

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

MANY PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENTS—THE MICKLER WEDDING.

The last week, though not so wildly gay as the previous, has not been uninteresting to place in the hands of the "red letter" week. All the week has been a private party. The week has been a private party. The week has been a private party.

WHO IS CAPT. JOHN CODMAN?

A QUESTION ANSWERED BY A FRIEND OF AMERICAN SHIPPING.

SHOWN TO BE AN ENEMY OF SUCH INTERESTS AND AN AGENT OF BRITISH SHIPOWNERS.

—THE FALGACY OF "FREE-SHIPPER" ARGUMENTS.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

Washington, Jan. 17.—The following letter comes to the Washington Bureau of The Tribune from Charles S. Hill, secretary of the American Shipping League, who is well known as an enthusiastic friend of American shipping interests. It is printed below, with the enclosure accompanying it, because, although somewhat personal in nature, it deals indirectly with a subject of great National interest, now pending in the House of Representatives. The first letter is dated Washington, January 12, and reads thus:

The enclosed is a reply to misrepresentations made on the floor of Congress, and by a British lobbyist in a Washington journal. Although somewhat personal, it involves an economic subject of so much general interest that I feel justified in giving it to the public.

I have not a reply to I am charged \$100 by each of two Washington journals, and I cannot afford to meet these personal attacks in defense of the American side of the question; I therefore ask space in your journal for an appropriate answer. I am, very respectfully,

CHARLES S. HILL.

The enclosure is as follows:

In an article in "The Post" of yesterday's issue, I presented facts and figures which were taken from official British documents, and proved the fallacy of the assertion of Mr. Pitman, of Illinois, based upon one of David A. Wells' "historic lies," that Great Britain only pays 2 per cent subsidies upon her shipping tonnage, and that the United States pays 10 per cent. It is a well known fact that the United States pays 10 per cent.

Representative Pitman chose on the floor of Congress to emphasize his argument upon such fallacies of British lobbyists, and at the same time referred to me as "the paid agent of the British Government." I am a paid agent of the British Government, and I am a paid agent of the British Government.

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SOCIETY AT THE CAPITAL.

THE DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE—TEAS AND WEDDINGS.

Washington, Jan. 17 (Special).—That social gaiety will be no "mad whirl" this season is the general opinion of official circles. Many people rejoice over what they call "sensible measures of enjoyment."

SOCIAL GAIETY IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17 (Special).—The first Assembly book place in the Academy of Music last night, and was fully up to the standard of gorgeousness attained by those of past years.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Jan. 17 (Special).—Teas, dinners, parties and the german have made this last week in Baltimore an enjoyable one.

FLAMES IN THE WASHINGTON BUILDING.

A fire broke out in the plate-hardening department of the New York Bank Note Company, in the basement of the Washington Building, No. 1 Broadway, at 12:30 p. m. yesterday.

MR. STANLEY'S BUSY DAYS.

Boston, Jan. 17 (Special).—The Boston Evangelical Alliance wrote a letter to Mr. Stanley in appreciation of his work in the "Dark Continent."

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THE OLD GUARD BALL.

The annual ball and reception of the Old Guard, Major George W. McLean, commandant will be held at the Metropolitan Opera House on Thursday night.

PROPOSED POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Postmaster Van Cott has recommended to the Postmaster General a change in the hour of departure from the Grand Central Station of the fast mail for Chicago, which now starts at 4 a. m. and is due at Chicago at the same hour the next day.

P. T. BARNUM'S FINE NEW FENCE.

From The Bridgeport (Conn.) Morning News. P. T. Barnum still continues to slowly improve and his physicians have given him a new lease of life.

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