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KNICKERBOCKER TRAGEDY CASTS DEEP SHADOW OVER SOCIETY

Many Functions Postponed Because of Catastrophe

Ohio Society Reception to President and Congressional Club Affair for Coolidges Are Called Off.

By EVELYN C. HUNT. Man proposes and God disposes! The weather man certainly disposed of many of the Washington society last week! He upset everything and everybody by paralyzing transportation so that people could scarcely travel, and then as a result of the Knickerbocker Theater collapsed, killing many and injuring even more. This disaster threw the city into mourning with the result that party after party that had been planned for last week was called off and the few that were carried through were much smaller than originally planned, as many guests dropped out for various reasons. Even when you could get about, it was dangerous with the slippery streets and deep snows. And when you started some place you could not be sure you would reach your destination; so many were timid about even trying. You see we are not accustomed to two and more feet of snow in Washington and it is rather upsetting, don't you know? The Congressional Club had made elaborate plans for a reception for Monday evening in compliance to the Vice President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, which was to have been a very elaborate affair on the same lines as the reception given about a fortnight before for the President and Mrs. Harding. The club called off because of the Knickerbocker Theater disaster. Few felt in any mood for parties, as they could not get the horror of it out of their minds, and many in Washington had friends killed or hurt, and then several people more or less official were killed or injured. Washington won't recover from the shock of that for many a day! POSTPONED RECEPTION TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE. Even hostesses who had not directly suffered felt they had "no heart" for entertaining. The reception which the Ohio Society had planned to give Monday in honor of the President and Mrs. Harding, was postponed, and Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty postponed the dinner which he had planned in honor of the President and Mrs. Harding for last Wednesday evening. The ladies of the Cabinet who were to have received on Wednesday afternoon did not observe the day as they had planned. The Minister of Norway and Mme. Bryn, who had guests invited for dinner both Monday and Tuesday evenings, called off both parties. Invitations to the musicale, which was to have been given by Mrs. Sinclair Bowen next Wednesday, have been withdrawn, the entire weekly program of the League of American Penwomen was cancelled, and various societies and organizations postponed scheduled functions, as a mark of sympathy for the victims of the theater disaster. Then Tuesday the vaudeville and dance which a group of bachelor members of the diplomatic corps had planned to give at the Montgomery Country Club had to be postponed because the roads leading there were impassable. It will be given next Wednesday at the New Willard. One couldn't get around town, much less out into the country! The country clubs were all deserted for some days, and all parties planned to be given at the various clubs had to be cancelled. SPOTLIGHT TURNING TO THE WHITE HOUSE. As the arms conference peters out, the spotlight is focused more and more on the White House, where "there is something doing" to use a small boy's expression—every week nowadays, and sometimes two or three times a week. Last Thursday gave a dinner, one of the series of state functions, in compliance to the Chief Justice of the United States and Mrs. William Howard Taft and all of the judicial dignitaries. That was followed by a week of the reception which they gave in compliance to the same distinguished group. Though President and Mrs. Harding set the excellent example of social entertainments for the week in honor of the memory of the disaster victims by having the Ohio Society banquet and the Attorney General's dinner postponed, they could not put off this State dinner as it would have upset their whole program of official entertainments and caused much confusion. The conference we still have with us, though not as in its glacial young days of November last. A few of the leaders are "sticking," until adjournment, no matter how long it keeps them. Balfour, for one, has engaged passages on almost every steamer sailing for England for a month now, but continues to cancel them. And Balfour and Lord Lee, of Fareham; Albert Sarraut, minister of colonies for France, and Schaner, president of the 14th Senate; Admiral Kato, and Hanhara, Jonkheer von Birkland, Sir