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WHITE HOUSE FILLED BY BRILLIANT COMPANY  
THOUSANDS IN LINE AT RECEPTION  
Taft's Silver Wedding Greatest of All the Many Functions That Have  
Entertained Washington.

FLOOD OF RARE AND COSTLY GIFTS  
Many Gorgeous Gowns Worn by the Women Who Are Leaders in  
Official Society.

[[?]] to The Free Press

Washington, June 18.- Under clear, sparkling skies and in the soft and  
sweet [[?]] of a truly Virginian June night President and Mrs. Taft  
celebrated the anniversary of that day 25 years ago when their lives  
were wedded and they started on the career that had been so happy  
and prosperous.

While [[some?]] rooms and grounds were thronged by the largest and  
most brilliant company that has ever been gathered there. All the  
leaders of national life and Washington society were there. Musing [[?]]  
sparkling lights [[?]] and beautiful women made a spectacle that was  
sufficient to [[?]] the most [[?]]  
[[?]] guests [[?]] the [[re-? ?]] and then scattered [[?]] and grounds to [[?]]  
of refreshments and enjoy [[?]] with friends. President Taft [[?]] reads  
with all the guests while Mrs. Taft, who had been ill, [[stood?]] by his  
side for an hour [[?]] greeting [[?]] Taft was by her side, but did not dare  
to take her mother's place as [[?]] pleased.

Taft [[?]] of [[?]]

With the weather absolutely perfect, the White House grounds  
transformed almost late [[fairland?]], the [[?]] guests having the best kind  
of a time and four times that many interested and enthusiastic  
spectators standing so deep outside the spiked iron fence that  
surrounds the [[os...tive? ?]]. President Taft as he stood at the head of  
the receiving line with the first lady of the land did not seem to have a  
care in the world.

The [[?]] night that made a [[?]] in the open air [[?]] the crash that the  
White House for [[?]] had been afraid of and made the reception not only  
brilliant and unusual but [[?]] every [[report?]]. Greets would have [[?]]  
the White house to [[?]] but the grounds are ample and there was no  
[[?]] and no confusion.

The [[?]] said that the reception would begin at 9 o'clock and promptly on  
the hour [[?]] strains of the wedding march. The president and Mrs. Taft  
came down the staircase of the White House preceded by the six [[?]]  
sides and followed by the cabinet. Out through the red room to the rear  
barriers of the mansion lawn the broad steps and out on to the lawn the  
procession marched while hundreds of guests already in the grounds  
watched their progress. They took their grand [[?]] two [[?]] just above



the center of the lawn where branches were joined by an electric sign flashing "1886-1911"

[[?]]

The quests emerged from the east front, passed through the corridors beneath the White House and out on the lawn. Down the winding walk they passed in two lines to

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#### DO DANCE OF DEATH

Live Wires [[?]] and [[?]] at D. V. R. [[Five?]], Endangering Lives of [[Firemen?]] and Putting Other Property in Peril.

#### OFFICIAL PLACES LOSS AT \$25,000

Freight Stock Damaged, Three Cars. Partly [[?]] and Merchandise Worth About \$5,000 Betrayed by [[?]]

A lighter [[?]], dropped by a [[?]], [[?]] a property damage of about \$25,000, made [[?]] wires wriggle over the ground, threatening innocent death to anyone who came in their reach, and [[?]] a series of about 26 explosions to [[?]] since that [[?]] the crowd, at a respectful distance [[?]] the [[?]] of the D. U. R. Fifth street and Jeffersons [[?]] yesterday. The platform [[?]] was damaged to the extent of about \$3,000, three freight cars were damaged about \$4,000 each, and approximately \$2,000 of freight was burned according to General Manager F.W. Brooks of the D. U. R. The [[?]] about \$3,000 to [[?]] each according to Mr. Brooks, but the bottom of all was saved. The source of the freight are [[?]], but [[?]], he said. Everything [[?]] covered by [[insurance?]]

[[?]]

The [[?]] brightened [[?]] burning structure, [[?]] were [[?]] by exploding beer [[?]], falling [[?]] and the [[?]] the sides of the [[?]] ripping off in the terrible heat. The fire started at about 8 o'clock in the morning and was [[?]] extinguished in half an hour, but it burned awfully while it lasted. Live wires were the [[?]] before the first [[?]] could begin, it was necessary to grapple with the writhing death threads. They literally seemed to dance a dance of death, [[squirming?]] and [[?]] like venomous reptiles. striking [[?]] from each other whom coming in contact and setting now [[?]] wherever they touched [[?]] inflammable.

[[Firemen?]] Cut Wires.

But the [[?]] goes out [[?]] and [[?]] the [[?]] after which the fire was quickly extinguished. The popping beer bottles and [[?]] the made [[?]] Fourth of July for a while Then I wish I'd got there first. [[?]] a brewery [[?]] at no [[?]] the empty [[?]] with [[?]] broken off. Horace [[?]] to the [[?]] and [[?]] to the [[?]] of lie in [[?]] across the street were led [[?]] and resisting to the [[?]] and safety for it looked for a time as if the flames [[?]] by freight shots of the D. U. R. were [[?]] tight and

their [[?]]. the [[?]] of mind of C. H. Logan express and freight agent being responsible for this salvation of property. It was he who directed the moving of two of five freight cars that were in the yards. He and his men made a brave attempt to save the other three. but the flames [[?]] rapidly.

Freight will not be deployed at the yards as [[?]] of the [[?]] of the shed said Mr. Brooks [[?]] result [[?]] to the men that have to handle it

SENATOR BY GIVING BLOOD SAVES LIFE OF YOUNG WIFE  
As Color Comes Back to Sick Woman's Face Her Devoted Husband Falls to the Floor

HOPE TO CORNER THE DEMOCRATS  
Michigan Republicans...  
REP. SMITH WILL [[?]] CUT IN THE WOOL [[?]]

NEW SHIP SPEEDS ACROSS ATLANTIC  
White Star Liner Olympic Makes Fast Time on Her Maiden Voyage  
GIRLS BAIL IS LOWERED

MICHIGAN AERO CLUB IS HOLDING FIRST AVIATION MEET ON  
COUNTRY CLUBS GROSSE POINTE GOLF LINKS  
THREE DETROIT WOMEN VENTURE IN BIPLANE  
SEA OF MUD IN LONDON

AERO CLUB'S MEETING DRAWS SPECTATORS  
Mrs. Russell A. and Mrs. Fred M. Alger and Miss Beth Loonis are  
Enthusiastic About Sport.

AVIATOR MAKES FANCY FLIGHTS  
Six Other Members Make Ascensions While A Dozen Others Will ... Go  
Up Today.

AUDITORS AGAIN CROSS SWORDS

INCREASE IN TEN YEARS IS LARGE  
Value of Live Stock on Michigan Farms in 1810 Was Over \$[[?]]

COMMISSION PLAN LOSES AT LANSING

SAME BRAND OF HEAT FOR TODAY  
Kiosk Registers 98 Degrees; Only One Man Overcomes by [[?]]

DOORS ARE MADE TO CLOSE, SAID MORGAN, SNUBBING GATES  
Leader of the Financial World Showed Small Consideration to Steel Man  
When He Boasted That All His Acts Had Been In Open.

An Educational Opportunity For Boys and Girls  
The DETROIT FREE PRESS will furnish free tickets for the Great  
Aviation Meet to all Detroit School Children. See Page 8

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