

SOCIETY

Society Prepares for Gay Season.

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WITHIN a few weeks society will be reassembled at the Capital, fashionable homes will be opened for the season's gayeties, and the smart world will be fully aligned for the launching of a brilliant winter. The Diplomatic Corps gave the signal for the return of summer sojourners, and all along the Northern shores summer embassies are closing and the staff engaging in preparations for departure. The Swiss Minister and Mme. Ritter, the Swedish Minister and Mme. Ekengren, and Mme. Koo, wife of the Minister of China, are among the members of the corps who have arrived at the Capital during the week, while each of the latter days of September will bring some distinguished diplomat and his family to the Washington embassy.

Already the fashionable thoroughfares are taking on a lively aspect, and at the driving hour, the smart equipages which were lost to view during the summer, are seen once more wending their way to the park or the Speedway. The shopping districts are thronged in the morning hours which are given over to the replenishing of wardrobes depleted by the exigencies of summer, and the fashionable hostesses at tea-time are witness to the gradual return of smart travelers.

The residential contingent is drifting back via the Hot Springs and White Sulphur, and is breaking the sharpness of the transition by brief sojourns at country homes in the environs of the Capital. Such leasing and remodeling as must be done in society households is now in progress that the gay whirl of winter festivities may have undisputed sway in a perfectly poised setting. Debutante plans are under way and the late autumn weddings are receiving their final details—in fact, the entire season is in the process of crystallization. Social tradition makes September a month of readjustments and tentative arrangements. Plans, completely nebulous as yet, will materialize into brilliance when the social campaign is launched with the coming of winter and the gathering of the clan.

The official folk, who play so important a part in the winter life of the Capital, are missing from the conclave, and not until December will the full social strength of the Capital be gathered for the auspicious launching of a season which promises magnificence and brilliance to a marked degree. Whichever way political breezes blow in November, an inaugural year cannot be stripped of the glories of state ceremonials. New life is infused into the waning season by the carnival spirit of the inauguration and a fresh impetus is given to widespread hospitality.

Several embassies, closed to festivity since the outbreak of the war, will open their doors to gayety this season; the army and navy folk will be drifting back from the Mexican border with many a distinguished reinforcement from duty at foreign posts; a number of Capital homes which have been unoccupied for several seasons, will be the scene of hospitalities again, to say nothing of the gayeties which surround the debutantes and autumn brides and add a final emphasis to prognostications of brilliance for the opening of the season.

Diplomatic Corps

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Almaro Sato, will arrive in Washington early in October and will be accompanied by Col. T. Mizumachi, who will succeed Col. Matsu Itami as military attaché. Col. Itami landed in New York last week on the

MISS VIRGINIA OLYVE WINTER, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Winter, whose engagement to Ensign Robert Turner Darrow, U. S. N., is announced today.



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Ward liner Havana from Havana, after a trip to Cuba. He will return to Japan in the autumn. Mme. Itami is spending the summer at a resort near New York. No date has been set for arrival of Mr. Yoshida, who was appointed second secretary of the embassy to succeed Mr. Matsuoka, but it is expected that he will reach this country during the autumn. Mr. Matsuoka is now detailed to the Japanese embassy in Mexico.

The Minister from Norway and Mme. Bryn, who spent the summer at Blue Ridge Summit, have returned to Washington. The first secretary of the legation, Mr. William Malthe Johannessen, also arrived last week.

The Cuban Minister and Mme. de Cespedes, who spent the early autumn at Newport, went to Philadelphia last week, where Mme. de Cespedes acted as sponsor for the new ferryboat, Joseph R. Harrot, which will run between Key West and Havana. During their stay in Philadelphia they had the members of the legation staff as their guests. The first secretary of the legation and Mme. Torralbas arrived in Washington a week ago. The Minister and Mme. de Cespedes returned Wednesday.

The Bulgarian Minister and Mme. Panaretov, who have spent the summer at Manchester, will return to Washington the end of the week.

The first secretary of the Bulgarian legation, Dr. George N. Pouleff, has returned to the legation from New York.

The Minister from Denmark, Mr. Constantin Brun, will return to Washington tomorrow. Mr. Brun has spent the summer at Bar Harbor, where the Danish legation has been established each summer for several years. Count Moltke, recently appointed attaché of the Danish legation, is at Bar Harbor and will return with the minister.

