

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1914.

## Society

### Indian Summer Delays Social Rush

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THERE is nothing but the evidence of the numbers written in black and white on our calendars to convince us that we are actually on the threshold of December. The unusual conditions produced by the European war are not alone responsible for this illusion that we are still a long way off from the opening of the social season. The fact that the members of the President's family are in mourning and that there will be no official entertaining at the White House for several months, naturally adds to the general lethargy of the season.

The prolonged Indian summer that bids us linger weeks longer in the open this season than last, and makes us turn reluctantly to a season of indoor activities is not an inconsiderable factor in this illusion. For as a matter of fact no one quite realizes that the first of December is at hand.

Two years ago the early winter season opened with a rush a few days before the Army and Navy football game. It was on November 22 that President Taft set the social ball in motion when he attended the special drill at Fort Myer. And the Baltimore opera which opened at about that time helped to usher the season in with something like the éclat that Washington seasons are wont to make their appearance. Following these activities there were diplomatic dinners, dances and receptions which, in the very nature of the case, are not on the calendar this year.

Last year every one complained that the season was dull. Probably the prolonged extra session of the preceding summer had as much to do with this as anything else. Washingtonians who had lingered long in town were eager to get away, and Europe and the Southern resorts stood temptingly before them, offering change of scene and change of thought. But in spite of this natural indifference Miss Jessie Wilson's wedding did focus the attention of all on the White House during Thanksgiving week and, perhaps reluctantly, the Washington society season was in full swing by the first of December. Later, to be sure, there was a tendency for Washington folk to close their houses and a tendency toward decampment for Europe and to the South followed.

But this season we have no motive to stir the general lethargy—nothing but the desire to give benefits and teas and dances in behalf of the war sufferers. If it were not for that incentive the season would be dull indeed, for after the society woman has gone through her engagements and checked off all the entertainments that are given for the benefit of some charity there would be little social calendar left.

To be sure there are always debutantes and so long as there are debutantes the season cannot be uninteresting. As if by the law of compen-

YVONNE DE TREVILLE, with her knitting. The charming Belgian singer whom the war in Europe drove from her home in Brussels.



sation this season, which has so much that is depressing to contend with, can boast of a list of exceedingly charming society buds and the weeks of December and early January will see the addition of several very attractive young women to Washington society. Weddings, too, like debutante parties, know no difference in seasons, and weddings have never been prettier than they are this season.

The Army and Navy game, too, knew no abatement in popularity and there was the same general exodus of Washingtonians to Philadelphia this year as ever. There were as many incidental entertainments—dinner parties, breakfasts, and house parties—as last year, though this entertainment took more of an informal note this year. It is not too soon to predict, however, that this Washington season that has come in like a lamb will, like the proverbial March, go out like a lion. For aside from the coincidence of the European war and the quiet season at the White House and the prolonged warm weather, Washington folk are in a fair mood to make this year's activities more interesting than ever. The very fact that Europe is closed and that Americans must look to their own hemisphere for their entertainment and change of scenery this season will make for greater society activity as the season advances. The prediction has been made on good authority that Washington will have an unusual incentive this season as a resort city, and American society folk from other cities will probably turn to Washington this year because European harbors will be uninviting.

Mr. Humphrey Redfield, son of the Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Redfield, who spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Washington, returned last night to Amherst, Mass., where he is attending college.

Interest is aroused among society folk in the Cotton Ball which is to be held on the evening of December 11 at the Pan-American Union Building in the name of the Southern Society of Washington, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan. There is an effort on foot to make this ball an occasion of international interest, and

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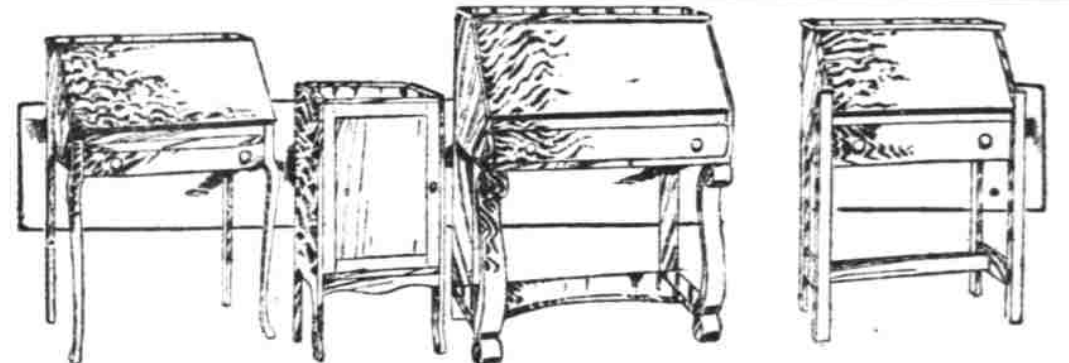
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