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international conference of American students will be held at Montevideo, the Uruguayan capital, at which representatives of the student bodies of colleges and universities from all American countries will discuss some fifteen topics, only one of them relating to athletics.

Our southern neighbors are well worth getting better acquainted with, partly for their own intrinsic value and partly to save ourselves the reproach of knowing so much less of the world than the world knows of us.

MR. BAILEY FORGIVES.

An astonishing change seems to have come over the spirit of the dreams of the Hon. Joseph W. Bailey. At the address which he has just issued to the Democratic voters of Texas he has shown a kindness and consideration which will probably startle the poor political outlaws who have been parading and shriveling for some time past in the blasts of the junior Senator's consuming wrath.

Mr. Bailey has seen a new light. Less than a year ago in a speech to the Legislature of Texas he dedicated himself to the task of ridding Texas public life of the "socialists, communists" and other political vermin who had tried to prevent his reelection to the Senate while charges against his character were being investigated by a joint committee of the Legislature.

Impious scoundrels had refused to believe the various successive versions which he had constructed of his relations with the Waters-Pierce company and had insisted that he should secure a vindication before he demanded a reelection. But Mr. Bailey thought that an election in the land was worth two vindications in the bush, and he could see the request for delay and thorough investigation only an anarchistic attempt to pull down the pillars of morals, society and government.

We might have been at a loss to explain the abandonment of the Torquemada policy if Mr. Bailey's address did not itself contain a hint at the solution of the mystery. It seems that the junior Senator does not want to deny himself the pleasure of journeying to Denver next July to help accomplish the nomination for the Presidency of his ex-friend and ex-colleague the Hon. William J. Bryan. The "socialists and communists" in the party have suggested that he ought to be left at home in the interest of harmony, seeing that his activity at St. Louis in 1904 in forcing Judge Parker's nomination might have somewhat discredited him for ardent missionary work this year in behalf of Mr. Bryan.

The favorite son of the philosopher Nietzsche's brain, the "Superman," is a most entertaining and agreeable gentleman when you meet him in the world of imagination. His habit of rising superior to all dictates of traditional morality in order to gain his own superior ends thrills one in much the same manner as do the performances of the daredevil who "hops the loop" at Coney Island.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for to-day: Fair. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 59 degrees; lowest, 29.

SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS.

Our southern neighbors, among or near whom our feet is making its cruise, are not always so fully appreciated here as they should be. In various respects they are well worth studying and getting acquainted with. Our ships are now at the Brazilian capital, showing our flag, which is so seldom seen there. The only regular navigation between the two ports, or the two countries, is under the Brazilian or some flag other than ours.

We have been waiting a weary time for the construction of an isthmian canal which will give us quick access to the western coast of South America and shall probably have to wait a dozen years longer. Peru is not so patient. Since we have not enterprise enough to send our merchant ships to her she will send hers to us, and since we have not yet provided the short cut by way of Panama she will follow a route of her own, which, if not so short as that by Panama, is yet vastly shorter than that by Magellan's Strait.

dom as their colleagues have permitted them to use.

EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN.

The career of Edmund Clarence Stedman embraced years of profound importance to American literature, and in much that made them important he bore a fruitful part. He began life with the aspirations of a poet. He was a poet to the end. But also from first to last he had what we have needed even more than the grace of poetry—the gifts of the broad minded man of letters. It is perhaps difficult for the writers or the readers of to-day to realize the conditions under which Stedman and his comrades in literary journalism launched their early ventures.

Stedman wrote well because he knew not only books but life. Journalism in New York and the experience of a correspondent on the battlefields of the Civil War developed his skill, enlarged his sympathies and deepened his emotions. It is impossible to read certain of his poems, such as "Brown of Ossawatimie," without feeling that the man who wrote those stirring lines had brought the fire for them out of the depths of passionate feeling. We have had no maker of poetry or prose whose work has been more strengthened than was Stedman's by the springs of genuine human sympathy.

He wrote out of a full mind. His poetry, full of imagination, of tenderness, of all that marks the true lyricist, bore always the stamp of a nature formed in the battle of life. His prose, in which wide reading and zealous scholarship were so clearly detected, was invariably significant of a sane and liberal outlook. Criticism for him meant no bookish detachment from the daily interests of men, no ingenuous making of phrases. He knew that if it is the critic's business to lead in the best thought of the world, it is likewise his duty to illuminate his theme, to enlighten his reader with a sense of things right and fine. In other words, he was a vivid and moving interpreter, one who spoke face to face with his public, went straight to the point, and kept literature, in his pages, a living and a beautiful thing.

