SOCIAL NEWS OF WASHINGTON---EVENTS AT THE WINTER RESORTS

Debutante Parties Enliven Christmas Week in Capital

Princess Bertha Cantacuzene-Speranskey and Miss Evelyn Wadsworth Among Those Making Debut at Dances—White House Reception To-morrow.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.

WASHINGTON debutantes are devoutly thankful to Santa Claus. He has given to them the first chance at the limelight that has come their way. In fact, he has turned it almost full on them this whole Christmas week, and crammed into it for them some of the many parties that they always have felt were their just due between Thanksgiving and Christmas, but which have been crowded out of the social calendar by official entertaining of the most formal sort for the many distinguished foreigners who have come here either as part of the big conference or in their train, actuated by a human desire for a front seat at one of the thrillingly dramatic episodes of the world's history. At last the buds have come into their own. Most of the parties of the week, with a few notable exceptions, have been for them and for their understudies, the boys and girls who are at home from school and college for the holidays.

They have crowded the ball for the Children's Country Home, always one of the smartest of the winter's charity balls and always held on Christmas night, completely off the map until next Monday, when it will be, as it usually is, the big event in society. Strictly, of course, it was not the debutantes who crowded it off on Christmas night, but the fact that Christmas night was Sunday night—and the American public as a whole does not take kindly to the idea of dances on Sunday.

Many of the diplomats might have been found at midnight mass Christmas morning, and after it was over many of them had delightful informal little parties of one sort or another. The Peruvian Ambassador, for instance, served a Peruvian supper, which he prepared himself, to members of the embassy staff and a few close friends after mass on Sunday morning, along about 2 o'clock.

Parties for Debutantes.

But a charity ball on Sunday, if any one were unwise enough to attempt to stage one, would assuredly fall flatter than the proverbial pancake. And when the group of matrons who usually carry the Children's Country Home ball through to a brilliant finish thought they would have it on Monday—the day to be celebrated as Christmas in all the secular phases of the feast—they found that they would have one of the biggest and smartest of the debutante balls "to play against," a dance for Princess Bertha Cantacuzene-Speransky. So they put off their party for a week and are to have a clear field next Monday night.

Other parties for debutantes this week were Senator and Mrs. Wadsworth's ball to-night for their only daughter, Miss Evelyn Wadsworth; Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Mann's dance for their daughter, Miss Alice Mann, at Rauscher's on Tuesday; Mrs. Charles M. Ffoulke's for her granddaughter, Miss Gladys Chapman Smith, on Wednesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bell's for their niece, Miss Gertrude Grosvenor, on Thursday. While these were the big events of their respective evenings they were by no means the only ones. Each night had half a dozen smaller parties for the debs and the sub-debs, and each of these was preceded by innumerable dinners for the young persons who would later go to the dances.

But having admitted that the week really belonged to the recruities into the ranks of society, let's admit that the elders did a few things worth chronicling before going into all the thrilling details of the parties given for and by the buds of this season and next. And I suppose I'd better go back to last Sunday—Christmas day—and begin with the President and first lady and their official family.

So far as the White House is concerned it was as quiet a Christmas as has often been passed in the historic old mansion—this first Christmas of President and Mrs. Harding there. There was not even the beginning of a Christmas house party, and there were few callers, although some of their real intimates dropped in to wish the Hardings a Merry Christmas. It doesn's seem to have been a particularly "merry" one—"restful" would be more nearly the right word. The President and Mrs. Harding went to church in the morning, Calvary Baptist—their own church—and apparently enjoyed the service and the special program of Christmas music; but they spent the rest of the day quietly within the White House, having a late dinner and no guests.

There was no tree at the White House this year, since there were no children to enjoy it. Not since McKinley's time has the White House been so entirely without children and young people—a lack of which is more noticeable at Christmas than at any other time. The Roosevelts, of course, brought a large family of assorted ages, and Christmas trees and childrens' Christmas parties were very much part of the holiday season with them and with the Tafts. Probably the Christmas tree that the attendants at the White House like best to reminisce about is the one Charley Taft—now himself a serious pater familiae—got for himself, trimmed for himself and invited his own selection of friends to.

