

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

Miss Henrietta Bates and Mr. McKee to Be Married This Afternoon at Home of Bride's Parents--Mrs. Gallaudet's Tea

Among the Diplomats.

The Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches have sent out invitations for a dinner on Monday, December 29, and for one on Monday, January 5. The latter dinner will be followed by a reception to the Diplomatic Corps, to meet whom a number of society people have been asked.

Mrs. Thomas Alexander Reilly, of Philadelphia, will give a dinner in honor of the German ambassador and his staff, and the Austrian minister and Mme. Hengelmueller, on the evening of February 2. After the dinner, Mrs. Reilly, who is one of the patronesses of the German-American ball, will attend the ball with her guests. This ball is the sixteenth given under the auspices of the German-American society, and will take place at the Academy of Music.

The Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches gave a dance last night in honor of Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President. Signora des Planches wore an empire gown of rose colored silk, trimmed with rare old lace. Her ornaments were pearls. Signora des Planches was assisted in receiving by the members of the ambassador's staff, and the charge d'affaires of the French embassy, and Mme. de Margerie. Supper was served in the basement dining room, which is decorated in Dutch fashion, and last night was hung with laurels and holly. Bouquets of pink roses and narcissus were used on the table.

The guests were the members of the Diplomatic Corps, Miss Knox, the Misses Hitchcock, Miss Wilson, Miss McKenna, the Misses Cockrell, the Misses Newlands, Miss Ashton, Miss Anderson, the Misses Boardman, the Misses Bell, the Misses Foulke, Miss des Planches, Miss Hays, Miss Howard, Miss Diane Morgan Hill, Miss Kennedy, the Misses King, the Misses Loring, the Misses Lester, Miss MacVeagh, Miss Field, Miss Postelwaite, Miss Sargent, the Misses Wetmore, the Misses Warden, Miss A. Ward, Miss Martin, Mile. de Smirneff, Miss McCauley, Miss Hagner, Miss Glover, Miss Fish, Miss Clayton, Miss Gertrude Myer, the Misses Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Thoron, Mr. and Mrs. Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Edwin Morgan, John B. Henderson, Jr., Mr. McCauley, Mr. Parsons, Walter V. B. Berry, Mr. Hall, Lieut. Robert Sterling Clark, Gist Blair, Mr. Hagner, M. Potter Jones, Lieutenant

McCawley, Eugene Hale, Thomas Lindsay, Adolph Blair, Walter Tuckerman, Walcott Tuckerman, William Hill, L. Hopkins, and Mr. Hiebhorn.

The Italian ambassador is entertaining his compatriot, Count Solone di Campello, president of the Italian Club of Boston. When the ambassador visited Boston recently he was Count di Campello's guest.

Bates-McKee Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Henrietta Bates and McKee Dunn McKee will be celebrated this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, the Paymaster General of the Army and Mrs. Bates, 1775 N Street, by the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes. The Marine Band will play during the afternoon. Mrs. M. E. Olmsted and Mrs. William Mansfield Scudder, of Chicago, are to be the matrons of honor. Miss Eliza Bates will be the maid of honor. The bridesmaids are to be Miss Mildred Barnes, of New York; Miss Henrietta Whitney, of New Haven; Miss Carolan, of San Francisco, and Miss Story, of Boston.

Lanier McKee will act as his brother's best man. The groomsmen are to be Richard McKee, S. Brinckerhoff Thorn, Samuel Thorn, James B. Neale, Robert D. Wrenn, and Dr. Edward Trudeau, Jr., all of New York. The ushers who will hold the ribbons through which the bride will pass to a floral altar will be Redmond Cross, Harry Fisher, James Darrach, James Terry, Frederick Rutch Swift, Allen Hervey, and H. H. Henry, all of New York; and Alexander Brown, of Philadelphia.

Teas.

Mrs. Edward M. Gallaudet, wife of Prof. Gallaudet, of Kendall Green, gave a reception yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Marian Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, whose engagement to Prof. Gallaudet's son, Edson Gallaudet, of Philadelphia, was recently announced. Miss Cockrell stood next to the hostess, and was warmly congratulated by the several hundred people who called in the course of the afternoon. Mr. Gallaudet came over from Philadelphia for the tea. Mrs. Gallaudet and Miss Gallaudet were assisted in the receiving by Miss Anna Ewing Cockrell, the debutante sister of Miss Cockrell; Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Miss Wilson, daughter

of the Secretary of Agriculture; Miss Fanny Fuller, and Miss Eleanor Terry, daughter of Admiral Terry.

