

SOCIETY

IN spite of the fact that the Presidential family is almost complete in the White House, and one member of the family is on the threshold of young-ladyhood, there is little to chronicle of the doings of the first family of the land, except that the first lady of the land is "doing well and improving" and the young daughter is spending her spring season "very quietly."

Miss Taft has a great many friends in this city among the former students of the Cathedral School for Girls, where she was a student for several years, and she is being entertained informally by them from time to time, and then there is the daughter of her godmother, Miss Frances Webster, who is still in town and whom she sees often.

The end of the first week in July will see the family of the President established in their summer quarters, the Stetson cottage, at Burgess Point, Beverly, Mass., which they have leased for several seasons.

The departures grow apace. Every steamer for Europe carries large numbers of distinguished people, most of whom will go to London or Paris for a few weeks before starting for the many attractive watering places or for automobile trips on the continent, or through the British Isles. Some of the recent departures in whom Washington society is particularly interested are Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney, who while abroad will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney at their estate at Windsor, England; Mr. and Mrs. George B. Post, Jr.; Mrs. Philip H. Lydig, who will spend the summer in Scotland, where she has taken a place, and will be joined by Mr. Lydig at the end of next month; Mrs. John Jacob Astor and her daughter, who will be joined by Col. Astor in a few weeks, in company with his son Vincent, and many other notable.

Just as soon as the adjournment of Congress will give them the opportunity there will be quite an exodus from Washington, not only of the smart set, but of those whose time is their own—but of the legislative and official set. The extra session of Congress has kept many a maid and matron in Washington longer than they really cared for. And they will welcome a chance to get away as soon as they can without leaving husband and father.

Most of the embassies are already closed, and the greater number of the seasons will be next week.

The celebrated North Shore will, as usual, have a numerous as well as distinguished, company of Washington celebrities. The Preston Gibsons will be there, a matter of course, and the McMillans and the Boardmans and the Senator Tranes and a great host of others. Newport is always a center of interest to Washington, and will have an unusually attractive set well known to Washington society. The season there promises to be one of exceptional gayety. In addition to the regular colony of summer residents, the Naval War College takes many naval officers, and of course, their families, to this famed resort, second to none in point of wealth, reputation and originality observed in its entertainments.

Now that there is a real dearth of social affairs, the women in official, and even other walks of life, in Washington are interesting themselves in affairs of the State, to the extent of taking an interest in legislation, and every day the galleries of the Senate are filled with lovely femininity, in the smartest of spring frocks, seeking to understand the matters of the tariff. They sit through the interesting debates, and are learning more about the tariff than they have ever known or dreamed of. Social affairs have grown so informal, and there are so few large functions, that home or casual parties are considered. This rather intellectual pastime during the first week the Baroness Takahira, wife of the Japanese Ambassador, who is one of the brightest and cleverest little foreigners who have ever visited Washington, spent several days in the diplomatic gallery of the Senate, and was deeply and understandingly interested in the proceedings. Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Dolliver, Mrs. Burrows, the Misses Wetmore, Mrs. Zalinsky, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Ekins, Mrs. Josephine Aldrich, Mrs. Beveridge, Mrs. Briggs, and Mrs. Scott, all wives, sisters, or daughters of members of the Upper House, were in the Senators' gallery several times through the week, and were being discussing the tariff as heartily as though they were legislators themselves.

In the House of Representatives Miss Cannon, daughter of the Speaker; Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Mrs. Swager Sherley, Mrs. Richmond Pearson Hobson, Mrs. Serena Payne, all frequently attend the sessions where their husbands are factors.

Mrs. Longworth continues to lead in the matter of fashions and the secret of "starting" her clothes, for it is conceded on all sides that no one in Washington has yet been able to reach the fair daughter of former President Roosevelt in this graceful gift. She was never as handsome as she is now, when she attended auvents and little more matronly dignity. She is remaining late in her Washington residence, and will probably not leave until Mr. Longworth can accompany her to their home in Cincinnati. She is to be seen almost every day in her smart electric carriage, which she handles with consummate skill and which she never drives at a lagging pace.

