

News Notes and Gossip of Washington Smart Set

Many Entertainments Are Planned by the Leaders of Society in Washington. Gossip of Hostesses.

Senior Armano Perez Perdomo, the newly appointed minister of the Dominican Republic, presented his credentials to President Wilson today. The presentation was made by the President's aid, Col. W. W. Harris.

Mrs. Albert L. Mills, who has been at Chelsea, N. J., for the past fortnight, has returned to Washington, and joined Brigadier General Mills at their home in K Street.

Philander S. Knox, former Secretary of State, and Mrs. Knox, who are at their K Street home for a short time, are putting their house in order for its new tenants, Congressman and Mrs. Thomas M. Dunn, of Rochester, N. Y. They will take possession about October 1.

Mrs. Henry C. Corbin, who has been moving through New York State and Canada, will go to Brantford, Ontario, and make a visit in New York, before returning to Washington.

Mrs. Lurton, widow of Justice Lurton, has returned to Washington after spending several months in the South. The early part of the summer Mrs. Lurton was in Nashville, Tenn., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Van Devanter, who later accompanied her to Nashville, N. C., where they remained for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Lu ton, Jr., with their children, have returned to their home in Sixteenth street after a summer spent at their country home near Nashville, Tenn.

The Rev. Walden Meyer and sister, Miss Gertrude Meyer, have reached Washington from New York. They have had a cottage for the summer, and are occupying Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale's apartment in the Connecticut. They expect to take a house for the winter. Last winter the Rev. Mr. Meyer and his sister made their home at 819 Farragut square.

Mrs. Beale, who spent the summer at Westport, Lake Champlain, N. Y., and has lately been visiting in New York, has arrived in Washington with a guest at the New Willard. Within a few days Mrs. Beale will go to Silver Spring, Senator William Lee's country place, in Montgomery county, for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cusack, of Long Island, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Miller at their residence, 228 Seventh street northeast.

Col. Charles Page Bryan has joined his brother-in-law and sister, Judge and Mrs. John Barton Payne, at Edhurst, Ill., after a trip to the exposition at San Francisco.

Judge and Mrs. Payne will come to Washington some time in October and probably will spend the greater part of the winter here.

Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis has arrived in Washington and is at the Shoreham. General and Mrs. Chao, Enrique Navarros, Ricardo Romero, and Janvier Espinosa, all of Mexico, are also guests at the Shoreham, and among the recent arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Mann, C. C. Kalna, of San Francisco; W. S. Rowe, of Cincinnati; L. Rue, of Philadelphia; L. Reibold, of Pittsfield, Mass.; Miss A. B. Jennings, of Fairfield, Conn.; Miss G. Galland, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. G. of New Philadelphia, Ohio; O. S. Hathaway, of Middletown, N. Y., and Dr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Klebs.

Dr. Ira W. Dennison has returned to his home at the Wyoming, after a visit to New York, Boston, and his old home, Mystic, Conn.

Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale, who spent the summer at Westport, Lake Champlain, N. Y., returned to Washington yesterday, and is at the Willard for a few days before opening her apartment in the Connecticut. Among the motor parties arriving at the Willard yesterday was one composed of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Latimer, the Misses Wallace, and J. M. Whittlesey, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The minister of Costa Rica, Manuel Castro Quesada; Charles S. Hamlin, W. F. G. Harding, and Paul Warburg, all of the Federal Reserve Board, were among those luncheoning at the Willard yesterday.

A meeting is in progress this afternoon at the Lord Baltimore Country Club for the formal organization of the Independent Bell Chapter of the D. A. B. H. Henry Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. George Peabody, Mrs. George A. Arms, vice regent; Mrs. Claude Miller,

second vice regent; Mrs. D. W. Bowden, recording secretary; Mrs. M. E. Marye, corresponding secretary; Miss Wilmutt Gerry, treasurer; Dr. Helen L. Perkins, registrar, and Mrs. Helen Nelson Dooc, historian. Among the guests this afternoon are Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood and Mrs. W. H. Wannamaker, national officers of the D. A. B.; Mrs. Frank Greenwalt, State regent for the District of Columbia, and Mrs. Paul Hecock, chaplain general.

The marriage of Miss Helen E. Hearn, of Baltimore, and Sidney E. Winslow took place yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Winslow, 212 D street northeast. The Rev. Alfred E. Barrows, of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony in the presence of members of the immediate families. There were no attendants except the little three-year-old flower girl, Miss Marie Schwartz, who carried a basket of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bride wore a suit of navy blue silk and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses and lilies of the valley. The house was decorated with white and pink flowers.

The Rev. Howard Marsden officiated last evening at the wedding of Miss Mary Randolph Janney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall Janney, of Sandy Spring, Md., to James Mark Shields, which took place at John's Church, Olney, Md. The church was attractively decorated. Pink roses were used against a background of green, and a marriage bell of pink roses hung above the spot where the bridal couple stood.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a simple gown of soft white satin, made with a pointed collar train. Her tulle veil, very long and full, was arranged in a cap style, caught with orange blossoms and softened about the face by a tulle tulle. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Mary B. Hutton was maid of honor, and Miss Elgin Jones and Miss Elizabeth Jones were flower girls. The bridesmaids were Miss Lydia Chichester, Miss Annabel Hill, Miss Beverly Turner, Miss Mary Ester, and Miss J. Janney, and Miss Elizabeth Gilpin. The bridesmaids' frocks were of rose pink tulle, made with full overskirts, scalloped above petticoats of shadow lace. The sleeveless bodices were of lace, with high girles scaling at the top of the tulle. Over the shoulders were black velvet straps, and they wore caps of black tulle, with a huge pink rose nestling at the side. They carried bouquets of pink roses and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor's gown was of pale pink silk, embroidered in silver threads and she wore a cap of gold lace with Dutch lace at the side. She carried pale pink roses.

