

SOCIETY CHAT OF THE WEEK

SOOCIETY has had much to interest it during the week just closed and the early predictions for a bright season are fast being realized. Two brilliant receptions at the White House, dinner parties, and dances occupied the attention of maids and matrons, bachelors and benedicts.

Each little detail of Miss Alice Roosevelt's forthcoming marriage to Representative Longworth is eagerly and happily discussed by persons in and out of society so the formal announcement last week by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt that the wedding will take place on Saturday, February 17, at noon, seemed to bring this auspicious event even nearer. The date of the wedding has been repeatedly conjectured, but only the immediate friends of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the Longworth family were aware that it had been definitely set.

Miss Roosevelt is, if possible, more in the public eye now than she has ever been in her very happy life. The guests at both receptions last week hardly had eyes for the President and his charming wife, so anxious were the majority of them to see the famous "Miss Alice."

This very attractive girl long ago gained a self-poise which has sturdily stood by her through one of the most eventful social careers a young girl has ever known, and although she could not have failed to know that she was the center of attention she was quite unaffected and girlish on both occasions, and, apparently, gave her whole attention to her friends. Mr. Longworth was constantly at her side, and these two very interesting young people were fairly lionized.

For the third time this season the President and Mrs. Roosevelt received the Diplomatic Corps on Thursday night. The reception on New Year Day was especially successful, but that in honor of the Diplomatic Corps formed the most brilliant event of its kind in recent years. Practically three new embassy staffs were represented in the ambassadors and attaches of the Russian, Mexican, and Brazilian governments, and the profusion of gold lace, royal decorations, and handsome gowns gave the affair a touch of brilliancy which has seldom been equaled.

Mrs. Roosevelt wore her inaugural ball gown and never looked more charming. The magnificent diamond necklace, which she received shortly before Christmas, was a brilliant adjunct to her gown, and, as usual, her graciousness captivated everyone.

Following the New Year reception last Monday a number of dinner parties were given, notably, those of the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, and of the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Bacon.

The Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks were dinner hosts on Tuesday, and on the same evening the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, the Haitian minister, ex-Senator and Mrs. John B. Henderson, and Mrs. Townsend entertained charming dinner parties.

Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Longworth were conspicuous members of a dinner party given on Wednesday evening by the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks for the German Ambassador and Baroness Speck von Sternburg. Following the dinner a number of additional guests came in for a dance in the ballroom which Representative Morrell, who formerly occupied the present Fairbanks' house, made famous as a gathering place for the most notable coterie of young society people the Capital has ever known.

The series of Cabinet dinners was inaugurated on the same evening by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Root, who entertained the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Draper's luncheon in the afternoon brought together a number of prominent married women and Admiral Dewey, who has been declining all invitations because of the illness of Mrs. Dewey, reconsidered this determination to be among the dinner guests of Commander and Mrs. Wood. A number of distinguished guests were invited to meet the admiral, among whom were Major and Mme. A. V. de Pedraza, of the Brazilian embassy; the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Mrs. Walker, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Crompton.

On Thursday evening a number of dinner parties preceded the diplomatic reception, and later there was a charming informal dance at the home of M. Godoy, minister from Mexico, to Cuba, to which a number of the younger set were asked.

The reopening of Mrs. Townsend's home in Massachusetts avenue is a source of much gratification to Washington society. This palatial residence is suited to every requirement for entertaining, and is one of the most sumptuous homes in Washington. Miss Townsend gave a smart tea on Saturday afternoon. The United States Marine Band furnished the music and all the popular girls and men in society were counted among her guests.

In looking over the social prospects for the coming week a maze of dinners and dances confronts one. Everybody is entertaining somebody, and while the President and Mrs. Roosevelt's dinner to the Diplomatic Corps is the only strictly formal event scheduled, there is a sufficient number of other entertainments which promise to be conspicuous, and which will crowd themselves into seven days and nights as only social events are capable of doing.

The diplomatic dinner will be given on Thursday evening, and will be another of those stately affairs which must necessarily find a prominent place in the social calendar. The dinner, by the way, will prevent Miss Roosevelt from attending a similar event, which had been arranged in her honor by Miss Katherine Elkins, and to which the younger members of society were looking forward with much pleasure.

Miss Roosevelt, if the truth were really known, would much rather join her young friends than sit up and be official, but her presence is required at these state functions and there is nothing for the President's daughter to do but acquiesce. Other entertainments will be given throughout the week for Miss Alice and there will be dinners and dances galore.

