NEW YEAR'S FESTIVITIES--WEDDINGS--SOUTHERN PLANS

Gatherings at Country Places and Country Clubs Greeted 1918---Still the List of Engagements Grows---Cold Weather Hurries Departures for South.

THE New Year was ushered in with great moderation in the way of entertaining. Indeed, save for the entertainments for young men and girls at home from school or college, there was scarcely a vestige of the observances of former days, except in country places, where the attractions of outdoor sports caused many to gather at country houses and clubs.

The presence in the city of Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who came from Camp Wadsworth for a brief furlough, made it possible for Mrs. Vanderbilt to arrange an informal dance on New Year's eve at their new home for their daughter, Miss Grace Vanderbilt, and their son, Private Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who had come here on furlough from Camp Wadsworth at Christmas time. The invitations were sent mainly by telephone. One of the afternoon parties of New Year's Day was given by Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings at her home, 882 Fifth avenue, for her two young sons, Brewster and Lawrence Jennings, and some of the young friends of the family.

In Lenox there was about the usual amount of informal festivity, with plenty of skating and coasting. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Osgood Field had a lot of their friends for luncheon at High Lawn House, and although Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt had opened Ventfort Hall, her country place, her dinner to mark the beginning of a new year was given at the Lenox Club, which had been opened for the occasion. Among her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt Field Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Turnure, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Osgood Field, Mrs. William Hazard Field, Miss Mary Pearsall Field, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Delafield, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hollister Pease, Miss Isabel Shotter, Miss Alma De Gersdorff, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roscoe Bonsal, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic S. Delafield and Mrs. Charles W. Ingraham. There was a vaudeville entertainment after dinner, which was followed by general dancing.

More than three hundred members of the Baltusrol Golf Club attended the seated luncheon served in the main clubhouse on New Year's, others coming later in the day for informal dancing to the music of Miss Anna Byrne's orchestra. Light refreshments were served during the afternoon from a buffet. Some of those in the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Day, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Thomas, Louis Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Van Deventer and representatives of many families from Short Hills, Morristown, Plainfield and Elizabeth, with a good quota from New York.

For the purpose of conserving coal all the upper floors of the big clubhouse have been closed and will remain so until the first part of April. The club facilities will on this account be crowded into the cosey white clubhouse in front of the main club. Fortunately the white cottage was rebuilt two years ago and provides more accommodations than were offered to the original pioneers of the club, among whom were Henry P. Toler, James A. Tyng and Louis P. Bayard, who used it as their headquarters when testing out the original course in the summer of 1895 prior to the formal opening in October of that year.

At Tuxedo and the Sleepy Hollow Country Club full advantage was taken of the skating and coasting.

There will be some weddings this week to vary the social programme. On Wednesday Miss Anna Kirk Bridgman and Octave A. Alvarez of Mobile will be married in the Church of the Heavenly Rest and on Saturday at noon Miss Margaret Van Buren Mason will be married to Lieut. Samuel Sloan Colt, U. S. R., at the home of her parents. On the same day Andrew C. Imbrie of this city will marry Miss Dorothy Welsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Welsh, in Old St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Among the engagements announced last week was that of Miss Marie Gaillard Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradish Johnson of 10 East Eighty-third street, to William Hamilton Russell, son of the late William Hamilton Russell of this city. Miss Johnson was introduced to society three years ago and is a member of the Junior League. She is a sister of Bradish Gaillard Johnson, who married Miss Emma Grima of New Orleans, and of Aymar Johnson, who is now an Ensign in the United States Navy. She is a granddaughter of the late Bradish Johnson of Louisiana and this city, and on her maternal side she is a granddaughter of the late Joseph Gaillard and a great-granddaughter of the late John Q. Aymar.

Mr. Russell is a member of the class of 1918 at Harvard, but left there to enter the Regular Army, and is now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He held the national fencing championship in 1916, and is a member of the Spee, Hasty Pudding and other clubs at Cambridge.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Fahnestock of 22 West Fifty-fourth street announced last week the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marion H. Perry, to Lawrence Phillips, U. S. R. Miss Perry, who is a daughter by a former marriage of Mrs. Fahnestock, was introduced to society two seasons ago. She is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Ritzema de Grove.