During the eight years that Woodrow Wilson was President he spent three Christmases away from Washington, was in mourning for his first wife on one and ill on two (a curious record as one thinks back—the first Christmas at Pass Christian, White House deserted; the second in Washington, but in mourning, Mrs. Wilson had died the preceding August; the next at Virginia Hot Springs, on his wedding trip; the next in Washington—but the world at war; the next also in Washington, with the United States also in the war; the next in Paris, hailed and feted as the saviour of Europe, and then for two years at the White House, to be sure, but wrecked in health), but there were nearly always children or young people to make Christmas merry in the old mansion—greatnieces and nephews at first, then grandchildren, and even in the last two years, when President Wilson was ill, Mrs. Wilson's two young motherless nieces brought something of the holiday spirit of youth to the house.

Mrs. Harding's Christmas.

As to the President and Mrs. Harding's personal interchange of gifts one has not heard one word. They personally distributed their Christmas remembrances to members of the White House staff, most of them in white tissue wrapped boxes, tied with gay red ribbons and stuck all over with Christmas—and Red Cross—seals, even as yours and mine. And Walter Reed and the other hospitals near Washington where "service" men are cared for were full of the fragrance of Christmas flowers from the White House conservatories, and of Christmas thoughtfulness from the mistress of the White House.

But about the most truly "Christmassy" celebation that fell to Mrs. Harding's lot was when she appeared on board the Mayflower while the ship's crew was having a Christmas party for fifty-five children, and visited with them as well as with officers and men. The crew had prepared a Christmas tree for a number of youngsters living near the Navy Yard. There were to be gifts for the children and a Christmas feast. Mrs. Harding was not invited, but she got wind of what was going on and "just blew in on a favoring gale," greatly to the delight of the kiddies and their hosts. There was a personally conducted tour of the ship, and games on the deck, as well as a wonderfgul dinner, turkey and trimmings and ever'thing. My! but they had a good time, and had something to tell the other children about—and crow over them—for the next six months!

You probably noticed that the President and Mrs. Harding had planned to get down to Pinehurst for a few days' rest this past week. They were to have started Tuesday or Wednesday, and made up a congenial little party with whom they would forget the cares of state for a few days, returning Sunday evening, all rested and refreshed and ready for the strenuous days ahead, beginning with the White House New Year's reception on Monday. But they gave it up, partly because when it had been announced broadcast that they were going the chances of anything like a quiet, restful time seemed pretty slim; and partly because of pressure of public business.

The Washington Branch of the English Speaking Union's luncheon in honor of the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour and other distinguished men was a most interesting party. Balfour and Lord Lee and others of the British delegates spoke, and Dr. David Jayne Hill responded for the Americans. Frederic A. Delano, president of the Washington branch of the English Speaking Union, presided, the other officers being Rear-Admiral Charles Stockton, Solicitor-General James M. Beck, the Right Rev. Alfred Harding, Bishop of Washington, and the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, all vice-presidents, and Lynch L. Luquer, honorary secretary, and Miss Natalie Magruder, secretary-treasurer.

A stag party? Well, yes and no. The speakers' table was a stag table, with Mr. Delano presiding. The guests there were Mr. Balfour, the British Ambassador Sir Auckland Geddes; Lord Lee of Fareham, Sir Robert Borden, Secretary Hughes, Senator G. S. Pearce of Australia, Sir John Salmond, Secretary Weeks, Bishop Alfred G. Harding of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, Sir Arthur Willert, Admiral Charles H. Stockton, the Rev. Charles Wood, former United States Ambassador to Germany Dr. David Jayne Hill and Lynch Luquer.

But Mrs. Delano presided at another table which included men and women—with a preponderance of the latter. She had with her Lady Lee, Lady Geddes and Lady Borden, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Weeks, the Third Assistant Secretary of State, Robert Woods Bliss; Henry Getty Chilton, Counsellor of the British Embassy, and Mrs. Chilton, Gen. L. E. O. Charlton, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Charles Wood, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Scott, Admiral Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hertle, Butler Wright, Miss Natalie Magruder and Admiral Knapp.

Coolidge Family Quiet.

At that party the Americans were hosts, but in a general way, except for the debutante parties, it has been the foreigners who have been doing the entertaining this week. There has been nothing at all doing at the White House, where, in a social way at least, they seem to be storing up their energies for strenuous days ahead. The Coolidges haven't been doing very much but enjoying their boys. Mrs. Coolidge explains that she and the Vice-President purposely made few engagements for this week in order that they might see as much as possible of their two sons, of whom they have really seen very little since last March 4.

Secretary and Mrs. Hughes have had no family but their daughter, Miss Catherine, to devote themselves to during the holiday season, and have been all the more free for official engagements. They had hoped to have their son and daughter-in-law and their children with them for Christmas but were disappointed. Miss Elizabeth, the youngest, has been in Bermuda, where the climate seems to suit her perfectly, with a companion and will probably stay there until spring.