What he did in the impersonal labors of a writer he did as a man in private life. He was an old "Tribune man," and in these pages any tribute to his character would inevitably possess the note of peculiar understanding and appreciation. But we have reason to know that an extraordinary number of men and women everywhere must share in the gratitude and the grief felt by his intimate comrades. He had a genius for helping others, a genius which surpassed even when he was welligh overborne by his own burdens and sorrows. Admiration for Stedman's brilliant powers and his noble use of them follows him to the grave, and with it the love which is only yielded to a man as rich in qualities of heart as in intellectual force.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

Justice Leventritt's utterances touching the right of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company to bedaub its comfortable vehicles with hideous and unattractive signs, and although the tendency of equity jurisprudence is to extend the court's jurisdiction to include this situation, the ultimate fact remains that no authority now exists which will justify the legal conclusion that the plaintiff's signs constitute a nuisance.

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The only unhappy feature of the entire decision is the justice's assurance that: "Out of place, disagreeable and offensive though they [the signs] are, both to the civic and aesthetic taste, and although the tendency of equity jurisprudence is to extend the court's jurisdiction to include this situation, the ultimate fact remains that no authority now exists which will justify the legal conclusion that the plaintiff's signs constitute a nuisance."

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REMOVALS AND RE-ELECTIONS.

The resolution concerning the re-election of a removed city official which was adopted last week by the directors of the Merchants' Association is strongly commended, so far as it goes, to common sense, and is doubtless in accord with the spirit and intent, if not with the actual letter, of the existing law. It urges that an amendment should be made to the city charter providing that any person who is removed from the office of Borough President shall be ineligible to reelection to that place during the remainder of the term for which he was originally elected.

The inciting cause of this resolution was no doubt the reelection of Mr. Ahern after his removal for cause by the Governor, an episode which has already been amply discussed and concerning which we assume all citizens having a due regard for decency of procedure have already formed positive opinions. In terms the resolution applies only to similar cases, since the office of Borough President is exclusively

specified. That indicates the chief criticism which we would make of it—namely, that it is potentially too narrow. It would be better to widen its scope, so that instead of applying to a single office it would call for the disqualification for immediate re-election or reappointment of any person removed for cause from any office.

It may be that in the present order of affairs there is no probability, if even a possibility, that such a case will arise in connection with any other office. Yet there is no guarantee that one may not at some time arise, and it is obvious that a re-election or reappointment of some other disgraced official might be as offensive as that of a borough president. The manifest intent of the law of removal is to displace an unfaithful or inefficient officeholder for the remainder of his term and to have him replaced by another. It is as yet by no means certain that the existing law is not properly to be interpreted as requiring that and as forbidding re-election. If the courts should thus decide, and thus establish a general principle to that effect, that would probably be the best settlement of the matter. Otherwise the desirable thing would be to revise the law, the charter or the constitution so as unmistakably to effect that end.

The Constitution of the United States provides for the disqualification of impeached officials for ever holding any office under the United States. The removal of an official for cause, after trial, certainly resembles impeachment sufficiently to carry with it, ipso facto, a temporary disqualification for that same place.

"The Denver Times" announces that a recent article in the Sunday Tribune dealing humorously with Denver and the Democratic convention to be held there next summer is worth \$25,000 to the city. This leaves only \$75,000 to be taken from the delegates when they arrive.

And now the edict goes forth in Idaho that the Greeks, whether bearing gifts or not, are objects of distrust, and must go. Gracious! It is to be hoped that rule will not prevail here. If it should, where should we get our fruit and flowers and roasted chestnuts?

Washington is supposed to be an absolute stranger to the wiles and excitements of the political canvass. Yet the itch to be a candidate for public honors must be strong there, for we are told that there are no fewer than forty aspirants ready to enter the primary which is to choose two delegates to the Republican National Convention.

All experts agree that the terrors of the "rush hour" crueled on the Brooklyn Bridge have been somewhat abated. The Brooklynite of the future promises to show a milder strain of "rush hour" brainstorm and belligerency.

