

DOINGS OF A DAY IN THE WORLD OF SOCIETY.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt to Entertain at Dinner Tonight--First State Dinner at White House Thursday.

The White House. The President attended the Grace Dutch Reformed Church yesterday. Mrs. Roosevelt was, as usual, one of the congregation at St. John's.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will entertain at dinner tonight. The table will be laid in the state dining room.

Miss Alice Roosevelt will be the guest this week of Miss Cutting, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, of New York.

The first state dinner of the season will take place Thursday evening.

Among the Diplomats.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, called at the White House Saturday to present Colonel Raspopov, the new military agent of the embassy, to the President.

Baron and Baroness Fersen will be greatly missed at the Capital, where they have been stationed for the past four years and where they have made many friends.

The British ambassador and Lady Herbert will give an afternoon reception to the members of the Diplomatic Corps and their families tomorrow at 5 o'clock.

The Countess Zantini-Salazar, editor of the "Italian Review," who has come to America in the interest of her work, is a guest at the Italian Embassy.

Dinners.

Mrs. Marlin E. Olmsted, wife of the Representative from Pennsylvania, who will be one of the matrons of honor at the marriage of Miss Henrietta Bates to McKee Dunn McKee, on December 27, has sent out invitations for a dinner in honor of Miss Bates December 29.

The Chief of Engineers and Mrs. Gillespie will entertain at dinner Friday.

Senator and Mrs. Scott, who are living at the New Willard this winter, will entertain at dinner tomorrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cropper gave a dinner of twelve covers Saturday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. McCauley, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Dr. and Mrs. Barnwell, Mr. and Mrs. Brice, Mrs. Ernst and Blair Lee.

The Italian ambassador will entertain at dinner tonight.

Mr. Norman, of the British embassy, gave a dinner at the New Willard last night. His guests were Mr. and Mrs. Reginald de Koven, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Roosevelt Scovel, Miss Mary Patten, Miss Alice Ward, Miss Isabelle May, and

Geoffrey Howard and Arthur Stanley, of London. Mrs. de Koven presided.

Mrs. McCauley's Luncheon.

Mrs. McCauley entertained at luncheon yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Annie McCauley, who made her debut this winter. Her guests were Miss Sallie Schroeder, Miss Gwendolin Frouke, Miss Fanny Bloomer, Miss Diane Morgan-Hill, Miss Elsie Seymour, Miss Carolyn Postlethwaite, Miss Perkins, Miss Miller, Miss Henley-Smith, Miss Sanger, Miss Margery Colton, Miss Randolph, Miss Willetts (who is the guest of Mrs. Lowndes, of Massachusetts Avenue), Miss Sargent, Miss Jean Crosby, Miss Frances Sands, Miss Julia Belrose, Miss Shepard, Miss Southerland, Miss Elsie Dodge and Miss Speed.

Teas.

Mrs. Reginald de Koven gave a small tea yesterday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Farwell.

Mrs. Horace Westcott invited a number of friends to an informal tea yesterday afternoon to meet her cousin, Miss Eloise Speed.

Mrs. John W. Bayne will introduce her daughter, Gertrude Ashby Bayne, at a tea tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Gentlemen's Sale.

A sale for fancy work and other articles made by gentlemen is being held at the home of Mrs. Brinton Stone, 1721 De Sales Street. It began at 10 o'clock this morning and will continue until 7 o'clock this evening.

The patronesses are Mrs. Knox, Miss Cockrell, Mrs. Cropper, Mrs. Dewey, Countess Esterhazy, Mrs. Gordon-Cumming, Mrs. George F. Huff, Baroness Moncheur, Mrs. Henry Perkins, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, and Mrs. J. Thompson Swann. Mrs. Gordon-Cumming will pour tea. An interesting feature of the sale will be the reading of character by handwriting by Miss Rowe, niece of Admiral Rowe. The success of the sale is already assured and is largely due to the energy and enterprise of Mrs. Hoes and Mrs. Stone, who originated the plan.

Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., are visiting Mrs. Wadsworth's parents, Secretary and Mrs. Hay.

Justice and Mrs. Peckham are visiting their son, H. E. Peckham, at Lakewood, N. J.

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe will receive at the Manse tonight from 8 to 10 o'clock the members and adherents of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, was a passenger on the St. Paul, which arrived at New York from Southampton yesterday.

