

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

Senator and Mrs. Depew Entertain at Dinner—Miss Goelet, of New York, Guest of British Ambassador.

The Foreign Colony.
Miss Goelet, of New York, the niece of Lady Herbert, is a guest at the British embassy, and will attend the Diplomatic Reception at the White House tonight.

The Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches entertained at dinner last night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Rollins Willard, of Boston. The other guests were: The charge d'affaires of the French embassy and Madam de Margerie; Mr. Strohlin, of the Swiss legation; Signor Montagna and Signor Borghetti, of the Italian embassy.

Mr. Willard has written several books on Italy. The most noted, "History of Modern Art in Italy," he spent five years in preparing, living in Italy meantime.

Dinners.

Senator and Mrs. Depew gave the second of a series of dinners last night. Their guests were the British ambassador and Lady Herbert, the Belgian minister and Baroness Moncheur, Associate Justice and Mrs. Brewer, Associate Justice and Miss McKenna, Justice Brown, Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Senator and Miss Cockrell, Senator and Miss Keen, Senator Beveridge, Mr. and Mrs. Rockhill, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Mrs. Postlethwaite, Miss Paulding, Senator Depew's niece, and Mr. and Mrs. Sloane, of New York, who are guests at the Depew home. After dinner the company attended the Bachelors' cotillon.

The Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne entertained at dinner last night Justice and Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Moody; General and Mrs. Draper, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, General and Mrs. Corbin, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. W. S. Cameron, Miss Louise Van Dyke Jones, and Colonel Biddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald De Koven gave a dinner last night of twelve covers. Their guests were the Russian ambassador and Countess Marguerite Cassini, the Austrian ambassador and Madam Hengelmueller, Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger, Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, Miss Wallace, Mr. Gabriellovich, the Russian pianist, who is at present visiting Washington, and Cambridge Livingston, of New York. An informal musicale followed the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Cropper gave a dinner last night in honor of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foulke, the Secretary of the Senate and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Russell, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Miss Schenck, Miss Sherrill, the former Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Herbert; Mr. Wauters, and Charles M. Foulke.

Henry K. Thaw, of Pittsburg, who has taken the Cameron house, which was occupied last winter by Senator Hanna, gave a large dinner last night before the Bachelors' cotillon. Mr. Thaw's mother, who is visiting him at present, received the guests.

Teas and Receptions.

The drawing-rooms of the Normandie were crowded yesterday afternoon from 4 o'clock until 7 with the friends of Mrs. Henderson, wife of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who called to bid her welcome after her long absence from the Capital. The rooms were handsomely decorated with cut flowers and palms, and a tea table was spread in the second drawing-room. Mrs. Henderson was assisted in receiving by Miss Keen, Mrs. Sereno E. Payne, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Dalzell, Mrs. Metcalf, Miss Palmer and Miss Hull.

For the first time since they laid aside their mourning the Misses Morris, sisters of Justice Morris of the Court of Appeals, entertained yesterday afternoon. They were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Edgar Hastings, who was a Miss Morris; Mrs. Seth Shepard, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Hillyer, Mrs. Claude Swanson, Mrs. Willard Warner, Miss Merrick, Miss Shepard, Miss Anderson and Miss Lambert. Miss Edgarna Hastings and Miss Gertrude, nieces of the Misses Morris, who are still in school, assisted in the dining-room.

Mrs. Burrows, the wife of the Senator from Michigan, will receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Quay will receive this afternoon. Mrs. Thomas S. Martin and Miss Day will receive this afternoon at the Gordon.

Mrs. Foraker and Miss Foraker will receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Alexander T. Hensley will receive this afternoon at her home on the Adams Mill Road.

Mrs. A. T. Britton and the Misses Britton will be at home today at 1857 Mintwood Place.

Mrs. Depew will not receive today.

Owing to the death of Mrs. Samuel Engs, the mother of Mrs. R. B. Bradford, Mrs. Bradford, and her daughters will not receive on Fridays.

Mrs. Green Clay Goodloe will not receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Hawley will not receive this afternoon.

The Bachelors' Cotillon.

