

SOCIETY

AS THE calm before the storm, so these last two weeks of the Lenten season are. Almost the only rifts in the clouds are the delightful little gatherings in the White House each afternoon for tea.

Mrs. Taft has from ten to twenty-five visitors by special appointment, sometimes by card and sometimes by telephone invitation, to drink tea in the Red Parlor; tea of her own brewing and pouring, for the most part. As a rule she has a relative or close friend to preside at the tea table, which is laid in a cozy corner of this rather private parlor in the Executive Mansion, but invariably before the guests have all been received the first lady of the land gives her assistant a little rest and a chance to move around among the guests, and takes the reins of the tea table in her own hands.

Of course, even those who have been served take another round of tea, and some more sandwiches, in order to be served by such distinguished hands. Mrs. Roosevelt's famous tea cakes have been supplanted by the daintiest and prettiest of sandwiches.

The tea is brewed in a large silver tea pot, an heirloom and a thing of beauty. These afternoons in the White House mark a new epoch of entertaining, and have been accepted with the greatest delight by those who are fortunate enough to be eligible to the invitation list. There is much less form about the life in the White House than there has been for some years, but not less formality. Dignity, above all things, prevails, but also great simplicity.

The first state dinner of this administration was a great success. It was really a meeting of old friends, although so many members of the Cabinet circle were missing.

Mrs. Taft had a signal honor conferred upon her early in the week, when she was elected to an honorary membership in the Colonial Dames at a business meeting of the club in their headquarters at the Arlington Hotel, which was followed by a brilliant tea. Mrs. Taft had signified her willingness to become a member of the organization, as she was eligible, and they elected her an honorary member. Her name has been suggested as a candidate for president general of the D. A. R., which she regards as a foolish blunder, as she is not even a member of the Society of the D. A. R.

The duties of the president general, according to the pace set by the last few presidents, are so heavy that it would be impossible, anyway, for a woman with as many duties as the wife of the President has before her to be willing to accept a position so strenuous as that of the head of that great body of women of 75,000 members.

The Colonial Dames of Washington will entertain at a tea to-morrow afternoon with Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice President, as the guest of honor. Mrs. Arthur Lee will preside at the tea table on that occasion.

Another new Cabinet home was established last week, when the Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham took possession of their new residence in Sixteenth street. They are not sufficiently settled to begin to entertain at all, and probably will not be until late in the spring, but when they do begin, they will take their place, no doubt, among the most delightful of the official hosts. Mrs. Wickersham has renewed many old friendships, made during her girlhood, when she spent much time in Washington, and, in fact, where she met Mr. Wickersham and married him. She was a charming girl, well remembered by her former Sabbath school scholars in the old All Souls' Church.

She was greatly loved, both for her beauty and amiability, by these scholars, most of whom are married and have families of their own.

PERSONALS.

President and Mrs. Taft and Col. Eugene F. Ladd occupied a box at the National Theater last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Shartles, of Quebec, Canada, who are touring the United States, were received by President Taft yesterday and by Mrs. Taft on Thursday.

Mr. John Hays Hammond and Mrs. Hammond, of Lakewood, N. J., will take possession early in the fall of the house in Rhode Island avenue that was occupied by Senator Root during his regime as Secretary of State. The house has had many distinguished occupants, among whom were the former Russian Ambassador, Count Cassini, and Mr. Levi P. Morton during his term as Vice President.

Mr. A. M. Lathrop, Miss Harriet Lathrop, and Mrs. E. D. Lathrop, who are in Florida for a short stay, are at the Hotel Alcazar, St. Augustine.

Mrs. Conrad E. Koerber, wife of Capt. Koerber, U. S. A., and Miss Helen Koerber have left Washington to join Capt. Koerber at Fort Slocum, N. Y., where the captain is now stationed.

Mrs. Chamberlain, wife of Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, will not come to Washington until the fall, when Miss Carrie Lee Chamberlain, their daughter, will come with her to continue her studies at Gunston Hall.

Commander Naomi Taniguchi, naval attaché of the Japanese Embassy here, who has been recalled by his Emperor, has left Washington for Tokyo by way of Europe. Commander Hiraaga will succeed him, and will arrive in Washington about April 7.

Among the late arrivals in St. Augustine, Fla., from Washington are Miss E. M. North, accompanied by Mrs. E. S. McMurtis, of Huntington, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Randle, and Mr. Henry B. Bennett, of Washington, who are at the Ponce de Leon.

Miss Elsie McLean, daughter of Capt. Walter McLean, U. S. N., and Mrs. McLean, has as her guest Miss Harriet Penpacker.

