

Society News and Chat

COURSE things are not at all on socially in Washington just yet, but we are in an exceedingly interesting stage of existence, preparing for one of the most brilliant seasons known here in years past.

The unusually large number of handsome houses opened for entertainment and the acquisition of several members of the New York smart set lead one naturally enough to this conclusion.

Engagements, weddings, and debutantes occupy the center of the board just now, and what with Lent coming in February 13, there is a lively bustle already to secure dates for the period up to Christmas. By that time the official season will be well on, and as Mrs. Roosevelt does not strictly observe Lent, will continue well through the month of February.

Just now Mrs. Roosevelt is preparing her family for the winter weather, and every morning finds her down in the shopping districts actually looking for bargains. She is always accompanied by her secretary, Miss Belle Hagner, and wears a plain, short walking costume.

But returning to the winter's season—why should it not be gay? There are the George W. Vanderbilts returning in five weeks to occupy their commodious suite at Stoneleigh Court; there are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shonts, who love the world, and who, with two charming girls to bring out, and a delightful house for entertaining, are sure to do their part; there are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff, who will open up their splendid new residence this season, having been much hampered by workmen last winter; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth will add their quota of fun and lively entertainment; and there are a number of young matrons who will see the winter's season through a hostess' eyes for the first time; and then there are the debutantes.

The number of buds bids fair to exceed even the sea-on three years ago, when there were fifty or more formally presented. Washington girls have always been noted for their particularly charming manners and sprightly conversational ability, and the coming "buds" of 1906 bid fair to out rival their clever elder sisters.

Most of the girls have returned from their summer travels and are busy now with tailors and modistes, planning the very important adjunct to their first season out—a stunning wardrobe. Others have seen fit to select their chiffons, silks, and velvets for their winter toilets in other cities, and some will not even return to Washington until the wardrobe is complete from morning gowns to fascinating evening cloaks. One charming debutante in particular—Miss Grace Jarvis, the attractive granddaughter of Mrs. James McMillan, 1114 Vermont avenue, will be sure to have the daintiest wardrobe of which even a girl in her first season could dream. Her gowns will undoubtedly have an unmistakable Parisian air, for she has been at school in the French capital for years. Mrs. McMillan, who intends to bring her out in society here about the latter part of November or the first of December, has been in Paris with her since about the middle of August. They will return to Washington in time for Thanksgiving dinner at Mrs. McMillan's home in Vermont avenue, and shortly after that she will make her debut—probably at an afternoon tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Denny, 1634 Connecticut avenue, have an interesting young daughter, Miss Esther Denny, whom they will formally introduce to their friends soon after the first of November. Miss Denny is still with her mother at Sulphur Springs, Bedford county, Pa., and as they do not expect to return to Washington much before November, it has not yet been decided whether Mrs. Denny will give a tea or dinner for her daughter.

Mrs. Thomas W. Symons will not give a formal entertainment for her pretty daughter, Miss Margaretta Symons, but will have her to assist at her own Monday afternoons at their home in Lafayette square.

Miss Marion Leutze, daughter of the commandant of the Navy Yard, Capt. Eugene H. C. Leutze, and Mrs. Leutze, a young woman of charming personality, who will be among the group from army and navy girls presented, left Washington yesterday for Annapolis, where she will remain until Monday morning as the guest of Mrs. Cluverius.

December 27 is the date set for a dance at Rauscher's, to be given for Miss Katherine Clabaugh, daughter of Judge and Mrs. H. M. Clabaugh, 1842 Mintwood place northwest. Miss Clabaugh's debut will probably take the form of an afternoon tea some time during the latter part of November.

One of the buds of resident society, Miss Helen Wilson, will make



MISS FRANCES GOLDSBOROUGH.

her debut about the last of November or the first of December, at a formal dinner party instead of the usual tea. Miss Wilson is the daughter of James Wilson, 2004 G street northwest.

Miss Ruth Tanner, daughter of Commander and Mrs. Z. L. Tanner, 2204 R street northwest, will have her coming-out party about the same time, but as yet has set no definite date. With her mother she is still in western New York, but they are expected in Washington some time this week.

Miss Mollie Dodge will make her initial bow to society on the afternoon of Friday, December 7, at a tea at the Washington Club. Miss Dodge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison H. Dodge, of R street.

Saturday afternoon, November 24, is the date set for the coming-out of Miss Frederica Morgan, the unusually pretty daughter of Col. and Mrs. James Morgan, 1735 Twentieth street. Another debutante of that week will be Miss Laura Wells, whose mother, Mrs. Henry Wells, 2013 R street, will give a tea for her on Thursday afternoon, the 22d of November.

The Japanese Ambassador and Viscountess Aoki have moved into their new home on Franklin Park, and will probably add to the popularity of the Japanese nation in this country—if that is possible—by their splendid mode of hospitality. With the Italian embassy receiving a new tenant, and perhaps a new host for the Mexican embassy, Viscount Aoki will move up a couple of notches on the diplomatic list, which everybody will be glad to see. Viscountess Aoki, who speaks English fluently, will have as her ally in social affairs Mme. Miyaoka, wife of the counselor of the embassy, who is also acquainted with the ways of Americans.

Mr. Hanhara, second secretary of the embassy, who went upon a mission to Alaska, will return here within a week or so.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg will return to Washington Monday from Beverly Farms, where they spent the summer. Mrs. Langham, the mother of the baroness, will go to Europe early in the fall, in order that she may winter in the south of France or in Italy.

