

News Notes and Gossip of the Day In the Smart Set of Washington

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

The Charity Ball for the benefit of the Children's Hospital, which will take place this evening at the Willard, will be one of the most brilliant functions of the week and will be attended by members of the Diplomatic Corps, representatives of Washington's official contingent and resident society. Both ball rooms will be used for the dancing, the decorations will be most elaborate and two bands will play during the evening.

Mrs. Horace Westcott will head the reception committee and the other ladies in the receiving line will be Mrs. Charles C. Glover, Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Mrs. John C. Simpson, Mrs. Clarence R. Wilson, Mrs. Joseph Leiter, and Mrs. John F. Wilkins.

A number of interesting dinner parties have been arranged to precede the ball. Mrs. John T. Hill has as her guests the Ambassador of Brazil and Madame da Gama, the Swedish Minister and Madame Ekenstrom, Judge and Mrs. William Bailey Lamar, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sweeney, Mrs. Lloyd Bowers, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Horace Westcott. Senator and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth will also entertain guests. Miss Margaret McChori will give a dinner of twenty-four in compliment to her house guest, Miss Corinne Bonnie of Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, who are among the hostesses, will entertain Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Albert L. Mills, Col. and Mrs. W. W. Harris and Judge and Mrs. Timothy T. Ansberry. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hibbs will dine with their daughter, Mrs. Edward Legg. Among the others who have taken boxes are Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. H. Brownson, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Anderson, Madame Hauge, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Glover, Mrs. Delia A. Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Vandergift, Mrs. Charles N. Welsh, Senator James D. Phelan, Col. Robert M. Thompson, Mrs. Lloyd Bowers, Mrs. John T. Rodgers, and Mrs. Thomas Sweeney.

The President and Mrs. Wilson entertained an informal family party at dinner last evening. The guests were Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Alice Wilson, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, Mrs. Anna Wilson Howe, Mrs. Colbran, and Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo.

Mrs. Joseph McKenna, wife of Justice McKenna, will be at home this afternoon at her apartment in the Connecticut. Mrs. Henry C. Corbin will preside at the tea table.

Justice and Mrs. McKenna have as their guests the son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pitts Durfield, of New York.

Justice and Mrs. Willis Van Devanter have cards out for a dinner February 5 in honor of Chief Justice and Mrs. White.

Mrs. Henry Clifford Corbin has leased her apartment in the Connecticut to Miss Alda and is the guest of her sisters, the Misses Patten, at their residence in Massachusetts avenue. Later Mrs. Corbin expects to go to California for an extended visit.

One of the most interesting events of the afternoon will be the concert at Poll's Theater at which Madame Meiba, the distinguished Australian singer, will be the soloist. Miss Margaret Wilson will entertain a box party as will Lady Spring-Rice, wife of the British ambassador, Mrs. Robert Lansing will be with Mrs. Ezra Koon, whose other guests will be Mrs. Gilbert Hitchcock, Mrs. Joseph W. Folk, Miss Helen Stewart, and Miss Edith Koon. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont will have a congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth in their box.

Mrs. Henry D. Flood, wife of Congressman Flood of Virginia, will be at home at the Shoreham tomorrow afternoon for the first time this season. Mrs. Flood will also receive Tuesday afternoon, January 25.

Mrs. Frank L. Folk will not receive today on account of her little son's illness.

Senator James D. Phelan entertained at a dinner last night complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. Those present, besides Mr. and Mrs. Longworth, were Miss Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cooper, and Mrs. Harvey of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. George Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Pitts Durfield, Justice Reynolds, Miss Gladys Sullivan, Senator and Mrs. Francis G. Newlands, Senator Key Pittman, Miss Patten, Judge James F. Smith and Senator and Mrs. Lewis.

The Chilean ambassador, Senor Don Eduardo Suarez Mujica, entertained at dinner last night, having as his guests visitors from Latin-American countries.

Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, of Independence, Kan., who is a delegate to the Woman's National Council this week, will give a luncheon at the Willard in honor of Lady Aberdeen and the officers of the council.