Senator and Mrs. Burrows have as their guests their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Connable, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who are on their way from Florida. They are spending their time sight-seeing instead of partaking of social gaieties.

Mrs. Connable accompanied Mrs. Burrows to Mrs. Taft's tea at the White House on Tuesday. There has been very little in the way of luncheons or dinners given during their stay. They will leave for Atlantic City next week, and make a visit to New York before returning to their home in Michigan. Mrs. Burrows' guest, Miss Frances Church, of Marshall, Mich., has gone to visit in Virginia before going home.

Mrs. Loud, wife of Representative George A. Loud, of Au Sable, Mich., had with her at tea her niece, Miss Roxie Loud, of Au Sable, who has been her guest in Washington for the past five weeks. She has had a delightful time in Washington, meeting many old friends and making many new ones, and eight-seeing everything worth while.

Representative and Mrs. Loud, accompanied by Miss Roxie Loud and little

WILL BE GUEST OF COLONIAL DAMES.



MRS. JAMES SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN, Wife of the Vice President, who will be entertained at tea to-morrow.

Miss Esther Loud, the thirteen-year-old daughter of the first named, who has been in Washington for a few days, left on Friday morning for Ann Arbor, Mich., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Henry Loud, sister-in-law of Representative Loud.

Mrs. Edson Bradley will not be at home on Monday, as she will remain in New York until Monday night.

Guests at the tea were Miss Celeste Goodman, Miss Loraine Herman, Miss Rhoda Mantner, Miss Rita Baer, Miss Rosalie Hirsch, Miss Rena Flieschman, Miss Dora Garner, Miss Leona Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kaufman, and Messrs. Malcolm Auerbach, Bernard Haer, David Baer, Maurice Elsemann, Stanley Fischer, Melville Fischer, Alfred Haas, Herbert Jacob, Leroy King, Edwin Hahn, Melvin King, Arthur Luchs, Lester Neuman, Lester Marx, Herbert Rich, Meyer Simon, Lester Strasburger, and Arthur Neuman.

The Hon. Mrs. James, wife of the military attaché of the British Embassy, and their children sailed yesterday for England, where they will be joined later by Mr. James, who will make a trip to Mexico before going home for a visit.

Mr. Howard T. Martin, of New York, who has been visiting his brother-in-law, Gen. Rochester, has gone to Philadelphia to visit his mother-in-law, Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Reizenstein, of New York, were in the city for a short stay, to attend the wedding of Miss Mae Harris and Mr. David Posner, which took place last Sunday.

Mrs. William Hayward, daughter of the late Judge Jeremiah Wilson, with her two children, will sail early in May for a long stay abroad. Her daughter will be a debutante two years hence.

Miss Myra Spandour, of Norfolk, Va., the guest of Miss Rena Pischel, went Wednesday, to Baltimore.

Mrs. Gilbert Wilkes, sister of Representative Denby, has as her guests her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Denby, of Syracuse, N. Y., formerly of Detroit.

Mrs. M. Epstein, of Denver, Colo., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. Rosenthal.

Mrs. R. Harris left, on Wednesday, for New York, where she expects to reside permanently. Miss Lillian Harris

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will remain in the city for a short time, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Phil King.

Mrs. Diekema, wife of Representative Diekema, who has been seriously ill at her home in Holland, Mich., is reported to be convalescing, but is not yet able to leave her house.

Mrs. Bertha Oettinger, of Fifth street, and Mrs. Jonas Oettinger, of Wilson, N. C., returned on Thursday from a four weeks' visit to Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gibson, the latter formerly Miss Grace Jarvis, of Detroit, granddaughter of the late Senator McMillan, have returned to Washington after their bridal tour. They came up from Palm Beach in the private car of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, who went on to New York. Mr. Vanderbilt, it will be remembered, was one of Mr. Gibson's ushers at the wedding. They will spend the spring season here with Mrs. McMillan, and stay a part at least of the summer with her at her summer home at Manchester.

Mrs. Addie Sigmund, Mrs. C. Kaufman, and Mrs. Goldsmith M. Sigmund, are guests at the Hotel Pierpont, Atlantic City, N. J.

The former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry and their

son, Miss Lillian Harris, Miss Dora Schiffman, Miss Florence Guesdorf, Miss Miss Dorothy Gatewood, daughter of Gen. and Mrs. J. D. Gatewood, who has been visiting Miss Houston, in Virginia, returned to her Washington home yesterday.

Mrs. Marks and Miss Desiree Marks, of New York, returned to their home Monday after a visit of several weeks in this city.

Mrs. Frank A. Gardiner is again at Vineyard Haven, Mass., where her summer home is. She is at the Mansion Hotel for a time.