All of the other embassies will remain tenantless until the first of November, unless something unforeseen happens. The Peruvian Minister and Mme. Pardo, the Belgian Minister and Baroness Moncheur, the Minister from Ecuador and Mme. Carbo, the new Colombian minister, Senor Enrique Cortes; the minister from Guatemala, the minister from Turkey, and several other diplomats of like rank, are already comfortably established in their respective homes.

MISS MARGUERITE SHONTS.

Diplomatic.

Baron Rosen is expected to make a visit of a few hours at the Russian embassy here next week, but will not come to remain permanently until near the end of the month, when Baroness Rosen and Baroness Elizabeth Rosen will accompany him. Baroness Elizabeth will not make her debut here this winter as was anticipated.

Baron and Baroness Moncheur have as their guests at the Belgian legation Mrs. S. G. Jones, wife of Captain Jones, commissary Eleventh Cavalry, who will remain with them until she can join her husband in Cuba. Mrs. Jones is a sister of Baroness Moncheur.

Senor Felipe Pardo, minister from Peru, and Mme. Pardo have arrived in Washington and will remain at the Shoreham until Monday, when they will take possession of their new legation home in Massachusetts avenue and Twenty-second street. They spent the summer traveling through Canada, and were for two weeks at Newport before coming to Washington.

The Persian minister left Washington Friday for a month's vacation, which he will spend visiting Niagara Falls, Toronto, Quebec, and other points in Canada, and also staying for a time in Boston and New York. He was in Washington all summer without a rest or vacation.

Alfredo Calderon, son of the former minister from Peru to this country, and until the return of Minister Pardo, charge d'affaires for his government, will leave Washington this week pre-

paratory to sailing for Europe, to be absent for some months.

Count Hermann von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, counselor of the German embassy, will arrive in Washington the first of next week and will take possession of the residence in Twenty-first street which he has leased for the season.

Prince Ernest de Lynar, the new attaché of the German embassy, who landed in New York from Europe yesterday, will come to Washington the middle of next week.

Personal

Col. Arthur Lee, British army, and Mrs. Lee, who were the guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and attended the theater with them Friday evening, left the White House yesterday morning.

The marriage at Saugerties, N. Y., a few days ago of Mrs. Theodorus B. M. Mason, and Medical Director Walter A. McClurg, U. S. N., has just been formally announced to their friends in this city. Dr. McClurg is a member of the Metropolitan Club, and well known here and in New York, and his bride is the sister of Mrs. Julien James.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. E. Johnson will have as their guests in the near future Baron and Baroness Camilla Ramona, of Italy, who are now visiting the mother of the baroness in New York. Baron Ramona was at one time attaché of the Italian embassy here, and it was then that he met Miss Jacqueline Taylor, of St. Louis and New York. Their marriage took place in St. Leo's Church in the latter city.

Mrs. A. S. Williams, wife of Captain Williams, U. S. M. C., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. T. Morris. Mrs. Williams leaves for New York Monday to attend a round of house parties on Long Island.

Representative and Mrs. George Shiras, third, and Miss Ellen K. Shiras, will, as usual, spend the winter season at Stoneleigh Court, while Representative and Mrs. Bird Cassel and their daughters will again go to the Shoreham.

Representative and Mrs. Wyatt Aiken, of South Carolina, were in the city yesterday, and left last night for South Carolina. Mrs. Aiken is one of the most

attractive brides to preside over a Congressional home here this winter. She was formerly Miss Adair Taylor, of Louisville, Ky., and it was in that city that she was married in September. Representative and Mrs. Aiken will make their home at the Richmond when they return to Washington in December.

Rear Admiral Hichborn, U. S. N., and Mrs. Hichborn returned to Washington yesterday, and have opened their house for the season.

Miss Marie Louise Taylor, of Louisville, will be the guest of her aunt, Miss Monroe, during the coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Tiffany Dyer, of New York, have leased the residence, 1722 Massachusetts avenue, for the coming season, and will join the unusually large coterie of New York people who winter here. Mrs. Dyer was formerly Miss Edith La Bau, and, having a summer home at Bar Harbor, is acquainted with a number of Washington people.

Representative and Mrs. Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who occupied the residence of the late Gen. John Sherman in K street for several years and gave it a wonderful reputation for lavish entertainment, have bought a splendid white marble residence in the most exclusive part of Massachusetts avenue. It was secured already furnished, and when they have added the finishing touches which they will do upon their return here this fall, it will be one of the most palatial homes in Washington. The house was last winter occupied by Senor Walker-Martinez, the minister from Chile, who married an accomplished American woman, and who had one of the prettiest daughters of the diplomatic corps.

Mrs. Seaton Perry, of Philadelphia, has leased an apartment in the Connecticut, and is already established there for the winter.

Dr. Carlton D. Haas, of the National Soldiers' Home, Va., is spending his vacation at the home of his parents in Takoma Park.

Among those who have returned to Washington are Dr. and Mrs. Chatard, who spent the summer at their cottage at the White Sulphur Springs, Va.; Gen. and Mrs. Michael V. Sheridan, who live in Jefferson place; Justice Martin F. Morris and his sisters; Capt. and Mrs. Seaton Schroeder, and the Misses Schroeder; Mrs. Halsey and Miss Halsey, wife and daughter of Com-

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