

DOINGS OF A DAY IN THE WORLD OF SOCIETY.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frick, of Pittsburg, Invited to Attend a Cabinet Dinner. Madame Hengelmuller Improving--Cabinet Receptions.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt have invited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frick, of Pittsburg, to attend the Cabinet dinner on December 18. Mr. and Mrs. Frick will stay at the White House the night of the dinner, and the next day will go to the home of the Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, where they will remain over Sunday.

Madame Hengelmuller is slowly improving from her recent severe illness and is able to drive out, but she is not strong enough to receive visitors or to participate in any social functions.

Cabinet Receptions. Mrs. Hay, wife of the Secretary of State, received yesterday afternoon. Formal visiting has not begun, but both Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Payne, who was also at home informally, assisted by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cameron, and her niece, Miss Jones, had many visitors in the course of the afternoon.

Miss Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, will not receive until after January 1.

The Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Sanger have been compelled to cancel all their dinner and other social engagements for this week, and the early part of next week, owing to the fact that their eldest son is confined to his home with measles.

Luncheons. Mrs. Sevellon A. Brown gave a luncheon of twelve covers today in honor of her daughter Gertrude, who makes her debut this winter.

Mrs. Belrose will give a luncheon tomorrow in honor of her daughter Julia.

Mrs. Colton, of Connecticut Avenue, will entertain at luncheon tomorrow in honor of her niece, Miss Margery Colton.

Mrs. Clifford Walton entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of Senora Quesada, wife of the Cuban minister.

Miss Marion Gallaudet entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of Miss Anna Cockrell. Her guests were Miss Bloomer, Miss Huff, Miss Postlethwaite, Miss Gwendoline Frouke, Miss Jean Loring, Miss Annie McCauley, Miss Southernland, Miss Field, and Miss Seymour.

Mrs. Fuller, wife of Chief Justice Fuller, will give a luncheon tomorrow afternoon in honor of Mrs. Holmes, wife of Justice Holmes, who reached town this morning.

Teas. Mrs. David S. Hendrick is giving a tea this afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Martha Hendrick.

Mrs. Charles L. Poor gave an informal tea yesterday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Eleanor Wilson, of Wilmington, Pa., daughter of Gen. James H. Wilson, military envoy to the coronation of King Edward last summer.

Many Luncheons Scheduled in the Smart Set--Mrs. Charles L. Poor and Major General Young Give Teas--Kimball-McMichael Wedding.

Miss Mary Rivinus, of Philadelphia, in the guest of her uncle, Samuel Franklin Emmons, and will remain in Washington until after the Christmas holidays.

The United States minister to Chile, Henry L. Wilson, arrived in New York today.

C. W. Coolidge, of Boston, is staying for a few days at the New Willard.

Count and Countess von Moltke-Huttfeld, who have been visiting Madame Bonaparte, Countess von Moltke-Huttfeld's mother, sailed on the Lorraine for Havre.

S. W. Thackara, United States consul at Havre, has been visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Thordike, of Boston, who is also a passenger on the Lorraine.

Mrs. Willis L. Moore will receive Saturday afternoon at her home, 1312 Nineteenth Street, Miss Cramer, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. John Edward Jones will receive this afternoon, at 1618 T Street.

A musical tea has been arranged for the benefit of the House of Mercy. It will be given in the concert hall of the New Willard, Monday afternoon, December 29. The musical features are under the direction of Mrs. Sillona Hutchins, Reginald De Koven, Miss Gwynne, Miss Hammond, and Mrs. Ackley. The committee of management has succeeded in interesting many of the talented amateurs of the city and the entertainment promises to be a charming and unique one. Captain Cowles, Mr. Gordon-Cummings, and Mr. Norman will act as ushers.

Miss Elizabeth F. Towas, of Richmond, who has been visiting her uncle, Gen. Lawrence P. Graham, has returned home.

George W. Smalley, of the "London Times," and Mrs. Smalley are staying at the Grafton.

Mrs. Clarence Edwards and her daughter, who passed the summer in Europe, have returned to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin B. Linton will give a reception tonight from 8 to 11 o'clock to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding.

Mrs. H. Clay Browning, who has been visiting her aunt, E. K. Smith, of Richmond, has returned home.

