

# SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

## AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

### Son of the British Ambassador Arrives for the Christmas Holidays--Mr. Morgan's Dinner and Dance at Rauscher's.

The debutantes have held the center of the stage for the past month. Hardly a day but some entertainment, a tea or a luncheon or a dinner, has been given in honor of the buds, but, like Oliver Twist, they are continually asking for more and their appetite for gaiety resembles that of the great anaconda at the Zoo for rabbits.

This week, with its many festivities, should, however, satisfy their craving. Tonight both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Clark will give large balls to which all the debutantes are asked. Tomorrow, Mrs. Glover will entertain at luncheon and in the evening the Sixty Couple Cotillon, preceded by at least a dozen dinners, will take place. The bal poudre for Miss Gwendoline Frouke is set for Wednesday, nearly all of the guests of which have accepted invitations to dinners beforehand. Not only are Miss Frouke's guests expected to appear in powdered hair but to wear white costumes. Thursday is naturally a home day. A number of Christmas parties have been arranged, however, and Mrs. Stilson Hutchins will give a tea Christmas afternoon. Friday, the Italian ambassador gives a small dance in honor of Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President. On Saturday Miss Bates' wedding will take place, Mrs. Henry I. Finley will entertain at a tea in honor of Miss Kelson, and the Margerites will give a dinner for the daughter of the President.

Formerly the debutantes were not invited to dinners, which were deemed more suited to their elders, but in the last few seasons it has become the custom to include them and debutante dinners are now as fashionable as debutante luncheons and teas. It is an excellent innovation, since their presence makes the dinners shorter and lighter and, as some of the graybeards of society can attest, brighter.

### The White House.

Mrs. Robert Fulton Cutting, of New York, gave a dinner in honor of Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President, Saturday evening.

Miss Roosevelt will return to town this afternoon and will be present at Mr. Morgan's dinner dance at Rauscher's this evening.

### The Diplomatic Corps.

Sidney Herbert, the eldest son of the British ambassador, arrived on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse yesterday to pass the vacation with his parents. He is a strong, healthy, and enterprising lad, and, according to his fellow-passengers, a good sailor.

### Dinners.

The charge d'affaires of the French embassy and Mme. de Margerie have sent out invitations for a dinner in honor of Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President, on Saturday evening, January 10.

The Misses Patten have sent out invitations for a dinner on Wednesday, January 23.

Two young Englishmen, the Hon. George Howard, a son of Lord Carlisle, and Arthur Stanley, a member of the family to which the late Dean Stanley belonged, are staying at the Albany. Edwin Morgan, of the State Department, gives a dinner and small dance, at which they will be guests, at Rauscher's, tonight. Among the guests will be the Belgian minister and Baroness Moncheur, Mr. and Mme. de Margerie, the Portuguese minister, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Ridgley Carter, the Misses Hitchcock, the Misses Warder, Count Quadt, Mr. Norman, Mr. Riano, Mr. Dering, Major McCawley, Walter Berry, Countess Marguerite Cassin, Miss Des Planches, and about forty others, who will be received by Mrs. Cowles and Mrs. H. H. D. Peirce. Miss Roosevelt is expected also to be of the guests.

Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne have invitations out for a dinner on December 27.

### Balls and Dances.

Leut. Robert Stirling Clark will give a dance at the New Willard this evening to which some 500 guests have been asked. There will be a cotillon of five figures.

The first dance of the Sixty Couple Cotillon will take place at Masonic Temple tomorrow evening.

The date of the first Monday Evening Dance is December 29.

The Charity Ball will be given Friday evening, January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour will entertain in honor of their daughter, Elsie, at a ball on Tuesday, December 30.

Mrs. Postlethwaite will give a ball in honor of her daughter, Carolyn, who made her debut this winter, at Rauscher's Wednesday, December 31.

Mrs. Huff will give a dance Monday, January 5, in honor of her daughter, Carolyn.

The first cotillon of the Bachelors is set for Wednesday, January 7. The committee are P. Lee Phillips, Lieutenant Davis, Major Montgomery Macomb, Rich-

tate, will sail for home on Tuesday. The countess, who is an unusually clever woman, has made a sensation through her food looks and her gowns at Sherry's, the Waldorf, and the theaters. She has learned enough English since she came to this country to carry on a conversation. The countess has been a guest at several informal entertainments and receptions. She expresses herself as so charmed with America that she hopes to return next summer.