The Bachelors held their first ball at the National Rifles Armory last night. It might have been called a cardinal con-

Mr. Thomas Baxter Gresham, of this city, in the presence of a large and representative assemblage. Both the bride and the groom are of distinguished Southern ancestry, the bride being a lineal descendant of Admiral Rhett, of South Carolina, who was a prominent figure in the colonial wars, while the groom is a grandson of the late Judge John J. Gresham, of the well-known Georgia family of that name.

The wedding ceremony was followed by a breakfast at the Hotel Stafford, the invitations being limited to the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Gresham left late in the afternoon for an extended wedding journey. They will reside at 1620 North Calvert Street, and on their return from their wedding trip a reception will be given them by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baxter Gresham and Miss Johnston at their residence, 815 Park Avenue.

The Smart Set in New York.

The death of Mrs. Henry Mapleson in Paris was announced yesterday. Mrs. Mapleson was well known in New York as Mrs. Miltenberger. She was a Miss Robb of New Orleans, and she was married to one of the Miltenberger family of that city. She was a very beautiful and fascinating woman, and she lived for some years on Lexington Avenue, just below Twenty-third Street. She was a relative of J. Hamppden Robb.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison and their guests, who went in a private car to Quebec and Montreal, have returned to town. Mrs. Harrison's sister, Miss Jennie Crocker; her brother, Templeton Crocker; Miss Dolly Kernochan, William Sloane, and Gouverneur Morris were the guests.

Miss Cecile Mercati, a sister of Count Mercati, who married Miss Harriette Wright, daughter of Mrs. John Huger Pratt, has been appointed lady in waiting to the Princess Helene, who was married recently to the Crown Prince of Greece.

John Turner Atterbury gave a large dinner, followed by a cotillon, last evening, for his debutante daughters, Miss Josephine T. and Miss Mary Barton Atterbury. The third story of Sherry's was engaged for the affair, the dancing being in the large ballroom. Mr. Atterbury and his daughters and Mrs. Charles Steele received the guests. The cotillon was led by Alexander Hadden, with Miss Mary Atterbury as his partner. The favors were cigarette cases, ash trays, four-in-hand whips, with flowers and ribbons, and orders for the men, while the women received fancy paper picture hats, books, and fancy paper parasols with painted handles.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Morton and the Misses Morton sailed for Havre on La Lorraine today.

Miss Barbara Sedley, daughter of Mrs. Henry Sedley, who went abroad nearly two years ago, will return to New York

Dinners, Luncheons, Teas, and Receptions Occupy the Attention of the Smart Set. Those at Home Today.

In February. Miss Eleanor Sedley, who sailed a year ago, is at Cannes with Mrs. Thomas Huger Pratt. She will not return for some time.

Notes From Baltimore.

The largest and most brilliant social event yesterday was the ball given at night by Mrs. William Donnell, at her residence, 1120 St. Paul Street, in honor of her debutante granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth Donnell Tilghman, who is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tilghman. Mrs. Donnell, assisted by Mrs. Tilghman and Miss Tilghman, received the guests at the first drawingroom floor. Mrs. Donnell wore black lace over black satin, with diamond ornaments. Miss Tilghman was charmingly costumed in white chiffon and lace and wore pearls.

Beverly Tucker Crump, of Richmond, Va., came to the city yesterday afternoon and is stopping with Thomas A. Whelan, vice president and general counsel of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.

Mr. Crump was elected by the Virginia Legislature at its last session as judge of the circuit court of Richmond. Subsequent to this election he was appointed by Governor Montague as one of the members of the corporation commission of Virginia, created by the new constitution. His associates are Henry Fairfax of Loudoun county and Henry C. Stewart of Russell county.

Thomas Swann, fourth, of Virginia, a great-grandson of the late Governor Swann of Maryland, is spending a few days in town with his grandmother.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE TAKES UP COAL QUESTION

Ask for Authority to Investigate Subject of Coal Transportation.