In a recent letter Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota said: "I am a very sincere admirer of Mr. Bryan's splendid personality and wonderful statesmanship and ability." But "The World" is not exploiting this utterance as another evidence of the Governor's balanced judgment and eminent availability as a Democratic Presidential candidate.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

"The Wichita (Kan.) Beacon" is authority for the statement that 50 per cent of the rabbits in Kansas are victims of tuberculosis. The "Beacon" says: "The men who made the discovery that 50 per cent of the rabbits have tuberculosis are government inspectors at the packing houses, and since finding the first tuberculous rabbit, about a year ago, they have examined every rabbit killed before using or permitting it to be used as human food. The result is that 50 per cent of the rabbits whose habitat is in the prairie or in the cornfield will show signs of the disease. One inspector who has hunted considerably this year stated that as many as seven out of every ten rabbits killed by him were infected with the tuberculous germ."

"The last guy of Bourbon left standing alone. He faded and gone. No old friends in view. To reflect back 'Drink hearty' here's the looker at you."—Atlanta Constitution.

The circulation manager of the latest daily newspaper to appear in the streets of Havana, "El Orlino," was probably only a little careless, or perhaps wished to show that he was looking ahead, when he sent a copy of the first issue of the journal to "William H. Taft, White House, Washington, D. C. do A." The quick witted sorting clerk in the Washington postoffice switched the package from the direct route to the Executive Mansion, and it was delivered at the office of the Secretary of War without delay.

"Little Willie—Say, son, what is a genius? He's a genius who never would amount to anything."—Chicago News.

In an article on "Pseudo-Nationalism" in the "Neue Jüdische Korrespondenz," of Berlin, two recent publications are quoted to illustrate the fact that people are usually more considerate of the feelings of strangers than they are of the feelings of their neighbors. Octave Mirbeau, a Frenchman, made an automobile tour and then wrote a book about it, giving his impressions and telling what he saw. "The German customs officers," he says, "and all the German people whom I met were most cordial, while in France I experienced the contrary. The people threw dirt and stones at me, and the customs officers were unmerciful."

At the Play—"Talk about realism!" exclaimed Mr. Housekeeper.

"This household makes dabs at the furniture and never hitting it looking awful natural to me."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Thomas A. Edison, in a letter to "The Chicago Tribune," says of his latest invention: "I am giving credit of many of the newspaper articles which I have read to you. I am about to erect. The writers of most of the letters have misread the articles, and I take this occasion to explain just what I purpose to do. I now have a model, one-fourth the size of the house, designed by the New York architects. This winter I shall construct the iron moulds and devise machinery, whereby a finished house can be cast in twelve or six days. The moulds are removed and the house will probably be ready for occupancy. To build this house for \$3,000 it is essential that it be erected on sandy soil, as the material excavated for the cellar is all that is required to build the house, except, of course, the cement. The cost of the iron moulds will be about \$25,000, the cost of the other machinery about \$15,000. From this outfit an unlimited number of houses can be erected."

"Your wife used to like to sing, and she played the piano a lot. Now we don't hear her at all. How's that?"

"Well, well! After all, children are a blessing!"—Tit-Bits.

SOCIAL PRECEDENT IN THE CAPITAL.

Washington dispatches record another "violation of social custom" by President Roosevelt. On Tuesday evening he actually attended a reception at the home of the Vice-President. This is the second time the President has ignored the unwritten rule that he should not be considered a part of the national capital for the Chief Magistrate to do such a reckless and unconventional thing. Perhaps it is revolting to social feeling to consider the President, but we do not think the President's call on the Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks is reprehensible. However, it is a social precedent, and much freedom in social matters as he desires. The fact that none of his predecessors attended receptions of this kind seems to be a social precedent, but we do not think the President's call on the Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks is reprehensible. However, it is a social precedent, and much freedom in social matters as he desires.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The President to-day received invitations to attend the 15th anniversary of Dickinson College next June and the convention of the National Association of Correction and Charities, to be held in Richmond, next May. The first invitation was extended by Dr. George E. Howard Reel, president of Dickinson College, and the other by Thomas M. Mulry, president of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, of New York. The President was forced to decline both.

Charles B. Warren, president of the Michigan Sugar Company; Philip McMillan and E. D. Staff, of Detroit, were presented to the President by Senator Smith.