Dr. and Mrs. Abram Sinton have returned from a visit to Atlantic City.

Mr. Frederick T. Martin expects to sail for England on April 20. Mr. Martin is contemplating a continental tour this summer, visiting France, Germany, and Switzerland.

Mrs. E. J. Ross, of New York City, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Fleicher, at the Braddock. After a few weeks' stay in Washington, Mrs. Ross will visit friends in Buffalo and Albany.

Miss Hilda Strasburger, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strasburger, returned to her home in Baltimore Wednesday.

DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS.

Senator and Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff. The other guests were the new Mexican Ambassador, Senor de la Barra; the counselor of the Italian Embassy and Narciso de Montigliari, the military attaché of the German Embassy and Mme. von Livonius, Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, former Senator and Mrs. Foraker, former Senator and Mrs. Lryde, former Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, Mrs. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Baker, Mr. Frank A. Munsey, of New York; Mrs. St. George, Representative Butler Ames, Miss Wadsworth, Miss Elkins, and Mr. Elkins.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baron Takahira, the Swedish Minister and Mme. de Lagercrantz, the Chilean Minister and Mme. Cruz, and the Greek Minister, Mr. Coromilas, formed an interesting party who went to Baltimore yesterday to be the guests at luncheon of former Attorney General and Mrs. Charles J. Bonaparte in their Baltimore home, in Park avenue. They went afterward for a view of the famous Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore.

The Admiral of the Navy and Mrs. Dewey entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis entertained at dinner last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams were dinner hosts last night.

WEDDINGS-ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nevitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Eleanor, to Mr. Thomas C. Hoy, of Alexandria. The wedding will take place shortly after Easter at the home of the parents of the bride-elect, 1212 Ninth street northwest.

The marriage of Miss Elaine Du Pont Irving, daughter of Mr. Alexander Duer Irving, of Irvington, N. Y., to Mr. John Jaffrey Woodruff, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richmond Piers Woodruff, formerly of England, but now of Virginia, and who have lived also in New York, took place yesterday afternoon in St. Barnabas' Church at Irvington-on-the-Hudson. The bride is a niece of Senator Du Pont, of Delaware, and Mrs. Crownshield, daughter of the Senator, went over earlier in the week to be present at the wedding.

The bride was attended by Miss Bettie Woodruff and Miss Elsie Woodruff, sisters of the bridegroom, and Mr. Donald Woodruff, of St. Paul's School, in New Hampshire, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

After a lengthy bridal tour, the bride and bridegroom will go to Frascati, in Orange County, Va., a fine old place, built and owned for many years by the late Judge Burchour, a former member of the Supreme Court bench. The bride is a grandniece of Washington Irving, and was born and reared at his old home, Sunnyside, on the Hudson River. She is also a niece of Mr. William Du Pont, who owns Montpelier, in Orange County, Va., the old home of President James Madison. Mrs. Woodruff has spent much time in Europe, and is a cultivated and interesting young woman.

The engagement of Miss Sara A. Fish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fish, of Camden, N. J., to Mr. John W. Phillip, son of the late Rear Admiral Phillip, whose widow makes her home in this city, was announced in Camden last week. The wedding will take place in the summer. Mrs. Phillip is spending the season at 1738 Corcoran street.

Miss Emily Campau Fitch, daughter of Chief Engineer Henry W. Fitch, U. S. N., who will be married April 17 to Mr. Albert Pepper Gerhard, of Germantown, Pa., in St. John's Church, will have for her maid of honor her sister, Miss Alexander Fitch. Her bridesmaids will include another sister, Miss Henrietta Fitch, and Mr. Gerhard's sister, Miss Anne S. Gerhard, and Miss Emily Tucker Watts, who act as flower girl. Sidney Young, of Philadelphia, will be best man, and the ushers will be Edward Dale, Arthur Pardee, Charles McKeahan, and John

The Russian Ambassador and Col. Baron Bode have gone to New York, where the Ambassador will review the Twelfth Regiment, New York National Guard.

Mrs. I. Oestheim and daughter Lucille, of Erie, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Behrends, of Sixth street.

The Norwegian Minister and Mme. Guide, who have been in Takoma Park, where the Minister has been in the sanatorium for treatment, have returned to their apartment in the Highlands.

Miss Hannah Weinberg, the guest of Mrs. J. Kann, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, who have spent some days in New York, returned to Washington yesterday.

Mrs. Jacob Steiner is the guest of relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poor and their daughter, Mrs. Roscoe C. Bulmer, returned to Washington yesterday, after a week's stay in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Appleby, the latter formerly Miss Lillian Stone, will sail for New York on Tuesday from the Bermudas, where they have spent the winter. They will stop at New Rochelle, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Voorhis, the latter formerly Miss Bella Bateman, before coming back to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Nusbaum, of Albany, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence R., to Mr. Edwin L. Rich, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rich, of this city.

