

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

How the Holiday Was Kept on Two Continents.

Large Attendance at Governor-General's Levee.

President Roosevelt's Official Reception at the White House.

The Scene One of Extraordinary Beauty and Brilliance.

New Year's Greetings Between Czar Nicholas and the President of the French—Festivities at Paris and Berlin.

AT THE DOMINION CAPITAL. Ottawa, Jan. 1.—There were 665 callers on the governor-general at the informal levee given by his excellency at the governor-general's office between twelve and one o'clock today. All the ministers of the crown in the city attended. Marconi was among those who were present.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Washington, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt held his first New Year's reception at the White House today, and surrounded by the presidential cabinet circle, he greeted officials in every branch of public life, as well as a great concourse of people from private life. The scene within the historic mansion was one of extraordinary beauty and brilliance. The day was ideal for the observance of the time-honored custom of making New Year's calls. The sun shone from a cloudless sky, the air was cool and bracing, and a light westerly wind made the White House flags stand out proudly. The official programme of the day fixed 11 o'clock as the time for opening the reception with the members of the cabinet and the foreign representatives, but some time before that hour the approaches leading up to the marble portico were filled with carriages, while long lines of people took position at the outer gates in order to have points of vantage when the public reception began.

"HAIL TO THE CHIEF." Exactly at 11 o'clock a fanfare from three trumpets, stationed at the further end of the main corridor, announced the arrival of the president and receiving party. At the same moment President and Mrs. Roosevelt appeared at the upper landing of the corridor, and in arm and hand, they descended the stairs, while the Marine Band broke into "Hail to the Chief." Following the president and wife came the members of the cabinet and the foreign representatives. The presidential party took up their station in the blue parlor with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt immediately alongside the entrance, ready to grasp the hands of callers as they were announced.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. As dean of the diplomatic corps, the British ambassador, Lord Pauncefote, was usually the first to greet the president. Today, however, he was absent from the line, having conveyed his private greetings to the president at the head of the line. He was taken by Lady Pauncefote and the Misses Pauncefote, and many military, naval and civil members of the British establishment, all of whom officials in full uniform. The French ambassador, M. Cambon, with the members of the embassy staff, was next in line. Following him came the German ambassador, Dr. von Holleben, accompanied by a retinue of young officers of the German army and navy, some of whom in the red uniforms of Hussars, others in the white uniforms of the Kaiser's personal escort, and still others with the sweeping plumes and chapeaux of the quateron. The Russian ambassador, Count Cassini; the Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor; and the Mexican ambassador, Señor

HANDS AND FEET SWOLLEN

The Serious Condition of a Well-known Woman Whom Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets Cured.

Mrs. Joseph Young, Division Street, Welland, Ont., writes: "I had suffered from backache and kidney trouble for four or five years. At times I could hardly shut my eyes they were so swollen, and my feet the same. Going upstairs hurt my back so I thought I would die, and my breath grew awful short. I tried almost everything with no relief. Back specks floated all around, and my eyes were very bad. The pain ran from the small of my back to the base of my brain. I could not sleep lying on my back, and went and got a bottle of DR. PITCHER'S BACKACHE KIDNEY TABLETS, and they have been a great boon to me. They are just splendid. I can see to thread a needle, and the pain in the head is about gone. All the old feeling of cracking and creaking in the base of the head is gone and the back comfortable. The old spells that came on any time, night or day, are gone, and I feel like living again. I can work now with comfort, and go upstairs fast with no trouble. I am only too glad to recommend them to everyone. I used to be afraid to turn over at night, and could not sleep, and now I am not afraid at all, and can sleep well."

DR. PITCHER'S BACKACHE KIDNEY TABLETS are the newest and most effective remedy for backache, lame or weak back, Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy, puffiness under the eyes, swelling of the feet and ankles, gravel, rheumatism, specks floating before the eyes, kidney weakness of children and old people, and all urinary troubles. Price 50c a box at all druggists, or by mail, The Dr. Zina Pitcher Company, Toronto, Ont.

Aspires, were similarly accompanied by large official staffs. Following the ambassadors came the ministers of Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Japan, China, Brazil, Argentina, Turkey, Belgium, Spain, and many other countries. OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Representatives of the army and navy, resplendent in their glittering uniforms, came next. They were followed by the general public. All stations, colors, creeds, sexes and ages were represented in the motley throng which ebbed up to the president. There was no way of relaxing his cordiality, and all received the same cheery greeting. For more than an hour this human stream flowed past the president in no way relaxed his cordiality, and all received the same cheery greeting. For more than an hour this human stream flowed past the president in no way relaxed his cordiality, and all received the same cheery greeting. For more than an hour this human stream flowed past the president in no way relaxed his cordiality, and all received the same cheery greeting.

