

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1915.

SOCIETY

Society Follows Old Customs

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ANOTHER Christmas Day has passed into the realm of the bygone and the spirit of peace and good will, yet firmly implanted in the hearts of America, pervaded the homes of this country with a quiet hospitality untouched by extravagance or frivolity, and ever mindful of the sorrow and suffering abroad. Perhaps the Capital as the center of the nation, standardizes the spirit of the national Christmas; certainly the day passed here without ostentation, but with all the merriment which is the season's due.

The Capital, which lies so equally between the North and South, has absorbed the customs and traditions of both great sections as regards the celebration of the Christmas feast with all the kinfolk gathered round the festive board. Though the Yule log is superfluous in the modern equipped dwelling and the Christmas pudding is condemned by hygienists, the spirit of the festival still reigns in Capital homes.

Perhaps no other administration has preserved the traditions of the day so universally, nor extended the spirit of Yuletide cheer and hospitality so generously. The President and his charming bride passed the first Christmas of their marriage quietly at Hot Springs, and at the White House, Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones dispensed hospitality to an interesting family party. The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster were alone on the festive day; the Secretary of War and Mrs. Garrison were in New York but will return in time to preserve the traditional Washington custom of receiving on New Year's Day.

The home of the Attorney General and Mrs. Gregory was the scene of a happy party; their young sons, Thomas Watt Gregory, jr., who is a student at Princeton, and Joseph Nalle Gregory, who attends school at Winchester, are home for the holidays, and Miss Bryan and Miss Taylor, who have been the house guests of Miss Jane Gregory for several weeks, remained over for Christmas week. Mr. Ralph Randolph, also of Texas, came down from Harvard Law School to complete the merry house party, while still another interesting guest, Miss Cornelia Keasley, will arrive the latter part of the week. The Postmaster General and Mrs. Burleson had no guests this year and dined quietly at home with their two charming young daughters, Miss Lucy and Miss Sidney Burleson.

The household of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels was made merrier than ever with the arrival in town of the four splendid sons of the family; Lieut. David Bagley, U. S. N., and Mrs. Henry Bagley, of Raleigh, arrived earlier in the week to be the guests of the Secretary and Mrs. Daniels over the holidays. The Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Houston spent Christmas Day here with their children, and in few homes were the spirit and customs of the day so closely and so delightfully followed. The Secretary and Mrs. Houston will visit New York during the holidays, returning about New Year's.

Though many of the Capital's fashionable set spent Christmas elsewhere still more remained at home and kept wide the doors of hospitality to the round of afternoon callers. Several teas marked the afternoon hours and there was a dance or two in the evening. But tomorrow will witness the opening of a season, the like of which will scarcely be recalled in residential circles, which view the history of Washington society in its entirety, and note the shifting currents of social life at the Capital.

Already the town is gay with pan-American banners and streaming colors are vivid against the conventional background of Christmas greens. Distinguished men and women who speak in the soft, liquid Spanish, are arriving at the fashionable hostesses, and the Capital will be given over completely to gaiety. There will be several debutantes, a host of official dinners, dances for the school and college set, and finally the coming of the New Year and the opening of the "real season."

The German Ambassador has gone to the Adirondacks, where he will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Archibald White, at their camp.

The Minister of Peru and Mme. Pezet have issued cards for a reception at the Pan-American building on the afternoon of Friday, December 31, when they will present their young niece, Miss Teresa Granada y Pezet.

The retiring Minister of China and Mme. Shah and their family left Washington Friday for New York and will sail for the Orient early in January.

Prince Alfred zu Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst, of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, is spending the Christmas holidays at the Lenox Club, Lenox, Mass.

Jonkheer and Mme. Starksenburgh-Stachouwer are spending Christmas in Baltimore as the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg.

Mrs. Francis S. Nash will be hostess at luncheon at Rauscher's on December 28.

MME. PEZET, wife of the Minister from Peru, who will entertain for the distinguished delegates to the Pan-American Congress.



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In honor of the Japanese Ambassador, Viscount Chinda, and Col. Carlos Page Bryan, former United States Ambassador to Japan. The guests were Admiral Kimball, Capt. Barber, Lieut. Col. Williams, Commander Wirtzburger, Commander Knox, Lieut. Commander Casley, Lieut. Commander Jeffers, all of the Navy Department; Lieut. Commander Dobbins, of the Chilean Embassy; Dr. Charles N. Gregory, Prof. Swisher, Mr. V. Wiesler, Mr. C. H. Livingston and Lieut. Col. Hamy, Secretary Kawashima, Attache Salto, Attache Iwate, Lieut. Commander Hyakotake, all of the Japanese Embassy; Commander Furukawa and Lieut. Commander Takashi, who are on their way home from England, and Lieut. Commander Miyamoto and Mr. Hisada, who are en route to England.