Nearly all of the foreigners will make a point of being in town for the President and Mrs. Harding's New Year's reception on Monday. Most of them, aside from a desire to show the White House every proper courtesy, plead guilty to the liveliest curiosity as how that great New Year's Day "free for all" works out. They have heard about it, but they don't quite believe it. None the less there has been a general delving into trunks and storage for full dress uniforms, and a burnishing of gold braid, and a polishing up of decorations and "sich like trimmin's" in preparation for that great event.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand head the diplomats, as M. Jusserand, by virtue of seniority of service, is dean of the corps. He and Mme. Jusserand will just about get back from St. Louis in time for that function. They left Washington last Tuesday, expecting to make the round trip as quickly as possible, and spend only one day there as the guest of Mr. Robert V. Brookings. It was the meeting of the American Historical Society that took them out there at this time. M. Jusserand is the president of it, the only foreigner who has ever held such an office, and pardonably proud of the fact. So he did not wish to miss making his annual address. So it was a case of go right out and turn around and come right back again.

Right down through the diplomatic list they will go, and will the Germans and the Austrians appear or will they not? Some of the pieces of what was once Austria have had accredited Ministers here for some time, who will of course be present. Germany and Austria both have diplomatic representatives, who have been here long enough to have presented their credentials, though I am not sure that the President has as yet received them. It will be an interesting occasion, both for its similarities and for its differences from any previous New Year's Day levee ever held, and because of the presence of such a goodly number of distinguished foreigners who are here for the conference.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes do not as a rule stay very long. They are in line long enough to receive the greetings of the foreigners and then they scurry off, for they have the Secretary of State's New Year's breakfast on their minds, and neither they nor their prospective guests can linger long at the White House. That diplomatic breakfast has always been about the most brilliant affair—and the most exclusive—of the Washington official functions, and it was one which was not discontinued during the Wilson regime, as the White House receptions were.

Other Groups to Be Present.

After the diplomats—and Dr. Rowe, Director-General of the Pan American Union, comes in with the diplomatic group—the Supreme Court group presents itself next, and then the Senatorial and Congressional groups, former Cabinet members, ambassadors and Ministers of the United States, ranking army and navy officers, Assistant Secretaries and so on down the line, each in their appointed place in the procession, until along about 2 o'clock they get down to the plain everyday citizen of the United States, who has perhaps been standing in line since he swallowed a hasty breakfast and hurried down to the east entrance to await his turn to wish his President a Happy New Year.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Weeks and the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Denby will probably stay long enough to greet the army and navy people who present themselves and then they will betake themselves to their homes to receive especially for the army and navy officers and their wives—probably with the wives of the Assistant Secretaries in their respective departments assisting them to receive, and perhaps the wives of half a dozen ranking officers of their services presiding at their tables. It is the custom for the wives of the heads of the War and Navy departments to keep open house for their own department officers and their wives on the afternoon of New Year's day, and it seems to me that the Lansings had a sort of general afternoon reception for the personnel of the State Department—with which they were on especially cordial personal terms, through Mr. Lansing's long service in the department before he became its head.

In very much the same way, after the Secretary of State's breakfast, the heads of the diplomatic missions go back to their embassies and legations and receive, especially for the younger members of the corps. And the military and naval attaches of the various missions make a point of calling at the home of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. If we are indeed getting back to normalcy there will be a great deal of scurrying around from one official residence to another on Monday afternoon—possibly some of it on Sunday—by men in glittering uniforms with many orders and medals decorating their manly chests, and the streets will be gay with the official folk on their way to pay their respects to all the divers and sundry people to whom they feel they owe that courtesy.

Arranging Ball for Soldiers and Sailors Club

MRS. VAN HENRY CARTMELL, JR., as she appears in the accompanying illustration, will be one of several score of attractive figures in fancy dress at a costume ball to be given in the Ritz-Carlton on the night of January 11 for the Soldiers and Sailors' Club. Costumes of unusual design in costly materials are being prepared for the ball. Baron de Meyer is designing most of the dresses, one of which will be worn by Mrs. Malcolm Douglas Sloane. Mr. Stephen Markoe is directing the work of the costume committee.

Under the direction of Miss Mabel R. Beardsley, a dramatic interlude is being prepared. The program is to include the appearance of Ted Shawn and a group of dancers in an East Indian pantomime. A mind reader also will mystify the more blase patrons of the party. Boxes and seats are being sold by Miss Beardsley at 80 West Fortieth street.