A CHARMING HOSTESS. President's Roosevelt's manner of receiving his callers was exceedingly pleasant and happy. As each guest was announced by Col. Bingham, the president greeted the hand of the visitor, and wished him or her a happy New Year. The president's reception of the guests was a most charming New Year's hostess, and the cordiality of her reception was a most charming New Year's hostess, and the cordiality of her reception was a most charming New Year's hostess.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. Although there was no general reception by the members of the diplomatic corps, some of them kept open house and entertained a large number of callers. Particularly was this the case with the legations from the United States, China, Japan, and the Korean ministers being at home to those who came. The Chinese New Year does not occur until about a month from now, but Mr. Wu, following the practice of the country in which he is stationed, participated in the festivities of New Year's day, and assisted by the members of his suite, he entertained a large number of callers at the handsome home of the legation. Minister Wu always gives his friends a cup of tea, and many of them enjoyed his hospitality. The Chinese New Year's day is observed in the greatest manner by the Chinese in the city, and the Chinese legation was the scene of a most brilliant and festive reception.

NICHOLAS AND LOUBET. Paris, Jan. 1.—The customary exchange of New Year's greetings between St. Petersburg and Paris occurred today. The czar telegraphed as follows to President Loubet: "Tearful joy, and the greatest of happiness, I greet you and your family. I desire to express to you our best wishes for France and for you personally. Among the most agreeable memories of the year just closing, that of the few days passed in the beautiful country, friendly and allied to us, is especially dear. Nicholas."

BERLIN. Jan. 1.—The New Year's festivities were marked by the emergence of the court from mourning. There was a service in the morning in the chapel of the palace, in the presence of the imperial family, Chancellor von Buelow and other dignitaries. After the ceremony of nailing to their staffs the standards of several new corps, the emperor and empress received the ambassadors. The New Year's reception is a function of the highest importance, and the emperor and empress received the ambassadors. The New Year's reception is a function of the highest importance, and the emperor and empress received the ambassadors.

THE DAY AT PARIS. Paris, Jan. 1.—New Year's day was observed throughout France as a public holiday. In Paris the weather was unseasonably muggy. President Loubet received the usual visits from the cabinet ministers and the president and vice-presidents of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. Mounted republican guards, drawn up in the courtyard of the Elysee Palace, rendered the customary honors to the visitors. Later the president, escorted by a detachment of cuirassiers, returned the visits. He was warmly cheered by the people, and the number of Americans who thronged the tastefully decorated salons of the United States Embassy this afternoon, attested to the popularity of the ambassador, Gen. Horace Porter, and Mrs. Porter, who issued an open invitation to all Americans to attend their New Year's reception. Practically the entire American colony here was present.

FATAL OUTCOME OF A "WATCH NIGHT" PARTY. Augusta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Three people were killed and two wounded last night at Robbins, N. C., in a fight with a snake. The snake, a large rattlesnake, was killed by the participants in the fight. The participants in the fight were white people, and well known in this part of the country. The snake was killed by the participants in the fight. The participants in the fight were white people, and well known in this part of the country. The snake was killed by the participants in the fight.

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Does Not Disappoint THE HERO OF THE DAY

The New Discovery for Cataract Seems to Possess Remarkable Merit.

A new cataract cure has recently appeared which so far as tested has been remarkably successful in curing all



forms of cataract, whether in the head, throat, bronchial tubes, or in the stomach and liver.

The remedy is in tablet form, pleasant and convenient to take and no special secrecy is maintained as to what it contains, the tablet being a scientific combination of Blood root, Red gum and similar valuable and harmless antiseptics.

The sacred and effective cataract cure may be found at any drug store under the name of Stuart's Cataract Tablets. Whether the cataract is located in the eye, throat, stomach, or in the chest from cataract secretions, which cause the tickling, hawking and gagging so annoying to every cataract sufferer.

Nasal cataract generally leads to ulceration, in some cases to such an extent as to destroy the nose entirely and in many cases to the destruction of the bones of the head become diseased. Nasal cataract gradually extends to the throat and bronchial tubes, causing a very often fatal result, causing that very obstinate trouble, cataract of the stomach.

Cataract is a systemic poison, inherent in the blood and local washes, douches, salves, inhalers and sprays can have no effect on the real cause of the disease. An internal remedy which cleanses the blood is the only rational treatment, and Stuart's Cataract Tablets is the safest of all internal remedies, as well as the most convenient and satisfactory from a medical standpoint.

