

About People and Social Incidents

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

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The Mexican minister to Cuba, who has served charged duties here since the departure of the ambassador, Señor Creel, on August 21, 1908, will leave Washington with his family for Cuba on February 24, to assume his duties there.

The British military attaché and the Hon. Mrs. James entertained at dinner to-night the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Straus, the Spanish minister, Señora Donna Luisa Drummond de Urcullo, Colonel and Mrs. Valery Harvad, Dr. and Mrs. Fremont Smith, Mrs. Ramsay, of Westover, Va., and Major Don Fortino M. Davila, Mexican military attaché.

The Haytian minister, Mr. Lager, who has been relieved of his duties here, will start with his family for Hayti on Monday.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

(From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, Feb. 12.—The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry entertained a number of guests at dinner to-night.

The Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver Townsend to-night was in honor of the Austrian Ambassador and Baroness Hengel-müller, their other guests being the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Garfield, the Russian Ambassador, Representative and Mrs. Herbert Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius K. Wilmerding, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, Miss Oliver and Alfred Ex-Senator and Mrs. John F. Dryden had dined with them to-night Justice and Mrs. Harlan, Senator and Mrs. Scott, Representative and Mrs. Dail-zell, Representative and Mrs. Lamar, Major General and Mrs. Gillespie, Brigadier General and Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Channing, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ellis and Colonel and Mrs. Kuser.

Mrs. Richard H. Townsend's dinner was for young people, who later filled seven boxes at the National Theatre. A dance and supper followed the performance, when additional guests were invited. The entertainment celebrated the birthday of Miss Olive Townsend.

Three hundred guests attended the hop given at Fort Myer to-night by the officers. Mrs. Hatfield, wife of Colonel Charles A. P. Hatfield, and Mrs. Treat, wife of Major Charles G. Treat, and others received the guests. Captain and Mrs. Frederick B. Hennessy and other officers and their wives gave a large party for the dancers.

Miss Grace Jarvis, whose marriage to Preston Gibson will take place on February 22, is spending several days in New York.

The German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff were dinner guests to-night of Rear Admiral and Mrs. William Sheffield Cowles.

Brigadier General and Mrs. Aleshire gave a dinner party preceding the hop at Fort Myer.

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Miss Eleanor Alexander and Miss Dorothy Egle-worth were among the guests at a dinner which Miss Katherine Johnson gave last night for her bridesmaids at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John La Farge has gone to New York for a short visit.

Mrs. Lyman Josephs and Miss Josephs have closed their Newport stay and gone to New York to remain for a while.

Colonel and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson have departed for Europe, where they will remain for a few days before starting on a cruise in their houseboat, the Everglades.

W. Rhineland Stewart will give a dinner on March 3 for his niece, Miss Evelyn Whitehead.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM NEWPORT.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.) Newport, Feb. 12.—Reginald C. Vanderbilt arrived at Newport to-day from New York for the purpose of making an inspection of his farm in Portsmouth. He left again later in the day.

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FAVORS FREE WOOD PULP.

(From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, Feb. 12.—The advocates of free wood pulp and printing paper have a strong ally in the select committee appointed by Speaker Cannon at the last session of Congress to investigate the entire subject of paper. This committee is preparing its final report and is of the opinion that the duty on cheap print paper should be materially reduced and that ground wood should be admitted free, under certain conditions.

The special committee held a meeting to-day, and although no definite decision was reached, it is understood that their report will be unanimous. Both Republicans and Democrats agree that existing duties are not entirely satisfactory. It is not certain that a report of this character will cause the Ways and Means Committee to adopt the rates suggested by the special committee, but few doubt that Mr. Payne and his associates will be greatly interested in making the prediction on the paper schedule, it was thought by many that Mr. Payne showed a disposition to favor a reduction of the duties, and although the lumber men protested against such action, it is known that several members of the committee desire to lower this schedule.

It was said to-day by a member of the special committee that a reduction of the wood and paper duties would result in a reduction on lumber. In fact, those Representatives who have been fighting for maintenance of the lumber rates practically concede that they will be defeated, and are now hoping that they will not be material. Tariff experts at the Capitol are making the prediction that the lumber rate will be reduced to a point where the maximum of revenue can be obtained.

SAN FRANCISCO'S WATER PROJECT.

The hearings on the proposed water project of San Francisco, before the Senate Committee on Public Lands, to-day opposed legislation to permit San Francisco to exchange land for an equal acreage in the Hetch-Hetchy Valley in order that the city may provide its own water. He asserted that the San Francisco Water Company, which he represents, has an abundance of water to supply San Francisco, and that only additional pipe, which the company is ready to provide, is needed.

Ex-Mayor Phelan and Marsden D. Manson, city engineer of San Francisco, spoke in favor of the exchange of land, asserting that the right to construct the dam already received from the Secretary of the Interior could be revoked by any future Secretary, an act of Congress being necessary to make it permanent.

The hearings were closed to-day, and at a meeting to be held next Wednesday, the matter will probably be referred to a sub-committee.

FOR ANTI-TRUST LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Mr. Bonaparte Asks Congress to Give Him \$100,000 for Next Fiscal Year. Washington, Feb. 12.—In a letter submitted to Congress through the Secretary of the Treasury, Attorney General Bonaparte asks that an appropriation of \$100,000 be made for the fiscal year 1910 for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws. He also requests that the unexpended portion of the appropriation for this purpose for the present fiscal year be made available for the coming year. In his original bill, introduced by Attorney General Bonaparte, he proposed that the unexpended portion be made available until, but sought no additional appropriation for 1910.

LORD AND LADY GRANARD IN LONDON.

London, Feb. 12.—The Earl and the Countess of Granard arrived here to-night after a honeymoon spent in Paris, and drove to the railway station to their residence in a royal carriage. The Earl of Granard married Miss Beatrice Mills in New York last month.

SPANISH KING IN PORTUGAL.

Villa Vicosa, Portugal, Feb. 12.—King Alfonso of Spain arrived here this afternoon, and was greeted at the station by the Portuguese minister, the Spanish sovereign, after seeing the launch of his racing yacht at San Sebastian on February 13, will go to Pau.

J. R. MOTT LECTURES IN DENMARK.

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Temporary Situation Created by Chamberlain's Election as Senator. Salem, Ore., Feb. 12.—When Governor George B. Chamberlain goes to Washington to be sworn in as United States Senator the acting Governor of Oregon will be a woman. Governor Chamberlain does not intend to relinquish the office of Governor until he takes the oath as Senator. There will consequently be a period during which he will be acting Governor after his election as Senator. In the Governor's absence from the state it has been the practice for the Governor's secretary to attend to official business, such as issuing orders, and signing the Governor's secretaries. It is understood that the Governor's secretary will be appointed to a judgeship, and will be succeeded by Mrs. C. B. Shelton, who has been the Governor's stenographer, and as the precedent will be followed Mrs. Shelton will be the acting Governor.

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Salem, Ore.,