Miss Ruth Draper to Give Recital in Greenwich

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GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 31.—Much interest is being shown here in the part Greenwich is to play in the Victory Memorial Building at Washington, D. C., which is to be a tribute to the American boys who served in the world war, each of whom will be represented by a star, having beneath it the initials of each boy. Miss Gail Treat of Greenwich, daughter of the late Charles Treat, has been appointed chairman for Greenwich. A series of entertainments are being planned by Miss Treat. The first of these will be held at the Havemeyer Auditorium on the evening of January 25, when Miss Ruth Draper of New York will give a recital.

The entertainment committee is composed of Mrs. Julian W. Curtiss, chairman; Miss Ruth Willa, secretary; Mr. James E. Quan, treasurer; Mmes. Charles D. Lanier, William G. Rockefeller, William Hodge, James E. Quan, G. C. St. John, George E. Vincent, Emerson R. Newell, W. Herbert Wiley, Herbert Hamlin, E. C. Ray, Joseph H. Hunt, Nathaniel Webb, Bradley Stoughton, Grace L. Pausch and Miss Gail Treat and Miss Mary Lanier.

Members of the Fairfield and Westchester County Hunt held their first annual ball at the Pickwick Arms Hotel on Monday night. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. H. Worth Howard, chairman; Mr. M. Roy Jackson, Miss Joan Michler, Col. D. Douglas Young and Mrs. Charles Arthur Moore. Among those present were Mr. John McE. Bowman, master of the field hounds, and Mrs. Bowman; Mr. M. Roy Jackson, assistant master of field hounds; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Lanier, Miss Mary Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Michler, Miss Joan Michler, Mr. and Mrs. James McClenahan, Mr. William G. Rockefeller, Miss Isabel Rockefeller, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Flinn, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Bontecou, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Doremus, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grand and Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Ruxton.

Mrs. George F. Dominick, Jr., and Mrs. L. P. Yandell gave a holiday dance at the Field Club Tuesday night for their daughters, Miss Antoinette Dominick and Miss Hope Yandell, students at the Milton Academy, Milton, Mass., who are home for the holidays. The guests included Misses Becky Lanier, Virginia Storm, Katherine Baldwin, Virginia Fain, Ellie Brown, Constance Booraem, Margaret St. John and Orson St. John, George Storm, Hugh Jackson, Burton Jackson, Jack Lewis and Oliver Redfield.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Samuel F. Pryor gave a dance at the same club for her daughter, Miss Permelia Pryor, who is home from Westover School, Middlebury, Conn.

Thursday Mrs. Sanford Robinson entertained a number of her friends for luncheon at the club.

The annual New Year's eve dance was held at the club, at which more than 300 persons were present. Miss Caroline Ruutz-Rees and Mrs. Frank Thorp and others entertained dinner parties preceding the dance.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Greenwich Committee for the Relief of Russian Children, recently organized, will be held in the Havemeyer on Monday.

A Christmas costume ball was held by the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at the Pickwick Arms Hotel last evening. Santa Claus appeared during the evening and distributed souvenirs and a buffet luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby M. Chester gave a dance and supper at their home in Rock Ridge on Thursday evening for their daughter, Miss Mary Chester. On Wednesday evening Miss Permelia Pryor entertained a number of young persons at a dance and supper given at her home in Field Point Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bolling of Philadelphia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Lanier and Sidney Lanier, who is a sophomore at Princeton and is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hoyt have rented from Mrs. Frank Trounstine her residence in Brookside Drive for a year. Mrs. Hoyt was Miss M. W. Williamson, formerly of Washington and Warrentown, Va.

Mrs. H. W. Taft Opens Her House for Charity

Mrs. Henry Waters Taft has given the drawing room of her house at 36 West Forty-eighth street for the afternoon of January 12, when an entertainment in aid of the Catholic Young Women's Club, for self-supporting girls, will be given there. The club is at Lexington avenue and Fifty-fourth street.

There will be an interesting program by Mrs. Henry Lund, an amateur who is here from San Francisco for a visit. She will give a series of impersonations and monologues.

The board of managers of the club is composed of Mrs. Taft, Mmes. De Lancey A. Kane, F. Burrall Hoffman, Lyttleton Fox, John Beverly Duer, William A. Redding, Cornelius Tiers, J. Walter Wood, John Giraud Agar, Michael Gavin and William Carlton Shanley, Miss Elisabeth Marbury and Miss Teresa O'Donohue.

Everglades Club at Palm Beach Opens With Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Woodhouse Among Those Who Have Taken Apartments.