Mr. Phillips is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence Phillips of this city. He was graduated from Princeton last June, and soon after entered the army. He is now serving with the remount depot at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Louisa Winslow Cogswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Van Rensselaer Cogswell of 12 East Eleventh street, to Ensign Thomas Robins, Jr., U. S. N. R. Miss Cogswell is one of the season's debutantes and a sustaining member of the Junior League. She is a descendant of Justice Andrew Kirkpatrick, who was for more than twenty years Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. She has a younger sister, Miss Mary Van Rensselaer Cogswell.

Ensign Robins is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robins of Saddle Rock House, Stamford, Conn., and this city. He was graduated from Groton School and later entered Princeton but left that institution to enter the Naval Reserve. He is now in command of a submarine chaser. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement was announced on Wednesday of Miss Marjorie Cluett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cluett of Rye, N. Y., to Robert Livingston Duane, a Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Lieut. Duane is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Duane of 139 East Thirty-seventh street and a brother of Alexander Galt Duane and of William R. G. Duane. He was graduated from Union College in 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Cheney of 30 West Eighty-sixth street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sara Chefey, to Capt. Douglas C. Despard, 107th Infantry, U. S. A. Miss Cheney is the eldest of four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney. Capt. Despard is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Despard of Lawrence Park, Bronxville, N. Y. He was formerly a member of the Seventh Regiment, N. G. N. Y., but is now on duty at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William James Elias of 226 West Fifty-ninth street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marjorie Katherine Elias, to William Steinway von Bernuth, a son of Mrs. Louis von Bernuth and a grandson of the late William Steinway. Miss Elias was introduced to society two seasons ago. She is a daughter by a former marriage of Mr. Elias, her mother having died when she was vefy young. Mr. von Bernuth was graduated from Yale in 1917 and is now a chief boatswain's mate in the Naval Reserve. While no date has been set for the wedding, it will probably take place in the early spring.

Miss Anna Kirk Bridgman, daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bridgman, will be married to Olive A. Alvarez of Mobile, Ala., on Wednesday afternoon in the Church of the Heavenly Rest. She will have Miss Agnes Smyth of Philadelphia as her only attendant, and Richard Alvarez will be his brother's best man. The ushers will include Col. Selden E. Marvin of Albany, Major Alfred R. Whitney, Jr., Capts. Alvan H. Perry, Davis Conrad and William H. Carpenter; Edward E. Irwin Martin, Harold Tobey, W. Ward Smith and William H. Boulton, Jr. A small reception will follow at the home of Gen. and Mrs. Bridgman, 883 Park avenue.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Van Buren Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Grant Mason, to Lieut. Samuel Sloan Colt, U. S. R., will take place at noon on Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, 854 Fifth avenue. Miss Mary Colt, a sister of the bridegroom, will be the bride's only attendant, and Charles D. Dickey, Jr., will act as best man. A small wedding breakfast will follow. Lieut. Colt, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Colt, is connected with the Ordnance Department in Washington.

In old St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, on Saturday, Miss Dorothy Welsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Welsh, will be married to Andrew C. Imbrie of this city and Princeton, N. J. Miss Mary Kelsey will be the maid of honor and only bridal attendant. Lieut. Harold Imbrie, U. S. R., will act as his brother's best man. The ushers will be Edward R. Otheman and Frank L. Janeway of this city, Henry W. Candy of Wilmington, Willis H. Buler of Boston and Robert F. and Herbert S. Welsh, brothers of the bride.

Among the holiday weddings was that of Miss Alta Jane Fitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winchester Fitch of 960 Park avenue, to Ensign Horace Leslie Hotchkiss 3d, U. S. N. R., which took place a week ago yesterday in St. Bartholomew's. The church was elaborately decorated with palms and Ascension lilies, and instead of the usual white ribbon to mark the centre aisle for the bridal procession ropes of smilax and white carnations were used. The Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, rector, and the Rev. Dr. S. De Lancey Townsend of All Angels' Church were the officiating clergymen.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin, with a long court train, lined with silver brocade and embroidered with pearls. She was attended by her sister, Miss Katherine Fitch; Miss Esther Everett of Cleveland and the Misses Margaret Reick, Marian Fahys Cook, Vera McNair and Marion Hodenpyl. William C. Browning was best man. The ushers were Richard Emmett Keogh, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Christopher N. Greer, Jr., Lieuts. Jacob Berry Underhill, Jr., and Archibald B. Gwathmey 2d, U. S. R.; Charles R. C. Steers and Joseph F. Park, Jr., U. S. N. R. A reception followed at the St. Regis.