Mrs. Edward Victor Loew introduced Miss Margaret Loew at a reception Saturday afternoon, in their home, 25 West Fifty-seventh Street. Miss Lounsbury, Miss Hollins, and Miss Fanshawe received with the debutante.

Among the passengers on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which arrived in New York yesterday from Bremen, was the Countess de Boni Castellane and her children. The countess expects to be joined by Count Castellane, who remained on the other side to conduct his campaign for re-election to the chamber of deputies, next month.

### Baltimore Society.

Mrs. Charles W. Walker and daughters Louise and Julie, are spending a few days in Washington during the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Tucker, 2153 L Street northwest.

A dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Preston, Jr., was given Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ellicott, at their residence, 106 Ridgewood Road, Roland Park.

Miss Lillian Louise Ringgold, whose marriage to Mr. John M. Reardon, of the Baltimore bar, will take place January 7, is a daughter of Mr. John J. Ringgold, of Baltimore county, and a descendant of the old Ringgold family of Maryland, one of whose members--Major Ringgold--was distinguished for bravery during the Revolutionary war.

Miss Ringgold was educated at the Notre Dame of Maryland, Charles Street

### Debutantes Hold Center of Social Stage. Many Entertainments to Which They Are Bidden--Miss Roosevelt Returns Today.

Avenue, and has an exquisite soprano voice. She has traveled extensively and has a wide circle of friends both in Baltimore and Baltimore county.

The wedding will take place at the old family estate, Spring Hill, near Towson.

Miss L. Courtenay O'Donnell, of New York, is spending the Christmas holidays with her aunt, Mrs. A. L. Gorter, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson at their residence, on East Chase Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Robinson, of Washington, have been visiting Mrs. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Sloan, at their home on West Monument Street. Mrs. Robinson was formerly Miss Elizabeth Bash Sloan.

### Social Doings in Philadelphia.

A tea will be given this afternoon by Mrs. Walter Langdon Eustis to formally introduce to society Miss Mary Eustis Hazlehurst, from 4 to 6 o'clock. The card of Miss Mary Hamilton Whelen is inclosed with the invitation.

A dinner will be given this evening by Capt. and Mrs. John Selser Muckle, 2023 Walnut Street, for the Philadelphia officers of the governor's staff.

Cards have been received here announcing the engagement of Alice Lillian, only daughter of United States Consul General Richard Guenther, at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, to Vice Consul Eugene Motz, of Chile, formerly of Mexico, where Consul Guenther was stationed for several years. Mr. Motz is from Stuttgart, Wurttemberg, Germany. All of

the relatives of Consul and Mrs. Emilie Guenther, nee Schloerb, are German, and the announcements were made solely in the German language. A little amusement is caused here over the fact that the engagement of a United States consul general's daughter should be distributed in German among a large colony of Americans, 50 per cent of whom have not been here long enough to be able to read it without an interpreter.

A luncheon in honor of the Misses Baer, daughters of George F. Baer, president of the Reading Railroad, was given yesterday by Mrs. Joseph Baldwin Hutchinson, wife of J. B. Hutchinson, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at 1304 Spruce Street. Those present were Miss Helen Baer, Miss May Baer, Miss Nellie Baer, Miss May Bell, Miss Nancy Lea, Miss Kitty Lea, Miss Jane P. Griswold, Miss Elizabeth Shippen Green, and Miss Annie Emelen Hamersly.

The Hon. James Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, of Montreal, Canada, while traveling through the United States, visited their cousin, Mrs. William H. Abbott, of 35 North Parson Street, West Philadelphia.

News has been received by some of the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel of their intended departure from London next week for Cannes, where they have taken a house.

Miss Irene Hare, who has been the guest of several persons in this city, will return to her home in Washington in a few days.

## MENUS TO GLADDEN CHRISTMAS DINERS

Two interesting menu cards for Christmas dinners, prepared for The Times by Louis Suter, chef of the Hotel Barton, are here given. The first is for a family party, at home, to cost approximately \$1 per plate, or \$5 for a family of five.

