

RECORD-BREAKING WEEK, SOCIALLY, IN SPITE OF THE WEATHER MAN

Rain Causes Postponement of Several Elaborate Functions Out-of-Doors

By EVELYN C. HUNT. The unobscuring weather man, who put his worst or rather his wettest foot foremost last week, has much to answer for, for he upset many plans. As May is usually the most delightful month in Washington, practically every party, entertainment, and everything of the sort is planned for out-of-doors, but "the best-laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley." They surely were upset last week—and it was Horse Show week at that! The city was filled with prominent residents of other cities, who came to the very stately reception given by the envoys of the republics of America for President and Mrs. Harding and to the horse show, and they were all more or less entertained and did some entertaining themselves.

"Altogether, last week was a record breaker socially. The circus was here last Monday and Tuesday and another circus is due tomorrow and, between times, society was a three-ringed circus, furnishing many forms of amusement. In spite of the weather man, although if he had been kinder society would have remembered the last seven days for a long time to come as the greatest ever. The first two days of the week were pleasant and several all fresco events were carried through successfully, but after that—well, I never saw so much rain. Monday, the May fete and symphony given for the benefit of the Neighborhood House at the Charles J. Bell suburban home, "Twin Oaks," in Woodley Lane, an annual smart affair, was a great success and lots of fun. Some time during the afternoon everybody who is anybody—almost—motored out there, either for bridge or tea or to dance or do several of the many things one could do on that occasion.

West Favors Gay Attire Atlantic City Visitors Wear Evening Clothes of Many Colors.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 14.—Westerners have always been dubbed "trill blazers," for if they were not trill blazers they would not be Westerners. They have earned their right to the title in many ways, but no one they have met here has questioned their right to it. Four gentlemen, from beyond the Mississippi, are evidently weary of funeral black for their evening wear, believing that at the dinner, the dance or the opera, the lady who is not attired as in the days of yore. These four, with their wives, whom they completely outshone—and the ladies were very attractive too—were in the beautiful Venetian room of the Ambassador, this city, during the fashionable semi-weekly dinner dance, and immediately all eyes were glued upon them, with vest to match; another wore Alice blue, with an Alice blue satin vest; the third, a green suit, with white satin vest, and the fourth, a purple suit with a white silk vest. They appeared quite unconscious of the attention they attracted, and seemed quite at ease. The respective wives were thoughtful enough to choose gowns with various colors of good lines for the new administration. The pond was outlined with lights which were reflected in its waters and at each end of the terrace a cedar tree was wonderfully illuminated with various lights, which were also strung across the terrace and among the shrubbery. Inside the building was a veritable garden, the doorways and pillars all being covered with lattices of laurel, hollyhock, and other flowers, and a berry foliage brought up from Alabama especially for the occasion, and roses. Cedar trees hid every nook and corner, and hundreds of many colors, roses and various Southern vines, were banked in every available place upstairs and down. Even on top of the big front door was a huge basket of American Beauty roses. On each side of the main entrance were tall vases of immense proportions, filled with American Beauties. The galleries, extending along the Hall of the Americas and terminating in the pair of wide marble stairways, was a bow of flowers, while from the ceiling were suspended the flags of all of the nations belonging to the

SOCIETY GIRL SUCCEEDS ON STAGE



MISS GEORGIA CAMPBELL, a charming Washington society girl of great beauty and talent, who went on the stage some time ago and is making a marked success, and who is playing at B. F. Keith's Theater this very week. She is the daughter of Mrs. M. E. Miller.