The Minister of Siam and Lady Prabha Karavongse, accompanied by the members of the Legation staff, who have spent the summer at Gloucester, Mass., are planning to return to Washington about October 27.

Mme. Purnasiri, wife of Mr. Jajaval Purnasiri, attaché of the Siamese Legation, who returned last week, has taken an apartment at the Lonsdale for the coming winter. Mr. Purnasiri, who remained in Gloucester, will return with the staff this week.

Mr. Caslamanos has been appointed as Greek Minister at this post. The position has been vacant for some time, and the secretary, Mr. Alexander Vouros, has been the charge d'affaires since December, 1914.

Miss Gringia Raybaud, daughter of the military attaché of the Argentine Embassy, will leave Washington tomorrow for Long Beach, where she will be the guest of the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. de Gama until early in October, when she will join her mother and sisters in New York. Mme. Raybaud and the Misses Raybaud will sail on October 5 for Spain, where they will visit the for-

mer's sister, Mme. Zaldez, at her home in Madrid. Col. Raybaud has taken an apartment at Rauscher's for the coming season.

Mrs. Preston McGoodwin, wife of the United States Minister to Venezuela, accompanied by their son, Preston McGoodwin, Jr., is at the Cairo awaiting the arrival of Mr. McGoodwin, who will reach the United States about the first of the month. Before returning to Venezuela they will go to Oklahoma, and later visit their parents in Kentucky and Missouri.

Dr. Charles R. Huebner, secretary of the Legation of Switzerland, has taken an apartment at the Grafton until some time next month, when he will go to Cincinnati to be married on October 11 to Miss Elizabeth Schoepf.

Mr. Giuseppe Brambilla, counselor of the Italian Embassy, has returned to Washington for the season. Mr. Brambilla has been absent several weeks and has made a series of visits. He was the guest for a time of Mrs. Perry Belmont, at Newport.

Jonkheer A. W. L. Tjarda van Starckenborgh-Stouwer, attaché of the Netherlands Legation, and Mme. Van Starckenborgh-Stouwer, who are spending part of the autumn in Nova Scotia, expect to return to Washington about October 1.

After a fortnight's visit in Washington, Mme. Van Swinderen and her children will sail to join Jonkheer Van Swinderen, Minister of the Netherlands at London.

Cabinet Families

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing entertained informally at dinner last evening in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lombard of Trevano, Switzerland, who are making a short stay at the Shoreham.

Mrs. Lansing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster, will reach Washington the middle of the week from Henderson Harbor, N. Y., where they spent the summer. They are making the trip to Washington leisurely in their motor.

Mr. Thomas Howells and Miss Bertha Howells, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are the guests of the Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker.

The Secretary returned Friday from St. Louis, where he went Monday to make a political speech.

Mrs. Gregory, wife of the Attorney General and Miss Jane Gregory will close their cottage at Monterey, Pa., where they spent the summer and will return to Washington Tuesday.

The Postmaster General and Mrs. Burlison will not return from Elmhurst, N. J., until October 1.

The Misses Burlison, who spent part of the summer on the Eaton ranch, in Wyoming, and in riding through Yellowstone Park, are now visiting their sister, Mrs. Richard Negley.

Mrs. Joseph Daniels, who returned to Washington Thursday afternoon from Atlantic City, left again Friday for Raleigh, N. C., where she will make a week's visit. Mrs. Daniels is spending

Sunday with Mr. Worth Bagby Daniels at Chapel Hill, where he has entered the University of North Carolina, and when she returns to Washington Frank and Jonathan Daniels, the two younger sons of the family, who have spent some time at Raleigh, will accompany her.

The Secretary of Labor and Mrs. Wilson, with Miss Agnes Hart Wilson, Miss Mary Wilson and the younger members of their family, are expected to return today after spending several weeks at their home at Blossburg, Pa.

Pitney—Williams.

The marriage of Miss Frances Williams, daughter of Col. and Mrs. John R. Williams, to Mr. John Ballantine Pitney, son of Mr. J. O. H. Pitney, of Morristown, N. J., which took place Tuesday at Beverly Farms, was quite the most interesting event of the season at the summer colony. The ceremony was performed at Edgewater, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, at Beverly, and the invitations for it were issued in the name of Col. and Mrs. Williams, but the cards for the breakfast which followed were issued in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Leiter, and were enclosed in the invitations. The Rev. Nicholas R. Walsh, pastor of St. Margaret's Catholic Church, of Beverly officiated.