Mrs. Edson is giving a young people's tea this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Rene Bache is giving a reception this afternoon in honor of her cousin, Miss Susan Dayton Biddle, who has recently come to Washington to live, and her sister-in-law, Miss Edythe Markoe Bache, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Henry I. Finley gave a tea yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of Miss Kelton.

Dinners and Luncheons.

The Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne will entertain at dinner this evening.

Justice Brown will give a dinner tonight in honor of Justice and Mrs. Holmes.

Miss Fuller, daughter of the Chief Justice, entertained at luncheon today. Her guests were Miss Louise Jones, Miss Foraker, Miss Ward, Miss Sargent, Miss Owen, Miss Fronke, Miss Cobb, Miss Poor, Miss Gallaudet, Miss Greely, Miss McLanahan, Miss Hoban, Mrs. Charles Poor, and Mrs. Francis.

Notes.

Miss M. Edna Thomas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Barnard, of Baltimore.

The death of Mrs. Carr's mother, which occurred Christmas Eve at Santa Fe, N. M., will put the family of General Carr in mourning.

The Hon. J. C. Clements, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, who passed a few days in Louisville this week, has returned home.

Capt. and Mrs. Newton H. Hall are spending the holidays with Mrs. Hall's sister, Mrs. W. C. Hibbs, 1501 Park Street, and will be at home there to her friends on Monday, December 29, afternoon and evening.

Mrs. E. C. Thomas will not be at home until Saturday, January 3, when she will have with her Miss Ellen Haines Thomas, of Philadelphia.

Lieut. Charles Annesley Romeyn and wife, from Fort Keogh, Mont., are spending the holidays with their parents, Major and Mrs. Henry Romeyn, 714 Twentieth Street. Lieutenant Romeyn will soon return to the Philippines with his regiment, having served in Samar with the Tenth Cavalry.

New York People.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Lehr, after a visit to Philadelphia, have returned to

The Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne to Entertain at Dinner This Evening. Luncheons and Receptions by Smart Set.

this city for the remainder of the holidays. They will visit Baltimore again later in the winter.

Mrs. Foxhall Keene has a holiday house party with her at her country home at Roslyn, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., have a house party at Aiken for the holidays.

Social Doings in Baltimore.

An old-fashioned Christmas ball was given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Brown at their town house, on Cathedral Street, in honor of their daughter, Miss Harriet Brown. The magnificent ballroom was made doubly beautiful by decorations of holly, in the drawing and reception rooms roses and orchids were used. Music was furnished by an orchestra of sixteen pieces. There was no cotillon, dancing being general throughout the evening. After 11 o'clock an elaborate buffet supper was served. Mrs. Brown received, wearing a French gown of white brocade embroidered in crystals. The ornaments were a tiara, necklace and corsage stars of diamonds. Miss Brown wore pale-blue satin and silver.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs (Mrs. Robert Garrett) have returned home. On Christmas Day they gave a dinner and an entertainment to messenger boys in their house in Mount Vernon Place in this city. They had many guests to witness the entertainment, among them being Mrs. Richard Irvin.

Mrs. Alice Patterson and daughter, Miss Lee Patterson, of Washington, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. J. Albert Boyles at the Mount Royal.

Mrs. Charles Robbins Lord gave an "at home" yesterday at her residence, 265 Woodlawn Road. Roland Park, in honor of her daughter, Miss Laura Griselda Lord. The house was decorated with holly and flowers. In addition to the friends of Miss Lord a number of Mrs. Lord's friends were invited.

Mrs. Rose Lee, of Washington, is spending the holidays at the home of her uncle, Samuel Parks, near Towson.

Philadelphia Gossip.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Neff, of 228 West Logan Square, gave a dance last even-

CARDINAL GIBBONS GOES TO PITTSBURG

Will Attend Golden Jubilee of St. Paul of the Cross Monastery Commencing Tomorrow.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Cardinal Gibbons left Baltimore last night to attend the golden jubilee of the Monastery of St. Paul of the Cross, on the South Side, Pittsburg. He was accompanied by the Rev. William A. Fletcher, rector of the Cathedral. They started from Camden station last night in the private car of President Looze, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

While in Pittsburg the cardinal will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McCook, and this afternoon a public reception will be given in his honor at the Hotel Scheuley, Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Father Stafford, of Washington, and other distinguished Catholic divines will be present.

The golden jubilee of the Passionist Monastery will begin tomorrow morning with a solemn celebration of high mass by Archbishop Ryan. The cardinal will occupy the throne in the robes of his office and will also bless the new statutory of the monastery. Rev. Michael Kinzing is superior of the institution. On Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning the cardinal and Father Fletcher will go to Wheeling, W. Va., where the cardinal will have a public reception. He will probably return to Baltimore by New Year Day.