Another and a new force was set at work today to inquire into the cause of the high price and scarcity of coal not only in Washington, but elsewhere throughout the country. The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries today by a unanimous vote, decided to ask the House for authority to investigate the whole subject of coal transportation. The matter came up during a hearing on the McCall resolution to suspend the operation of the coastwise laws in order to permit foreign vessels to carry coal between American ports for a period of ninety days in order to relieve, particularly the distress in New England by reason of the high price and scarcity of coal. From a consideration of the facts upon New England the inquiry drifted into a discussion of the general proposition of coal transportation as related to all parts of the country, the question of interstate commerce and the advisability of the repeal of coastwise laws altogether, and to permit foreign vessels not only to carry coal between American ports, but other commodities as well. The result was a decision by the committee to introduce a resolution in the House directing the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries to investigate at the earliest possible moment the whole subject of coal transportation, with a view to ascertaining whether the freight rates are the cause of the high price of coal in different sections of the country, and report recommendations as to what should be done to relieve the situation.

PARIS BELIEVES SULTAN HAS RIGHT TO DECIDE

England's Protest to the Porte Interests Europe.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The complications arising out of the protest of Great Britain against the passage of Russian torpedo boat destroyers, without guns, through the Dardanelles, is arousing interest in various quarters. Thomas Gibson Bowles, member of parliament, in a letter to the "Times" this morning, demands full and prompt information from the government in regard to its action in this matter. The foreign office, however, is maintaining the greatest secrecy and has so far made no statement on the subject. Telegrams from Rome say the incident is regarded as very important in view of the complications in the Balkans, and an insurrection is expected to begin in Macedonia in March. The opinion in Paris is that Turkey has full right to exercise her own discretion in making such an exception to the treaty provisions as to permit Russian torpedo boats to pass through the Dardanelles.

FRIDAY A LUCKY DAY.

A patient German investigator, with the national passion to arrive at facts, made a careful record of all the grave accidents in Germany for the last twelve months. One result is the complete rehabilitation of Friday, which is almost universally regarded as the unluckiest day in the week. The German's statistics show that Monday deserves that unenviable distinction. Of the total of 9,848 accidents, Monday heads the list with 1,574, while Friday has fewer than any other day of the week.—New York World.

NOTIFIES NEWSPAPERS; THEN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Morphine Pumped Out of Harvard Student. NEPHEW OF GEN. TOOMBS

Article Tells That Young Man Had Been Jilted—Final Not According to Program.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Walter A. R. Hall, a member of the Harvard class of 1903, and well known socially in Boston and New York, made a cool, sensational attempt last night to end life and troubles. He walked into Woodward's drug store on Tremont Street and asked for a glass into which he poured morphine out of a half-pint whisky bottle and calmly drank the drug. Presently he fell in a heap.

On the inside flap of his coat there was found pinned a small placard bearing these words: "Morphine eases my agony. Let me sleep. Send my corpse to the morgue."

Hall was removed to the Relief Hospital and treated to the stomach pump. He will recover.

Almost simultaneously with the young man's attempt one of the Boston newspapers received a communication giving a complete history of Hall, and presumably written by the young man. The story in part follows: "Walter Alexander Rembrandt Hall, twenty-six years of age, a nephew of Gen. Robert Toombs, of Georgia, was found tonight dying from morphine poisoning. He was trying to hail a cab near the Parker House. The primary cause of the suicide is not known."

Crossed in Love.
"He was engaged to a young woman very prominent in New York society, but who had broken off the affair, with the declaration that in future she loved no one. He had passed out of her life."

"He was beloved by all, clever and unassuming. His brother is Lyman De Witt Hall, a lawyer, well known in New York. The family is one of the best known in the South. He was a clever whip, and a well-known athlete, a noted sprinter for a quarter of a mile, and an excellent swimmer. He published a paper, the 'Clubman,' in Cambridge. His family is extremely wealthy."

An Exemplary Character.
"All his friends spoke of the coming happiness of the young man until it was known that the girl to whom Hall was engaged to be married had severed their relations. He did not drink, and led an exemplary life."

"He had often said that he had no real home, and that in his marriage to the New York girl, whose name he breathed even at the last, he had expected to find his first and perfect home."

The writer made a note for the benefit of the editor that he thought it a good story.

BEET SUGAR MEN MEET AT ARLINGTON HOTEL

Delegates Opposed to Cuban Reciprocity Treaty.

What is considered one of the most important conventions ever held by the American Beet Sugar Association was opened this afternoon at the Arlington Hotel. There were about forty delegates present when the convention was called to order by President Henry T. Oxnard. The delegates come from nearly every part of the country, but principally from Colorado, Michigan, and California. Throughout the United States there are about fifty factories, and out of this number about forty are represented. The meeting is held behind closed doors and no details will be given out until the session ends.