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PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 31.—The Florida specials coming down this week have been crowded with Palm Beach sojourners. Many of the homes along the Ocean Boulevard had holly wreaths in the windows and Christmas trees within. A number of informal Christmas dinners were held at the cottages. Christmas eve for the most part was celebrated at West Palm Beach, whither the cottagers went to see the great community Christmas tree in City Park and to hear the Christmas carols sung by the school children and the Sunday school choirs.

The Everglades Club celebrates the opening of its fourth season with a dinner party to-night. The Thursday and Sunday club nights, which have become an institution, will be continued. Returning again this year to the club, where they have taken an apartment, are Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Woodhouse of Southampton, whose daughter, Mrs. Frederick W. Proctor, is expected later in the season. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Luckenbach of New York will occupy an apartment again this season with their little daughter, and also coming from New York are Mr. and Mrs. J. Sergeant Cram and party, the Messrs. James N. and Alfred Punnett, who have apartments. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Wadsworth of Detroit have joined the Everglades colony this season.

Others to Stop at Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, who have been members of the Palm Beach colony for many years, will be at the Everglades Club in January, and others in the New York colony at the club will be Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horace Harding, Mr. Caleb S. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Corey, Mr. J. G. Walker and Miss Walker, Mr. John Stewart Tanner will be here from Paris, and coming down in February with a party will be Miss Alice A. De Lamar, Mr. and Mrs. Irenee du Pont of Wilmington and their party will be at the club and a representative colony from Philadelphia.

Two golf tournaments will be held at the club this season, one for the President's cup and another for the Board of Governors' cup. Mr. E. Clarence Jones, vice-president of the club, has offered two prizes for the first and best selected score to be made by a club member during the season. A new putting course has been built this season and the sporty course which two seasons ago was but a dense jungle is fast becoming one of the best short courses in Florida. William Robertson, professional, and James Bevan, tennis professional, are again identified with the Everglades Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Paris Singer, who are now in Paris, will return to their villa here about the first of February.

Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Downs of Saratoga Springs have taken one of the Everglades cottages. Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence Green of Tuxedo Park are already established in their home on the Lake front.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lane Folger of New York, who have spent many seasons at the Breakers, have taken a cottage, and also arriving were Mrs. George Easton of Forest Hills, Mrs. Mary Hood and the Misses Hood. Mrs. David Tenney of Minneapolis has opened her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crozer and Miss Florence Crozer, who were in New York for the marriage of Miss Mona Crozer to Mr. Neal Wainwright, have returned to their cottage.

Mr. Maxwell Norman of Newport will be at the Everglades club in January and also arriving soon will be Mrs. Whitney Lyon and party of New York.

In the Breakers Cottage Colony.

The Breakers cottage colony began with the arrival of Mrs. Charles F. Choate of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard D. Abl are also established in their cottage, the Nautilus, and a little later Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce Frazier will be here to occupy the Sea Gull. Others to form the Breakers cottage colony are Mrs. Harlan Kent Bolton of Chicago, Mrs. W. P. Snyder of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Henry N. Tilford of New York, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Curtis of Boston and Mr. Louis F. Boeder and party.

Mme. Yvonne de Barro, who spent the summer in France, is at the Breakers. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Steenken registered from Saugerties.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Seward Webb arrived from New York on a private car Wednesday and have taken the Phillips cottage, where they will be joined by friends later on.

Mrs. Thomas Shields Clarke, accompanied by Miss Alma Clarke and Mr. Charles J. Clarke, has arrived from New York and will occupy her home, Primavera, on the Lake trail.

Many yachts already have found anchorage on Lake Worth, and indications point to an interesting season in yachting and for the houseboat life.

The annual meeting of the New York Life Insurance Company will bring several hundred persons to the Breakers the week of January 9.

Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury was joined at El Mirasol for over Christmas by Mr. Stotesbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua S. Cosden came from New York on a private car in time to enjoy Christmas at the Charles Munns house on the ocean.