Senator and Mrs. Depew purpose leaving Washington on Saturday for Baltimore.

more, where they will join the Vanderbilt house party.

Mr. Leshman, United States minister to Turkey, sailed from New York on Thursday for Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg, on the Deutschland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Minot Jones have taken the John Hard Rogers cottage in Forest Avenue, Lakewood, N. J., for the season.

Former Senator John M. Thurston and Mrs. Thurston have recently returned from the Hawaiian Islands. They have leased Captain Pitcher's house, 2132 Wyoming Avenue, for the winter. Mrs. Thurston will receive Thursdays in January.

Among the large confirmation class prepared by the Rev. Thomas J. Kerriek and the Rev. Andrew J. Carey, which was confirmed by Cardinal Gibbons at the Holy Name Church, December 14, was Miss Helena Tracy Wilson Doocy. Miss Doocy wore a white broadcloth, and in compliance with Cardinal Gibbons she wore flowing streamers and sash of cardinal and carried a cardinal prayer book. Miss Doocy is a descendant of Thomas Nelson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and recently received a prize from St. Cecilia's Academy.

Boston Notes.

Paul Revere Hall, Mechanics' Building, was bright with glitter of gold braid and musical with the clash of sabers when the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Corps Cadets gave their dance last week.

Mrs. Henry S. Pritchett, wife of the president of the institute; Mrs. Dana P. Bartlett and Mrs. F. G. Moore were the matrons. The floor director was Capt. John G. Barry, and Capt. Charles F. Wetters and Capt. G. Carlton Simpson were his assistants.

Friday the national president of the D. A. R., Mrs. C. W. Fairbanks, was treated to another patriotic thrill when she was escorted to Plymouth and given an opportunity to view the famous landing place of the Pilgrims. Mrs. Fairbanks, State regent; Mrs. Loretta Vining, James Adams Chapter regent, and Mrs. G. W. Simpson, vice president general, accompanied Mrs. Fairbanks.

Upon arrival in Plymouth the daughters were met by Mr. Hathaway, whose wife was a member of the John Adams Chapter, and escorted to all the places of interest. Afterward Mr. Hathaway entertained them at luncheon, and followed this by a tea at his home to which his neighbors and friends were bidden.

Saturday, with a party of escorting daughters, Mrs. Fairbanks took an early morning train for Concord, where the entire day was taken up with sight-seeing, and a luncheon given by the regent of the Concord Chapter.

Mrs. Fairbanks left for Washington yesterday.

Fashionable World in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Martin are due to arrive here within a day or two. They are coming over in time to attend the Livingston-Kountze wedding next Saturday. Mrs. Martin being a cousin of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had no end of a good time during their brief stay abroad. In Paris they were made much of and introduced by

The British Ambassador and Lady Herbert to Give a Tea Tomorrow--Gentlemen's Sale at Mrs. Stone's.

The Grand Duke Boris of Russia, whom they entertained last summer at Newport. In England they were the guests of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, at Blerheim. Mrs. Martin is bringing over some finery with her which will be seen at the dances after the holidays before she and Mr. Martin go to California. The impression has been that Mrs. Martin's sister, Miss Blanche Oelrichs, would make her debut this winter.

An interesting event is expected before Christmas at the Payne-Whitney residence, and Mr. Whitney's uncle, Oliver Payne, will see that Santa Claus leaves a golden shower in his track for the lucky child. Mrs. Hay, who has been on here, visiting her son-in-law and daughter, has returned to her home in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney are living in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Almerie Hugh Paget, 11 East Sixty-first Street.

W. C. Whitney and a large party of guests are expected at Alken on December 20 for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., are at Lakewood. The elder Rockefellers are the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Prof. and Mrs. Charles A. Strong, who have a cottage on the Lake Drive, Lakewood's fashionable boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., are in a hotel a short distance from the Strong cottage. They attended service at the Baptist Church this morning. Young Mr. Rockefeller denied a report that he had come here for his health at the direction of his physician.

Probably the most largely attended tea of this afternoon will be that given by John D. Crimmins, of 49 East Sixty-eighth Street, when his daughter, Miss Constance Crimmins, will make her debut. The receiving party will include Mrs. Albert Gould Jennings, nee Crimmins; Miss Genevieve O'Brien, Miss Louise Trowbridge, and Miss Katherine McCann. There will be a dinner after the reception, but probably no dance, unless an informal one.