Rarely has the younger set looked forward with greater assurance to a happy season. Fate is smiling kindly on the buds of society, and from now until right up to Shrove Tuesday there will be nothing but happiness for these charming young girls.



MRS. BASIL GORDON,
A Charming Young Society Woman of Baltimore, Who Has Taken a House in Washington for the Winter. Mrs. Gordon, Who Has Traveled Extensively, and Has Some Beautiful Homes in Several Places, May Buy a House in This City Next Year.

home for the winter. The Misses Helen and Viola Meyer will spend the season in Europe.

Gen. George W. Davis, of the Panama Canal Commission, sailed for Europe on December 19.

Mrs. B. B. Washington has as her guest, Dr. W. W. Moore, president of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Dr. Moore will deliver his lecture, "A Riddle in the Nile Valley," while in the city.

Captain and Mrs. Butt, U. S. A., are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butt, of Liverpool, England.

The lecture of Madame Blanche Y. Rimont, on January 11, on "Moliere," is one of the events of the day and it is expected that it will be attended by many of the Washington admirers of the distinguished French author.

Lovers of religious art will greatly enjoy the exhibition of the works of the famous Jean Tissot at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, on January 6 to February 1.

Mrs. J. Leslie Russell, of New York, who was visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. S. M. Corwin, of 400 South Capitol street, during the holidays, has returned home.

A surprise party was given Miss Lillian Fennell by Miss Annie McDaniel, at the former's home, 27 I street northeast, Friday, January 5. The evening was spent in playing games; later refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Fennell, Sparr, Clara Montgomery, Lillian Fennell, Emma McDaniel, Annie McDaniel, Nellie Downey, Jessie Cecil, Nellie Cecil, Minnie Cecil, Kate Truxell, Albert Peltier, Ellis McClees, Edward Hanlon, Warren Potts, Edward Brown, Eugene Coombs, John Tabler, Edward Jasper, Philip Stewart, Harry Learmaral, Ralph Coleman and Tom Miscer.

Miss Jessie Besselleve, of 339 E street northeast, entertained the Trolley Enchire Club at her home Saturday night. After a closely contested game of progressive euchre the victory was scored by Miss Irene Pole and Edward Polter winning the first prizes, and Miss Marion Grogan and Harry Hamilton the second. The guests then proceeded to the dining room, where supper was served. The floor was then cleared for dancing. Those present were the Misses May Wells, Bessie Steinhil, Irene Pole, Alice Meyer, Marion Grogan, Nellie and Jessie Besselleve, and Charles De Shields, Robert Krieter, Harry Hamilton, William Kemper, and Samuel Pole. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Alice Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Alexander are now located in their new home, 184 Kalorama road. Mrs. Alexander will be at home during the season, Mondays from 3 to 6.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hirsch, of 213 Florida avenue, entertained a party of young friends in honor of their guest, Mrs. Sarah A. Raken, of Philadelphia. The house was beautifully decorated with plants, and the table decorations were in brown and white, the colors of

the Phoenix Club. Music and dancing were indulged in and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mrs. L. Richard, of Eighteenth street, was the hostess at a beautifully appointed luncheon Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Annie Lane, of New York, and Mrs. George D. Levy, of New York. Among the other guests were Mrs. Henry Strauss, Mrs. Ned Meyer, Mrs. A. Dammann, and Mrs. Lee Baumgarten.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Miss Camille Herman, 243 Eighteenth street, on Tuesday, when she entertained the Phoenix Club and their friends. Music and games were indulged in until a late hour, when a dainty repast was served. All the decorations were in brown and white, the club colors. Those present were Misses Camille Herman, Clara Strauss, May Hirsch, Leona Hirsch, Sara A. Rakin, Rena Fishel, Irene Sommers, Meryl Goldsmith, Sadie Elsemann, Flora Ganns, Celeste Goodman, Helene Steri, Flora Bernheimer, Leona Young, and Phil Harman, Leon Pretzfelder, Eugene Young, Clarence Grosner, Alvin L. Newmyer, Leo Fishel, Sydney Sellinger, Morris Simons, Howard Sigmond, Nathan Frank, Meyer Loeb, Bert Cohen, Percy Hirsch, Phil Kronheim, and Milford Steri.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Susie Belle Bowling and J. Allan

Woulfe on Wednesday, December 5, 1905, in the First Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., is made. Mr. and Mrs. Woulfe will be at home at 1006 Sixth street northwest after the first of the year.

Miss Diana Weil, of this city, will be married tomorrow evening at Freund's to Nathan Sondheimer, also of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mettler, of Columbia Heights, have as their guests Dr. and Mrs. M. P. E. Grossman, of Plainfield, N. J.