Mrs. Ashton has decided to appoint a board of five scientists from the leading universities as arbitrators in disputes between the Agricultural Department and manufacturers over the pure food law. He informed Representatives Needham, Smith and Hayes, of California, that he already had written to some of the larger universities for advice in this matter.

Other callers were Senators Dooliver, Brown and Burdett; Representatives Broadhead, Sparkman, Needham, Hayes and Smith, of California; Charles H. Treat, United States Treasurer; Adjutant General Thrift, of Iowa; Hunter Sharp, James T. McCleary, Assistant Postmaster General; General Horatio C. King and Dr. W. A. Hunsberger.

THE CABINET.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft are entertaining the Secretary's brother, Charles P. Taft, who will be here until the first of the week.

Miss Ashton has been issued by the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf for February 11 for their annual dinner in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Several prominent people will come from California to attend the dinner.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller will observe a short period of mourning for Archduke Ferdinand, and will not resume their regular Saturday receptions until next month.

Mrs. Ashton has been the guest for several weeks of her brother-in-law and sister, the Ambassador from Great Britain and Mrs. Bryce, who has gone to Boston for a short visit before sailing on Thursday for England.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root were the guests for whom the Minister from the Argentine Republic and Señora de Portela entertained at dinner to-night. To meet them were the Ambassador from Brazil and Mme. Nabuco, the Ambassador from Russia, the Minister from Peru and Señora de Pardo, the Minister from Colombia and Señora de Cortes, the Minister from Uruguay and Señora de Melinier Lahnur, Señor Don Ramon Pina, Minister from Spain; John Barrett, Dr. Adolfo Benicio Costa, first secretary, and Don Julian Portela, second secretary, of the Argentine Legation.

The Netherlands Minister and Mme. van Swinderen will leave Washington Monday for New York, and will sail on Tuesday for three months' leave in Europe.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. William F. Draper had as guests at dinner to-night the Ambassador from Austria-Hungary and Baroness Hengelmüller, Associate Justice Moody, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf, the Belgian Minister and Baroness Mocheur, Monsieur de Conzel, Senator Kenner, Miss Keen, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Brownson, Captain and Mrs. Clover, Colonel and Mrs. Symons, M. de Cartier, Mrs. Ludlow, Mrs. Hope Slater, Miss Patten, Prince Koudachoff, of the Russian Embassy, and Miss Coulter.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt entertained a number of guests at dinner to-night. They will entertain dinner parties Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Brigadier General and Mrs. Duvall had dining with them to-night Senator Du Pont, Senator and Mrs. Briggs, Major General and Mrs. Gillespie, Brigadier General and Mrs. Sharpe, Brigadier General and Mrs. Edgerly, Mrs. A. E. Bates and Mrs. Pettit.

Lieutenant Gilbert J. Rowcliff and Lieutenant Commander Milton E. Reed gave a dinner on board the Mayflower to-night, and a number of dinner parties were given by officers at the navy yard preceding the dance, which was an unusually large one, and numerous late supper parties followed.

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

More gaieties will be crowded into the next two weeks than in any other fortnight of the winter, and it promises to prove the most festive period of the season. Dinners, luncheons, dances, musicals and theatricals will follow one another in rapid succession, and at most of them the many foreign visitors of note now in this city will be conspicuous guests, while to-morrow week the wedding of Count Ladislas Szechenyi and Miss Gladys Vanderbilt will be given at the city hall.

Mrs. John B. Drexel leads off the festivities of the week with a large dinner given to-night at her house, in East 62d street, for Miss Gladys Vanderbilt and her fiancé, as well as for the latter's kinsfolk, including Count Donya Szechenyi, Austrian Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Denmark, and the countess, who was a Princess de Caranum Chimay; Count Stefan Szechenyi, Count Paul Esterhazy, Count Anton Sigray and Count Apponyi.