NON-UNIONIST BEHEADED.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—John Wachs was found headless on the main track of the Lehigh Valley Railway in this city Thursday. The severed head was found along the track some distance away.

Wounds on the body other than those likely to be inflicted by a train, and the fact that Wachs is a non-union miner, and that his home was dynamited during the strike, are taken as suspicious circumstances by the police.

LOCAL MENTION.

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CHANGE FOR BETTER IN MRS. CLARK'S CONDITION

Young Mother of \$1,000,000 Infant Gives Hopes That She Will Recover.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 27.—There was a change for the better in the condition of Mrs. W. A. Clark, Jr., yesterday. Hopes are now entertained for her ultimate recovery.

She has gained steadily and perceptibly since the operation was performed yesterday. She is in excellent spirits, and has apparently inspired the members of her family with the hope that she will recover.

The infant who will inherit \$1,000,000 from Senator Clark, was brought into the sick room today, and its presence seemed to inspire great hopes in Mrs. Clark.

DAUGHTER GETS MONEY, ALTHOUGH DISINHERITED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Judge Shaw in the superior court has invalidated the will of the late Col. Blanton Duncan, famous Confederate soldier, political prophet, champion of the Chinese, and Kentucky gentleman. His considerable fortune, which was left to sixty-eight persons in this country and abroad, goes, under Judge Shaw's decision, to his daughter, Mrs. Katherine Lewis, to whom he had left nothing at all.

Colonel Duncan died in Los Angeles in April. For most of his life he was a resident of Louisville, where he was once defeated for Congress by Henry Watterson. Among the beneficiaries under his will were Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, Gen. John B. Castleman, and twenty-one other Kentuckians, no one of whom had any reason to expect legacies. To each he left \$1,000, and the same sum was willed to Ah Sam, a faithful Chinese friend.

WIFE NAMED SUCCESSOR.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 27.—The residents of Stapwick, several miles north of this village, are congratulating Deacon Close, a wealthy farmer, and his young wife, having just learned that a wedding had occurred.

For three days Mr. Close and his bride, formerly Miss Grace Lockwood, were keeping house before their neighbors knew it. The bride is twenty-six, and the bridegroom is said to be twice that.

Mrs. Close died fourteen months ago, and it was rumored that before her death she had picked out her successor. A few days ago Mr. Close and Miss Lockwood went to the Standwick Congregational parsonage and were married by the Rev. Matthew Patton, the minister agreeing to keep it secret.

They appeared together in public at Christmas exercises, and then the secret came out.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Philadelphia, from Southampton; Lohian, from Yokohama; Rustington, from Carisena.

WEST POINT CADET SEEKS HONORS BY ENLISTING

James M. Lockett Leaves Academy to Join His Father's Troop.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—James M. Lockett, son of Capt. James Lockett, commanding I Troop, Fourth Cavalry, at Jefferson Barracks, in his eagerness to secure a commission in the army has resigned a cadetship at West Point and enlisted as a private in his father's troop.

He arrived at the barracks from West Point yesterday and drew his uniform and equipment from the post quartermaster and will take up life with the barracks troopers. In resigning his cadetship the young man had the consent of his parents. They are desirous of furthering his ambition in every way.

GETS SON-IN-LAW FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 27.—"Here is my Christmas present for you," said Mrs. Leonard Hutchinson, as she walked into the house of her parents yesterday morning, and pushing forward a blushing man she introduced him as her husband. The parents of the young woman were greatly surprised.

She has lived with her parents in East Hartford and worked in a store in this city, going back and forth every day. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hildreth, who are very well known in the town east of the river. The couple told the Hildreths that they were married in Springfield in June, but had kept their secret.

The old couple gave the bride and bridegroom a hearty welcome and relatives and friends were invited for a reception.

CAPITOL HILL LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Capitol Hill Literary Society met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Betts, 706 Eighth Street northeast. The subject was "Christmas," and original stories and poems were written by members of the society. The program was as follows: Roll call answered by Christmas quotations; story, "My First Oyster," Miss M. C. Bennett; poem, "The Christmas Angel," and fable, "The Horse and the Dog," Miss Flora Whitney; song, Mrs. W. T. Betts; poem, "Christmas Bells," Mrs. M. G. Walpole; story, "Christmas," Capt. J. E. Hart; poem, "Santa Claus," J. W. Babcock; song, Mrs. Betts.

The society will give a "Christmas party" next Monday evening, December 29, at the residence of E. J. Bernhart, 904 Massachusetts Avenue northeast.