Mr. David Stern gave a dance at Dyer's Hall Thursday evening in honor of his twenty-first birthday. The Octagon Pleasure Club, of which he is a member, presented him with a handsome diamond ring, and Miss Bella Schiffman, on behalf of the young ladies, gave him a set of diamond-studded links and studs. The invited guests were Miss Selma Kahn, Miss Bella Schiffman, Miss Pauline Newitzer, Miss Ernestine Rich, Miss Irene Einstein, Miss Gladys Mayer, Miss Carrie Robin-



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Brookline, all of Philadelphia; Paul Bedford, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and Capt. J. A. Logan, of Washington. The ceremony will be performed at 4 o'clock by Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's, and a reception will follow in the home of the bride's parents.

A quiet marriage took place in Roanoke, Va., last week, at the home of Mrs. D. H. Watkins, when her cousin, Miss Pearl Omeal Summerell, of Roanoke, and wedded to Mr. Edward R. Holt, formerly of Washington, but now of Kirwin, Wyo.

Dr. W. C. Campbell, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. The couple came to Washington, where they spent a few days with the groom's mother, Mrs. J. M. Holt, of Twenty-fifth street.

En route home they will visit in several of the Western cities, and will be at home to their friends after April 5, at Kirwin, Wyo. The bride's traveling suit was of gray cloth, with hat to match.

Miss Miriam Couden, daughter of Mrs. C. Kellish Couden, and Mr. Leonard C. Tingley, son of Mrs. A. Curtis Tingley, will be married April 14 at the home of the bride's uncle, Rev. Dr. W. Edward Kellish, in Brooklyn, N. Y. The latter will perform the ceremony, which will take place at 4 o'clock.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Mirzah All Kull's lecture to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Joseph Thropp, 1212 Twentieth street, on the "Fine Arts of Persia" will be of unusual interest. The wonderful Persian rugs and carpets of Mrs. Thropp, which are said to be among the very finest collections in this country, will be used as illustrations, and will be explained. The lecturer's knowledge as to the mysteries and symbolism of Persian art objects will be shown in these explanations.

He will give complete descriptions of the arts of rug making and shawl weaving, and to a very great extent will explain the secret of color and harmony which characterize every Persian weave. Mrs. Pullman will be the hostess at the next lecture, at the Arlington, where she is spending the season, as usual.

The next meeting of the Indiana Society, on Tuesday evening, in old Masonic Temple, promises to be one of the most interesting yet of that organization. The president, Mr. A. W. Tracy, has arranged a lecture and a miscellaneous programme of music and readings. Mr. C. J. Blanchard, statistician of the Reclamation Service, will give a stereoscopic lecture on the work of reclaiming the waste lands of Uncle Sam, with moving pictures and interesting features. Mrs. Rebecca Hubbell Botam, of Syracuse, guest of her cousins, Col. and Mrs. J. P. McGrew, an exceptionally good dramatic reader and elocutionist, will give some readings, and some of the many good musicians among the Hoosiers in Washington will give some musical numbers.

The presentation of the "Witching Hour" at the Belasco Theater Monday evening, April 5, will mark the first appearance in her home city of one of Washington's most popular girls, Miss Julia Hay, daughter of the late Edwin Barratt Hay. Miss Hay takes an attractive role in this charming play, and Washington friends who witnessed her success in New York are enthusiastic over her return.

As a compliment to Miss Hay, the Gridiron Club will be present in a body, and the Elks and Masonic orders in which Mr. Hay was prominent will be represented.

The Monday night performance will be for the benefit of the Washington Home for Foundlings, under the auspices of the Pierce Guild, and many of the boxes and seats are already engaged by society people interested in the charity.

The Nebraska State Association has issued cards for a reception to be given Tuesday evening, March 30, at the La Normandie Annex, 145 I street, in honor of ex-Gov. Charles E. Macdonald, of Cuba. The wives of the officers of the association, Mrs. Frank T. Israel, Mrs. Franklin W. Collins, Mrs. John Linn McGrew, and Mrs. Harvey A. Harding, will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. Edgar C. Snyder and Mrs. William E. Andrews.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of Vice President Sherman, was guest of honor at a luncheon given by Mrs. Sternberg, wife of Gen. Sternberg, yesterday.

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the well-known medical missionary, who has done so much work in Labrador, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler during the coming week. Mr. and Mrs. Butler will entertain at dinner Wednesday in his honor. Thursday evening Dr.

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