The Cabinet circle is small this week. Mrs. Knox, wife of the Secretary of State, having sailed for Europe with her son Hugh on Tuesday; Mrs. Dickinson being absent with Secretary Dickinson of the War Department, at West Point; Mrs. Meyer, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, being elaborately entertained among royals in Rome, with her two daughters; Mrs. Wickersham, wife of the Attorney General, spending a few weeks at Hot Springs, Va., from her summer home on Long Island; Mrs. Ballinger, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, being still in their far North-western home, and Mrs. Nagel, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, being on the eve of departure from their St. Louis home for their summer home at Marion, Mass., leaving Mrs. MacFegh, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, and Miss Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, who is here for a few days, the only remaining Cabinet hostesses in the city.

Mrs. MacFegh is still at the Arlington with the Secretary, although they have taken a house for next season. It is the former residence of the former Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Straus, and is well known as a Cabinet home, and a most hospitable one. The MacFeghs will not take absolute possession of it until the autumn.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Dickinson have leased the residence in upper Connecticut avenue No. 153, which has been occupied for several seasons by Mrs. Frances MacLeod Matheson, who has been a factor in society during that period. She is a wealthy and distinguished Scotch woman, and has been

olic Church last Wednesday evening, at 6 o'clock. Rev. Father O'Brien, pastor of the church, officiating. The bride's sister, Miss Marie R. Sizer, was the maid of honor, and Mr. Harry Claxton acted as best man. The bride was becomingly gowned in old rose satin, with a picture hat, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid wore a white princess dress and carried roses. "O Promise Me" was sung by Miss Mamie Brahler, a sister of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Brahler left immediately after the ceremony for Atlantic City. They will be at home after June 29 at 4 Eighth street southeast.

Miss Julie Marie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Miller, and Mr. Rene Charles Rauscher will be married to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, in St. Patrick's Church. Rev. Dr. Russell, rector of the parish, will officiate. He will be assisted by Father Dougherty, of there is likewise heartfelt sympathy expressed for the young parents. Mrs. Letter was formerly Miss Juliette Williams, a debutante of only a few months when she became a bride. Her parents, Col. and Mrs. John R. Williams, are with her in Chicago. Mrs. Letter senior and Miss Dorothy Williams, the debutante sister of Mrs. Joseph Letter, are at Mrs. Letter's cottage at Beverly Farms for the summer, where they are awaiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Letter, who will join them there later on. Mrs. Joseph Letter was elected one of the vice presidents of the Georgetown Convent alumnae this week. It was from this convent she was graduated but a few months before she was married, and it was at the convent she and the bridegroom made a short call on their way from the Williams house after the ceremony and reception on their way to the country house where they spent their honeymoon.

DAUGHTERS OF BELGIAN MINISTER.



Baroness Marguerite Moncheur and her step-sister, Kathleen.

and Miss Ione Ingalls. Little Miss Lillian Rossy will be the flower girl. Mr. Ernie Zeigler will be the best man. Messrs. Fred Conrad, of Baltimore; Walter L. Talbot, of General Egan, Joseph J. Drury, Edgar Miller, Preston Miller, Rene C. Dagneaux, A. Kaufman, and Dr. J. Franklin Hilton, all of Washington, will be the ushers. A wedding reception will follow the ceremony, at Rauscher's, from 12 to 2 o'clock. The couple will sail for France on June 17, to remain until fall.

Still another wedding of last Wednesday was that of Miss Nellie Rose Foster and Mr. Francis L. Bourne, of Atlantic City, in the home of the bride's parents, 129 Girard street. A wedding supper was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bourne left for Atlantic City, where they will be at home after July 1.

One of the many weddings of last Wednesday was that in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the parsonage of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, when Miss Jessie E. Leese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard, was married to Mr. William C. McCubbin. Rev. Mr. Nelbel performed the ceremony. Only relatives of the contracting parties attended the ceremony. After a trip North Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin will be at home at 629 East Capitol street.