An exhibition and sale for the benefit of the Girls' Friendly Society will be held this afternoon and evening at the Washington Club in I Street. The exhibition consists of a photographic collection of Madonnas owned by Mrs. H. C. Bolton, who will give a lecture on the "Madonnas in Art," beginning at 8 o'clock. The program for this afternoon includes a musicale and tea. Mrs. Turner, Miss Satterlee, Miss Greely and Miss Parish are among those to assist in entertaining the guests.

Miss Kate C. Haynes is visiting Baltimore, where she went to attend the wedding of Miss Alice Louise Haynes to Charles King, which took place yesterday afternoon.

A meeting for the annual election of officers of the Butterfly Club, which was held at the residence of Miss Knevel, 1421 Eighth Street northwest, yesterday.

eventing. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Fox, re-elected; vice president, Miss Lechboehler; secretary, Miss Levy; treasurer, Miss Pittman, re-elected, and corresponding secretary, Miss Profit. The Butterfly Girls have changed their name to The Amateurs.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie arrived at New York on the Oceanic yesterday from Liverpool. Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie will visit the Capital later in the season.

Mrs. Ellen B. Linscott has removed from 1511 Twentieth Street northwest, to the Sherman apartment house, Fifteenth and L Streets northwest.

The Belgian minister and Baroness Moncheur gave an informal dinner in honor of the Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches last night. The other guests were the charge d'affaires of the French embassy and Madame Margerie, the secretary of the German embassy, Count Quadt; Miss Clayton, and Mr. Ayguesparre, of the French embassy.

Miss Foraker has sent out invitations for a dinner for young people on the 24th. There will be twenty-four covers. After dinner, Miss Foraker and her guests will attend the bal poudre, which Mrs. Frouke will give for her daughter, Gwendoline, at Raucher's.

Senator Foraker will entertain at dinner this evening in honor of the Porto Rican commissioners. Covers will be laid for twenty-four.

Miss Sally Wainwright will give a dinner tomorrow evening in honor of her house guests.

Mrs. Huff will entertain at dinner January 5 and January 12, in honor of Miss Huff.

Mrs. Frouke has sent out invitations for dinner on the same evenings.

Events in Baltimore. A dinner in honor of Miss Gertrude Jenkins, one of the debutantes of the season, was last night by Miss Elizabeth Manlove Boone, at her residence, 1602 North Charles Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Graham Bowden gave a dinner last night at their residence, 1105 North Charles Street, in honor of their daughter, Miss Bowdoin, and of Miss Rush, of Philadelphia. The guests were seated at two tables of 20 covers each, the floral decorations and color scheme of one table being yellow and the other pink.

Social Incidents in Philadelphia. Signora Zampini, Countess Salazar, editor of the "National Italian Review," was the guest of the New Century Club yesterday afternoon. Countess Salazar delivered an address on "Italian Current Literature" before the literature and art section of the club, and afterward an informal reception was tendered to her in the club parlor.

Mrs. A. Lincoln Gillespie, of South Broad Street, is entertaining her bro-

ther, Oscar Bendix, who for the last three years has been in the Philippine Islands.

The Cinderella Dance given last evening at the Natatorium by the second and third year girls, in honor of the debutantes, was in every respect a success, and even seemed more brilliant than the first one, which was given last year.

Count Corrado Emo-Capodilista, of Venice, who has been visiting here since the beginning of the week, will leave Philadelphia for New York. He will come again to Philadelphia before his return to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel gave a dinner last night at their country place, Wootton, near Bryn Mawr, to have their guests meet Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones Craige, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Drexel and Livingston L. Biddle will move into their town house, Eighteenth and Locust Streets, next Tuesday.

Clarence Beale and William Nattin, from Washington, are here for a few days.

Society in Gotham. Mrs. Seth Borth French gave a large-ly attended coming-out reception yesterday afternoon for the Misses Josephine T. and Mary B. Atterbury. Mrs. French, who was dressed in white lace and wore pearls, and the Misses Atterbury, who were in white mousseline de sole trimmed with lace, were assisted in receiving by the Misses Constance Livermore, Florence V. Twombly, Mary Clark, and Violet Cruger. Flowers were sent in such profusion that certain rooms had certain varieties only. The library was in yellow and white flowers, another in pink roses, and so on. After the reception these were sent to the Lying-In Hospital. John T. Atterbury will give a dance for his daughters, as already mentioned, at Sherry's on January 7, and Mrs. French will also give them another entertainment later.