The New Year party given in honor of George W. Dick, whose natal day it was, proved a decided success. Music and games entertained the guests until the collation was served. Among the guests were the Misses Mabel Kunz, Carrie and Lillian Sale, L. Lyles, Emma Rohman, Mary Price, Louise Wood, Fisie Furr, Ethel Dick, Edith McDonald and Edith Foreman, Howard Ehrlich, Howard Walther, Elmer Bateman, Leland and Eugene Lezer, Graham Lytes, William Roberts and George Souder.

A birthday party was given last night at the home of Mrs. J. A. Elliott, 304 C street northeast, in honor of the twenty-first birthday of W. E. Turned, who is a guest at Mrs. Elliott's for the winter. Games and music were enjoyed until 10 o'clock when refreshments were served, after which the party engaged

in dancing for the remainder of the evening. Among those present were Mrs. J. A. Elliott, the Misses L. Trunnell, Maye Siles, Ida Nichols, Bertha Houseman, Shea, Agatha Elliott, Jennie Gregory, Mrs. Elaine (Chapron), Miss Helen Elliott, W. E. Turner, R. W. Wood, W. Parted, E. J. Kennedy, A. J. Kennedy, Ingram, John Gassaway, Ernest Kinnuld, J. A. Trunnell, J. F. Lillard, and Martin A. Elliott.

Diplomatic Circles

Mrs. Roosevelt occupied a box at the Belasco to see Mme. Bernhardt in "Phedre" yesterday afternoon. With Mrs. Roosevelt were Miss Corow, Mrs. Lodge, Mrs. Tuckerman, Miss Edith Root, and Miss Knutt. Mrs. Roosevelt was apparently very much interested in the performance, as her knowledge of French is perfect. She was dressed in a becoming silk gown of Oriental pattern, blue predominating in the color. Her hat was black with a wreath of tiny pink roses around the crown and a blue wing on the side.

Miss Alice Roosevelt drove Representative Longworth to the Capitol yesterday morning in her coupe.

The Minister from Cuba and Mme. Quesada entertained at dinner last night in honor of the Ambassador from Brazil and Mme. Nabuco. Their guests were the Minister from Chile and Mme. Walker Martinez, the Minister from Mexico to Cuba and Mme. Godoy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne MacVeagh, Mr. and Mrs. William Alden Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. William Bailey Lemar, Mr. and Mrs. William Haywood.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand occupied a box at the Belasco yesterday afternoon also. Other diplomats present were the Ambassador from Mexico and Mme. Casaus, and several members of the Brazilian embassy.

The Speaker of the House and Miss Cannon entertained at dinner last night in honor of the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, their guests included Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Representative and Mrs. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. Le Seur, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. Looze, these last three couples mentioned are house guests; Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mrs. Nicholas Fish, Mrs. Longworth, Mrs. Audenried, Attorney General Moody, Senator Aldrich, Senator Hemenway, and Representative Edward Morrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer were hosts at a most delightful dinner last night when their guests were the Secre-

tary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Metcalf, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Senator and Mrs. Elkins, General and Mrs. Draper, former Ambassador to Spain and Mrs. Hannis Taylor, Commander and Mrs. Fremont, Mrs. Gait Smyth, of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Warren E. Dennis, of New York; Senator Bacon and Colonel Piddle.

Colonel and Mrs. Bromwell have cards out for a dinner party on the 24th of this month for Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Nicholas Longworth.

A brilliant assembly was the reception given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Richard Townsend at her beautiful home on Massachusetts avenue. It is the first reception given by Mrs. Townsend for a long while. Mr. Piddidi, the famous violinist, who has delighted Washington society with his wonderful talent, played several selections. Washington's fashionable people together with all the ambassadors and different members of the Diplomatic Corps were present. Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Longworth, together with the Russian ambassador, Baron Rosen, the Brazilian Ambassador and Madame Nabuco, Lady Durand and Miss Durand, Lady Susan Townley, Captain and Mrs. Ryan, Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmuller, Mr. Montaigne, charge d'affaires of the Italian embassy, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Cortelyou, the Misses McKenna, Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Mrs. Nicholas Fish were among the five hundred guests.

Senator and Mrs. Bulkeley entertained at dinner last night the members of the Connecticut State delegation.

The dinner party for young people given Friday night by the British Ambassador and Lady Durand was a most delightful one. Among their guests were Captain and Mrs. Henry, Miss Bowditch, Miss Oliver, Miss Parker, Miss Converse, Miss Gaff, Miss Shepard, Miss Durand, Miss E. Durand, Captain Butt, Mr. Peachy, Captain Rowan, Captain Moore, Mr. D'Arst, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Rennie, of the British embassy.