After their wedding trip Ensign Hotchkiss and his bride will live at 960 Park avenue.

Another wedding of Christmas week was that of Miss Louise Gardner, daughter of Mrs. John C. F. Gardner, to Frederick Rodgers, son of the late Rear Admiral Frederick Rodgers, U. S. N. It took place in Trinity chapel, and on account of the recent death of the bridegroom's father, it was very simple. The Rev. George F. Winslow Sutton performed the marriage ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle and godfather, Frederick H. Hatch, had as her only attendant Aimee Rochester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Rochester, who acted as flower girl. Robert Perry Rodgers of Havre de Grace, Md., a cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.

On their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers will live at 101 East Seventy-fifth street.

One of the recent out of town weddings was that of Miss Frances Antonia Emmons, daughter of Lieut. George Thornton Emmons, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Emmons, and Grant Allen Peacock, Assistant Paymaster, U. S. N. R., which was celebrated in Trinity Church, Princeton, N. J., on the afternoon of December 27. The bride was attended by Miss Irene M. Peacock, sister of the bridegroom; the Misses Grace S. Carter and Peggy Cox of Albany; the Misses Margaret Smith and May Erdman of Princeton, and Miss A. Dorothy Shipley of Philadelphia. Miss Jean A. Peacock acted as flower girl.

Lieut. Clarence U. Peacock, U. S. R., acted as best man. The ushers were Ensign Thornton Emmons, U. S. R., of Princeton; William Everett, Assistant Paymaster, U. S. N. R.; Capt. J. MacF. Barr, U. S. R., of Louisville, Ky.; Joseph U. Van Buren of Dunkirk, N. Y.; Robert A. Syne of Pittsburg, and F. Kenneth Stevenson of this city. A reception followed at Greenholm, the home of the bride's parents in Princeton.

There have been two marriages this season in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Riker at their country home in Fairfield, Conn. Miss Edith Whiting Riker, their elder daughter, was married to Lieut. Bertram W. Ainsworth of the British army during the autumn, and another daughter, Miss Charlotte L. Riker, was married to Hoyt Perry, son of Judge John H. Perry of Southport, Conn., a few days after Christmas. Lieut. Ainsworth is a member of the British commission to this country.

Mrs. James Blackstone Taylor, Jr., who was Miss Aileen B. Sedgwick, daughter of Mrs. Harry Sedgwick, was one of the autumn brides. Her marriage to Lieut. Taylor took place in November. Lieut. Taylor is in the aviation section, Signal Corps, U. S. A., and is now in San Antonio, Tex.

With the frigid atmosphere that has prevailed of late there is every inclination to hurry arrangements for Southern climes. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtiss James, who were in Newport for the holidays, expect to be in their Miami villa, Four Ways Lodge, early next month, and meanwhile it is occupied by their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephen. Col. Robert M. Thompson already has his houseboat, the Everglades, in Miami waters and James Deering is in his villa facing Biscayne Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Gustave S. J. White, who have been in Newport for several months, are on their way to Miami, where they will remain until April.

Mrs. Ernesto G. Fabbri is yet at her summer home in Bar Harbor, her husband, Major Fabbri, having gone to Italy. Mrs. Joseph Palmer Knapp has left for France, and with her were four young women whom she is taking over to Paris to be in the bureau of the Mayfair War Relief, whose representative Mrs. Knapp will be.

Mrs. John Wood Blodgett and Miss Katherine Cumnock Blodgett have been at the Ritz-Carlton for the holidays. Miss Blodgett, who was introduced to society here last winter, is now a student at Vassar. Mr. and Mrs. William Church Osborn, who went to Forest Farm, their country place in Garrison, N. Y., have returned to their city home. Mr. and Mrs. James Stokes will pass the remainder of the winter in Winter Park, Fla. Mrs. Herbert Shipman went to Washington for the holidays to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, and among their other house guests were Mrs. William Disston and Dr. and Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite.

Mrs. D. Henry Knowlton has come from Tuxedo Park to 33 West Fifty-first street for the remainder of the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, who remained late at Groton Farms in Westbury, L. I., are at 38 East Thirty-seventh street. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Osgood Field and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt have returned from Lenox. Mrs. Vanderbilt will go to Palm Beach, Fla., late this month. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Webb have returned from Old Westbury to their home in Lexington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Gary will go to Washington, D. C., on Thursday to be with the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. Domicio da Gama for a week. Mrs. Lloyd W. Bowers of Washington will come here this week to be with Dr. and Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite.