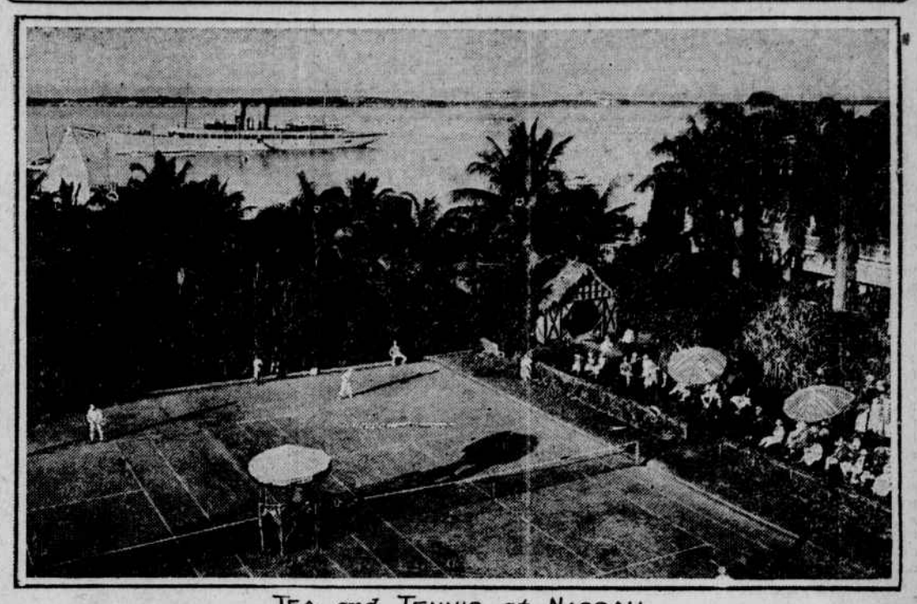
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Quentin Jones of Newport spent Christmas in their Palm Beach home. Others who established themselves in cottages include Mrs. Henry B. Carhart and Miss Ethel A. Carhart of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Glidden and Miss G. Eugenie Hayes of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. John M. L. Rutherfurd and Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McNeill, Jr., of Bridgeport, who have taken a cottage this year after spending their winters at the Royal Poinciana.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Barbey of New York have opened their home on Everglades avenue, and also joining the cottage set this year are Col. and Mrs. Willis Seaver Paine of the Plaza, New York, who for many years have spent their winters at the Breakers.

FOR FREE MILK FOR ITALY.

To raise funds to continue aid to needy Italian children, through the efforts of the association known as Free Milk for Italy, of which Mrs. John A. Drake is the head, a novel entertainment will be given on the night of January 20, in Carnegie Hall. In place of a costume ball, such as has been given for the fund for two winters, there will be an illustrated lecture to be delivered by Commendatore Dr. John W. Lieb, vice-president of the New York Edison Company, whose topic will be "Leonardo da Vinci, the Master Mind of the Renaissance". Dr. Lieb lived eleven years in Milan. Mrs. Drake will be vice-chairman of the evening with Mr. Frank W. Smith, vice-president of the United Electric Company, as chairman, who also will act as treasurer.

Enjoying the Warmth of Southern Clime



TEA *and* TENNIS *at* NASSAU

Bridge Is Planned to Connect Tampa and St. Petersburg

Bradford A. Lawrence, Jr., to Head Financing Organization—Arrivals.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 31.—St. Petersburg has set itself the task of building the Gandy Bridge.

Years ago Mr. George S. Gandy of Philadelphia became a large property owner in this section, and as he saw St. Petersburg and Tampa developing he envisioned a plan whereby the two towns could be united in their progress by the building of a great bridge that would span Tampa Bay. Money stringency, the work of designing a stucture that would fill all needs and the awakening of the two cities to the immense benefits to be derived from the connecting of the two towns held in abeyance until now the actual work of construction. Bradford A. Lawrence, Jr., secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will act as leader of the financing organization and open the local stock selling campaign on Monday for the bridge.

After an exciting campaign Mr. Frank Fortune Pulver, owner of the Detroit Hotel, was elected Mayor of St. Petersburg, defeating Mayor Noel A. Mitchell.

The New York and New Jersey and the Pennsylvania societies have been among the first of the local organizations to elect officers for the ensuing year and plan their programs of entertainment.

More than a hundred members attended the meeting of the Pennsylvania Society, at which time there were elected to office W. A. Huber of Mechanicsburg president, H. W. Eisenberg of Conshohocken vice-president, Mrs. Hattie M Baughman of Harrisburg secretary Mrs. Charles H. Haines of Vinemont assistant secretary, and Mrs. Sara C. Howell of Williamsport treasurer.

The New York-New Jersey Society chose as their new president Mr. G. W. Cole of Asbury Park, to succeed Mr. F. W. Langworthy. Mr. W G Bryant of Hinsdale was elected vice-president, and Mrs Alice M Horton of New York secretary.