A wedding of more than ordinary interest will take place next Tuesday evening, when Miss Leola Elmore Chapman, daughter of Mrs. A. G. Chapman, will be married to Mr. Clarence Mitchell Justice, of Asheville, N. C., in the Church of the Ascension. Miss Chapman is the daughter of the late Gen. Andrew Graham Chapman, of La Plata, Charles County, Md., and a former Representative in Congress from that district, and a former collector of internal revenue. She is the descendant, on the maternal side, of some of the most distinguished Revolutionary stock. Mr. Justice is the grandson of the late Judge James E. Reed, one of the early settlers of North Carolina. Mr. Justice is now the collector of internal revenue at Asheville.

The ushers will be Mr. Andrew Grant Chapman, Mr. Henry Hendley Chapman, and Mr. Robert Marshall Chapman, brothers of the bride; Mr. W. J. Conly, Mr. H. Holland Hawkins, and Mr. Norvell P. Chapman, a cousin of the bride. Dr. Robert T. Chapman, of New York, an uncle of the bride, will give her in marriage, and Miss Agnes Claire McCabe will act as maid of honor.

Miss Lillian Brooke Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Gray, and Mr. Herbert Lawrence Smith, of New York, will be married next Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. A wedding reception will follow in the home of the bride's parents, after which the young couple will go for a short honeymoon trip. On their return they will be at home at 215 Holly avenue, Takoma Park. Miss Daisy Marguerite Gray, a sister of the bride, will act as a former collector of internal revenue. Mr. Theodora Linton, and flower girl, Marion Helligs. The bride was attired in a white silk meteor crepe, semi-princess, wrought in pearls and trimmed in princess point lace. Mrs. Howerton has long been distinguished by her striking resemblance to Mrs. Cleveland. Miss Leonarda Marie De Grange, of Washington, D. C., preceded the bride as maid of honor, carrying a huge basket of orange blossoms and La France roses, strewing rose leaves along the bridal path. She was robed in an empire gown of white chiffon, embroidered in pearls. The old colonial home was a bower of roses and orange blossoms. The color scheme used for the wedding breakfast was green and white, the doctor's fraternity colors.

Dr. and Mrs. Howerton left amid a shower of rose leaves on their honeymoon jaunt. Mrs. Howerton is prominent in dramatic and social world. She is a graduate of the Julia A. Green School

of Philadelphia. A few years ago she established the Linton-Orem Dramatic School of Washington, and also controlled the dramatic departments in most of the private schools. Then she accepted a position in the State Normal School, Missouri, where she was appointed dean of women and directed the work in physical training and dramatic expression.

In one of the busiest weeks Cupid has had this year, the wedding last Thursday of Miss Aileen Gertrude Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Sanders, and Mr. William Henry Dalkin, was among the prettiest. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James W. Clark, of St. James' Episcopal Church, in the home of the bride's parents, 27 Massachusetts avenue northeast. The parlors were beautifully decorated with tall ferns and peonies, with an improvised altar in the bay window, where the couple were married. The wedding march was played by William Flather, a life-time friend of the bridegroom. The bride was given away at ring bearer. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Louise Lowe, Miss Florence Anderson, of Richmond, Va.; Miss Christine Conrad, and Miss Ruby May Sanders, a sister of the bride. They were all gowned in white, and carried bouquets of La France roses and maiden-hair ferns. Mr. Ralph Dalkin, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and the ushers were Mr. Ralph Hancock, of Senning, D. C.; Mr. Leslie Wright, Mr. William J. Sanders, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr. Henry U. Milne, of Takoma Park, Md.

Mrs. Margaret Dalkin, mother of the bridegroom, wore a black net, and Mrs. Sanders, mother of the bride, wore a lace. A reception followed, after which Mr. and Mrs. Dalkin were driven to Union Station, where a crowd of several hundred friends awaited them. Their wedding trip will take in principal cities of the North. The bride's going-away gown was of canard blue cloth, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Dalkin will be at home after July 1 at 23 Massachusetts avenue northeast. They received a large number of presents, including a silver service, sent by the members of the choir of St. James' Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Dalkin has been a member for years.