The most important topics under discussion, however, were the Cuban reciprocity treaty and the Philippine sugar situation. These are matters of vital importance to the beet sugar industry. In spite of reports, to the contrary, there seems to be a sentiment among the delegates to oppose the Cuban treaty. From what could be learned, the convention will take some decided action in opposition to the measure, and it is believed that a resolution expressing the view of the association will be adopted for presentation to the Senators representing the States in which the beet sugar trade is heaviest.

Speaking of the Cuban reciprocity question, one of the delegates said today: "Although it is not definitely known yet what will be done in regard to the treaty, it is more than probable that nearly every member present will be in favor of having the proposed reduction of tariff on sugar vigorously opposed. It stands to reason, that we are not going to sanction anything that would injure our trade."

A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

"Working" is a simple term, by common sense defined. As "Hustle," "Get there," "Shake a leg," in language undefined. We're working something all the time, no matter what we do, but watch the other fellow, for—he may be working you.

For instance, there are business schemes in which you would invest. Your friend decides to let you in because he loves you best. He doesn't want to make a cent—perhaps it may be true; but keep your eye upon your friend—he may be working you.

Now you, of course, would not abuse the friendship of a man; but when you see a dollar you seize it if you can. You would not work a friend—oh, no, for friends are for very few; but look out for your warmest friend—he may be working you.

You have a friend in business, who would sell you goods at cost. He does so just to please you, no matter what he lost. He bows and scrapes and thanks you, just as other people do. But never for a moment would he think of working you.

The moral of the thing is this—We've all an ax to grind. Wait until your turn comes around—you may be left behind. Just take your chances at the wheel, as all of us must do. And work the other fellow while—he thinks he's working you. —Francis Emory Trowbridge.

tion, as that shade of red appeared in all the decorations, which were unusually handsome, and in the favors. The stage was converted into a garden of palms, among which were placed bouquets of red roses and hyacinths, which were used as favors. Some of the other favors were bunches of mistletoe and holly, baskets trimmed with holly, scarfs of chiffon, fancy fans, and cigars.

Lady Herbert, wife of the British ambassador, received the guests. She wore a most becoming toilet of pink satin, pailletted with gold and silver in an intricate design. The committee having the cotillon in charge was Jesse Brown, George Howard, Lee Phillips, Major Charles McCawley, Clelland Davis, Richard T. Merrick, John Van Ness Philip, and Montgomery Macomb. The cotillon was led by Capt. Van Ness Philip, assisted by George Howard and Major McCawley.

Weddings.

The marriage of Miss Florence Miller Levering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Levering, to Harry Worthington Jenkins, son of Thomas W. Jenkins, took place last evening at 1524 Park Avenue, the residence of Mr. Levering, Baltimore. The ceremony was performed by Cardinal Gibbons, assisted by the Rev. Father Brady, of St. Ignatius' Church.

The bride was received beneath a bow of palms by the groom and his best man, Mr. Thomas Gittings Buchanan. The ribbons between which the bride passed to the ceremony were held by little Miss Dorothy Levering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonidas Levering, cousin of the bride, and Master Thomas Jenkins, nephew of the groom.

A small informal reception for members of the two families and intimate friends was held after the ceremony, and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins left on a wedding journey North.

George Albert Birch, son of the late Edward J. Birch, of Georgetown, and Miss Mary Clayton Hamrick, daughter of Mrs. Emma Schley and granddaughter of the late Col. William Lewis Schley, of Baltimore, were married last evening by Father Sterling at the home of the bride, 1319 F Street northwest, the immediate families only being present. The bride was attired in Renaissance lace over silk, and carried a shower of roses and lilies of the valley. After an informal reception Mr. and Mrs. Birch left for a short trip.

Miss Mary Jessie Rhett, daughter of Mr. Rhett and the late Albert Rhett, of South Carolina, was married at noon yesterday at Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, to Mr. Leroy Gresham, son of

LORD CURZON'S IRON RULE.

Disliked by Bureaucrats Because of His Strenuous and Straightforward Methods.