To-morrow evening Mrs. John Jacob Astor gives a dance at her house in Fifth avenue, and Tuesday's principal entertainment will be Frederick Townsend Martin's afternoon tea at the Plaza, for which nearly a thousand invitations have been issued. The feature will be the performance of "Mrs. Van Veelien's Divorce Dance," on a flower adorned stage, set up at one end of the great ballroom. The women are requested to come prepared to remove their hats. Mrs. George Jay Gould will take the part of Mrs. Van Veelien, Mrs. Francis L. Pruyn the part of her French maid, while Kyrle Bellew will appear as Mrs. Van Veelien. The play is by Edward Van Zile, a son-in-law of Senator Bulkeley, of Connecticut. Mrs. Gould's son, George Jay Gould, Jr., and her nephew, William Hamilton, arrive in New York to-night, and the dance is prepared by court Versailles in the eighteenth century, will have charge of drawing the curtains, while Frederick Martin has secured the services of Stephen Van Rensselaer, Bradley Martin, Jr., Seymour Johnson, William Whitehouse, Bertram Cruger, Frederick M. Davies, Kingdon Gould, J. A. Jasty and Reginald Fellowes to assist him in seating his guests.

Mrs. Van Fellowes is a second son of Lord and Lady de Ramsey, Lord de Ramsey being a sister of the late Duke of Marlborough, and an aunt, therefore, of the present duke. Many years have elapsed since Mrs. Gould has been seen before the footlights. Only once since her marriage has she appeared—in some amateur theatricals given at her place at Lakewood some eight or ten years ago, in the presence of fewer than one hundred friends, mostly members of the house party at Georgian Court. Consequently her portrayal of the role of Mrs. Van Veelien on Tuesday afternoon next before an audience of nearly thousand persons is arousing a good deal of interest in society. In the evening Mrs. Gould, with her husband, will be entertained by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish at a dinner at her house in East 78th street, for which nearly one hundred invitations have been issued, while Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney will give a dance at her house in East 63d street for her three nieces, Mrs. Mary Astor, daughter of the late John W. Astor, who was Miss Fanny, and an aunt, therefore, of the present duke. Many years have elapsed since Mrs. Gould has been seen before the footlights. Only once since her marriage has she appeared—in some amateur theatricals given at her place at Lakewood some eight or ten years ago, in the presence of fewer than one hundred friends, mostly members of the house party at Georgian Court.

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About People and Social Incidents.

under Van Rensselaer by her first marriage, to the late John Fell, Mrs. Van Rensselaer having been the former Mrs. John Drexel, and Mrs. Margaret Drexel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drexel. Miss Margaret Drexel made her debut last season in London, and was presented at one of the courts held at Buckingham Palace by Queen Alexandra.

On the same evening Sherry will be the scene of the former of the series of the Cinderella Dances, and among those giving dinners on that evening are Mrs. Frederic J. de Peyster and Mrs. Richard S. Dana, the latter dinner being in honor of her future daughter-in-law, Miss Gertrude Collier, whose engagement to David T. Dana, M. F. H. of the Lenox Hunt, was recently announced in these columns.

It is for Miss Emily Sloane, the younger daughter of Henry T. Sloane and sister of Mrs. William Earl Dodge, that her aunt, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane is giving a dance on Friday at her house in West 52d street. It will be a large affair, and among the guests will be most of the members of the wedding party of the following Monday. Miss Emily Sloane is one of the debutantes of the season.

Geraldine Farrar will form the principal attraction on the programme of the musical which Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, sr., gives on Saturday night at her house in Fifth avenue, following a large dinner. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt will go abroad very shortly after the wedding of their niece on Monday week, and will not be seen again over here until next winter. Their country place on Long Island has been closed up and their establishments there dispersed in a manner calculated to create the impression that their absence from Idle Hour is likely to prove of more than ordinary duration. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. Van Alstyne, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt and Alfred Vanderbilt are all going abroad early in February, and although Alfred Vanderbilt will be away during the greater part of the spring and summer, since he has arranged to run his coach between London and Brighton after Easter, Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt will remain here, dividing her time between Oakland Farm, her place at Newport, and Sagamore Lodge, her luxurious camp in the Adirondacks.

With regard to the wedding of Miss Vanderbilt on Monday week, there will be but one ceremony, performed by Monsignor Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, in the white and gold drawing room, on the Fifth avenue side of the city, in a town house, in Fifth street, where the bride and groom, with a full choir of fifty musicians and the full choir of the Cathedral, will be intrusted with the musical portion of the service. Miss Dorothy Whitney and Miss Ruth Trembly will be the bridesmaids, in frocks of white chiffon and cream lace, while little Flora Whitney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, who is to officiate as her young aunt's flower girl, will be similarly garbed.