Mrs. Frank Foster, of Stoneleigh Court, has canceled all her social engagements. Mrs. Foster is dangerously ill with pneumonia at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs, in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Parker, Jr., and Miss Edith Temple Gracie are among those who will go to Baltimore today to attend the Ball des Arts, an evening at Lehman's Hall by the Charcoal Club. The committee in charge is composed of Mrs. Andrew McCann, J. Carroll Lucas, and William Hamilton Chaffe. Lehman's Hall will represent an artist's villa on the coast of Brittany. The names of some prominent Baltimore women are included in the list of patronesses.

The home of Mrs. Howard Reszide in Nineteenth street, will be the scene this afternoon of a large reception given by Mrs. Reszide in compliment to the members of the Congressional Club. The lower floor has been converted into a lovely garden with the walls and ceilings of the first floor veiled with statua and ferns, intermingled with various spring flowers. The large bay win-



MADAME VASSILIEFF.

Madame Vassilieff, widow of Captain Vassilieff, formerly naval attaché of the Russian embassy. Her marriage to Commander Michtow, the present attaché, will take place within a few days, according to a current report.

down in the drawing room is massed with palms and pink flowers forming a beautiful background for the receiving party, while in the dining room large baskets filled with ferns and pink flowers are suspended from the ceiling. The hall has the effect of a jungle with skins of tigers and lions half hidden among the palms. Mrs. Cone Johnson and Mrs. Thomas Watt Gregory will preside at the tea table, which is adorned with a large silver urn filled with pink carnations and roses while garlands of smilax dot it here and there.

Receiving with Mrs. Reszide will be the president of the club, Mrs. Alice Pomeroy, and Mrs. George W. Fairchild. Mrs. Joseph W. Byrnes, Mrs. Albert Cummins, Mrs. Robert M. Page, Mrs. Henry Danforth, Mrs. Edward Taylor, Mrs. Robert Henry, Mrs. Joseph J. Russell, Mrs. James F. Byrnes, Mrs. John Shafer, Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, Mrs. Edwin Keating, Mrs. David Jayne Hill, Mrs. Hampton Gary, Mrs. J. Willard Ragsdale, Mrs. Charles G. Edwards, Mrs. Clemens McMillan, Mrs. Louis Foster, Mrs. Harold Parmelee, Mrs. H. A. Montague, Mrs. Charles D. Helm-

bold, the Misses Wright, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Gary; Miss Katherine Hill, Miss Dorothy Weyth, Miss Marjorie Holmwood, Miss Jeanette Montague, Miss Jane Gregory, and a number of others.

A committee of which Miss Mabel Boardman is chairman will hold a meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Miss Boardman's residence, 1801 P street, for the purpose of completing arrangements for the miscellaneous bag sale for the benefit of the endowment fund of the American Red Cross at Raucher's the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, January 26. In addition to Miss Boardman the members of the committee are Mrs. William Crozier, Mrs. F. A. Keep, Mrs. Joseph Leiter, Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. E. H. G. Slater and Mrs. Richard Townsend.

Col. Charles Page Bryan, assisted by his sister, Mrs. John Barton Payne, entertained at luncheon and at a reception yesterday in honor of Minister of Finance A. van de Vyver and chevalier and Mme. Edmond Carton de Wiart of Belgium. Among the guests were Judge

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

and Mrs. William Bailey Lamar, Mrs. Henry F. Dimmock, Mr. and Mrs. Estlin Bradley, Major and Mrs. James Anell Shipton, Francis Loomis, Mr. Herkener, Miss Gladys Hinckley, and Miss Harriet Winslow.

Owing to illness, Mrs. George Barnett will be unable to receive today.

Mrs. Ella Marcus Bull, regent of the Colonel James McCall Chapter of the D. A. R., entertained the chapter and representatives of the Keystone, the Sarah Franklin, the Dolly Madison, and the Mary Washington chapters of the D. A. R., at 110 East Capitol street, from 8 to 10 o'clock, Thursday evening, January 6.

Mrs. James Willard Ragsdale will receive at Calumet place on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6:30 o'clock. She will have assisting her Mrs. Cone Johnson, Mrs. Samuel J. Graham, Mrs. James H. Patten, Mrs. T. T. Ansberry, Mrs. H. Hubert Dent, Mrs. I. A. Montague, Miss Mary Graham, Miss Laura Graves, Miss Lillian Hendrick, Miss Pauline Stone, and Miss Latimer.

