislature as a candidate for United States senator. Acting under the sense of propriety he has refrained from any public discussion of the senatorial situation, viz. that not only will he not be a candidate under any circumstances, but that he would not accept the election if

it were tendered to him, and that he regards any suggestion to that effect and will regard any such use of his name or any vote for him in the legislature as an unjust act for two reasons, viz:

- 1. That he has a contract with the people of Texas and that he will allow nothing to divert him from a faithful effort to fulfill his obligations under that contract.
- 2. That there is no contingency in the Democratic party, which makes the consideration of his name or any other name as proper, because Mr.

Bailey is the nominee and there can be no question of the binding force of party's action in the July primaries and in the Dallas convention, which are the latest expression of the people's will. As he (Campbell) said at Rusk, he repeats now, that Mr. Bailey is as much the nominee of the party as he (Campbell) was then.

Mr. Campbell added: "Furthermore no party nomination or platform demand can be suspended except by party action." I make this statement by authority of Mr. Campbell. JOT GUNTER.

Crap Game Causes Hanging.

Ardmoreite Special. Helms, Ark., Jan. 10.—A game of craps which resulted in a quarrel and the killing of Cuba Brownson, a negro, by Pickett Deal, also colored, will end in the hanging of the latter here tomorrow. The murder was committed about four years ago, and grew out of a controversy over 50 cents.

RUSSIAN COLONEL THIS TIME.

Regular Daily Assassination of Russian Officials Continues.

By Associated Press. Lodi, Russian Poland, Jan. 10.—(5:30) and Poleskaya, chief of the gendarmerie of the Lodi district, was shot and killed this morning on the street. Russian infants fired a volley at the assassin but only wounded several innocent people. The assassin escaped.

Francis Speaks on Bailey.

By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 10.—Ex-Governor Francis of Missouri today speaking of the charges made in the Texas legislature, that he had helped H. C. Pierce, justice Senator Bailey to work for a reappointment of the company, said: "I simply had a plain business transaction with Bailey. He is a friend of mine and I loaned him money to buy some land."

WHITE MAN IS WHIPPED

CHARGE OF ASSAULT TO MURDER FILED AGAINST TWELVE.

NEAR MOUNT PLEASANT

George Ramy Says He Was Severely Punished After Being Taken Into the Woods Near His Home—He Names Those Charged.

Mount Pleasant, Tex., Jan. 2.—As a result of a whipping given George Ramy, a white man living eighteen miles north of town in what is known as Shot Gun territory, complaints charging assault to murder have been filed against twelve white men and ten of them have been arrested. Those arrested are: George Belcher, Jr., Jess Belcher, John Herring, Claud Belcher, Alfred Blalock, Buck Blalock, Odie Blalock, Tombs Blalock, Walter Daniels and Lester Belcher.

It is alleged that Ramy had had a fist fight with one of the parties a few days before and that on the night of the whipping they all went to the house where he was living, broke down the door, but that Ramy escaped by the back door and ran to a neighbor's house. The party pursued him, firing on him as he fled. It is charged, and caught him as he leaped upon the veranda of his neighbor's home. The man was taken to the woods and given a terrible whipping with limbs and sticks. As soon as Ramy was released by his captors he reported the matter to the officers and arrests were quickly made. The accused parties were all promptly released on bail to await the action of the grand jury.

Investigating Railroad Matters.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—Attorneys for the government who are conducting the investigation into the management of Harriman lines, announced today they will secure warrants to prevent E. H. Harriman, Henry G. Frick and P. H. Rogers from leaving the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

The chairman this morning announced the present hearing would adjourn today.

James H. Hilliard, traffic manager of the Milwaukee and St. Paul, testified this morning that the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific formerly were competitors for Pacific coast business.

Court Martial for Knowles.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 10.—Secretary Taft has telegraphed Brigadier General McCaskey, commanding the department of Texas, to try at once, by court martial, Corporal Knowles, colored, now under arrest on a charge of having assaulted Captain Macklin.

SUCCESSOR FOR MR. BIXBY

GEORGE WARD OF KANSAS HAS BEEN AFTER THE JOB.

SHOULD A VACANCY OCCUR

The Kansas Man Has the Forceful Backing of Representative Curtis Who is an Extent Oves Ward For Services Rendered.

Ardmoreite Special.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Those in a position to know do not take seriously the denial made by George Ward of Kansas, chief law clerk at the Indian office in Washington, to the effect that he is not a candidate to succeed Mr. Tams Bixby as commissioner to the five civilized tribes. It is a well known fact that Mr. Ward has been long for many years and Representative Curtis of Kansas has been pulling the wires for him at the national capital to get a commissionership.

The resignation of Messrs. Brockbridge and Needles it was thought at one time would result in the appointment of Mr. Ward as a member of the Dawes Commission, but the unexpected happened. Secretary Hitchcock and the president willed otherwise and now Tams Bixby is doing all of the Dawes Commission work.

Mr. Ward's friends became indignant and insisted that the law provided for a commission of three men in Muskogee, two of whom constituted a quorum, and a majority in all matters in dispute. There could be no majority and no quorum they contended unless the president filled the vacancies caused by the retirement of Needles and Brockbridge. Indeed, they went so far as to assert that the legality of every decision handed down by Mr. Bixby could be questioned as a result of the president's action in not maintaining the original status of the Dawes Commission. There are papers on file today that will bear out the statement that Mr. Ward was a candidate for appointment as a member of the Dawes Commission.

Mr. Ward, however, is still a candidate for Dawes Commission honors and should Mr. Bixby be forced to resign as a result of the charge recently preferred against him Representative Curtis would lose no time in asking President Roosevelt to name Ward for the place vacated by Bixby.

That there has been a deal between Curtis and Ward for mutual advancement cannot be denied. Ward although a Democrat will not deny that he made possible the election of Ingalls, a Curtis man, to the Kansas legislature by virtue of some gunshoe work in Arlington, Wilcox, the Democratic nominee for the legislature from Arlington, would have been elected were it not for the opposition of Ward and his friends to the Wilcox candidacy. The vote as it was resulted in a tie, and when the two men pulled straws for the office to which neither had been elected, Ingalls won.

Ward went to Kansas to help Representative Curtis in his campaign for election to the United States senate. Curtis will not forget his promise to Mr. Ward should Mr. Bixby resign.

Packers on Trial.

Ardmoreite Special. Chicago, Jan. 10.—The trial of the Chicago packing house companies, charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade, came up in the United States district court today. An attempt will be made by the defendants to secure another continuance of the case on the plea that they are involved in other cases now pending before the federal courts.

New Cab's in Havana.

Ardmoreite Special. Havana, Jan. 10.—The decree signed by Governor Magoon, permitting the Commercial Cable Company of Cuba to land cables at Key West, becomes operative today. No definite period is given in the decree and the Cuban government reserves the right to annul the permission or take possession of the cable line whenever it may deem such action necessary for the protection of the interests of the public. It is distinctly agreed that the permission is not to be considered as the granting of a monopoly.