Edward T. Janney was best man and the ushers were Dr. Charles F. Parsons, John H. Janney, Harmon Lamar, Thomas Dawson, Lea G. Wilson and J. Hillis Robinson. There was a reception at Brook Meadow, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Janney. A seated supper was served for the party at a table set on the veranda. Quantities of pink roses were used on the table and Japanese lanterns lighted the scene. After the supper the bride and groom left for their home in Chicago. Mr. Shields is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Shields, of that city.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Anselm's Church at 10 o'clock this morning when Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elchorn, became the bride of Martin J. McNamara. The Rev. Eugene Del. McDonnell, S. J., performed the ceremony, and the church was decorated for the occasion.

The bride wore a dainty gown of white tulle, made after the prevailing mode, with a picture hat of white velvet and carried white roses and lilies-of-the-valley. She was attended by Miss Mary Moran, a maid of honor. Her gown was of blue, and she wore a large black picture hat, and carried Killarney roses. William Leahy was best man for Mr. McNamara, and the ushers were Raymond Elchorn, Frank Gaeger, Ernest Johnson, and Leo Rover.

After the ceremony there was an informal wedding breakfast for the bridal party at Mr. and Mrs. Elchorn's residence, 1001 First street northwest, after which Mr. and Mrs. McNamara left for Washington for a wedding trip, the bride traveling in a modish frock of silk shepherd's plaid worn with a smart black hat. They will make their home at the Montgomery apartments. Mr. McNamara is a graduate of Georgetown University, and is engaged in the practice of his profession in this city.

Among the out-of-town guests who attended the wedding were Mrs. McNamara, of Clinton, Mass.; the bridegroom's mother, and his sister and brother, Miss McNamara and Joseph McNamara. Mrs. Jerry Brennan, another sister, came on from her home in Boston for the occasion, and Mr. and Mrs. William S. Schermer of Wheeling, W. Va., were among the guests. The bride's brother, Rudolph Elchorn, who is a scholar of the Society of Jesus, was given special permission to attend his sister's wedding.

The Russian Ambassador and Madame Bakhteff and Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Wilson were among those who entertained guests at dinner at Newport on the evening of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rollins Morse were the guests in whose honor Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's dinner was given and the additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Blair, Mr. and Mrs. George Peabody Eustis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. Pey-

ton J. Rosenthal, Mrs. William B. Caperton, Mrs. John R. Drexel, Mrs. Joseph Harriman, Miss Edith Wetmore, Lieut. Comdr. Edward T. Constein, U. S. N.; James V. Parker, W. H. Neilson, G. Creighton Webb, and Henry Harrison.

Miss Catherine Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Britton, of Washington, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, is now visiting Mr. and Mrs. William F. R. Hitt.

Items of Interest and Importance of Past, Present, and Future Among Official and Fashionable Folk.

Labor and Worry Incident to War Against Vice Brings Fatal Illness at 71 Years.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Anthony Comstock, secretary for the Society for the Suppression of Vice, known to the world over through the controversies that have followed his crusades against books, pictures, and plays that he deemed improper, died last night at the age of seventy-one years, after an illness of ten days which developed into pneumonia.

His illness was brought on by overwork and overexcitement, resulting from his fight to retain his position as a postoffice inspector, which he had held since his appointment by President Grant in 1878, and from his successful efforts to convict William Sanger of having violated the criminal code of giving away a copy of "Family Limitation" written by his wife, Margaret Sanger.

On September 10 Mr. Comstock took a heated part in the court proceedings in the Sanger case, which ended after a fine of \$10 had been imposed on Sanger, in hooting and shouting by Alexander Berkman, Elizabeth Currier Flynn, and other chiefly anarchists. Mr. Comstock, who, in his excitement, had talked without permission of the court, was allowed to speak before the close of the trial, and he shouted that he had been told that he would be shot unless he dropped the prosecution of the case. The day after this scene in court Mr. Comstock was ill of an intermittent fever, which finally caused pneumonia.

Many people have attempted to criticize Mr. Comstock for his efforts to suppress books and pictures manifestly intended to be sold chiefly for their licentiousness, but he has been the center of controversy during most of the forty-three years of his career as a crusader because of the differences of opinion over what constituted the dividing line between indecency and art.

The fact that blanks occur in the translated pages of "Zola," "Boccaccio," and of many modern and ancient classics is due to Mr. Comstock's persistent and successful appearance of many plays, novels, and "Mrs. Warren's Profession," and George Bernard Shaw was added to the list of those who were not artists who have exercised their talents on the noted secretary of the Society for the Suppression of Vice.

Where public indignation and protests held that Mr. Comstock had been wrong in finding evil in what purported to be art, the controversy was the original by good Chasas on exhibition. The arrest was never made, but the public soon got a chance to decide whether "September Morn" was art or not.

Mr. Comstock was born in New Canaan, Conn., on May 7, 1844. He was educated in local schools and at the University of Connecticut. In 1862 he was elected to the State Legislature, and in 1863 he was elected to the State Senate, where he served until the end of his life.

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