CURRENCY TRANSFERS.

United States Treasurer Roberts said yesterday that so far in the present month \$1,446,000 in currency had been transferred to New Orleans against deposits in New York, \$700,000 to San Francisco, and \$1,250,000 to Chicago. These figures are more than \$1,500,000 below those for the same period of 1901, and over \$2,000,000 below those for the same month last year.

NO TRACE OF MISSING CARRIE GASKINS

Disappearance Arouses Fears That She Has Been Kidnaped or Murdered.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 27.—Though detectives in and out of Norfolk have made every effort to locate missing Carrie Gaskins, aged twenty-two, who disappeared ten days ago, no trace has been found of her. Her relatives, who first thought that she might have eloped to be married, now fear that she has either been kidnaped or murdered.

The girl's disappearance has caused a sensation, and the case resembles in some particulars that of Nell Crosey, the former Brooklyn girl who disappeared from her home in Elizabeth City, N. C., last year and was searched for until her body was found in the river six weeks later. Miss Gaskins had a good voice, and some think that she may have left here for New York to go on the stage.

The last seen of Miss Gaskins was when she alighted from an incoming Virginia Beach electric car at 3 o'clock on Tuesday of last week. She had been visiting her brother at Virginia Beach and left there for her home in Norfolk.

HOTEL GUESTS ESCAPE FIRE IN NIGHT CLOTHES

SCENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A fire broke out in the Mason clock yesterday morning. Before it was extinguished the loss was over \$75,000.

The inmates of two small hotels, which were included in the block, escaped in their night clothes.

AGED COUPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS BY MARRYING

EATONTOWN, N. J., Dec. 27.—Gilbert Polhemus, sr., aged seventy-eight years, and Phoebe Ann Richardson, sixty-five years old, residents of this place, have announced their marriage. It took place on Christmas Eve, the Rev. E. M. Stanton, of this place, performing the ceremony. The bride is a widow of twelve years' standing and the groom a widower of two years. Both own farms here. Neither wears glasses or artificial teeth. They will live on the Polhemus farm.

OHIO PREACHER SCORES UNITED STATES ARMY

COLUMBUS, Dec. 27.—Dr. John MacCurdy of Youngstown, Ohio, takes occasion to score the regular army and severely criticizes West Point in a discussion of the canteen question, which was published in an anti-saloon league organ today. He also arraigns regular army officers in one list under the head of "vice-soaked." Dr. MacCurdy says: "It is not the regular army and its vice-soaked officers that make the laws of this land. The Congress that makes them has a mighty host of righteous, intelligent, temperate voters behind it, and they will see that the canteen law will 'stay put.'"

RED STAR STEAMERS STOP AT SOUTHAMPTON

The Red Star Line announces that the steamships Kronland, sailing from New York January 3, Finland, on January 17, and Kronland, January 31, will take mail and passengers for Southampton.

THE MAJOR'S BREAKFAST SAUSAGE

"What's this?" asked the fat major, as he poked a steaming dish of sausage with his fork. "More sausage, eh? Sausage from some of these local butchers, or from some idiot over in Virginia, who thinks he knows how to make it."

The major's wife was meek. She had heard remarks about the sausage before. The major leaned back in his chair. "My dear," he said, "I have often told you that it is a waste of time and money to try to get sausage in this benighted country. They do not know how to make it. Now, back in Kentucky, dear old Kentucky, where I was born, they make sausage that is perfect. It was raised on it. My Aunt Mchitable was the finest sausage maker in the blue grass region. She brought me up and trained me to be the Kentucky gentleman I am. She fed me sausage. There I acquired the taste I have for fine sausage. There I became used to the real thing, so that the measly imitations you set before me choke and confuse me.

"Sausage, woman; you know nothing of sausage. Here in this God-forsaken town they put beef in it. They—"

"But, major—" interrupted the wife timidly.

"Hush, woman!" the major continued. "What do you know of sausage? You were not born in Kentucky. Where I was brought up they plucked out particular pigs for the future sausage, fed them on mast and acorns, and when killing time came those pigs were made into sausage, and into nothing else. I can taste it now—"

"But, major—" said the wife, again. "Peace!" thundered the major. "I can taste it now. Beside that sausage this wife stuff you feed me is weasle, fat, stale, and unprofitable. These are derivative times and places. Only in good old Kentucky do they know—"

"Fish," snorted the major, "I will hear no arguments. There is no sausage like my aunt used to make. It is manufactured only in Kentucky. This stuff is a base imitation. I cannot eat it—"

"But, major," said the wife, while the major passed to catch his breath, "this is your aunt's sausage. She sent you a box of it for Christmas, and I thought I would give you a little surprise by having it for breakfast."