Pan American Union, giving the gallery the name of the Hall of the Americas. A hedge of tall Easter lilies formed a background there for the diplomats and the ladies of their families, who gathered there within the confines of a wicker fence to await the coming of the President and Mrs. Harding. The south end of the Hall of the Americas was roped off and there were arranged chairs for the high officials like the members of the Cabinet, the Supreme Court judges, Gen. Pershing, the Under and Assistant Secretaries of State, the President's secretary and other such privileged characters and their ladies of course, in arranging that group, I understand that there was some difficulty in deciding which held precedence over the other, the Secretary of State or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. I think it was finally settled in favor of the Secretary of State. There has long been debated the question as to which should have the precedent, the Cabinet or the Supreme Court. I don't know that it has ever been absolutely settled to the entire satisfaction of everyone. Some think because the Supreme Court judgeships are life positions they should precede the Cabinet; others that they should precede all of the Cabinet except the Secretary of State, as he is in the line for the Presidency. Some think the Senate, even, should not be preceded by the Supreme Court members as the Senate has to confirm their appointments to their judgeships, but nevertheless it is generally conceded that Senators are preceded by the Supreme Court. Just in front of this group of people were three grand chairs with the coat of arms of the United States upon them. Two were for President and Mrs. Harding and the other for the Vice President—Mrs. Coolidge is with her sons in Massachusetts. Back of these chairs stood two Marines in their colorful uniforms, one holding a large United States flag and the other the President's flag, which added greatly to the decorative effect of that corner. Back of the grand chairs was a huge lattice work climbing the wall covered with

clambered vines and pink roses. Latin-Americans always do everything so beautifully and completely. Not a tiny detail was overlooked and decorators and caterers were brought down from New York to work with Washington artists in similar lines. The supper served was most elaborate and delicious. I can assure you. The President and all of the guests within the roped-off corner supped in the governing board room, where a long table fairly groaned beneath delicacies and cluster after cluster of American Beauty roses. That table was beautiful, the roses alternating with red candelabra. The other guests had supper in the map room, where the buffet tables were adorned with roses and snap dragons. The evening was more formal, pomp and ceremony on the affair than any ever given in Washington, perhaps. It closely resembled a European court function. As one diplomat said to me at the party when I was remarking on the beauty of the function, "Of course we had everything lovely for we are entertaining for the most important person in all the land, the President. No one is so important." Which is true, of course! This was the second party of the sort, the Latin American diplomats, have given, the first being in honor of President Wilson shortly after his marriage to Edith Bolling Galt, and it was equally as wonderful, though a somewhat smaller function than that of Wednesday evening. I have been told that the wonderful way these envoys of the republics south of us have entertained for our Chief Executive has caused quite a stir abroad and made the European diplomats feel they will have to look to their laurels perhaps. There was so much pomp and ceremony that the hosts had to have instructions written out for them and blue prints made. I really don't know quite how they did manage it all without a hitch without rehearsing it like one does an elaborate wedding. But there wasn't a hitch. A group of diplomats greeted the President and

City Filled With Prominent Visitors Here for Envoys' Reception and Horse Show

what to do upon entering the building and after they were inside. NO REGRETS RECEIVED TO MANY INVITATIONS. I DON'T believe there was a single declination received out of the several thousand invitations issued. Think of that! People came from other cities, and I have said, for the occasion, and even many who had steamer reservations arranged cancelled them so as to be present. The entire Senate was invited, and the chairman of the committee on the floor, Upton discovered that all of the chairmen are Republicans, the committee in charge—Ambassador Peset, Minister Cespedes and Charge d'Affaires Lefevre—then asked the ranking Democrats on the committee. There are sixty-four committees in the House, I believe. Of course the committees in charge of the party would have liked to have invited all of Congress, but you know, even the big Hall of the Americas has its limitations. If the evening had been pleasant so that the gardens could have been used, a few more requests for cards might have been granted at the last moment. Or if there had been many regrets sent in some more cards might have been issued later—but there were no regrets. I do think that patio in the center of the entrance hall of the Pan American Building is lovely, with its growing palm trees and scrubby and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney's fountain, a real work of art, and the artistically inlaid tiled floor. A number of new plants have recently been planted there, chosen because of their profuse and colorful flowers, to add more of a touch of color to the patio. There are only two macaws inhabiting the patio now. I thought they were parakeets, but they aren't. There used to be four. One was very noisy, seemed to be the ring leader, and annoyed many of the people working in the building. He was killed the other day, dead, with his neck broken. Murder is suspected, but the case has not been probed. The survivors have been subdued ever since, and peace reigns in the patio. They are lovely, though, on their high perches among the palms, with their bright plumage. Several squirrel cages were recently placed outside of the building to entice the squirrels to play about the place. All were soon occupied but one. Squirrel families would move in, and then move out again. Finally it was discovered that the exposure did not suit their highnesses; they insisted upon southern exposure, so the little home has turned around and now is not wanted for an occupant ever since. A squirrel family resides there very happily now.