- Family Dinner, \$1 Per Plate. Blue Point Oysters, Consomme Ravanne, Olives, Celery, Souffle of Chicken Capucin, Stuffed Olives, Celery, Salted Almonds, Boiled Salmon Bavaroise, Spanish Makerei Montmorency, Cucumbers, Pommes Noisettes, Sauterne, Volsettes of Beef Brillat Savarin, Sweet Breads Bussy, Roman Punch, Roast Quail au Cresson, Prime Ribs of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, French Carrots, Glaces, Brussel Sprouts, Potato Fondante, Sweet Potato Risolis, St. Julien, Salade Chiffonade, Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce, Bisquits Tortoni, Petits Fours, Assorted Cakes, Cheese and Crackers, Demitasse.

### CAPTAIN MCCARTNEY'S ACTIVE CAREER CLOSES

Was One of the Best-Known Officers in the Naval Service.

Captain Daniel P. McCartney, who was appointed to the navy in 1861 and retired in 1892, died last evening at the home of his brother-in-law, William M. Irvin, 1704 Nineteenth Street northwest, of pneumonia. The funeral will be held in St. Matthew's Church, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and the interment will be at Arlington. Captain McCartney was a native of Ireland and was seventy-two years old. He is survived by his wife and his two sisters.

Captain McCartney was one of the best-known officers in the naval service. He was a man of intelligence and of strong individuality. He entered the navy as third assistant engineer July 1, 1861, serving during the civil war on both the North and South Atlantic stations. Like most other naval officers of that time, his service was one of constant activity and more or less hardship.

### IN AID OF CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

Mrs. Charles F. Joy, wife of Representative Joy, of St. Louis, has adopted a novel plan of aiding a worthy charity during the Christmas time. Mrs. Joy has designed and caused to be executed a large number of Christmas cards, handsome calendars and a variety of the novelties that are in great demand and popular favor at this season. She will offer these for sale at her residence, 1223 Connecticut Avenue, this afternoon and evening, until 11:30 p. m. The articles to be offered at the sale cover a wide range, embracing nearly everything that is to be found on the counters of the dealers in holiday novelties. The attractive feature of the display is that all of the goods are especially designed and made for this sale, thus enabling the purchaser to make selections that can not be duplicated at the stores. The articles range in value from a few cents to several dollars. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted to making a "Happy Christmas" for the Salvation Army.

## HANGS UP STOCKING FOR THE 101ST TIME

### Centenarian Takes Keen Delight in the Holidays.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.--If Mrs. Mary Nixon, of Bryn Mawr, lives until Christmas Day she will be 102 years old and at the same time achieve the record of having her stocking hung up 101 times for Kris Kringle.

The old woman is a great stickler for the proper holiday observances, and so Christmas is doubly celebrated, as her birthday and the greatest holiday of them all.

Sixteen great-grandnieces and nephews, together with many other descendants, will help make Mrs. Nixon's birthday a happy one. She resides with her niece, Miss Hannah Cline, in Lancaster Avenue. She is the granddaughter of Levi S. Kline, treasurer of Lower Merion township, and is related to many of the residents throughout that section of the country.

Mrs. Nixon was born at the corner of Twelfth and Locust Streets, in 1800, being the daughter of Henry Vollum, a merchant. She was one of twenty-one children, none of whom lived to be more than half her age. Mrs. Nixon has been a widow for thirty years. She is remarkably well preserved, appearing as young as most women of seventy years.

All of her mental faculties are retained, and she can remember and describe Lafayette's visit to Philadelphia, as well as many incidents of the war of 1812. Mrs. Nixon is as much surprised as anyone at her longevity. She has had every disease that the ordinary mortal is heir to, including smallpox. The belief that she will never see another Christmas after this does not depress Mrs. Nixon, and she is entering into the plans for a great celebration with keen delight.

