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In military and naval circles New Year's Day is a day of receptions. It is so to a certain extent at each military post or navy yard throughout Uncle Sam's territory but it is particularly so at Washington, which is the martial, as well as the political, capital of the nation, and to which repair for these annual festivities all the wearers of shoulder-strap who can spare time for such a pilgrimage.

The ideal leader of men is a social diplomat, as well as a fearless fighter, and it is on New Year's Day that his accomplishments in the former line are called into requisition. For that day he wages a battle of wits rather than a fray of swords.

First in importance among the gatherings of the wearers of gold braid on New Year Day is the great levee at the White House. Of course, the list of guests invited to the President's reception includes civilian and diplomatic officials, as well as the officers of the fighting service but it is the bearers of commissions in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps who, in the splendor of their full dress uniforms, give the affair the semblance of a dress parade and maintain its reputation as the greatest spectacular function in the official life of the republic.

The levee at the presidential mansion bears numerous characteristics of being primarily an Army and Navy function. The decorations include the flags of the service; the famous band of the United States Marine Corps furnishes the music for the occasion and ranged in the Blue Parlor is a line of Army and Marine Corps officers, who act as masters of ceremonies and introduce the callers to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of the receiving party. The New Year's callers are presented to the President by Col. Charles S. Brownell, of the United States Army, who is officially designated as the President's military aid, and the introductions to Mrs. Roosevelt are made by Major Charles L. McCawley, of the Marine Corps, a strikingly handsome young officer, who, from his popularity with women, is known as the "matinee idol" of Uncle Sam's military establishment.

The President's reception begins at 11 o'clock in the morning, but sometime previous to that hour the military and naval officers have assembled at the War and Navy Building, from which they march to the White House, the Army contingent being headed by General Chaffee and the Navy delegation by Admiral Dewey. The American officers are not received by the President, however, until after he has, as a courtesy, first received the strangers within the gates—namely, the officers of foreign armies and navies who are stationed in the country as the representatives of their respective governments.

Among the foreign fighters who pass in review before the Chief Magistrate are officers in the armies and navies of Russia, Mexico, Italy, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, the Argentine Republic, Chili, Spain, Ecuador and Turkey. Many of these warriors from over the seas are attired in uniforms which far outshine in gorgeousness the raiment of the U. S. soldiers and sailors, to say nothing of the fact that in many instances the front of the coat is literally covered with jeweled decorations. The most impressive foreign representation is that of Germany, there being in line men wearing the distinctive uniforms of four or five of the crack regiments of the Kaiser's army.

When the American officers enter the White House and advance to shake hands with the President the band strikes up some patriotic air, and a succession of inspiring and significant melodies are rendered during this part of the reception, not forgetting the "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," so well remembered by Colonel Roosevelt and his fellow-officers. The army officers are received ahead of the navy men, for the reason that the War Department was organized earlier in the history than was the Navy, and this order of precedence causes a rather contradictory situation under present conditions, for there is no officer in the

## Army and Navy Reception

### On New Year Day



GEN. CHAFFEE  
COMMANDER OF U.S. ARMY



MRS. CHAFFEE



THE BLUE ROOM AT THE WHITE HOUSE WHERE THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Army who holds rank in equivalent as high as that of Admiral Dewey.

The two hostesses upon whom the officers of the respective services never fail to call on New Year's Day are the wives of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. This New Year's finds a new occupant in each position. Mrs. Taft, wife of the Secretary of War, made during her husband's term as governor of the Philippines, but Mrs. Morton is distinctly a new acquisition in Navy circles. She is, however, a woman of most attractive personality, and dispenses a charming hospitality at the residence which was formerly the home of the late Senator Quay.

Next to the homes of the two departments having to do with the business of fighting, probably the most popular rendezvous for military and naval New Year callers are the drawing-rooms of Mrs. Dewey, wife of the Admiral of the Navy, and Mrs. Chaffee, wife of the highest officer in the American Army. Both women have hosts of friends among their husbands' subordinates, and their reception apartments are crowded until long after dusk has fallen. The home of General Miles was always heretofore a centre of activity on New Year's afternoon, and the death of Mrs. Miles removes one of the most gracious of army hostesses. Whether the younger officers of the Army and Navy wind their way on this festive day, or at least where they spend most of their time, depends not so much on the popularity of hostesses as upon the

personalities of the young ladies who are instructed with the work of serving refreshments—an invariable adjunct of each of these receptions. There is usually quite a group of pretty caterers at the home of each prominent hostess, and it is a great day for the army and navy belles and the army and navy beaux.

#### WAS A TOTAL WRECK

Till Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured His Dropsy and Rheumatism—Geo. Robertson's Experience.

MONTREAL, Que., January 9th—(Special).—Cured of Dropsy and Rheumatism that made him a total wreck Mr. Geo. Robertson, of 392 James St., this city, gives all the credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills. They cured his kidneys and the cured kidneys quickly strained out of the blood the causes of those two terrible diseases.

"I had been troubled with Rheumatism and Dropsy for five years," Mr. Robertson says. "I had to be tapped to relieve me of the pain. My arms and legs were terribly swollen. Then a friend induced me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and before I had used the second box I felt better. Seven boxes cured me completely." Take care of your Kidneys and your health will take care of itself.

#### ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—News from Manila received to-day tells of an attempt on December 7 of about 500 convicts at Bulbid prison to break jail. The affair resulted in the killing of 16 of the prisoners and the wounding of forty others.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

#### PAINS IN THE CHEST.

Mr. John Clark, Port Hope, Ont., states:—"Last winter I was so bad with a cold that I could not speak above a whisper, and had great pains in the chest. A friend advised me to try Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and one bottle cured my cold which, I believe would have proven very serious if I had not used this medicine."

#### STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

Mr. Alex. M. Finn, Inkerman, N. B., writes:—"I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills for derangements of the kidneys and liver and stomach troubles, and can certify that they did me a good deal of good. I can heartily recommend them to any one suffering as I did."

#### POPE OPPOSES REVOLUTION

ROME, January 10.—Pope Pius has almost completed an important encyclical to Central and South American Catholics. It will advise the people to abandon their frequent revolutions, to work in concord and to avoid such evils as ultimately require foreign intervention.

#### ESCAPED AN OPERATION.

"I had itching piles for six years and the doctors told me there was no cure for me unless an operation. Dr. Chase's Ointment completely cured me in one week. As that was six months ago and there has been no return of the old trouble I believe that the cure is a permanent one."—Mr. J. Mawer, Roden, Man.



MRS. MORTON WIFE OF SECRETARY OF THE NAVY



LIEUT. STUART  
LEADER OF THE MOB

THIS BARD FURNISHES THE MUSIC AT THE NEW YEAR RECEPTION.



ARMY OFFICERS HEADED BY GEN. CHAFFEE MARCH THEIR NEW YEAR CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

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