

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

The President Pleased With Miniature Bears Sent as Christmas Presents. German Ambassador Returns to Washington From New York.

The White House.

The Christmas gifts most prized by President Roosevelt are three miniature bears, different varieties of the Ursidae family. A black bear was sent from the South, a brown bear from the Northwest, and a ferocious-looking grizzly from New York. The ursus from the Northwest performs many tricks, and the children of the household never tire of winding up the machinery that sets him dancing.

The Foreign Colony.

The German ambassador, Dr. von Holleben, returned to the embassy Saturday evening after an enjoyable visit in New York. The ambassador, who is famed for his generous hospitalities, will doubtless give some dinners in the near future, but has, as yet, made no social plans.

Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul general at New York, and his sister, who have been visiting the British ambassador and Lady Herbert, left town today at noon. They were the recipients of much social attention and carried with them many pleasant recollections of their stay at the Capital.

Miss Ruth Snyder of Philadelphia, a niece of Charlemagne Towers, the American ambassador to Germany, arrived at the Austrian embassy this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and will pass the next week as the guest of Madam Hengelmuller.

Madam Takahira, the wife of the Japanese minister, has had a slight return of the bronchial trouble from which she was so seriously ill in the early part of the season, and is confined to the house.

Andre F. de Ponte, a cadet at West Point, and a native of Venezuela, is visiting the charge d'affaires of his country at the Cochran.

The Court Circle.

Chief Justice Fuller's daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Frances, of New York, and her husband, are passing the holidays at the Richmond.

Mrs. Fuller will not receive today on account of illness.

Mrs. Harlan will not receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Shiras will receive this afternoon at her apartments in the Arlington.

In the absence of her mother and sister, who are visiting relatives in California, Miss McKenna will receive this afternoon.

Luncheons.

Mrs. G. Wardell Simpson, of Columbia Road, gave a young people's luncheon on Saturday, in honor of her guest, Miss Cooke, of Philadelphia. Her guests were Miss Berry, Miss Knox, Miss Hulbert, Miss Wilcox, Miss Bau, Miss Duvall, Miss Thompson, Miss McPherson, and Mrs. George Paul.

Miss Gertrude Clagett entertained at luncheon today in honor of Miss Speed, of New York, who is passing the winter with her aunt, Mrs. John F. Rodgers.

Teas.

Rear Admiral Harmony will give a tea on Tuesday, January 6, in honor of Miss Minnie Peters, whose engagement

to his nephew, David Harmony Biddle, lieutenant, U. S. A., son of Col. John Biddle, has recently been announced.

Mrs. Reilly, wife of the late Capt. H. J. Reilly, of the Fifth Artillery, U. S. A., will introduce her daughter at a tea at Raucher's this afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas Edwin Ridgway will give a tea tomorrow afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Tonita Ridgway.

Dinners.

The Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches will entertain at dinner tonight.

Mrs. Pierce Crosby will give a dinner Tuesday, January 6, in honor of her daughter, Miss Jean Crosby.

Miss Colton will entertain at dinner tomorrow night.

Mrs. Postlethwaite gave a young people's dinner last night.

Dr. and Mrs. John Davies Jones give a dinner tonight in honor of their daughter, Miss Martina Jones, a debutante of this season.

For House of Mercy.

A musical tea will be held this afternoon from 4 to 7, at the New Willard, for the benefit of the House of Mercy. It will be in charge of Miss Gwynn and Mrs. Ackley. Reginald De Koven will accompany two of his own songs. John Fox will read a selection from a novel which will soon appear. Mr. Rummel will play the violin. Mrs. J. C. Fremont and Miss Harlan are to sing. The name of Thomas Nelson Page, with many others that are attractive, appears on the program. Ten pieces of the Marine Band will play from 5 to 7 o'clock. Tea will be served by Mrs. Eugene Hale, Mrs. Gordon-Cumming, Mrs. Leonard Wood, and Miss Kean, with the assistance of some thirty of the most prominent young ladies in society.

Notes.

Owing to recent changes in the diplomatic corps at Copenhagen. Mr. Swenson, the American minister, is now dean of the corps, a dignity which has never been held by an American minister before. He will act in his new capacity as spokesman at the New Year Day reception.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Saul and son, of New York city, who are visiting their relatives here, will leave for the South in a few days.

Mrs. James Lansburgh will receive this afternoon.

Mrs. John Dalzell will receive Saturday and the following Saturdays for the rest of the season.

Hon. George H. Newhall, of Lynn, Mass., and his daughters, Miss Lizzie G. Newhall, and Miss L. Newhall, who are students at Smith College, are visiting Col. and Mrs. Luther Caldwell, at 1759 Q Street.

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper will pass the winter at the Normandie.