Mrs. Henry Champlin Tinker has gone to Augusta, Ga., for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon B. Chapin and Mrs. A. Mitchell Hall 2d are among those in Pinehurst, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson have returned from Orange Mountain, N. J., where they passed the holiday. Harold Godwin expects to start for France shortly, where he will help in the rebuilding of Tilloloy, a village not far from Paris which is now in a state of devastation. In order to help in this work the Misses Godwin, his daughters, raised nearly $1,500 last autumn in Lenox. The Baroness Amaury de la Grange, formerly Miss Emily Sloane of this city, has undertaken the rebuilding of this village and has interested many of her New York friends in the scheme.

Mr. Ragby's January series of musical mornings will begin to-morrow and the artists will be Mme. Nellie Melba, Louis Graveure, barytone, and Josef Hofmann, pianist. The series concluded last month was successful in every way and at each one of the mornings the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria was filled.

A concert will be given this evening at 9:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Morton F. Plant, 1051 Fifth avenue, for the benefit of the Hospital Under Three Flags, at Ris-Orangis, France, established by Lady Johnstone, wife of Sir Alan Johnstone. The artists will be Josef Hofmann, pianist, and Miss Anna Case of the Metropolitan Opera company. Instruction courses are now being given at the hospital for army surgeons. The executive committee of the hospital is composed of Dr. Lewis A. Connor, John Moffat, Gifford Pinchot and Harry B. Andrews. The general committee includes Mrs. Morton F. Plant, Mrs. Reginald de Koven, Mr. and Mrs. Amos R. Pinchot, Mrs. Judah Howe Sears, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Decker, Joseph Larocque, J. A. Chambers and Miss Caroline Duer.

Tickets at $5 each may be obtained from Mrs. Plant.

MRS. FREDERICK RODGERS.
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GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

IN St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lexington avenue and Fifty-fourth street, to-morrow, Miss Frieda Charlotte Hauserman, daughter of Charles Hauserman of this city, will be married to Lieut. Albert F. Reinert of the 106th Infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Spartanburg, S. C. The bride will be attended by Miss Elsie Gommel, as maid of honor, and will also have two bridesmaids, Miss Minda Noller and Miss Augusta Noller. The bridegroom's brother, Private Robert Reinert of the 105th Machine Gun Battalion of Spartanburg, will be his best man. Frederick Reinert and Herbert Reinert will serve as ushers.

The engagement of Miss Myra Kingsley to Corporal Wright D. Goss, Jr., of the 107th Infantry, stationed at Spartanburg, is formally announced. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright D. Goss of 548 West 114th street, and was graduated in 1916 from Yale. His fiancée is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan Kingsley of 184 Northern avenue. No plans have been made for the wedding.

Miss Irma O. Fischer announces her engagement to Arthur H. Fertig, who is attached to the commission of tests, Ordnance Department, U. S. A. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam E. Fischer of Brooklyn, and he is the son of Mrs. Albert Fertig, Jr. Mr. Fertig was graduated from Columbia University and previously from the Pratt and Polytechnic institutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Everett Montague of Riverside, Conn., announce the engagement of Miss Alice de Lisle, daughter of Mrs. Montague, to Sergt. Philip Leffingwell Kirkham, Medical Reserve Corps, 310th Field Artillery, who is stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kirkham of Springfield, Mass. Miss de Lisle was graduated last June from Wellesley College. No date has been decided upon for the wedding.

David Anderson Hart of this city and New Orleans has become engaged to Miss Ethel Stilson, daughter of the late James Stilson and Mrs. Stilson of Brooklyn. Mr. Hart is the son of the late Representative Richard Hart of Dallas, Tex. His mother makes her home in New Orleans. No date has been set for the wedding.

Formal announcement of the engagement of Miss Ada Rittenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rittenberg of 251 West Eighty-ninth street, to Lieut. M. Edwin Bry of the Medical Corps, Camp Upton, has just been made. Their wedding plans have not been decided upon. Lieut. Bry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bry of 36 West Seventy-fifth street and was graduated in 1913 from Yale.

Frank Frederick Koehler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frederick Koehler, who is serving at the United States naval aviation station at Bay Shore, has become engaged to Miss Evelyn Rendel Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George William Baker. The news was made known at a holiday bridge party given recently.