Robert Borden and a half dozen others remain delightful additions to society, hospitable themselves and perfectly good excuses, individually and collectively, for hospitalities on the part of others. CONVENTION TO BRING NOTED LAWYERS HERE. Other "perfectly good excuses" for parties are the former Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Edwin T. Meredith; they are being feasted morning, noon and night. Mr. Meredith came on to attend the farm conference and is now lingering on to close up one or two other matters. They will be with us until about the 15th. Mrs. Cordenio Severance, of St. Paul, wife of the President of the American Bar Association, with many close friends here, who has been at the Shoreline for a fortnight, has had a lot of parties given for her, too. She slipped away for a while, but promised to return, and with her husband, got here in time for the White House dinner Thursday. A number of prominent lawyers were invited to both the judicial dinner and the judicial reception at the White House. By the way, the convening of the American Bar Association in this city the week of February 19, will bring many distinguished barristers to Washington, and there are to be a number of interesting dinner parties that week in connection with the convention. Judge and Mrs. Clarence Goodwin, of Chicago, who stayed at Wardman Park Hotel for a few days about a fortnight ago, are coming back shortly when C. G. Ramey left Wednesday for Baltimore, where he will spend several days visiting friends. Dr. William J. Smith has been ill for the past week. Elder A. Lewis Hudson returned Monday from Atlanta. He after having spent the past month with friends there. Mrs. Thomas D. Parker, wife of Commander Parker, known as Mme. Rose Florence in musical circles, has recently returned from abroad. Mrs. Parker left yesterday for New York, where she will give a recital at Aeolian Hall on February 21. Mrs. Hugo W. Osterhaus, wife of Capt. Osterhaus, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Downing, at their home in Washington since her return from the West Coast, has left for Charleston, S. C., where Capt. Osterhaus has been ordered for duty. Among the large colony of army and navy people at St. Augustine, Fla., this winter are Rear Admiral George F. Winslow and Mrs. Winslow, of New Bedford, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Earle Fedderman, of Centerville, Md., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Earle, to Ensign John H. Morton, U. S. Navy, which will take place in the early summer. Announcement is made of the engagement of Ensign Virgil Eben Korns, attached to the U. S. Pacific, of the Pacific fleet, and Miss Elizabeth Callaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Callaway, of San Diego, Cal. Maj. Gen. George Barnett, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Barnett sailed from San Francisco on January 19 for Honolulu. Mrs. Thom Williamson and Miss Anne Williamson, widow and daughter of Chief Engineer Williamson, U. S. N., are spending the winter at Carvel Hall, Annapolis. Mrs. Beaumont, mother of Col. John C. Beaumont, U. S. M. C., is making an extended visit with her daughter in Philadelphia. Mrs. Frank Grandy, of Baltimore, is the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Comdr. William F. Halsey and Mrs. Halsey at their home on Twentieth street. Lieut. Comdr. Albert H. Rooks, and Miss Edith Redfield, daughter of Mr. William N. Redfield, were married in Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash., January 11, by the Rev. William H. Bliss. The bride's attendants were her fiancé's sister, Miss Bernadine Rooks, and Miss Elma Collins, for bridesmaids. Comdr. F. Green, was best man, and the ushers were Lieut. F. S. Gilman and Ensigns H. P. Schubert, V. F. Rathbun, W. J. Garner, F. B. Kauffman and E. J. McMenemy, all from the U. S. S. Texas, to which Lieut. Comdr. Rooks was attached before he was transferred to San Francisco as aid to Rear Admiral Halstead, commandant of the Twelfth naval district. Mrs. Rooks is a sister of Mrs. Otosen, wife of Maj. P. H. Otosen, U. S. A. Lieut. Comdr. Rooks was graduated from Annapolis with the class of 1914, and served both in the Philippines and at Vladivostok. Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Rooks will be at home after February 1 at the Hotel Bellevue, San Francisco, Cal. New Date for Card Party. The card party, which the Wendell Wolfe Chapter, N. S. D. A. R., was to have given January 31, was postponed to still just as the theater disaster and the weather. The new date is February 21 at the College Women's Club. The proceeds are to be used in the education of a mountain girl at the Methodist T. Scott Jr. School, Phelps, Ky.