Robert S. McCormick, the retiring ambassador to Austria, will have his farewell audience with the Emperor, Francis

Joseph, today. He will leave at once for St. Petersburg, where he has been transferred.

Miss America Juanicot is visiting Miss Elsie Hackney, 1601 East Biddle Street, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ashworth have returned to Washington, after a visit to Mrs. Ashworth's mother, Mrs. G. R. Chapman, 1102 Mosher Street, Baltimore.

Mrs. Thompson and daughter, Miss Fannie, are guests of her sister, Mrs. George W. Albaugh, at Westminster, Md.

Mrs. Margaret Wiles is visiting relatives in Hagerstown.

Miss Louise Buckley is visiting Miss Louise Taylor at Williamsport.

Mrs. Maurice Woolridge is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred Flester, at their home, on Main Street, Laurel, Md.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. O'Neil, of Boston, are visiting Admiral O'Neil, U. S. N., at the Grafton.

Mrs. T. Bateson Musgrave, of New York and Bar Harbor, who is spending the winter here, went to Boston to pass the Christmas holidays with her son, Dr. Percy Musgrave, at his home, Hotel Royale, Beacon Street.

Social Happenings in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Lehr leave New York for Lakewood, N. J., today, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Gould at their country home.

Mrs. Abner McKinley's two recent receptions in the Presidential suite at the Manhattan were among the brilliant functions of the season. On both days the handsome drawing rooms were thronged with fashionable men and women. Mrs. McKinley made a graceful hostess.

One of the largest receptions of the week was given Friday afternoon by Mrs. M. J. Drummond, at her home, 148 West Seventy-sixth Street, to introduce her daughter, Miss Jean Drummond. In the evening Mrs. Drummond gave a theater party of twenty, followed by supper at Sherry's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Irwin Murray are entertaining Miss Victoria Ludgate, of Washington, D. C., the fiancée of their son, J. Irwin Murray, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney had a large house party at Westbury over Christmas, and thither Miss Nellson and Reggie Vanderbilt went for their Christmas turkey. The Alfred Vanderbilts contemplate going into the Adirondacks in January for some genuine winter sport.

The first of a subscription series of small and early dances for girls not yet out was given Saturday night in the ladies' annex of the Metropolitan Club. The patronesses include Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mrs. H. McKay Tumbly, Mrs. Robert Fulton Cutting, Mrs. Edward H. Harriman, and Mrs. William A. Street.

The Duke of Newcastle, the Hon. Lionel Guest, and Count Primoli are among the strangers in town who received many of holiday invitations. The Duke of Newcastle is at the Savoy and Count Primoli has a bachelor apartment in Twentieth Street. He brought over 150 letters from Italy with him. Count Primoli lost his mother a year ago last September and is simply doing the world in his own fashion. He is a great-grandson of Napoleon Bonaparte's favorite sister Pauline, the beauty of the family, who married Prince Borghese.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford White will give a dance on Tuesday night for Mrs. White's niece, Miss Isabelle M. Wetherill, recently presented at a tea given by her mother, Mrs. J. Bloomfield Wetherill.

On Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mortimer will give a theater and supper party for the latter's niece, Miss Eleanor Roosevelt, who came out at a small tea given last week by Mrs. Valentine G. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stockwell Reynolds Hitt sailed on Saturday for England and will go immediately to Berlin, where Mr. Hitt is second secretary of the United States embassy. It was at their bridal breakfast last Tuesday that the engagement of Miss Eva Barbey to Baron Andre de Neuffize, eldest son of a Parisian banker, was announced.

Philadelphia Jottings.

Miss Irene Hare, who has been visiting friends in this city, has returned to her home in Washington.

Mrs. John Thompson Spencer will open the twenty-third annual Charity Ball on January 21, with Charles Curtis Harrison, the chairman of the executive committee.

The invitations were received during the week for Mr. and Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel's ball, which will take place at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening, January 13, at 9 o'clock.

The Van Rensselaer ball is close at hand, there being only two more days before one of the largest functions of the season will take place. This ball is also given in honor of Miss Mae Fell, a charming girl of eighteen.

Mrs. John Biddle Porter and Miss Porter, 1529 Spruce Street, will be at home Mondays in January.

The breakfast for the Radnor Hunt Club, given by Charles F. Da Costa at his country seat, Ashwood, Villanova, was one of the features of the week. It followed closely the Benedicks' ball, and the many men who attended both func-

Madam Takahira, Wife of the Japanese Minister, Ill With Bronchitis--Mrs. Shiras to Receive at the Arlington This Afternoon.

tions had little time for sleep, as the ball was not over until 5 and the breakfast began at 9 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McMichael, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Henry, Dr. and Mrs. Woodward, all of Philadelphia, went to Washington to attend the Bates-McKee wedding.

Elwood C. Farry has returned to his home at Wyncoote from a short stay at Washington, D. C.

