

SOCIETY LAST WEEK WAS LIKE A THREE-RINGED CIRCUS

Debutantes, Diplomats and Charities Hold Attention of Society

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TRULY a three-ring circus was last week, with the debutantes, the diplomats in another and the smart charitable functions in the third.

The first bid to be formally presented to society was Miss Elinor Wheeler, who made her bow Monday at a reception given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Wheeler.

I think this season's group of buds are unusually attractive and look like debutantes, which is really unusual these days.

And in their dining room are dozens of wonderful Japanese prints—I guess they are prints; I'm not an authority on such subjects—but he has a splendid collection of beautiful Japanese pictures all framed alike.

DEBUT NEXT WEDNESDAY FOR MISS GELM. Don't you know, I got my dates all mixed about these debutantes and told you last week that Marjorie Gelm, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. G. E. Gelm, would be presented last Monday.

MANY VISITORS AT BRITISH EMBASSY. There certainly has been a steady stream of visitors of note at the British Embassy, while many other prominent Britishers have come to town, staying at one of the hotels.

Football attendance from here large. Half—at least half—of Washington society is out of town right now having gone to New York to attend the Army-Navy football game.

Both Secretaries also entertained box parties Monday evening at the premier performance of "Honor's Eve" at the Shubert-Garrick Theater.

It was black. My attention was attracted, too, at the Navy Relief ball Thursday evening to the fact that so many of the debutantes and young girls were wearing black evening gowns.

EMBASSY BALL TOPIC OF MANY GATHERINGS.

At last Sunday's teas—in fact, at most of the parties of the week or whenever two or more gathered together—has been the subject of enthusiastic accounts of the ball given at the British Embassy about ten days ago now.

But the thing which seemed to impress everyone that I've talked to was the air of ceremony that somehow or other prevailed. It was rather indefinable something that yet was very evident.

Tuesday evening was a busy one, with the dinner at the British embassy and one given by Capt. and Mrs. C. C. Callahan in compliment to the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bainbridge Colby.

Ball Starts Season Gaily. Big Dance at British Embassy Earliest in Social History.

Never before in the bright social history of the Capital has there been a great embassy ball before midseason, and there has long before midseason, but before December, a month scarcely considered part of the season.

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than were worn in "Honor's Eve" they were all knee-length. The gowns in fact were very thick, long and good-looking.

ME. SHIDEHARA, wife of Kijuro Shidehara, the Ambassador of Japan in Washington, and the mother of two sons, who are with them in this country.

ambassador gave up the post of vice minister of foreign affairs to come here. Most of his fifty-seven years of life have been spent in gaining diplomatic experience and he has held many important positions.

public care for those things; they would rather dance themselves than stand around and watch some stunts and wait for some who are "being pulled off."

Lady Geddes, who was at the first ball, looked too young and pretty for words, and danced practically every dance after she managed to escape from the receiving line.

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truly popular young person—also however, it was centered around two noted visitors, particularly the first; Vice Admiral Sir William Pakenham, commander-in-chief of the British North Atlantic and West India station.

Both balls were largely attended. There were quite a few people at both balls I haven't seen for some time.

Wednesday evening holding a little reception of their own were Mrs. and Mrs. Louis Sussdorf, Jr., who had only recently returned from the day or the one before from Switzerland.

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MISS WHITING MUCH ENTERTAINED IN PARIS. Frances Whiting, the beautiful young daughter of Maj. and Mrs. E. W. Whiting, who is now in Paris, was entertained frequently by the Duchess de Talleyrand.

SEASON OPENED FOR HUNT CLUB. Thanksgiving Day saw the first meet of the new Washington and Maryland hunt club.

That, of course, isn't the real name of the club. They haven't named it as yet, but as the organizers are principally from the District and Maryland, the name comes as "near describing it as anything would."



Boni Creates Paris Styles Former Gould Son-in-Law Designs Pretty Costumes.

Count Boni de Castellane was reintroduced to New York society in a new light Tuesday night—not in person, it should be made clear, but through several art proxies.

A woman who will give a dinner before Tuesday night's costume ball illustrative of Venice during its most brilliant period of the Doges.