The house was effectively decorated with white and green in the drawing room, where the ceremony was performed, and pink mixed with white blossoms in the other apartments. The bower where the bridal party stood during the ceremony was extremely beautiful, with quantities of white blossoms, in the soft light of the many candles. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by Miss Anne Easley, cousin of the bridegroom. Mr. John N. Stearns, 3d, of Boston, was the best man, and the ushers were Mr. Shelton Pitney, of this city, son of Mr. Justice Pitney, and Mr. Francis Bradley, both cousins of the bridegroom; Mr. John D. Wing, 2d, Commander Henry V. Butler and Mr. Clarence U. S. Mitchell. The wedding music was played by a Washington orchestra.

The bride was very lovely in a gown of white tulle worn over heavy white satin, with touches of rare old lace. Her veil of tulle was held in place with orange blossoms, and she carried white orchids. Miss Bradley wore blue tulle with touches of pink. She carried pink roses, and wore a hat of silver lace. After the breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Pitney went in their motor for a trip of several weeks.

Among the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leiter for the wedding festivities were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. H. Pitney and Mr. Robert Pitney, parents and brother of the bridegroom.

Miss Winter to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Winter announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Olyve, to Ensign Robert Turner Darrow, U. S. N., of New London, Conn. The wedding will take place in the early winter. Ensign Darrow is now at Santo Domingo, where he was attached to the U. S. S. Memphis recently wrecked.

Autumn Weddings.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Watkins announce the marriage of their daughter, Claude Whitely, to Mr. Thomas F. Wenner, of Lovettsville, Va., September 4, at Annapolis, Md., the Rev. James L. Smiley, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, officiating.

The marriage of Miss Grace Marguerite Dewey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyster H. Dewey, to Dr. Carl G. Frost, of Buffalo, will take place Saturday evening, October 7, in Gunton Temple Presbyterian Church. The bride will be attended by her mother as her matron of honor, who will wear her own wedding gown; Miss Pauline Frost, of Buffalo, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Dorothy Dashiell as maids of honor, and Mrs. Melba Wood, of Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Olive Forst, of Buffalo, another sister of the bridegroom; Miss Marion McPherson, of Howell, Mich., and Miss Ethel Mae Turner, of

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Pittsburgh, will be among the other attendants. Mr. Allen Frost, of Springfield, Ohio, brother of the bridegroom, will be his best man. The ushers will include Mr. Carlos Bushnell, of Buffalo; Mr. Henry Milford, of New York City, and Mr. James Pierce and Mr. Paul Russell, of Washington. The ceremony will be performed at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, and will be followed by a reception in the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Carolyn B. Hulbert and Mr. Raymond Belmont, son of Mr. August Belmont, of New York, were married Wednesday at Middleburg, Va., at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hulbert.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. H. L. Bliving.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. William P. Hulbert, wore a gown of lace and satin with a

veil of old lace. She carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Her attendants were Miss William F. Hulbert, her sister-in-law, and Mrs. Morgan Belmont, sister-in-law of the bridegroom. Mr. Morgan Belmont was best man.

Other members of the Belmont family present were Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont and Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont, Jr.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gibson, in Kenyon street, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Irene Thornton, of Republican Grove, Va., became the bride of Mr. Overton Hubbard, of Leda, Va.

Only a small family party witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Forrest J. Prettymann.

The bride wore a tailored suit of green

broadcloth, with a fur collar and cuffs, and a black velvet picture hat. After a short visit here Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard will make an extended trip before going to their future home in Leda, Va.

Lieut. Ezra Allen, U. S. N., who was stationed in Washington for several years, will be best man at the marriage of Miss Marion P. Burr, daughter of Mr. Charles S. Burr, of Brooklyn, to Lieut. Alfred Watkins, U. S. N., which will be solemnized October 4, in Brooklyn.

Lieut. Leish Noyes, of the U. S. S. Wyoming, also a former Washingtonian, will be one of the ushers. The list of ushers also includes Mr. Charles P. Burr, brother of the bride, Mr. Harold B. Watkins, brother of the bridegroom, and Lieut. Francis Cogswell, U. S. N., of the

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