Baltimore Gossip.

Miss Camille Herman, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays here with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Sellman, 905 West North Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Emerson gave a handsome dinner Saturday at their residence, 2500 Eutaw Place, in honor of Miss Anne

VERSES BY KIPLING'S MOTHER AND SISTER

Anonymous Volume Entitled "Hand-in-Hand" Known as Work of the Two Women.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is now generally admitted in England that the recent anonymous volume of verse entitled "Hand-in-Hand," which attracted no little attention on account of its literary merit, is the work of Mrs. Kipling and Mrs. Fleming—mother and sister of Rudyard Kipling.

Mrs. Kipling's work is permeated with a deep love of nature, which rarely seeks for anything beyond appreciation of nature. So with Mrs. Fleming, in most cases nature is enough. In her ballads she has some of the fiery energy, the vigorous style of her brother, but not his all-pervading genius.

All three treat of India, and here we have a common ground of comparison—not a comparison of merits, but of treatment, to see whether the same strain runs through three people who have the same blood in their veins.

One is reminded of other families which had more than one gifted member. Dante, Gabriel Rossetti's father, was a poet whose works have been translated by his son. The son himself was a great poet and a great artist. His sister Chris-

KAISER WILLIAM'S SPEECHES.

Most Valued in Germany and Misinterpreted Abroad.

It would be no exaggeration to describe the Emperor William as a born orator, and certainly no reigning prince speaks in public so frequently. His words have in them an imperious force, which compels the attention and invites the criticism, friendly or otherwise, of not merely his immediate hearers, or even his subjects at large, but of the whole civilized world. He is always in the public eye, enormously popular with a great many people and disliked by others, and his gift of speech, which is marked by great clearness, force of expression, and eloquence of form, has done more than anything else in earning for him his remarkable prominence on the world's stage.

A determined upholder of peace, the most interesting monarch of modern times, and, in the opinion of his most ardent admirers, standing on the same plane as his prototype, Frederick the Great, it is only to be expected that every public utterance he makes will be reported verbatim in the German press and criticized with that thoroughness which is characteristic of the German people. In other countries, however, his speeches are seldom printed in their true form, and the comments made on them are often enough based on a misunderstanding of his meaning, the consequence of this being that the readers of non-German papers form more or less erroneous ideas of the man himself and of the principles which guide him.

Moreover, even in Germany the Kaiser does not get full justice for the press. In Great Britain the throne is supported by the newspapers with a loyalty quite equal to that shown by the royalists of the seventeenth century to Charles I and Charles II; but in Germany the case is different, for a large portion of the press is by no means too loyal, and not infrequently does not hesitate to view the Kaiser's utterances with more than average bias.

Such circumstances as these make doubly welcome the volume of collected speeches just published by the well-known firm of Dr. Weber and edited by Herr Klausmann. It is, therefore, gratifying to learn that this book, which is admirably arranged, will soon be, by permission of the German publishers, translated into English for the benefit of the large number of people who, being well disposed toward the powerful relative of the British royal family, are desirous of thoroughly understanding and doing justice to his principles, his convictions, his views on foreign politics, and his aspirations in general. An understanding of this kind can certainly be obtained from the authorized reports of his speeches printed in this book, for none of his most important declarations is missing, and some of them go far in showing that the Emperor's friendship for this country, which not a few people

think again, was a woman of rare poetic genius, sharing with Mrs. Browning the chief place among the poetesses our literature remembers. W. M. Rossetti is also known as a writer of considerable talent.

The Tennysons supplied a trio of poets, and in some measure the present Lord Tennyson inherits the literary instinct without the genius of his father.

The sisters Bronte afford another good instance of a gifted literary family, and the case of Charles and Mary Lamb comes to the mind in this connection. In art, we can instance J. G. Millais, a painter worthy of his father's name. In music, also, Wagner has left in his son, Siegfried, a personality who carries on the tradition of family fame.

WILL PRESENT COSTLY GIFT TO POPE LEO XIII

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Catholics in every part of the world are preparing to show their devotion to Pope Leo XIII, at the end of the celebration of his silver jubilee, next April, by presenting to him an almost priceless jewel.

This is a topaz weighing nearly four pounds, the largest in the world. It is now in the hands of skilled workmen in Rome, where it is being richly carved. It will contain when finished a representation of the papal arms and of Christ breaking bread. Notices on this subject will be displayed in all of the Roman Catholic churches in the country.

COMMANDER ROLLER EXPLAINS HIS POSITION

Says Wife Feared an Attack by Boxers.

Commander John C. Roller, formerly of the old Monocacy, the side-wheel patrol boat kept by this Government in the Chinese waters, has explained to the Navy Department his seeming violations of the naval regulations. Admiral Evans sent him home because it was alleged that he had kept Mrs. Roller on board the Monocacy, and kept her there in spite of admonition. He and Mrs. Roller are now in New York city after a day here.