The navy yard dance last night was a most successful affair, most of the younger set attending. A number of dinners were given before the dance, one of the most delightful ones was the one given by the officers on the Mayflower. It was chaperoned by Mrs. Marian Perry Maris.

President Needham, of the George Washington University, Mrs. Needham and the Misses Needham have removed to 229 K street, where they will be found for the winter.

WASHINGTON MEN IN NEW SOCIETY

Sociological Organization Is Formed for the Advancement of Science.

At Baltimore last week during the meetings of the American Economic Association, the Political Association, and the Historical Association, a new scientific organization of national scope was formed and will probably include all the prominent writers and workers in the field of sociology throughout the country. The new association, which will meet in 1906, at Providence, R. I., has been named the "American Sociological Society." Its existence is largely due to the efforts of two Washingtonians—Prof. C. W. A. Veditz, of the George Washington University, and Dr. Lester F. Ward, of the Smithsonian Institution.

The purposes of the new association are stated in the constitution to be "the encouragement of sociological research and discussion, and the promotion of intercourse between persons engaged in the scientific study of society." The officers elected for the current year are as follows: President, Lester F. Ward, of Washington; first vice president, William G. Sumner, of Yale University; second vice president, Franklin H. Giddings, of Columbia University;

secretary and treasurer, C. W. A. Veditz, of the George Washington University; executive committee, Prof. E. A. Ross, of Nebraska; W. F. Wilcox, of Cornell; Albon Small, of Chicago; E. M. Lindsay, of Pennsylvania; D. C. Wells, of Dartmouth, and William Davenport, of Hamilton College.

SOCIETY MAN PAID SISTER-IN-LAW'S RENT

LAWRENCE, MASS., Jan. 6.—In the divorce suit brought by Preston Wess, society leader, and contested by Mrs. Wess, the deposition of Mrs. Julia A. Savage, of Cambridge, was read yesterday. Mrs. Savage deposed that during twenty months Cora F. Merchant, sister of Mrs. Wess, now married, lived in her house; that Mr. Wess paid Miss Merchant's rent and often visited her. She had occasion to go to Miss Merchant's room once for a lamp when Mr. Wess was there and found the door locked. When Miss Merchant opened the door her hair was untidy and she looked as if she had been crying. Mrs. Savage admitted that she had intended to bring suit against Miss Merchant for alienating the affections of her husband. The case was closed and Judge Stevens reserved his decision.

TELEDS ELOPES AND WEDS.

HOLEDO, Jan. 5.—Irene Roysso, an heiress and owner of a big racing stable, ran away from her home in Carlisle, Ky., to marry Arthur Gorman, manager of the Knicker Theatre at Jacksonville, Fla., who came all the way from his home to meet her at Lima, Ohio. The girl's parents sent her brother in pursuit, but he was too late. The girl and her husband are aboard a train for New York, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Personal

Mrs. William Whitney and Mrs. Wadsworth, of New York, who have been the guests of their mother, Mrs. John Hay, at her Lafayette Square home during the holidays, will return North on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ellis Logan, 1253 Irving street northwest (formerly Kenesaw), has cards out for a tea, Friday, January 12.

Mrs. Rainey, wife of Representative Rainey, of Illinois, will be at home on Mondays during the season at Hotel Driscoll.

The health of Mrs. General Harrington, who has been confined to her apartments in the Fortner, is rapidly improving.

Capt. William Swift, one of the popular young army officers, has been detailed to the command of the battleship Connecticut, of which he will take charge in a few mor

An interesting ceremony will be the presentation by President Roosevelt in the White House, January 10, to Capt. James R. Church, medical department, U. S. A., of the medal awarded him for brave conduct at Las Guasimas, Cuba. Beside the President, the ceremony will be witnessed by Secretary Taft, Lieutenant General Chaffee, and Surgeon General O'Reilly.

Commander A. C. Amy and Mrs. Amy will return to Washington the early part of this month, when they resume many of their former acquaintances.

Lieut. and Mrs. Gregory E. Davidson, U. S. N., are visiting their mother, Mrs. F. M. Shepard, on Columbia road.

Mrs. Raymond Rogers, wife of Captain Rogers, of the navy, and her daughter, Miss Julia Rogers, have recently arrived in Washington from Europe.

The Rev. Walden Myer, assistant at Christ Church southeast, and his sister, Miss Gertrude Myer, have returned

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