A cautious, progressive, imaginative, altogether admirable viceroys in all other ways, Lord Curzon has not proved an easy man to work with or under. Officialdom frankly and undisguisely dislikes him. Neither with the army nor with the civil service nor in Simla society is he popular. But then what sort of a viceroys is it that society and officialdom prefer?

They like, for one thing, a "manageable" viceroys, without personality or initiative, one who will contentedly remain a gold-plated dummy and figurehead, hide himself in Simla eight months out of the twelve, and hibernate in Calcutta the remaining four, and not attempt to learn anything of the people except at third or fourth hand. If to this gift for self-effacement he adds the attraction of a long lineage, charming manners, and a good figure on horseback, then he comes pretty near the social and bureaucratic ideal of what a viceroys should be. And this, more or less, is the standard to which the average viceroys, like Lord Dufferin or Lord Lansdowne or Lord Elgin, conform. Lord Curzon had no intention of assuming a viceroys of this stamp. He is an old in Bombay, said an unfriendly critic, "with the eye of a bishop and the side whiskers of an under-gardener." He landed with a good deal more than that, with a knowledge of India and its problems, laboriously acquired and unacceptably accurate, with an enthusiasm

for his work, and an intense earnestness in doing it; above all, with the resolve to be viceroys in fact as well as in name. The bureaucratic bones were soon set at-rattling. The young viceroys, instead of subscribing to a policy, came to formulate one; instead of meekly following, made it clear from the start that he meant to be master.

The astonishment of officialdom found vent in nicknames. "Young Man in a Hurry" was the first; "Imperial George" followed soon after; "George the Fifth" stuck the longest. No doubt Mrs. Hawkesbee and her official friends had had a good deal to complain of. Curzon carries the parliamentary rapier in his hand a little too often, and wields it more aptly than a starched and stiff-necked bureaucrat has any liking for. Also the social duties of his post bore him. His manners are brusque and haughty, and he has none of the small graces or the social instinct that belonged to Lord Dufferin.

Nor has he the softening, lubricating quality of humor. He takes himself and his work with a seriousness that would kill a lesser man, and leaves the social side of his position to Lady Curzon, who carries it through with an American grace and brilliancy. All this, with his merciless insistence on efficiency, has made him as salutary and unpopular a viceroys in the Indian bureaucracy as Lord Kitchener is in the army.—Harper's Weekly.

WANT BRIGADIER FOR ISLAND POLICE CHIEF

Under the order made yesterday the House, immediately after the reading of the journal, in Committee of the Whole proceeded to consider the bill to promote the efficiency of the Philippine constabulary. The bill provides that regular army officers may be detailed to act as chief and assistant chiefs of the body with rank, pay, and allowances of brigadier general and colonel.

It also provides that the Philippine scouts ordered to assist the constabulary in the maintenance of order may be placed under the command of the chief or assistant chiefs.

The bill was championed by Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Insular Affairs. It was thought by the island officials that the chief of the force of 6,000 men should be of the rank of brigadier general, and the four assistant chiefs that of colonel. The commissioners desired to retain Captain Allen of the regular army, but believe a captain had not sufficient rank to command 6,000 men, and possibly 5,000 additional in the shape of the Philippine scouts. The assistant chiefs have charge of from 1,000 to 2,000 men each.

MISS DOROTHY SMART LOCATED IN CONVENT

Society circles were much surprised when the news became public this morning that Dorothy Smart, daughter of Col. Charles Smart, of the medical department of the army, now serving in the Philippines, and who disappeared from her home last Friday, had entered a convent at Kerwood, near Albany, N. Y. Not even her closest friends were aware of Miss Smart's intention.

It is said that one of the reasons why she left Washington so quietly was to avoid the ardent wooing of Senator de Ponte, son of a Venezuelan general, and at present a cadet at West Point. The young man has been a guest of Senator Pulido, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires here, and was a frequent visitor at the Smart home.

Their Chief Industries.
Teacher—Eddie, what is the chief industry of Massachusetts?
Eddie—Making shoes.
Teacher—Willie, what is the chief industry of Pennsylvania?
Willie—Mining coal.
Teacher—Jimmie, what is the chief industry of Delaware?
Jimmie—Beating Addicks.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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