Commander Roller says when he was stationed on the Pei Ho Mrs. Roller and the wife of an American consul took refuge on the boat, fearing an attack by the Boxers. Should this statement be corroborated, showing that Mrs. Roller merely exercised her right to protection as an American citizen no punishment will be inflicted. At the worst, only a protracted continuance upon waiting orders will be the sentence of the commander.

The regulation was made by the Secretary of the Navy Hunt in 1881, and was designed to correct the abuse by naval officers of making their ships the homes of their families and as a means of transportation for them from port to port.

MAURICE J. O'GORMAN WEDS MISS WHITTICK

Ceremony Performed in New York on Christmas Day by the Rev. Father Cunnion.

The announcement of the marriage of Maurice J. O'Gorman, at one time one of the best pitchers on the baseball team at Georgetown University, in New York Christmas Day, has occasioned widespread interest among his many friends in this city.

The bride was Miss Jeanne Whittick, a pretty school teacher in the Bronx district of Greater New York, where young O'Gorman also resides with his father, a wealthy builder. The Rev. Father Cunnion performed the ceremony in St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church, 138 1/2 Street and Alexander Avenue.

When informed of the marriage Mr. O'Gorman, sr., not only forgave the couple but presented them with one of the 300 handsome residences that he is building in the Bronx. The contracting parties are twenty-three years of age. They first met at a reception two years ago. It was a case of love at first sight. The wedding was set for June next, but the young people decided to take their parents by surprise and had the knot tied in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

Maurice J. O'Gorman graduated at Georgetown in 1896 after having attained honors both there and at Fordham College. He was one of the most popular young men at the college and has many friends in the city. He was not only a student, winning many class medals, but excelled in athletics. He was a member of the famous Georgetown football team and at baseball was always a valued player. The bride is the daughter of a well-to-do builder and competitor of Mr. O'Gorman, sr.

DEATH OF MRS. MARSHALL

News was received at the District Building today of the death of Mrs. Annis G. Marshall, at Milford, N. H., of old age and debility. Mrs. Marshall was about eighty-five years of age. She was the mother of Miss Lydia Marshall, clerk in the office of the secretary to the Board of Commissioners.

LOCAL MENTION.

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REHANGING THE PORTRAITS OF FORMER PRESIDENTS

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt Choose Positions for Pictures

President Roosevelt, with his customary independence and patriotism, has determined that the old portraits of historic interest, representing the Chief Magistrates of previous Administrations, shall not be banished from the White House, but, on the contrary, shall be placed at once in prominent locations throughout the mansion. This work is now in progress and will be completed before the New Year Day reception.

When the renovation of the Mansion was undertaken no special provision was made by the architects for affording positions for the paintings, which have for many years been considered part and parcel of the White House furnishings. This has not deterred the President, however, from ordering their return and location in the most prominent portion of the White House, instead of in the basement corridor, as was suggested by some of those connected with the renovation.

In order to expedite the arrangement of the portraits, the President devoted a part of this morning to household cares. After seeing two callers who came to the executive offices to introduce parties of friends, the President returned to the White House. There he spent some time determining the location of the portraits. Since last June they have been in storage, while the alterations to the Mansion were in progress.

Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied the President about the house and viewed as many of the portraits as have been unboxed so far. As mentioned in the Sunday Times, the hanging of the portraits was begun on Saturday, when two were hung at the extreme ends of the long corridor. Today five other portraits of Presidents were brought into the corridor and were stood along the walls, preparatory to hanging in such

positions as the President and Mrs. Roosevelt might determine. This morning's inspection was to discover the good qualities of the various pictures and note the effects of light upon them in various locations.

The present arrangement of the portraits is subject to change, but it is probable most of the pictures will remain where they will be placed this week by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. At the extreme west end of the corridor hangs the picture of President Arthur. Next will be placed those of Presidents Polk, Jackson, Harrison, and Fillmore, the latter at the extreme east end, where it will be in view from the East Room. The order of these portraits will depend largely upon the effects of light and shade as shown by experimental hanging. On the north side of the corridor there will be room for two additional pictures. These will be hung as soon as the others are put up on the opposite wall.

In the basement corridor will be located the portraits of some of the women who have been the "first lady of the land." Those already placed there, and ready to be hung, are those of Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Van Buren, Mrs. Polk, Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. Harrison. They will probably be placed in this order, though, as in the case of the President pictures in the main corridor upstairs, this is still subject to the President's order.

The other portraits belonging to the White House collection will be placed about the Mansion wherever suitable position and good light can be secured for them. Some of them will be put in the west sitting room on the second floor, where the most pleasing pictures have been gathered in a sort of art gallery effect. This latter apartment is where the much-talked-of picture, "Love and Life," is now located.

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