MRS. HARDING ANNOUNCES THREE GARDEN PARTIES. DID you see pretty Mrs. Godoy at the reception? She looked as though she had stepped out of an old-fashioned picture, with her pretty black hair in little curls on her neck, and her black moire taffeta with a long, full, stiff skirt suggestive of hoops and bustle. Mrs. Madeleine Giddings had on a handsome Premet model of rose, exquisitely embroidered in gold beads. Mrs. Lee Leach, who looked very handsome, too, in a black sequin gown adorned with rhinestones. But if I once started on the subject of the good-looking women I times I saw there, I will never stop. The much-expressed hopes of Washington society that there would be garden parties at the White House this spring have not been in vain. Mrs. Harding announced last week that she will entertain at three such functions, next Wednesday afternoon and on the following Friday and Saturday, from 1 from 5 until 7. Several hundred guests will be entertained on each occasion and the company will be made up of diplomatic, official and social friends in appropriate proportion. An orchestra from the Marine Band will play on the south lawn and refreshments will be served from under a marquee. I don't believe that any sort of a social function in Washington enjoys more than a garden party at the White House.

Plan Unique Card Party Salvation Army Benefit Tomorrow Will Last All Day. What promises to be the largest and most interesting card party ever given in Washington will be staged at Wardman Park Hotel tomorrow for the benefit of the Salvation Army budget. at sundown and continue through the day, ending at sunset. Tables will be placed in the ballroom, sun parlor, and promenade, the use of these rooms having been donated by the hotel. The entertainment will terminate in a tea dance between 4:30 and 6:30 o'clock with the hotel orchestra furnishing music. More than 10,000 invitations have been issued, with indications that the number of reservations will greatly increase. The party is being given under the patronage of Mrs. Thomas Wardman, Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover, jr.; Mrs. John Allen Dougherty, Mrs. Lars Anderson, Mrs. Carey Brown, Mrs. Simon Wolf and Mrs. Alexander Sharp. The day will begin with a large number of breakfast parties, reservations for which already have been made by the following hostesses: Mrs. J. W. Barrett, Mrs. Rudolph Mason, Mrs. Archie Engel, Mrs. A. W. Parker, Mrs. E. C. Rogers, Mrs. Dina McCready, Mrs. A. E. O'Connell, Mrs. George Kahoe, Mrs. Harry Jones, Mrs. Williams Collins, Mrs. Frank Warhart and Mrs. J. B. Corbett. There will be prizes for each table and candy, cards, doughnuts and souvenirs will be offered for sale. Tickets are being sold at \$1 each and may be procured at the desk under the name of the hostess. The tickets will entitle holders to play cards at any time between sunrise and sunset and will admit them to the tea dance in the promenade between 4 o'clock and 6 o'clock. The committee in charge is composed of the following: Mrs. T. W. Barrett, chairman; Mrs. Rudolph Mason, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. Roe Fulkerson, Mrs. Archie Engel, Mrs. A. W. Parker, Mrs. E. C. Rogers, Mrs. Dina McCready, Mrs. A. E. O'Connell, Mrs. George Kahoe, Mrs. Harry Jones, Mrs. Williams Collins, Mrs. Frank Warhart and Mrs. J. B. Corbett. The Salvation Army budget is also being aided by a group of army women and Junior League girls at the Horse Show. A tea room has been screened off in one end of the grandstand with cedar trees and there the monotony of waits between program events may be broken by a cup of tea and a sandwich. The tea room is being directed by Mrs. H. C. Clark, aided by Mrs. T. O. Murphy, Mrs. Louis Shearer, Mrs. O. Murphy, Mrs. Marcia Chapman, Mrs. King, Miss Marie Denny, Miss Amelia Dutton, Mrs. Van Rensselaer Campbell and Miss Carolyn Nash.

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