Mrs. Philip M. Lydig gave a luncheon on Tuesday for Miss Cathleen Neilson, Miss Nathalie Schenck, Miss Gwendolyn Burden, and Miss Natica Rives were among the guests.

The Assembly Ball is the principal feature on society's program for today. It will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria. The orchestra will be led by Elisha Dyer, Jr., and the guests will be received by Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Lloyd S. Bryce, and Mrs. Charles A. Post. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt being prevented from assisting them by the illness of her husband.

Howard Gould's steam yacht, the Niagara, sailed yesterday from New York for a cruise in the Mediterranean. Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry, of this city; Miss Katharine Noble, of Baltimore, and Alonzo Clark Robinson were on board. The cruise will last four months. Three of these parties will spend on the vessel, the other in a trip up the Nile in a dahabieh chartered by Mr. Gould. The Niagara will reach Cairo by January 15, going by way of Bermuda, the Madeira, Gibraltar and Algiers. After the trip up the Nile the party will board the yacht at Port Said and visit a number of ports on the north side of the Mediterranean. The return voyage will be by way of the West Indies, the party reaching New York by April 1.

Dr. W. Seward Webb and a party of friends started South last night in Dr. Webb's private car. The party is going to the Currituck Club, in North Carolina. It will remain there until about Christmas. Duck hunting is the object of the trip.

Gay Notes in Chicago. Miss Margaretta MacVeagh, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. Harold McCormick. Miss MacVeagh, who is the daughter of Wayne MacVeagh, came to Chicago to visit her aunt, Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh, and was among the guests at the house party Mrs. MacVeagh was entertaining when the fire which devastated the MacVeagh residence routed the inmates from their beds. Miss MacVeagh is tall and dark and slender. She made her debut in Rome during her father's term as ambassador to Italy.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Fanny Warner, daughter of Mrs. Henry D. Warner, 2940 Indiana Avenue, to Logan Tucker, son of Major and Mrs. William Tucker, of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Chatfield-Taylor give dinners December 17 and 27. Sunday afternoon, December 21, they will have a small tea for Mrs. Walter Farwell, the sister-in-law of Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor.

M. E. SOCIETY INCORPORATED. The Methodist Episcopal Society of Mount Pleasant filed articles of incorporation with the Recorder of Deeds yesterday. The following are the trustees named: Isaac R. Hitt, Jr., Frank E. Waring, George Simmons, Cephas W. Scott, Benjamin Gibbs, Frank B. Walker, Robert B. Swingle and Clarence L. Harding.

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IN THE COURTS AND CAPITALS OF THE OLD WORLD Indiscretions in His "Recollections" May Cost an English ex-Ambassador His Pension--Spicy Anecdotes Are Valuable Assets--King Edward Settling Divorce Cases Out of Court--Officers of the Tenth Hussars Are Involved.

Sir Horace Rumbold, ex-ambassador of Great Britain at Vienna, is in danger of losing his hard-earned pension in consequence of the indiscretions contained in his extremely interesting and entertaining "Recollections" just published. In England as on the continent government pensions are held on the condition that the recipient "behaves himself," and that he renders himself guilty of nothing that can be construed as an offense by his government. The rule applies in England to every branch of the government service, from that of a former soldier, sailor, or policeman to a retired judge of the supreme court or ex-ambassador.

Sir Horace has, as former ambassador, a pension for the remainder of his life of \$8,500 a year. But its payment is dependent upon the pleasure of the crown, and Sir Horace, by publishing in his book and his "Review" articles confidential matters, of which he obtained knowledge while ambassador, and the revelation of which is calculated to cause grave embarrassment to his sovereign and to his government, is just as liable to forfeit his pension as a retired soldier or policeman who becomes involved in some affair or scrape.

It is a very difficult question to know exactly how far a writer--especially one formerly connected with the service of the state or of the court--is entitled to go in publishing recollections. The consensus of opinion in official circles in England and abroad, and also in the political world, especially in Parliament at Westminster, is that Sir Horace has overstepped the limits in an altogether unpardonable manner. But then, as I have stated before in these columns, he is an embittered man, his promotion having been frequently obstructed and terribly slow, added to which his pension is altogether inadequate to support him in the style of life to which he has become accustomed.