Miss Helen Cannon and Miss Virginia LeSeure will entertain at tea January 12 from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Mrs. John Hays Hammond has sent out cards for a buffet luncheon at the Willard January 13, in compliment to Lady Aberdeen.

Lady Aberdeen will also be the honor guest at a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rames, at Fairmont Seminary January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Forsaker have returned to Washington, after spending several days in New York.

Mrs. Alexander Mackay-Smith and the Misses Mackay-Smith will be at home Wednesday afternoons, January 12, 13, and 14, and February 1 and 2. There will be dancing after 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph E. Kuhn will entertain at dinner at the Officers Club.

The marriage of Madame Vassilieff, widow of Capt. Dimitri Vassilieff, formerly naval attaché of the Russian embassy, to Commander S. I. V. Michtow, also of the Russian navy, who succeeded Capt. Vassilieff in the post of naval attaché, will take place within the next few days probably in Washington. So much was learned today, although the exact date could not be learned.

Madame Vassilieff reached New York a fortnight ago from Paris, where she went shortly after the death of her husband a year ago and where in conjunction with other Russian women of distinction she has been active in relief work.

Coming to Washington in 1910, in the height of the brilliant social life which characterized the "Tait Administration," Captain Vassilieff and his wife became factors in the gay set which surrounded the czar's embassy here.

When the present ambassador and Mrs. Haskinier came to the embassy the intimacy between the ambassador's wife and Mme. Vassilieff soon became marked, and until the war banished any semblance of social life at the embassy Mme. Vassilieff always had a prominent part in all its affairs.

The exigencies of the war have necessitated the presence of Commander Michtow in New York, where he has since the greater part of his time since assuming his embassy duties. Although no confirmation can be obtained it is supposed by the "inner circle" that the wedding will take place at the Russian embassy.

Plans are now under way for a beaux arts ball for the benefit of foreign artists at the Willard, February 17, by the members of the Society of Beaux Arts resident in Washington, Nathan C. Wyeth, Viscount Henri de Sibour, George Oakley Totten, Frederic Brooke, and Frederic Murphy. Mr. Wyeth is chairman of the committee. They will be assisted by Paul Bartlett, sculptor; Bedford Brown, Ward Brown, and several other Washington artists and architects.

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PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL GIBBONS

Few more glowing tributes to a living man have ever been heard in Washington than the eulogy to which Cardinal Gibbons listened at St. Patrick's church yesterday, "Cardinal's Day" in Washington.

The eulogy was pronounced by the Very Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan, rector of the Apostolic Mission House at Brookland, who has known Cardinal Gibbons for twenty-five years.

Father O'Callaghan said in part:

"It was more than a quarter of a century ago that I heard Abbe Hogan, who was at that time president of the Brighton Seminary, say of your Eminence that the secret of your greatness was your prudence that reached in you the height of genius. Such a qualification for high office he counted among the rarest of human gifts. By an unblemished life that has been winsome as well as sternly righteous, by a dignity that has been always impressive because it has never been arrogant; by an

instinct of refinement which has ever been considerate of the feelings of honest opponents; by a just judgment which has never needed the weapons of vituperation for its enforcement; by a vision which has compelled respect, because no man could doubt that your eye was single; by a patriotism that has never needed a sponsor; by a devotion to every good cause which has drawn to you the admiration of all good citizens; by a love of holy church which has been so honest and so unswerving, that it has dispelled much ignorant bigotry and made the church of God to be revered where she had been despised; by the apostolic spirit of your words and your pen; and, in short, by a love of God and neighbor so genuine that none could suspect it. Your Eminence has won and kept a place in the hearts of this people that none can take from you.

"I appreciate deeply the privilege which is mine of voicing the sentiments of love and admiration for your Eminence which today fill the mind and are upon the lips of the Catholics and non-Catholics of this city. They are but a part of that larger tribute which the whole nation has uttered on divers occasions and in many ways. I am sure they have a value of their own which will not escape a heart that never has and that never will grow old."

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