Mrs. Almerie Hugh Paget, the elder of the two daughters of William C. Whitney, who has been somewhat out of health during the last few years, has some fine sets of jewels, which belonged to her mother, the first Mrs. William C. Whitney. One entire set of emerald brooches, in turquoise and diamonds, has been vastly admired. Mr. and Mrs. Paget have been abroad for a couple of years. From recent letters received here it is learned that Mr. Paget has now quite recovered from the effects of his recent shooting accident and operation. Mr. and Mrs. Paget, who are not much heard of as going about in England, have every advantage. Mr. Paget is one of the younger of the thirteen children of the late Lord Alfred Paget, Lady Colebrooke, one of his sisters, has made several prolonged stays with William C. Whitney here and Sydney Paget practically makes his home with Mr.

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These suits are each for \$5,000 damages for depriving the plaintiffs of their right of franchise. Similar suits are to be instituted in different parts of the State. The prospect of obtaining money damages is probably expected to stimulate the colored people to contribute funds for carrying on the war against Virginia's constitution.

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CHRISTMAS CHARITIES OF MYSTIC SHRINERS

Preliminary Work Will Commence This Evening—Meeting in Bond Building.

The preliminary work for the extensive Christmas charities of Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine, will commence this evening. All members of the basket committee have been asked to meet at 8 o'clock in the offices of Potentate Frank K. Raymond, Bond Building, prepared for clerical labors.

Ten days ago blanks were placed in the hands of each of the 1,100 members of the temple, with the request that the names of deserving families to whom a Christmas basket could be properly sent be furnished the committee. It is for the purpose of transcribing these names upon shipping tags, to be attached to the baskets when they are filled, that the meeting is called tonight.

This work and other matters incident to this charity will occupy each evening of the committee from now until Christmas Day.

PRESIDENT INVITED TO A COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Senator Daniel introduced to the President this morning Dr. Julius D. Dreher, president of Roanoke College at Salem, Va. The latter presented an invitation to the President to attend the semi-centennial of that institution which is to be held June 9 to 11 next. The President regretted that his public engagements in other parts of the country would prevent his acceptance.

Social Doings in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Brown gave a pretty dinner the other evening to a few of the younger members of society.

Miss Gladys Gittings has returned to Ashburton from a visit of several days in Washington. Miss Gittings will make her debut at the Christmas german, having been in mourning at the time of the first Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Preston have returned from their wedding trip and are now occupying their residence, in West Biddle Street.

A tea was given on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. R. Stewart Latrobe and the Misses Latrobe, at their residence, 14 East Eager Street.

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IN THE COURTS AND CAPITALS OF THE OLD WORLD

Discord and Trouble Over Gifts From Monarchs to Their People—Belgium May Not Receive Leopold's Present of the Congo Free State—Parliament Looks Askance at Osborne—London's Lord Mayor in Disfavor Over the Jews in Roumania.

Ill-luck seems to attend gifts made by monarchs to the nation. There have been all kinds of trouble and disagreeable discussion in connection with King Leopold's promised bequest of the Congo Free State to Belgium, and of the palace of Laeken, with its grounds, and of a number of other royal chateaus, parks and estates to the nation, the donation being held up in consequence of the discovery that the demented Empress Charlotte of Mexico, as well as the Princess Philipp of Coburg, had a proprietary right in the real estate in question, and that inasmuch as their mental condition prevented their giving any valid consent to the transfer of the buildings and land, these could not legally be alienated.

Moreover the opponents of the crown and government did not hesitate to point out that there was a number of strings attached both to the bequest of the Free State, and to the donation of the royal property in Belgium, strings that entailed a heavy expenditure to the national treasury, and a corresponding pecuniary advantage to the sovereign donor.

And now similar trouble has cropped up in England in connection with King Edward's coronation gift of the palace and estate of Osborne to the nation. The donation has been lately engaging the attention of parliament where it has given rise to debates which can only have been extremely disagreeable to King Edward, but which probably gave a certain amount of quiet satisfaction to some of his near relatives, who have bitterly resented his action in connection with Osborne.

This estate of Osborne, which was the private property of the late Queen Victoria, was so carefully entailed by her that it has now been discovered that no valid transfer thereof to the nation can be made until the Prince of Wales' eldest son, little Prince David, comes of age and qualified thereby to give his legal sanction to a breaking of the entail, and to the presentation of the property to the nation.