Mrs. Emerson Howe, of New York, and her charming young daughter, Miss Elizabeth Howe, who spend the great part of each winter in Washington, and who entertain and are entertained extensively.

Activities in Navy Circles

Several Engagements of Society Interest Are Announced.

WARM WELCOME GIVEN EDWARD T. MELLONS. Mrs. W. W. Mellon, who has been visiting the Secretary of the Treasury, have been honor guests at a series of parties—more good excuses, you see! Another stranger who has been visiting here is Mrs. John Sherman Williams. Before her marriage in Spain last July she was Countess, Rostia de Texada and granddaughter of Baron de Texada, all names prominently identified with the history of Spain. When he met and married his little bride, Mr. McCallum was in the United States, and she came here for her wedding took place in Bilbao, Mr. and Mrs. McCallum are now visiting his mother, Mrs. Sherman Josephus Daniels, wife of the former Secretary of the Navy, and her mother, Mrs. David Worth Bagley, who are visiting Mrs. William H. Bagley, have been much entertained by their daughter, Mrs. Bagley, who they had luncheon Tuesday with the British Ambassador and Lady Geddes, and Monday Mrs. Bagley gave a bridge party at the Washington Club for her guests, and so it was until they left the middle of the week for New York. The Cabinet circle of the last administration was extremely popular and as members of it return to the Capital they are all given a truly warm welcome. Already Mrs. Newton D. Baker, Mrs. Meredith and now Mrs. Daniels with us. Mrs. Lansing we have with us all the time. I'm not sure if I have mentioned it or not.

WILL DIRECT OPERA BALLET

Paul Tschernikoff Plans To Teach Dancing in Washington.

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COLONEL MENEFFEE IN SPERRYVILLE

SPERRYVILLE, Va., Feb. 4.—Col. Carroll Meneffee returned Thursday from University Hospital, Charlottesville, where he had been taking treatment for several weeks. E. W. Sylvester, of Massachusetts, who has come to direct the ballet in the performance of "Samson and Delilah," which the Washington Opera Company is giving at the National Theater Friday afternoon, February 24. Tschernikoff is young and awfully good looking, and the most graceful man I ever saw. Everybody will want to see the performance just to see him dance. He is to be the premier danseur as well as director of the ballet. The best news is that he has come to Washington to stay. He is going to have the ballet development in Washington. School which is now a part of the opera plans. I believe he will have private pupils, too, which is again good news to the host of people interested in dancing here. He has left the traveling company because he is so interested in the possibilities of the development of resident companies, and he is most enthusiastic about the future development in Washington. Tschernikoff was Pavlova's dancing partner for a time and is a pupil of Adolf Bohm. I also met Albert Shefferman, the young baritone whom Mr. Albion is recently introducing here. He, too, is Russian, by the way, at least his parents were. I believe he was born here. He certainly has the most marvellously beautiful voice. It was he who sang at the Congressional Club last Friday when Gen. Pershing was the guest of honor. That, by the way, was a most interesting afternoon. The place was simply packed. You know how enthusiastic every one is about Gen. Pershing and I have never seen him more delighted than he was in his inspiring talk. He seemed absolutely delighted with the two young singers as well as with Miss Eliza Wiley, from North Carolina, who accompanied them. "It is our purpose," she said, "to establish a system of opera based on American ideals." We would spend the last drop of our blood to defend our political and economic freedom, but artistically we are content to be a conquered nation. I had never thought of it in just that way before, but I am afraid it is the truth. I think we should know more about these things and I am sure we will. Something of that thought was what Gen. Pershing brought out in his speech. Shefferman was an overseas man, and I watched his face when he was presented to Gen. Pershing. I wasn't near enough to hear what they were saying, but I hope the general was promising to hear him when he makes his debut in one of the small roles in "Samson and Delilah."

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Will Honor Mrs. Davis Swells Staff

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This is to be a busy week at the College Women's Club, 1522 I street northwest. Tomorrow afternoon at the weekly tea Mrs. Mary Wright Davis is to be the guest of honor and will speak on "A Southern Poet's View of Lincoln." Mrs. Frederick W. Ashley will be the hostess and will receive with Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Manly. The monthly open forum Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock will be on the subject of "Reclassification." Dr. J. Franklin Meyer, of the bureau of standards, will speak on "Reclassification in the Civil Service." Miss Clara D. Noyes, director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, will speak on "Reclassification as it Affects the Nurses in the Civil Service," and Miss M. Gertrude Young will speak on "Reclassification and the Teaching of Nurses." Miss Sarah Beall is in charge of this meeting. Men as well as women who are interested in the subject are invited to attend. Saturday afternoon, February 11, at 2:15, and again at 8:15, there will be card parties. Both bridge and five hundred will be played. There will be prizes for every table. The parties are for the benefit of the club budget, and friends of the club are invited to make up tables. Tickets may be had at the clubhouse. The College Club Unit of the Red Cross meets every Wednesday at the clubhouse. Luncheon is served to those desiring it. The Red Cross has much work to be done, both for the civilian relief, and for the destitute children, and all who can spare the time are urged to come to the clubhouse and help with the work.