After all it is perhaps wiser of Sir Horace to have risked the displeasure

of his sovereign and of his government by the publication of a very successful book bringing in large financial returns, than if he had sold the use of his name to the promoters of speculative enterprises in order to be employed as a bait to attract unwary investors. Several of the colleagues of Sir Horace have sacrificed, not only their remaining means, but likewise their name and prestige in this manner, a notable case in point being that of poor Lord Dufferin.

Then if recollections were not a trifle indiscreet they would not be either interesting or entertaining, an axiom which may be applied with equal force to the "A Doffed Coronet," which has just been published by the anonymous author of "The Martyrdom of an Empress." And may I be pardoned for saying right here that there is no truth in the intimations contained in some of the criticisms which I have read of the book, and in letters that I have received to the effect that I am the author of the books of this anonymous writer. I can lay no claim thereto, and anyone who has taken the trouble to compare these daily articles with the books in question, will observe that they are written by an entirely different hand, the books being the work of one whose native tongue is manifestly not English, as is apparent from the frequent use of foreign idioms.

Moreover, while I find the books interesting, I cannot approve of the numerous indiscretions which they contain, some of which are quite as glaring in their way and as sensational as those of Sir Horace Rumbold. In "A Doffed Coronet" the writer has a perfect right to lay bare certain episodes of her life in America, several of which are extremely and others rather pathetic. But inasmuch as her husband was employed in confidential government work in Egypt it seems to me that she should have remained silent concerning it and contented herself with the social phase of life at Cairo, which, thanks to the

wonderful collection of extraordinary people who make their headquarters in the Egyptian capital each winter--half of them people with romantic and occasional antecedents--offers a boundless field to the writer possessed of a facile pen and of a knowledge of the world.

King Edward's policy in securing the settlement out of court of divorce cases that have already become public property, may be questioned. Of course it can succeed in inducing the injured husband or the injured wife to compromise their grievances, without making them public property, a great advantage is gained. But once the scandal has been made public, it is just as well that it should be fought out in court, and dealt with by the tribunals, since otherwise material is afforded for malvoletent gossip of a still more injurious character than that furnished by the hearing of the case in court.

Thus it may be doubted whether Capt. Cameron Barclay has been altogether judicious in yielding to royal pressure brought upon him to withdraw the suit for divorce which he filed over four years ago against his wife, the Hon. Charlotte Beresford, sister of the present Lord Dukes. The captain is an officer of the Tenth Hussars, which was the King's own particular corps until his accession to the throne, and it has been a matter of common report that Edward VII, being most anxious to avoid all scandal in connection with his regiment, had brought much influence to bear on the captain to induce him to withdraw his charges, all the more as one of the two co-respondents cited in the case, namely Sir John Milbank, was likewise an officer of the Tenth Hussars. The other co-respondent, married, like Sir John Milbank, was Guy Chetwynd, whose wife was a Miss Secor, of New York, and whose sister is the Marchioness of Anglesey.

And now when the divorce case has been four years in the files of the divorce court, it has been a topic of

conspicuity, not only in society, but also in the English and American press during all that time, Captain Barclay suddenly appears in court and through his counsel declines to offer any testimony in support of the charges which have been made, leaving the judge no alternative but to dismiss the case. This cannot be considered in any way a satisfactory ending of what has been regarded in the light of a public scandal. For the petitioner is suspected, not without some cause of having yielded to royal influences in dropping the case against his wife, while she as well as the men cited as co-respondents, naturally remain under another kind of suspicion, namely, that of having been guilty of the charges brought against them by the petitioner in the first place, since they have had no opportunity of proving in court the justice or fallacy of these accusations. It is perfectly true that both the Hon. Mrs. Barclay and George G. Chetwynd went into the witness box of their own accord to deny on oath the accusations to which they had been subjected. But there was no evidence heard either in support of their statements or against them.

The case recalls that of the commander of another cavalry regiment who, during the course of the South African war, brought suit against his wife, naming several well-known men, and in particular the wealthiest peer in England, as co-respondents. After the case had been freely discussed by the English press, but also published in this country, the efforts of King Edward were at last successful, and the affair was compromised, the case being removed from the calendar of the court. This does not, however, clear the lady's skirts, while it places the husband in a position that is, to say the least, extremely unglorious, since either the charges which he has brought against his wife are well grounded or else he has subjected an innocent woman to a most unpardonable injury.

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