During the course of the debate the fact was brought to light that Osborne

cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000 a year to keep up, and that both the King and his son would be relieved of this annual drag on their resources by the transfer of the property to the crown, while the national treasury would of course have to saddle itself with the cost.

Neither the King nor the Prince of Wales likes Osborne. The climate does not agree with them. But it does not follow that the eldest son of the Prince of Wales will take the same view. Then, too, it has been questioned in parliament whether the gift to the nation is of sufficient value to the latter as to warrant the additional expense to the treasury which the maintenance of the place would involve. There are objections from many quarters on economic grounds to starting a new home for deserving officers of the military and marine forces, and for their families on the lines of the Hampton Court palace, at a cost of \$50,000 a year, and it has been suggested that if means could be found legally to accept the gift from the King and from his son, it should be done in such a fashion that a sufficient portion of the land and park could be sold for building purposes to defray the maintenance of the remainder.

The fact of the matter is that the late Queen was particularly anxious that the Osborne estate should neither be broken up nor become crown property, but should remain the private domain of the sovereign for the time being, and with the object of preventing any other disposition of the property she inserted stipulations in her will of the most cast-iron character.

Even had there been no legal obstacles to the transfer of the property to the nation in connection with the rights of little Prince David, legislative sanction would have been required for the acceptance of the King's gift of Osborne owing to the fact that it entailed an additional annual cost to the treasury of \$50,000 a year. In parliament, however, the veneration for the late Queen is very great, and in the words of G. Bowles, one of the Tory members, there is a

great reluctance on the part of the house of commons to vote in favor of a scheme so absolutely and glaringly opposed to the wishes and will of her late majesty, within only two years after her death.

There the matter remains for the present, and King Edward, like his cousin, King Leopold, finds that people are looking into the mouth of his gift horse, and that the nation is reluctant to accept it, even if he had the legal power to make the presentation, which appears to be doubtful. Moreover, those who are unfriendly toward the government and the crown are questioning the disinterestedness of his motive in making the gift, as the Belgians are doing in the case of King Leopold, in a manner that is extremely disagreeable and calculated to create bad feeling, both on one side and on the other.

The action of the lord mayor of London in declining to invite the Roumanian envoy to his inaugural banquet at the Guild Hall last month along with the English cabinet ministers and great dignitaries of the United Kingdom and the other foreign ambassadors and ministers, has given great offense at court. King Edward in particular being exceedingly angry about the matter, and it may safely be taken for granted that Sir Marcus Samuel will receive neither that order of knighthood, nor yet that baronetcy, which have gradually come to be regarded as among the perquisites of a lord mayor of London during his term of office.

The lord mayor placed this affront upon the Roumanian minister, and ipso facto upon the sovereign represented by the latter, namely, King Charles, owing to the ill-treatment of the lord mayor's Jewish coreligionists in Roumania. But King Edward takes the ground that inasmuch as the Roumanian minister is, like all other foreign envoys, a member of his court, and, so to speak, his guest, the affront is one which touches him quite as much as it does King Charles. Moreover, he holds, and rightly

so, perhaps, that lord mayors have no right to call to concern themselves with international politics or to take steps calculated to interfere with the friendly relations of foreign governments with that of Great Britain.

I may add that this is not the first time that lord mayors of London have been called to account in this manner for mixing themselves up in matters which in the eyes of the sovereign and of the foreign office in no wise concerned them, and I can recall at least two occasions when the chief magistrate of the British metropolis was sharply taken to task by the premier for interfering in a manner altogether unwarrantable in the relations between the governments of France and England.

Of course Sir Marcus Samuel has some justification for his personal resentment toward the Roumanian government. As an Orthodox Hebrew he cannot but feel bitterly about its action toward his coreligionists.

Roumania may be said to have duped, not only the Jews themselves, but all the civilized nations of the world when it offered to repeal all religious and civic disabilities to which the Jews were subjected in King Charles' dominions, on condition that she were allowed to treat the Hebrews as foreigners, instead of as heretics. The Roumanian government argued that the Jews were virtually foreigners, being an alien race, living apart from the general population, speaking a language of their own, and having a religion of their own.

This offer was accepted by the powers and by the Jews alike. But the present state of the Jews is worse than the first. For whereas ordinary foreigners are championed and protected by the diplomatic and consular representatives of their respective countries at Bucharest, the Jews in Roumania have no such protection, and are thus exposed to discriminations and persecutions which could not be practiced on real foreigners without protest and trouble being made by their several governments.

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