A pretty wedding of last Thursday was that of Miss Virginia I. Fields, daughter of Mr. Joseph W. Fields, of Ballston, Va., and Mr. John W. Edwards, of Washington. Rev. E. N. Kirby, pastor of the Ballston Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony. The bride, who has been residing with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Mason, of Clarendon, was prettily gowned in white batiste. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snow, of Washington. Following the ceremony the young couple went to the home of Mr. Richard Shrive, at Sunny Side, near Ballston, where a surprise party was given them.

Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snow, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shrive, and Mrs. A. Davis, of Sunny Side. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will for the present make their home at Sunny Side, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Shrive.

An announcement of much interest here comes with invitations just received of the engagement of Lieut. Eugene B. Walker, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., and Miss Willa Williams. The wedding will take place on June 29. They first met at the Presidio, where Miss Williams was visiting her brother, Lieut. John Stuart Williams, of the Coast Artillery, where where Lieut. Walker was stationed. The prospective bride is niece of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown and Mr. J. D. McGuire, of this city, and a great-granddaughter of Gen. William Madison, a brother of President Madison. She has a large number of relatives and friends throughout Virginia, and is popular. Lieut. Walker was appointed to the Naval Academy from Denver, Colo., and is a graduate of 1907. He made the trip with the fleet to the Pacific, and at his request was transferred to the Coast Artillery and stationed at the Presidio.

A wedding of unusual interest, and a great surprise to a large circle of friends, took place yesterday at the residence of Rev. Dr. John Chester, when Miss Roberta C. Ewers became the bride. Her groom, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Little Hill, niece of the bride, was the only attendant. Only the immediate families were present. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick left at 6:50 o'clock for Philadelphia and New York.

PERSONALS.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Dickinson are spending the week-end on the water, cruising on Long Island Sound, are expected to return to their apartment at the Highlands to-morrow.

Mrs. MacFegh, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, who is still in their apartment at the Arlington, will leave Washington this week for their summer home at Dublin, N. H., to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Meyer, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, and their two daughters, who are making a flying visit to Italy, to Mrs. Meyer's aunt, Miss Mason, near Rome, sailed for home yesterday on the Berlin, the same vessel upon which they sailed from New York on May 15 for Italy. They will go at once to their summer home, "Maple Rock," at Hamilton, Mass., for the remainder of the summer.

The Italian Ambassador and Baroness des Planches will leave Washington today for New York, to sail on Tuesday for Italy to spend the summer.

Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, who has eschewed the duties and the glories of a Cabinet hostess for the more facile glory of the professional stage, has been in Washington with her father at the Portland for some days. She has spent her time for the most part packing, preparatory to leaving for New York Tuesday.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Philip Hichborn will go to Narragansett Pier on June 24, to remain through the summer. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pearsall, will go to Narragansett also for a time before sailing for Europe to spend their summer. They will not open their home at Black Rock, Conn., until autumn.

Mrs. H. H. Hosley has returned from a prolonged visit on the Pacific Coast and is now at Emmitsburg, Md., where her young daughter will be graduated the coming week from St. Joseph's Academy. They will return to Washington in the autumn, to remain for the season.

Mrs. John P. Jackson will close her home in Connecticut avenue within a few days and go West to spend the summer in California. Her son-in-law and daughter, the First Secretary of the Swedish Legation and Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Ekengren, left Washington yesterday for the North, to establish the summer location at Bar Harbor. They will stop en route to visit Mrs. Horace Harding at Seabright, N. J., and Mrs. Roger Wolcott at Milton, Mass.

Mrs. William Alden Smith, wife of the Senator from Michigan, left Washington Friday for her home in Grand Rapids to spend the summer. She will be joined there next week by her son, Mr. William.

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