### MRS. PAIRO'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Janeairo, who died at her home, 2201 S Street northwest, on Friday afternoon, took place from the family residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment was private. Mrs. Paairo was the widow of Charles W. Paairo. Her death was the result of a stroke of paralysis, which occurred ten days ago. She conducted a girls' school at Rock Hill and it is there that many of the now prominent women of this city received their education. Mrs. Paairo is survived by Richard E. Paairo, a lawyer of this city, and Misses Alice and Elinor Paairo.

### RECEIVER MAY OUST PREACHER-EXECUTOR

Attorneys in Dissler Will Case Make a Move.

READING, Dec. 22.--Attorneys for the heirs in the Dissler will contest have given notice that they will apply for a receiver to take charge of the assets of the estate now in the hands of the executor, the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, pastor of the Second Reformed Church here.

Attorneys for the heirs filed, in last July, a bill in equity against the Rev. Mr. Bridenbaugh, in which a receiver was asked for. The property sought to have placed in charge of the receiver was estimated to be worth about \$12,000. It is now proposed to ask the executor to make an accounting of the money given him by Mrs. Dissler during her lifetime.

Judge Bland overruled Mr. Bridenbaugh's exceptions to the decision of the orphan's court, making him the defendant in the issue to be framed for the trial of the case in the civil court. He had desired to be the plaintiff.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS TO HONOR THEIR DEAD

### Services at Masonic Temple This Evening.

Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, of the District of Columbia, will hold its annual memorial services at the Masonic Temple, Ninth and F Streets northwest, at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The memorial committee is composed of Companions Charles H. Smith, J. Claude Keiper, and Jacobus Jones. The following are the names of the members of the chapter who have died since the last services were held. Companions George S. Prindle, Henry Ralph, Jr.; Robert H. Gunnell, Octavius L. Pruden, J. W. Abel, and C. Arthur Snyder.

The order of the exercises will be as follows:

- Music. Prayer. Companion Rev. Charles F. Sontag. Reporters: Companion George S. Prindle, by Companion J. Claude Keiper. Companion Henry Ralph, Jr., by Companion Robert O'Donnell. Music. Companion Robert H. Gunnell, by the Rev. Companion J. J. Mair. Companion Octavius L. Pruden, by Companion E. A. Keeler. Music. Companion J. W. Abel, by Companion Jacobus S. Jones. Companion C. Arthur Snyder, by Companion James T. Gibbs. Music. Address, Companion William E. Andrews. Music. Benediction.

### MANOR HOUSE CHAPTER HOLDS OPEN SESSION

Arthur G. Gehr, of Honolulu, Delivers Half-Hour Talk--Musical Program.

A feature of the open session of Manor House Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held Saturday night at the Riggs House was a half-hour talk by Arthur G. Gehr, of Honolulu, Hawaii. It was expected that Lieut. William E. Safford would give an illustrated lecture on Guam, but illness prevented his presence.

Several instrumental selections were played by pupils of Mrs. Rount-Johnson, and songs sung by pupils of Prof. Bischoff.

A brief business session of the chapter was held, at which Mrs. Minnie L. Balingier, the regent, presided. Mrs. Greenwood-Stanley, chairman of the committee of reception, was in charge of the social session. She was assisted by Miss Chandler and Miss Goddard.

Mr. Gehr is a Chicagoan by birth, and has spent the past three years in Honolulu, where he has large business interests. He is now in Washington in the interest of the construction of the Kohala water ditch. His brother, Herbert Gehr, is also in Hawaii, and is interested in the construction of a railway 120 miles in length, which will extend from Hilo to the Kohala district.

Mrs. Greenwood-Stanley, chairman of the committee on resolutions, offered a resolution on the death of Mrs. Mary Barr Wardfield Gibbons, a member of the chapter, who died recently. It was ordered spread upon the minutes of the organization. The next open meeting will be held January 17 next, when Judge Watson, formerly attorney general of Ohio, will read a paper on the "Lawyer of the American Revolution."

Those who contributed to the musical part of the program were Grace Greenwood Colyer, who sang "Robolink;" Ethel Summy, who played "Silver Spring;" Gladys Strong, "Tarantelle;" Roberta Ames, "Bubbling Spring," and Lillian Love, "Rigoletto." The final number, "Good Night, Sweet Dreams," was sung by Miss Colyer.

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