Arrivals from New York State include Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Patterson, Mrs. Mary J. Reeves, Miss Emma J Reeves, Katherine M. Rulinson, the Rev. and Mrs. Frank S. Swan, Mrs. F. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bernhard Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Griffin, Mrs. G. N. Lehr, Mrs. J. T. Wiggins, Rome; the Rev. J. G. Fallon, Richard G. Moffett, Schenectady; Mrs. M. M. Adams, the Misses E. A. and E. C. Williams, William F. Krause, Staten Island; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bradner, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Poole, Mr. and Mrs. G. R Brown, Eleanor and Barbara Brown, Thousand Island Park; T. W. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Grant, Jr., Troy; Clarence A. Farnum, Miss Corinne A. Farnum, Wellsville; Mrs. W. H. Busing, Jr.; Miss Helen Arrington, White Plains; Dr. and Mrs. R. Oliver Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thompson, Mrs. Ella E. Thompson, Yonkers; Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown, Mrs. M. C. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Doolittle, New York.

Other arrivals include Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyon, Paterson, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lines, Wolcott, Conn.; William Miller, Glen Ridge, and Mrs. Mary G. Lee, Atlantic City.

Arrivals at Tampa include Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Magruder, Mr. D. P. Daugherty, New York; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wethy, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tinker, Mrs. A. J. Townsend, Gloversville; Miss Lou P. Dana, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson, New York; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Krueger, Miss Jennie Lang, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Henderson, Syracuse; C. L. Bullard, Rochester; Mrs. Elizabeth Eddy, Lydia G. Waterman, Mrs. George McCreary, Miss Irma McCreary, Miss Dorothy G. McCreary, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, New York; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lear, Burlington; J. Bartlett Simmons, Elizabeth, N. J.; Mrs. G. M. Raymond, Bridgeton, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. H. H Wiles, Woolbury, Conn.

Early Arrivals for Season at Sebring

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SEBRING, Fla., Dec. 31.—Many prominent winter tourists, the advance guard of the throng that will visit Sebring later, have been arriving for the last two weeks. Most of those coming early are going to occupy private homes and cottages. Among the early arrivals so far are Senator and Mrs. Charles H. Cosgrove of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Busby of Detroit and Major and Mrs. L. C. Perkins of Denver, Col., who will open their villa, the Rose Cote. On January 4 Kenilworth Lodge will open.

The golf course is in fine shape. The January tournament, which will include five events, will run from Monday, January 23, to January 28. Registration closes on Friday, January 20. The February tournament will extend from February 20 to February 25 and will consist of seven principal events. The March tournament will run from March 27 to March 31.

The new fifteen mile boulevard surrounding Lake Jackson has been completed and will afford one of the handsomest speedways in the country.

The following are the early arrivals at the hotel: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burdsal of Evanston, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Parsons of East Hampton, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. M. Garlichs, Mr. Henry Prentiss and daughter, Mr. Julius Helburn, Mr. T. W. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fullerton of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. William McLauchlan of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Peter Bissman and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Martin of Mansfield, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip H. Campbell, Miss Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Chapman of Newark, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leffingwall of Glens Springs, Watkins Glen, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Davidson of Cohoes, N. Y.; Mr. H. C. Warren, New Haven, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. William R. Davis of Kane, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Beale, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Robinson of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Burton of La Crosse, Wis.; Gen. and Mrs. Clarence Malby, Washington, D. C., and Mr. Henry Lane Crawford and his daughter, Miss Crawford, of Newport, R. I.

New Year's Eve Dance Enjoyed at Lakewood

Hockey and Golf Also Diversions for Holiday Sojourners—Arrivals at Hotels.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
LAKEWOOD, Dec. 31.—A brilliant New Year's eve ball was held at the Laurel House to-night and was enjoyed by several hundred from the hotel and cottage colony. On Monday night a similar event is to take place at the Laurel-in-the-Pines.

Hockey enthusiasts had an opportunity to show their skill on the two lakes during the week. The ice was fine and and skaters in general enjoyed the sport.

The holiday handicap event being held over the present week-end is interesting half a hundred golfers and in addition to the trophy matches the usual week-end handicap event was played to-day as well. A special 18-hole match is scheduled for New year's Day.

Members of the Laurel House Gun Club held their first day's shooting in the two day holiday tournament at the club's traps to-day. The committee in charge is composed of Messrs. J. Luther Bright, P. S. P. Randolph, Jr., A. J. Murphy and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Pozier and the Misses Francoin and Jacqueline Pozier of Montclair are at Laurel-in-the-Pines Another group there includes Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hyde, Miss Frances Dana Hyde and Miss Faulder of South Orange.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Frank Kirkbride of Philadelphia spent a few days at the Laurel House, coming here from their home at Spring Lake Beach, where they have been spending the Yuletide. Miss F. E. Converse and Miss A. M. Barrett of Boston also are there.