In addition to the party of Count Szechenyi's relatives and friends who have come from Vienna for his wedding, many other foreigners of note are in town. Among them are the Earl of Kintore, father of Lord Falconer, who is such a familiar figure in New York society. There is Sir Edgar Vincent, formerly member of Parliament, of whom he has been the guardian during the lad's long minority, is now about to attain his majority, when he is to be appointed Master of the Horse to the Viceroy of Ireland. And another visitor from abroad who is now here for the remainder of the season is Mrs. Waldorf Astor, who spent several years in New York as Mrs. James Hamilton Shaw. Her husband has not accompanied her to America on this occasion.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, who is giving a series of dinners, followed by music, gave the second one last night at her home, in Fifth avenue. The dinner guests, numbering about thirty, included Mr. and Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop, Jr., Mrs. Florence H. Macdonald, Jr., Mrs. Corcoran Vanderbilt, Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Olin, Mrs. Emma Eames, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Chanler, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, G. Creighton Webb, Enoch Gregory and August Belmont, Jr., Mrs. James Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., the first in her new house, No. 64 Fifth avenue, and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane. Supper was served at small tables after the musical.

Formal announcement was made yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph H. Gustav Kiesel of the engagement of their daughter Gladys to James E. Miller. Mr. Miller is the son of Charles Addison Miller, and is a graduate of Yale, class of '04. Miss Kiesel, who is a granddaughter of Mrs. David P. Morgan, made her debut last winter at a ball which Mrs. Morgan gave for her and her cousin, Miss Mildred Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dealey. Mr. Miller's father will give a dinner in her honor on February 5.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitehouse, of Mount Kisco, on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Whitehouse is a daughter of Sir George and Lady Duntze, of Dinard, France, and her husband is a son of W. Fitzhugh Whitehouse, of Newport.

Mrs. Paul Leicester Ford, widow of the novelist, was married to her second husband, Mr. William Ford, at her home, No. 127 East 73d street. The bride, who was formerly Miss Grace Kidder, of Brooklyn, was given away by her father. She wore a princess gown of pearl gray broadcloth, and had only one attendant, Miss Lewis, who was dressed in pale yellow Liberty silk, embroidered and combined with white lace. She wore a large black hat with black tulle bows. The ceremony was performed at the First Avenue Baptist church, and a wedding breakfast. The guests were limited to relatives and a few intimate friends.

Miss Mabel Lefferts Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Arvon Jones, was married yesterday afternoon to Gustavus Calhoun Marshall in the Brick Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and 37th street. The wedding was at 4 o'clock and was followed by a reception in the home of the bride's parents in West 34th street. The church was decorated with lilies, white roses and palms and the house with pink and white roses. The bride entered with her father, who gave her away. She wore white satin with lace, and all of her attendants were also in white, wearing large white picture hats and carrying bouquets of orchids. She had a maid of honor, her sister, Miss Gladys Knight Jones, and two bridesmaids, Mrs. Irvin Hewlett Cornell and Mrs. David H. Taylor were matrons of honor, and her bridesmaids were Mrs. Marshall's sisters, Miss Charlotte C. Marshall and Miss Sarah E. Marshall, Miss Eleanor Curran, Miss Delight Dickinson, Miss Ruth Ashmore and Miss Gertrude Easton. The bridegroom's brother, S. Duncan Marshall, Jr., was his best man, and Edward Clason Ford, the bride's brother-in-law, Irvin Hewlett Cornell, Lieutenant Nelson Vultor, Howard Jackson, Arthur D. M. Cooley and Robert B. Bartholomew served as ushers. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. William R. Richards.

Mrs. James A. Burden, Jr., gave a dinner last evening at her home, in East 94th street. It was followed by an informal dance, and this in turn by a buffet supper.

Major General Grant and the other officers of the regular army, of the navy, of the national guard and of the Governor's staff who have accepted invitations to the annual Charity Ball on Tuesday, February 24, at the Waldorf-Astoria, will appear in full uniform, which will add a touch of color to the brilliancy of the scene. The ball, the fifty-first of the yearly series, is, as always, for the benefit of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, and boxes and tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Alexander T. Van Nest, No. 3 West 74th street, or from the Waldorf-Astoria, No. 22 Riverside Drive, No. 22 East 23d street, No. 1 East 74th street and No. 18 West 11th street.