Dr. Eaton recently stated that he had successfully used Stuart's Cataract Tablets in old chronic cases, where where ulceration had extended so far as to destroy the septum of the nose. He says, "I am pleasantly surprised almost every day by the excellent results from Stuart's Cataract Tablets. It is remarkable how effectively they remove the excessive secretion and bring about a healthy condition of the mucous membranes of the nose, throat and stomach."

All druggists sell complete treatment of the Tablets 50 cents and a little book giving the symptoms and causes of the various forms of cataract, will be mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart & Co., Marshall, Mich.

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Signor Marconi Entertained by Hon. W. S. Fielding

At Rideau Club—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Other Prominent Men Present.

Possibility That Sable Island May Be Utilized as an Important Station for Wireless Telegraphy.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Signor Marconi is the hero of the hour at the capital. He has been received with marked cordiality by the government, and the flattering attentions he has received would turn the head of a less modest man. At 1 o'clock on Tuesday the inventor was entertained by Hon. W. S. Fielding, at luncheon at the Rideau Club. The other guests present were: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Col. Hon. F. W. Borden, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Sir Louis Davies, Sir Sanford Fleming, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Dr. Haanel, Mr. W. Y. Soper, Mr. Charles March, M.P., Mr. Kemp (assistant to Signor Marconi), and Mr. Wm. Smith.

After the toast of "The King" had been duly honored, Mr. Fielding, who, as host, occupied the chair, proposed the health of Signor Marconi. He expressed the pleasure he felt at the opportunity of meeting the distinguished inventor and introducing him to the rest of the gentlemen present. The government had deemed it a very pleasant duty, when Signor Marconi arrived with certain obstacles in Newfoundland, to invite him to come to Canada and continue his experiments in Nova Scotia, where he would be free from interference. Mr. Fielding's colleagues and himself had learned with satisfaction that Signor Marconi had found a suitable site in Cape Breton for the location of a station, and the minister hoped that if a business proposition was the outcome it would be considered on its merits.

SIGNOR MARCONI'S REPLY. The toast was very heartily received, and in reply Signor Marconi thanked Mr. Fielding for enabling him to meet so many distinguished Canadians. He was delighted with his visit up to the present, and he must say that no one could have experienced greater kindness than he had received. He was not much given to making a show of the future, but with his experiments so far he was well satisfied. The wireless system had been adopted by the British admiralty, and was now in use on 70 of their warships. A contract had lately been signed with Lloyd's for the adoption of the system at all their ships. The wireless telegraph had been installed at Nantucket by the New York Herald, and most of the large steamships running between New York and Liverpool. The establishment of a station at Cape Breton for the transmission of transatlantic messages was contemplated, and the commercial feasibility of the idea would be fully demonstrated. It would be a great achievement to so cheapen the cost of messages, and to open up America and Great Britain as to enable ordinary people to take advantage of it. The cost of laying and maintaining the cables was so high as to preclude the great mass of people from using this means of communication. He hoped that the introduction of the wireless system would greatly reduce the cost of transatlantic messages, and enable practically everybody to derive advantages from it. Signor Marconi concluded by proposing a toast to the health of Mr. Fielding. The toast was drunk with musical honors, and evoked from the host an appropriate response. The gathering broke up after about an hour of pleasant conversation.

At night Signor Marconi dined with the governor-general at Rideau Hall. SABLE ISLAND CONSIDERED. Tuesday morning Signor Marconi paid a visit to the marine department, where he was introduced to Lieut.-Col. Anderson, chief engineer. A chart of the North Atlantic, showing the coasts of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, was produced, and the possibility of establishing a wireless telegraphic station on Sable Island was considered. By drawing "a great circle" on the chart, Col. Anderson showed the inventor that a direct line between Sable Island and the Lizard, Cornwall, would pass well out to seaward of the Avilion peninsula of Newfoundland.

This was good news to Signor Marconi, who had been of the opinion that only by going to Cape Hatteras would it be possible to avoid the projecting point of land. Of course, in the event of a station being located on Sable Island for transatlantic communication, it would be necessary to retransmit to the main land of Canada, nearly a hundred miles distant.

Should Sable Island not be selected as a site for communicating with the Cornish coast, it would not be surprising if it were chosen as a station for transmitting warning signals to the throng of steamers that continually cross and recross the Atlantic within a comparatively short distance of its treacherous shores. The application of the Marconi system to the determination of distances from a known station has been a great success. At present it is not possible to ascertain the exact distance of a ship in communication with a station at a greater distance than two miles. But, considering what has been done with wireless telegraphy during the past six weeks, it is easy to believe that before long it will be possible to warn ships of their exact distance from any point of land while they are still many miles out at sea.