Mrs. Harriet E. Eaton of New York is at the Madison. Others there include Miss Martha Stitt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Chase and Mr. John Ferre, Jr., of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Savage and Mr James J. Savage, Jr., of New York, Miss Elsie Allison and Miss Louise Cowan of Brooklyn are at the Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Keating and Miss Gertrude Keating of New York, who are at the Laurel-in-the-Pines, have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Coniff of New York for the holidays. Another group there includes Mrs. Israel Putnam, Miss Emmie Putnam, Carleton Putnam, Israel Putnam, Jr., Mrs. G. W. Carleton and Miss Carleton of New York.

A dinner party was given at the Laurel House by Mrs. Robert Jamison of Pittsburgh. The guests included the Misses Martha and Margaret Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jamison and Miss C. A. Arbuckle.

Others at the Laurel House are Misses Augusta Gallagher, Rose Gallagher and Marian Dempsey, Mrs. Jean Michel, Mrs. Ella E. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Cabble, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Orborn, Mrs. Samuel McBride, Miss Winona McBride of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter, Mrs. Belle Goodwin, Miss Goodwin, Mrs. H. K. Tucker, Miss E. J. Tucker, Mrs. Andrew Findley and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Christie of New York.

Laurel-in-the-Pines—Mrs. George B. Brooks, Miss Marian Brooks, Providence; Mrs. H. Roswell Bates, Misses Margaret Stiles and Margaret Bates, Mr. Talcott Bates, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Malcom, Mr. Julian Malcom, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loeb, New York; Miss Dorothy Shipley, Messrs. George D. Lee and Barry B. Peebles, Philadelphia; Miss Constance Hall, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jourdan, Mr. William Kelley, Dr. William Gethner, Miss Elizabeth Nichols, Mr. Henry Nichols, Brooklyn; Mrs. Thomas J. Scully and the Misses Scully, South Amboy.

Virginia—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pink, Miss M. Fay, Miss Mary C. Quinn, the Misses Florence and Eleanor Green, New York; Miss Irenee C. Mahoney, Miss May Mahoney, Mr. James Murphy, Misses Gertrude Murphy, Martha E. Denner and Kathleen D. Norris, Brooklyn.

Florence-in-the-Pines—Mrs. C. Weill, Miss Jeannette Weill, Miss Florence Greenfield, Brooklyn; Misses Helen Adams and Martha Adler, New York.

Mrs. E. G. Fabbri Taking the Cure at Hot Springs

Baron and Baroness Rosenkrantz Leave Resort for New York on Way to France.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto G. Fabbri have arrived at the Homestead from New York accompanied by the Messrs. Alessandro and Egisto P. Fabbri, also Mr. Charles E. Cushing of Bar Harbor, Me., to be here until the first of March. Mrs. Fabbri and Mr. Alessandro Fabbri have registered at the bath house for the cure.

Capt. and Mrs. F. W. Hvoslef, who are here from New York, entertained at tea early in the week the Baron and Baroness Rosenkrantz, who closed Roseloe on Wednesday and started for New York, to sail early in January aboard the Olympic for France, where they will pass the winter principally in Cannes and Monte Carlo, returning to Hot Springs for the spring season.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon are here from New York for the holidays accompanied by their son Mr. Robert Gordon, Jr., who is daily on the riding trail. One of the notable younger riders is Mr. J. V. T. Labouchere, who came down from Washington to join his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Labouchere of Ryswyck, Holland. Young Mr. Labouchere, who is in this country studying manufacturing methods, is a member of Queen Wilhelmina's Household Cavalry. Dr. A. C. Howe, who is at the Homestead from New York, with Mrs. Howe, also rides frequently and on Tuesday went to Flag Rock. Dr. J. Arthur Booth came down from New York for the holidays and dined with Capt. Frederick Russell and Mrs. Russell of Great Neck, L. I., before their departure for St. Augustine, Fla., where they are to pass the winter months.

Arrivals from New York during the week also include Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Thurber and Miss Doris Thurber; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mann and Miss Dorothy Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins, Mrs. S. C. Lamport, Mrs. L. Tage Griffith and Miss Hutchins of Scarsdale, also Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Foster, Jr., of White Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roach of New Rochelle, N. Y. Other arrivals include Mr. and Mrs. William Woods of Philadelph