William Henry Harrison Childs, who is serving with the American Ambulance in France, is engaged to Miss Catherine Stuart Oeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Raymond Oeland of Brooklyn and Woodbury, L. I., who have just made the announcement. Mr. Childs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eversley Childs of Brooklyn and Setauket, L. I.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Valentine Wildman of 108 West Ninety-fourth street announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ann Nicholls Wildman, to Lieut. Elliott B. Nixon, U. S. N., who was graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hepburn Class of the Apthorp, Broadway and Seventy-ninth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Emma S. Class, to Philip Hoffmann, Jr., of 10 East Ninety-third street.

Formal announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Lucille Horn to Frederick William Koehle, Jr. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Horn of 72 East Ninety-second street. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sparks of 467 Park street, Montclair, N. J., have made formal announcement of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Annie Davenport Sparks, to Lieut. Herbert Bergamini of the Medical Reserve Corps. Miss Sparks is a student at Smith College and is in her senior year. Lieut. Bergamini, who is the son of Mrs. M. Van Wic Bergamini of Brooklyn, has been serving since last June in one of the military hospitals in France. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Miss Margaret Gregory, daughter of Mrs. William R. Gregory of Myrtle avenue, Montclair, to Capt. Victor N. Camp, U. S. R., who is stationed at Camp Dix, is formally announced.

Another Montclair girl, Miss Sarah Meeker Cummings, has become engaged to Robert P. Lane of Westfield, Mass. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cummings of 66 Montclair avenue.

Miss Helen Grow of Cranford, N. J., has announced her engagement to Capt. Henry Rottschaefer of the Signal Corps, U. S. A. He is a native of Holland and was graduated from Harvard Law School as well as the University of Michigan. Miss Grow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Grow.

With its fourth musicale the Verdi Club, Mrs. Florence Foster Jenkins, president, will begin its new year programme on Wednesday morning at the Waldorf Astoria. Three artists from the Metropolitan Opera House, Miss Vera Curtis, Rafael Diaz and Carl Schlegal, will be heard and will be assisted by the Verdi Club's string quartette, composed of Jan Munkacsy, first violin; Francesco Pinero, second violin; Giovanni Pinero, viola, and Jeannette Shavitch, cello. After the music Little Dolores will do a butterfly dance.

The annual musicale of the New Yorkers, Mrs. Charles K. Mills, president, was held on Friday afternoon at the Hotel Astor. The chairman of the day was Mrs. Florence Foster Jenkins. The club is doing war relief work through the Flower Hospital, now a base hospital, and Mrs. Royal Copeland is president of the auxiliary.

"The Other Side of the Trenches," a lecture on prisoners in war camps illustrated by moving pictures, will be given next Sunday afternoon at Carnegie Hall. It is given under the patronage of the Colonial Dames of America the Daughters of Holland Dames, the National Security League and other organizations. Mrs. Henry P. Loomis is chairman of the general committees and Mrs. Maurice Trembley, treasurer, and the honorary secretaries are Mrs. Lewis Gouverneur Morris and Mrs. Duncan Candler. Free reserved seats may be procured from the chairman of the committee on arrangements, Mrs. Adrian van de Sande Bakhuyzen, 126 East Seventy-first street.

The lecture will describe the condition of prisoners of war in Germany and in the internment camps of Switzerland and Holland. Dr. Henry van Dyke, former United States Minister to Holland, will preside. Other speakers will be Mme. Slavko Grouitch, special delegate of the Swiss-American Commission at Berne for the relief of allied prisoners of war interned in Switzerland, and Prof. Robert McElroy, educational director of the National Security League, who will talk on patriotism through education.

Some of those interested in the lecture include Mrs. Hamilton Fairfax, Mrs. T. M. Cheesman, Mrs. Lewis Iselin, Mrs. Ernest Iselin, Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., Mrs. Alfred Seton, Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Mrs. Wesley Watson, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhinelander and Miss Georgine Iselin.

At the regular monthly afternoon meeting of the National Opera Club of America on Thursday at the Waldorf-Astoria the president and founder, Mme. Katherine Evans von Klenner, will act as chairman of the day. Mme. Kathleen Howard of the Metropolitan Opera House will present the tonic, "American Composers," before the discussion and also conduct the question box replies. The operalogue by Havrah Hubbard will be on "Monna Vanna," by Fevrier, and Claude Gotthelf will supply the music for illustrations.