REPORT ON THE BELLE ISLE STATION.

In the morning Hon. Mr. Tarte called on the inventor, in company with Mr. D. H. Kelly, superintendent of Dominion telegraph and cables. The latter gave Signor Marconi an account of the working of the wireless system which was installed at Belle Isle some weeks ago. The apparatus has been doing well, but in the month of November was injured and some repairs had to be made. The operators at first were Englishmen, but their places have now been taken by Canadians who have undergone a thorough training.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Dec. 31.—Mr. Archie McLaughlin is visiting relatives in Quebec. Miss Alice McLaughlin, teacher at the public school, is spending her vacation at her home in Watford. Mr. Clarke and Miss Jessie Mowat, of London, are visiting here. Mr. Fletcher and Miss Roy and Miss Clare visited in Dutton last week. Mr. W. and Miss J. Scott are visiting at their home here.

Mr. McLaughlin, of London, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Fletcher, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Miss Robina Stewart are visiting relatives and friends in London. Messrs. D. and D. A. McLaughlin are visiting in Brooke.

Mr. Wyatt, principal of the public school, is spending his vacation at his home in Springbank. Mr. Morris, while cutting wood in the woods last week, was injured by a falling tree. He is recovering. Mr. Gordon McDougall is on the sick list; also Mr. Gordon Parsons. Mr. McLaughlin is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Fletcher, of this place.

Miss Edith Graham is visiting in St. Marys. Miss Ethel Campbell, of London, visited here last week.

ILDERTON.

Ilderton, Jan. 1.—Rev. Mr. Gilmore gave a grand illustrated lecture on "The Irish Revolution" in English Settlement Church, and as a result it proved highly interesting. Mr. Robert Bowman, of the United States, is here on a visit to his family. Mr. Bowman, who is very sick at present.

Miss Flossie Clatworthy, of this place, is visiting with her brother in Clinton. Mr. Edward McAndrews has returned home after paying a short visit here with his mother, Mrs. McAndrews. Miss Jennings, of London, is visiting here with her cousin, Miss Hattie Paisley.

Mr. Wm. Cameron has returned home to Detroit after spending a few days of his Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. Cameron, and his many friends. Mrs. Maggie Robson, of Forest, is here on a visit to her father, Mr. Andrew Scott, and others.

Mr. Wm. McAndrews has been very sick lately with a bad cold, but is slowly recovering. Mr. John Knight has returned home from his honeymoon. Mrs. Madden is sick with a very bad cold.

SCOTTSVILLE.

Scottsville, Jan. 1.—Last Sunday and Monday were red-letter days in the history of the North Street Methodist Sunday school. On Sunday Rev. Amos Thomas, of High Street Mission, London, gave an object lesson to the children, and Mr. Irwin, of London, preached to the young people. On Monday evening a choice entertainment was given. Rev. T. W. Cosgrove, superintendent of the circuit, officiated as chairman. The selections by the phonograph were highly appreciated. The new organ, recently purchased by E. S. Hunt, S. W. Smith, Mrs. S. W. Smith, Frank Bennett, Clara Hunt, Ewart Hunt and Elsie Hunt, furnished the music. The Sabbath school enters upon the new year with excellent prospects. Mr. Ezra S. Hunt has proved himself in every way a model superintendent, and has the hearty cooperation of excellent officers and teachers.

The missionary rally held in our church on Tuesday evening was a decided success. Addresses were given by Messrs. Nicholson and Watson, and

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This was good news to Signor Marconi, who had been of the opinion that only by going to Cape Hatteras would it be possible to avoid the projecting point of land. Of course, in the event of a station being located on Sable Island for transatlantic communication, it would be necessary to retransmit to the main land of Canada, nearly a hundred miles distant.

Should Sable Island not be selected as a site for communicating with the Cornish coast, it would not be surprising if it were chosen as a station for transmitting warning signals to the throng of steamers that continually cross and recross the Atlantic within a comparatively short distance of its treacherous shores. The application of the Marconi system to the determination of distances from a known station has been a great success. At present it is not possible to ascertain the exact distance of a ship in communication with a station at a greater distance than two miles. But, considering what has been done with wireless telegraphy during the past six weeks, it is easy to believe that before long it will be possible to warn ships of their exact distance from any point of land while they are still many miles out at sea.

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