Miss Beatrice Dull was the guest of honor at a dinner given Wednesday evening at the Chevy Chase Club by Mr. John Jeffries and chaperoned by Commander and Mrs. E. H. Tillman. The guests included Miss Marcellita Tillman, Miss Lillian Sutton, of Texas, Miss Dull's house guest; Miss Virginia Jeffries, Mr. William Hill, Mr. Donald McKewen and Mr. Ralph Henry.

Senator and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, jr., gave a beautiful masquerade cotillon Thursday, from 7 until 10, for their children, Miss Evelyn Wadsworth and Miss Jerry Wadsworth. The room was effectively decorated with poinsettias, holly and Christmas trees, and there was a large Christmas tree, ablaze with lights and filled with gifts for the young guests. A stringed orchestra played throughout the evening. A buffet supper was served at 7 o'clock and lighter refreshments after the cotillon. The young guests included: Miss Ruth Stoddard, Miss Caroline Storey, Miss Alice Mann, Miss Caroline Swift, Miss Frances McKee, Miss Mary Ward, Miss Violet Spencer, Miss Helen Colbert, Miss Frances Hopkins, Miss Nancy Hoyt, Miss Nancy Newell, Miss Sydney Webb, Joe Stoddard, Billy Mann, Billy Laughlin, Tommy Laughlin, Jack Lippert, Bates McKee, Archibald Hawley, Julian Green, William Blair, Rodman Swift, Blaise de St. Hour, Clifford Ewing, Billy Breckinridge and Bishop Hill.

Mr. Benjamin R. Logie entertained thirty-five guests at a buffet luncheon at her home in Chevy Chase for her daughter, Miss Taylor Logie, who has come from Baltimore, where she attends school, to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Logie.

Mrs. William D. Leahy entertained at a card party of nine tables Wednesday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Tennent Harrington, of San Francisco. Additional guests came in for tea when Mrs. Dudley W. Knox and Miss Benham presided at the tea table.

Capt. and Mrs. Alexander M. Watson entertained at dinner at their home in the Marine Barracks, when their guests were Gen. and Mrs. George Barnett, their niece, Miss Christine Clark, and Capt. Thomas Holcomb, U. S. M. C.

The inauguration of the new indoor golf course at the Edging and Hunt Club was one of the most interesting features of the entertainment at the club Thursday afternoon. The program began with a musical drill on horseback, and there followed tea and dancing. Among those who rode were Mr. W. Sinclair Bond, Miss Edith Howard, Miss Ruth Donaldson, Miss Ruth Hitchcock, Miss Ethel MacKurray, Miss Devereaux, Miss Scribner, Miss Frances Carpenter, Miss Mary Preston, Miss Gerry Morgan, Miss Ruth Anderson, Miss Crosby, Miss Helena Elliott, Miss McLanahan, Miss Alice Mann, Miss Lucie Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Breckinridge Bayne, Walter Tucker, Ralph Coffin, Richard K. Tyler, Lieut. Greely, George O. Totten, Thomas P. Morgan, jr., Master Joseph Devereaux, Master McLanahan, John R. Evans, William Corcoran, Count Bonde, and Carlos Acuna.

Among those who came in for tea were Admiral and Mrs. Clover, Mrs. W. M. Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Carpenter, Mr. I. T. Mann, Clarence Ingalls, A. B. Butler, Miss Anna Hamlin.

Commander Nomura, the naval attaché of the Japanese Embassy, entertained at dinner Wednesday evening at Rauscher's

Navy Club Thursday evening by Mad. A. W. Williams, medical corps, U. S. A. Mrs. Walker is the mother of Mrs. Richard Burleson, wife of Lieut. Burleson, at Fort Myer. Guests included Maj. and Mrs. Robert U. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Gardner, Maj. and Mrs. T. C. Lyster, Lieut. and Mrs. R. C. Burleson and Miss Barbara Nachtrieb, of Berkeley, Cal.

Mrs. Nanette B. Paul, of 2007 Columbia road, entertained Miss Louise Marvel, president of the Woman's Suffrage League of Atlantic City, at dinner Sunday, December 19.

Mrs. Anna E. Hendley will open her cottage in Atlantic City for Christmas week and have as her guests Mrs. Nanette B. Paul, Mrs. Paul Hamill and Miss Marvel.

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Miss Helen Rosenberg, of Norfolk. The guests were dressed as babies, and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Miss Lucille Hopfheimer, of Norfolk, is the guest of relatives in the city.

Miss Adele Goldsmith, of Baltimore, is spending some time in the city, the house guest of Miss Beatrice Hahn.

Capt. and Mrs. Edward A. Sturges, of Fort Myer, are their guests during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Kalbfus.

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lie to attend all meetings at 2007 Columbia road at 6:15 p. m. The business meeting is at 7:30 p. m.