The club is making elaborate preparations for its gala performance on January 18, its fourth annual evening of grand opera which will be given with a professional cast. The artists will be supported by the recently organized chorus which has been in training for the past three months for this occasion under the direction of Romualdo Sapio. The opera will be Donizetti's "La Fille du Regiment," which will be sung in French.

Under the patronage of Mrs. George Jay Gould, Mrs. Robert Bacon, Lady Allen, Lady Aylesworth, Mrs. George M. Pullman, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Lawton Brooks, Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., Mrs. Frederick Thurston Mason, Mrs. Louis R. Cheney, Mrs. Prescott Bigelow, Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin, Mrs. William C. Warren, Mrs. R. J. Stevens, Mrs. Grant Fitch, Mrs. Philip McMillan, Mrs. Frederick Stearns, Mrs. William Barnhart, Mrs. James M. Hutton, Mrs. T. Harrison Garrett, Mrs. Arthur H. MacKie, Mrs. R. H. I. Goddard, Jr., Mrs. Francis H. Dewey, Mrs. Herbert Payson, Mrs. Harry Darlington, Mrs. Thomas Lowry, Mrs. R. M. Bishford, Mrs. Mary E. Wagar and Mrs. E. S. Burke, Jr., a doll's opera and play of Cinderella will be given on Friday afternoon at Aeolian Hall by the Misses Mixter of Philadelphia. The company of dolls who will make up the cast will be dressed to represent some of the famous grand opera stars.

Mrs. Angier B. Duke will be the dolls' chaperon and will have charge of the lavender sale, which will be held for the benefit of the mothers and children of American soldiers. Part of the proceeds of the entertainment will also go to the mothers and children. Mrs. Frank H. McGrugan, Jr., of Montreal, will sing her "Lavender Song."

Commencement exercises of the French class, which has been meeting at the Hotel Vanderbilt will be held on Friday in the Far East Garden of the hotel. The programme will include a violin solo, "Legende," by Wieniawsky, given by Count Henry de Martini; recitation, "The Raggedy Man," by James Whitcomb Riley, to be given by Sally Hamlin; "Le Soldat," recited by Katherine Johnson Ashe and "L'Epave," by Francois Coppee, which will be given by Alice Pillault. There will also be a playet entitled "Ma Bonne" in which Elisabeth Arnold, Sally Hamlin, Alice Pillault, Mrs. D. B. Luckey, Rose Bergere and Margaret Blackburn will take part.

The committee in charge is composed of Mrs. J. Ashe, Miss Rose Bergere, Mrs. D. B. Luckey, Mrs. Albert S. Crockett, Mrs. W. H. Marshall, Mrs. W. H. Close, Mrs. Francis J. Murray and Miss Pauline Whitson. Tickets including refreshments are $1, and the proceeds from the entertainment will be used in furnishing a complete set of French language records and talking machines to the soldiers.

Many well known clubwomen will act as patronesses at the Waldorf Drama Circle, which opens at the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday morning. Miss Jenny Mannheimer, who has appeared here for several seasons in readings, has arranged a number of plays suited to the war times, in which she will be heard. Part of the proceeds from the readings will go to the Red Cross or some other war relief work.

Among those who will act as patronesses are Mrs. Charles H. Law, Mrs. Lowell T. Field, Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff, Mrs. Felix Warburg, Mrs. Henry Toch, Mrs. L. D. Alexander, Mrs. Robins A. Lau, Mrs. William Einstein, Mrs. Harry Content, Mrs. A. L. Thompson, Mrs. Benjamin Stern, Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim, Mrs. William I. Walter, Mrs. Leopold Stern and Mrs. S. N. Guggenheim.

An experience and friendship party was given on Thursday by the Manhattan Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the home of the regent, Mrs. William Arrowsmith. At its last meeting at the Hotel McAlpin a report was made of the work being done by Auxiliary 156 of the Red Cross, which is supported by the chapter. The auxiliary's new rooms are at 2488 Broadway.

"Welfare in Industry" was the subject of discussion yesterday afternoon at the Maine Women's Club of New York, which had its meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria. Lantern slides illustrating different phases of welfare work in industrial establishments were shown.

On Wednesday afternoon a reception to members of the National Society of Patriotic Women of America was given by the president, Mrs. William R. Stewart, at her home, 125 Riverside Drive. Mrs. Stewart received, assisted by the officers, and among the special guests were the presidents of many patriotic societies.