Incorporates In Warrenton

Expansion Made to Care For Both Branches of University.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE DANCERS CELEBRATE AT "KID PARTY"

Flowing Locks, Ribbons and Short Skirts Mingle With Knee Trousers.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 4.—An enjoyable event of the week was the "Kid Party," held Friday evening in Carter's Hall. The principal requirement for attendance was that all who came should appear dressed as girls and boys, so the young women wore short skirts with flowing locks and hair ribbons, while the young men wore knickerbockers or knee-trousers, Buster Brown collars and Windsor ties. Music was furnished by a volunteer orchestra from the university. By a margin of one vote, Miss Lois Wilson was declared to be the best representation of a little girl, with Miss Lila Hill and Miss Constance Martin close competitors. Mrs. McLane Tilton, Mrs. Louis Hancock, Mrs. Talbot and Mrs. Tishworth entertained at the New Gleason Hotel Tuesday evening. The Mrs. D. P. Wood, Mrs. M. C. Groome and Mrs. E. M. Spilman. Mrs. H. Smith, of Broad Run, left Wednesday for Philadelphia to attend the funeral of his son-in-law, Col. Edward B. Cassatt, who died suddenly January 21 at his home at Herwyn, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Healy, of Washington, arrived this week at "Shadow Lawn," where they have taken an apartment. Mr. and Mrs. Leo O'Brien, of Richmond, are the guests of Mr. O'Brien's mother on Lee street. Miss Elizabeth Hutton entertained at a card party Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. John Page. Mrs. Isham Keith was hostess to the Wednesday Reading Club at "Shadow Lawn" this week. Mrs. William M. Gaines and children left Tuesday to spend the rest of the winter with her mother, Mrs. Wrigley, in Savannah, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cooper have bought the home of M. C. Pilon on Lee's Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Pilon are now living in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. R. Charrington have purchased the bungalow on the Springs road now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cooper. Since selling their farm a few months ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charrington have been guests at the Warren Green. Mrs. Frederick Solger returned home Saturday after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Finley at "Sunny Hill Farm" for support of a community nurse. The association will co-operate with the Red Cross in paying the expenses of the nurse now working here. Mrs. Taylor Scott was chosen president; Mrs. W. C. Marshall, vice-president; Mrs. Lew Wood, secretary-treasurer. Directors in addition to the officers are Lucien Keith.

cast of the Ethel show, "The Justice of 1922," to be given at the Jefferson Theater early next week. Those present were Mrs. Josephine Ford, Mrs. Claude King, Mrs. Aubrey Allene, Mrs. Robert Allene, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Carl Whitlock, Miss Suzanne Hancock, the Misses Ewing, Miss Gladys Hamm, the Misses Stout, Miss Myers, Miss Ruth Cooke, Miss McClung, Miss Janet Whitlock, Miss Elizabeth Harbour, Miss Mary Hull, Miss Mary Wheeler and the Misses Driscoll. Mrs. White Howard has returned to her home at the university, after a stay of several weeks in New York. Mrs. Henry Matthews of Lewisburg, W. Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stranahan, of Toledo, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nolting, at the university. H. L. Fonda left this week for Florida to spend several weeks. Mrs. Hugh T. Nelson, Jr., and two sons are on a visit to Mr. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rankin, in Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood returned from New York today. Rev. Bernard P. Smith and family, who have been on a visit to Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. E. A. Perry, left yesterday for Peabody, before going to their new home in Memphis, Tenn. Miss Page Andrews, of Shepherdsboro, W. Va., is visiting Miss Esten DuVal, at "Oakhurst." Miss Mary Duke, daughter of Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr., is visiting Mrs. George L. Barton, in Lexington. Miss Virginia Blue is visiting in Richmond.

VALENTINE BALANCE PLANS ARRANGED

Mrs. William M. Connor is chairman of the patronesses' committee for the Valentine ball for the benefit of the wounded men of the world, to be given at the Marine Barracks Saturday, February 18, by the Flanders Field Unit of the American Women's Legion. Miss Rebecca Dial is chairman of the young men's committee, Mrs. Frederick Melvin Brown chairman of refreshments, Mrs. Harry B. Gauss chairman and Miss Virginia Price vice chairman of the young ladies' committee. Mrs. C. J. Viola Fellows chairman of the ball and Maj. J. A. Smith, U. S. A., chairman of the floor committee. Music will be provided by an orchestra selected from the Marine Band.

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