The Dolly Madison Chapter, D. A. R., was entertained on Tuesday evening by Miss Dye at her residence on L street. The regent, Miss Johnson, presided.

After important business matters were disposed of a sketch was read of the life of the late Mrs. Charles C. Darwin, a much-honored charter member of the chapter, who was active also in the affairs of the national society, and who took an active interest in social service work in the city.

An interesting musical program was rendered those taking part being the guests: Miss Caldwell, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Shore and Mrs. Lindsay. Mrs. Charles S. Salin accompanied at the piano and Mrs. Lindsay with the violin.

Mrs. W. J. Chamberlain gave some entertaining readings in negro dialect. A social hour with refreshments followed.

The Christmas activities of the Sunshine and Community Society of Washington included the distribution of fuel, provisions, and clothing to the poor of the city by the hospital branch of the society, of which Mrs. Sanford Taylor is president; the Florence Crittenton branch, Mrs. W. H. Howard as president, sold flowers for the benefit of the Florence Crittenton Mission; the Friendship Branch, Mrs. Charles P. Keyser, president, furnished food, clothing and a basket of delicacies to the Home for Aged Ladies in Georgetown; the Penal Servitude branch, Mrs. Charles P. Keyser, president, sent a Christmas tree and homemade cakes and candies to the Washington Asylum and Jail; the Guilford branch, Mrs. Charles Perkins, president, gave a Christmas tree, useful toys and clothing to the Methodist Orphan Home at 2329 N street; the Helping Hand branch, Mrs. Bernard Lane, president, contributed a purse and clothing for the children of the Day Nursery; the Sunflower branch, Miss Eva Jackson, president, assisted individually in the philanthropic work.

The District board of managers of the Sunshine and Community Society, which includes Mrs. Ella S. Knight, Mrs. E. R. McKean, Mrs. Sanford Taylor, Mrs. J. Edson Briggs, Mrs. E. Richard Gasch, Mrs. Charles P. Grandfield, Mrs. Catrina, Mrs. Bernard Lane, Mrs. Charles P. Keyser, Mrs. Henry L. Mann, Miss Emma Shelton, and Mrs. Elizabeth Waldridge, sent provisions toward the Christmas dinner to the orphan girls' home, the Sunshine Home for Aged Ladies, the Bruen Home for Children, and the Gospel Mission.

Miss Cecelia Oppenheimer returned to her home in Belmont street, for a short time, before returning to Bryn Mawr College, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reizenstein, of New York, will spend some time in town during the coming week, the guests of friends.

Miss Gladys Mayer returned to her home in Gladys View Apartments, on Friday, after a short visit to relatives in Baltimore.

Lieut. Col. G. Le Roy Irwin, U. S. A., is the guest of his sister, Miss Florence Levy, of this city.

Among the middlemen of the United States navy will be spending the holidays in Washington and stopping at the New Willard are A. H. Bateman, A. D. Burhans, C. J. Wheeler, Charles P. Cecil, E. F. Jenkins, J. R. Cruise, E. M. Ford, Maxwell C. Alva, J. Moore, Edgar S. Earnhardt, T. E. Richardson, and T. G. Berry.

Mrs. S. Stiebel, of this city, left town last week for a short visit to relatives in Waynesboro, N. C.

Miss Frances Levy, of Charleston, S. C., is spending some time in the city, the house guest of Miss Beatrice Kaufman.

Mr. Everett Richard, of Nineteenth street, is spending the Christmas holidays in Baltimore, the guest of relatives.

Miss Helen Fischer has returned to her home in the city, after a short trip to Baltimore, the guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Watson Cox, of New York City, arrived at the New Willard for a short stay in Washington.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a New Year reception at the home, 222 Sixth street, from 4 to 9 p. m., New Year's Day. The ladies in charge are Mrs. Francis A. St. Clair, chairman; Mrs. Alvin Day, Mrs. Mark Tyndal, Mrs. Anna Arthur, Mrs. W. H. Howard, Mrs. Gussie Nichols, Mrs. Edna Proctor, Mrs. P. P. Whalen, Mrs. Florence Farnow, Mrs. Woodbury Pulsifer, Mrs. Meurich Montgomery, and Mrs. Eme King.

Miss Miriam Franc, of the University of Pennsylvania, is spending some time in town, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Franc.

Mr. S. Rosenheim, of New York, spent a short time in town last week.

Mrs. Sylvan Oppenheimer and Miss Carolyn Oppenheimer will spend a short time in Baltimore during the coming week as guests of relatives.

Mrs. Leon Meyers, of Birmingham, Ala., is spending some time in town, the guest of relatives.

Miss Eleanor Loeb returns to her home in Columbia road this week from a stay of a few weeks with friends in Frederick, Md.

Mr. Herman Kowigsberger, of New York, will spend several weeks in this city with relatives.