Under the auspices of the Messiah Board Alliance a recital was given on Wednesday afternoon in the Church of the Messiah by Mrs. Henrietta Speke-Seeley, accompanied by John Worth, for the benefit of the war relief work of the alliance. Songs of Robert Burns made up the programme. A special feature was the international anthem to the music of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," which was written by George Huntington and sung for the first time in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in celebration of the entry of the United States into the present war.

The Congress of State Societies affiliated with the War Camp Community Service for the purpose of entertaining soldiers and sailors has organized a committee to be known as the Woman's States Auxiliary. The work will be continued during the duration of the war. The women of the congress met on Tuesday at the Grand Central Palace and served as hostesses and representatives of their respective States at the reception given by the War Camp Community Service. Dancing was followed by a buffet luncheon, and the men who are going to the front had an opportunity of meeting people from their home States.

Tuesday will be study day of the Theatre Club, Mrs. John H. Parker, president, which will have its meeting at the Hotel Astor. Its members are actively interested in war relief and have a committee of direct work under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mary E. Seeley of 290 Claremont avenue. Mrs. James McMullagh is treasurer of the committee, and the other officers are Mrs. John J. Curtis, Mrs. Frank E. Hadley and Mrs. J. R. Greenhut.

The annual breakfast of that club will be held on April 16 at the Hotel Astor, with Mrs. George M. Clyde as chairman.

Beethoven Society announces its evening concert at the Plaza for January 16. Its members are especially busy these days and the Beethoven Circle, made up of the younger members, is working for the Red Cross. The club's Christmas dance, held during the holiday week, was under the joint chairmanship of Miss Marguerite Haulenbeek and J. Edward Fitzsimmons. Miss Dorothy Hopper contributed a solo dance. The patronesses included Mrs. James Daniel Mortimer, Mrs. Robert Archibald, Mrs. William Schuette, Mrs. Harold George Wood, Mrs. John Leary, Mrs. De Lancey T. Smith, Mrs. C. F. Washburn, Mrs. W. Otis Fredenburg, Mrs. C. H. Gould, Mrs. Irving Schmelzel, Mrs. Arthur Edgecombe, Mrs. Wilbert Garrison, Mrs. Carl Jungen and Miss Ella Louise Henderson.

The Legislative League, Mrs. Thomas Slack president, had a special meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria on Monday afternoon, which was a conference of women's clubs' presidents to discuss ways and means of solving war problems. The speakers included Mrs. Alexander Kohut, whose subject was "An Interstate Clearing House for Employees"; Mrs. William Grant Brown and Mrs. John Francis Yawger.

"Missouri Composers" was the topic of the day at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon of the Missouri Women's Club of New York, Mrs. F. M. Sawyer president, which was held at the Hotel Astor. Mrs. Alice Moncrieff was chairman and Dr. Alfred G. Robyn was the guest of honor. Prof. Carl Busch and Prof. Ernest R. Kroeger, composers from Kansas City and St. Louis, were present and some of their compositions were sung by Mrs. Moncrieff, Mrs. Blanche Taylor and Edith Hallett Hughes. They were accompanied by Mrs. John Martin.

The annual benefit bridge and euchre party by the Ursuline Provincial Auxiliary will be held on Saturday afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria. The president of the auxiliary is Miss Teresa S. Moriarty and the other officers are Mrs. Denis J. Moran, Mrs. John J. Corcoran and Mrs. John Mitchell, vice-presidents; Mrs. Philip Kearns, recording secretary; Mrs. Edward J. O'Gorman, Mrs. John J. O'Connor, corresponding secretaries; Mrs. Frank Seymour, treasurer, and Miss Teresa Keenan, financial secretary. On the various committees are Mrs. Edward M. O'Gorman, Mrs. Edward Patterson, Mrs. John J. Ryan, Mrs. Charles A. Olcott, Mrs. Louis H. Matthes, Mrs. William B. Cunningham, Mrs. Denis W. Moran, Mrs. John J. O'Brien, Mrs. John J. Delaney, Mrs. Luke McDermott, Mrs. John [illegible] and Miss Teresa A. Keenan. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the Novitiate for the Ursulines of the Northern Province of America. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Moriarty at 39 West 130th street.

A euchre party and dance will be given on January 14 at Healy's, Broadway and 145th street, by the Woman's Catholic Club of Washington Heights.

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