HUNGARY'S SONS IN UNITED STATES TO HONOR WASHINGTON

The project which was first advanced in the course of the festivities incident to the unveiling of the Kossuth monument in Cleveland, for the erection of a statue of Washington in Budapest, the Hungarian capital, is discussed at much length in the Christmas number of the "Szabadsag," or "Hungarian Herald," of Cleveland.

The views of men prominent in national affairs in the United States are given, and natives of Hungary in this country are urged to take an active part in the movement. It is intended that the money for the statue shall be given by Hungarians in the United States.

Prominent among those who have expressed their opinions in regard to the project are Senator Hanna, Senator Dewey, Vice President Pro Tempore Frye, Senator Hoar, Senator Fairbanks, former President Cleveland, Governor Bliss of Michigan; Governor Nash, of Ohio; Representative Dick of Ohio; former Postmaster General John Wanamaker; Representative Dalsell, of Pennsylvania; Representative Belder of Ohio, and Governor-elect Samuel Pennypacker of Pennsylvania.

In an editorial upon the movement, the "Szabadsag" says in part: "Our recent celebration, on the occasion of presenting Kossuth's monument to the city of Cleveland, had a beneficial result in that it awakened a more brotherly sentiment toward the Magyars in American hearts. It was on this occasion that the thought arose of finding means for the Magyars of America to express their gratitude to this country, where so many hundred thousands of them earn their bread; whose factories and mines give them employment; whose commerce and industries bring them prosperity, and whose people bestow upon them their fraternal regard.

"The suggestion that a monument to Washington be erected in Budapest was the result. Asked why this monument should be erected in Hungary rather than here, the answer was that its erection in this country would be construed as a mere demonstration or as evidence of a desire of the Magyar people to appropriate to themselves an American hero and to isolate themselves from the rest of the nation.

"The suggestion to rear a monument of our first President in Hungary's capital was a glorious one; it was in the nature of an inspiration and will find a responsive echo in the hearts of all loyal Americans. Hungarians at home will undoubtedly realize that this idea was prompted by the American Magyars by a contemplation of the future, for if we can promote the friendliness of the American people toward us, have we not then accomplished a great service for the Magyar nation?"

It is the hope of those in charge of the project that the monument will have been erected and ready for unveiling on July 4, 1904.

Following are some of the views expressed by prominent Americans on the movement: Senator Hanna: "Such a project would result in benefit to both this country

and Hungary; strengthening the friendship ties existing between these two countries."

Governor Nash, of Ohio: "I am of the opinion that it will promote the growth of liberty among the peoples and cause great friendship between the Magyars and Americans."

Vice President Pro Tempore Frye: "I can well remember the intense interest which the visit of Kossuth to the United States aroused in this country and the profound sympathy it excited for yours. The erection of the monument to Washington in Budapest by the Hungarians living in the United States would be an act gratifying to our people, and I have no doubt would have a strong tendency to bring the two countries into closer relations."

Senator Hoar: "The feeling of our people toward Hungary has always been peculiarly tender, ever since their hearts were stirred to their profoundest depths by the eloquence of Kossuth. I knew him when he was here in 1851 and 1852, and visited him again in his exile at Turin, when he was past ninety, more than forty-five years afterward. There is no other instance in history that I know of a man's mastering a foreign tongue not only for the purpose of ordinary speech, but so that with it he could play upon the hearts of a people as upon an instrument, stirring them to the profoundest emotions. I am glad to know that the people he loved, even if not altogether along the path he hoped, is taking its place among the great peoples of the world, and is sure to enjoy, in a not distant future, freedom, and that without which freedom is impossible, self-government and the power to shape their own institutions as may seem to them best."

Senator Fairbanks: "The Hungarians who have become natives of the United States and who have become blended into our splendid citizenship, have a profound and sincere love for freedom and republican institutions. They could testify in no higher manner their love of liberty and of the United States than by the erection in Budapest of a monument in memory of the services of that great lover of liberty, the Father of the Great Republic, George Washington."

Ex-President Cleveland: "It seems to me that this would be an exceedingly proper and consistent thing to do, supplementary to the recent unveiling of the Kossuth monument at Cleveland. I hope this enterprise will be carried out in the spirit of its conception, and that the completion of the Washington monument in connection with the one already erected to Kossuth will mark with emphasis the sympathetic sentiments of freedom and liberty, which they cannot fail to suggest."

William J. Bryan: "The successful completion of such an undertaking will not only strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two nations, but will also tend to spread the light of American institutions."

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