Miss Dorothy Stiefel returns to her home in this city this week from a short visit to relatives in Baltimore.

The Berwyn Dancing Club gave a dance in Masonic Hall, Hyattsville, Friday evening, when thirty couples were present. The Berwyn Orchestra, under whose auspices the affair was given, furnished excellent music.

The students of the third and fourth year classes of the Hyattsville High School gave a Christmas party at the Arcade Tuesday evening. The committee on arrangements comprised the Misses Argumunda, Carra and Evelyn Earnest and Mr. Harry Roome and Mr. Robert Porter.

Under the auspices of St. Thomas' Church a social and dance was given in the parish hall of the church Wednesday evening. A comedy sketch, presented by the students, was the feature of the evening's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph H. Lake have returned to their home, near Seat Pleasant, after a pleasant stay with friends and relatives in Philadelphia and New York.

Messrs. Richard Chew and Otway Berryman Zantinger, jr., students at Tome Institute, Port Deposit, N. Y., and Mr. Franklin G. Zantinger, who attends the Episcopal High School at Alexandria,

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Festivities to Come.

The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall will give the first of the official dinner parties in honor of the President and Mrs. Wilson January 14 at the Willard, where they are spending the winter.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing will entertain at dinner January 18 for the President and Mrs. Wilson.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. William F. Martin, U. S. A., will give a tea-dance on the afternoon of December 20 at the Washington Club in honor of their daughter, Miss Winifred Martin.

Mrs. Robert Patterson has issued invitations for a reception on December 28, at 9 o'clock, at her residence in Dupont Circle for the delegates to the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress.

Mrs. Mark Brooke will give a dinner at the Chevy Chase Club on the evening of December 31. Mrs. Brooke will entertain at luncheon on the afternoon of January 4.

Mrs. Archibald Gledhill will be hostess at a musicale this afternoon at 4 o'clock at her residence in Sixteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp will be hosts at dinner on December 28, entertaining in compliment to Dr. and Mrs. William Holland Wilmer.

Mrs. Charles Downer Hazen will entertain at tea on the afternoon of December 31 in compliment to Miss Ida Tarbell.

Among other events of interest during the holidays will be the performance of the Triangle Club of Princeton University which takes place Monday afternoon, January 3, at the Belasco Theater. The club's production this year is known as "The Evil Eye" and is said to surpass all former endeavors. The club is well known in Washington society and their stay in the city will no doubt be characterized by a round of entertainments. Mrs. Montgomery Blair is giving a dance in their honor at the Playhouse on the evening of January 3.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Breckenridge Bayne has issued cards for an eggnog party on New Year's Day from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The bachelors stationed at the Washington Barracks will give a dinner at the Officers' Club on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Chamberlain will be hosts at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club on Friday evening, December 31.

Mrs. James Morris Morgan will entertain at a bridge party on Tuesday afternoon.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Charles F. Humphrey have sent out cards for a tea-dance at the Wyoming on December 30 from 4 to 7 to meet Mr. Joseph Humphrey.

Sigma Nu Fraternity, of the George Washington University, will give a Christmas dance on Wednesday evening, December 23, in the New Cochran Hotel. The event is in honor of the occasion include Mrs. Charles H. Stockton, Mrs. John M. Evans, Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, Mrs. William Ellen Wilbur, and Mrs. Howard Lincoln Harding.

Among the guests will be Sigma Nus from Washington and Lee University, of Virginia, and from the University of Delaware. Mr. Frank Ide, president of Washington Alumni Chapter, and Mr. Roy C. Cox, inspector of the fourth division, will also be present.

The reception committee includes Admiral Charles Herbert Stockton, Judge John M. Evans, Mr. William Allen Wilbur, Dr. Howard Lincoln Hodgkin, and Mr. Claude R. Brenneker, of Dept. P. Chapter.

Those of the entertainment committee are Mr. Ralph J. Sterling, Mr. George Smithson, Mr. Leslie Getchell, Mr. William B. Brooks, Mr. Paul Cathcart, Mr. Everett Brockman, and Mr. Paul Hodges.

One of the most interesting events of the first week in January will be the Authors' Reading to be given in the ballroom of the Cairo at 9 o'clock on the evening of January 6, for the benefit of the Catholic Home for Aged Ladies at 3043 P street. Miss Elizabeth Jordan, literary adviser to Harper's Magazine, and a well-known playwright and writer of short stories, will give selections from her works, and Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford will read some of his recent verse. The patronesses are Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, Mrs. Albert Sidney Burleson, Mme. Pezet, wife of the minister of Peru; the Misses Fatten, Viscountess de Sibour, Miss Alice Riggs, Miss Jane Riggs, Mrs. Thomas Carter, Miss Ellen Day Hale, Mme. Calderon, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Victor Kaufmann, Mrs. George James, and Mrs. Thomas Gale.