

JEAN ELIOT'S LETTER

A Chronicle of Society

DEAR SUSAN—Election week in a Presidential year finds Washington very distinctly an Adames Eden. It's naturally almost a disgrace for voters to be home to vote, 'specially office holders, for it stands to reason that any of the holder who isn't sufficiently interested in his party's success to do his utmost to keep it in power does not deserve to be an office holder. Quite numerously they are accompanied by the women of their families, so that election time, every fourth year, at least, becomes more or less of a 'homecoming week' all over the country.

Of course, all the Cabinet members and the assistant secretaries' onto the third and fourth generation' go, and the Congressmen have been at home since September propping up wobbly times. But after next Tuesday the tide will turn this way, and by the end of the month the Capital will be ready for what the winter may bring forth. Of that "quien sabe?"

Politics Has No Effect On Cabinet Circles. About the 1st of October there was a will from the real estate men to the effect that Democratic officers were either refusing to renew leases for more than six months, or were seeking less expensive quarters when a six months' lease was refused them. So far as one can see that doesn't apply to the Cabinet circle.

Of course some of them may have renewed for only six months, but with the single exception of the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Baker who had to find quarters in town—they are all settled down in the same residences they occupied last season. The Lanes did talk of moving—purely because they thought their Wyoming avenue house in shocking bad repair—but they have decided to stay on where they are, and probably won't be until after the elections.

Expected to Return Just Following Election. The Cabinet set and the White House family may be expected back almost immediately after Tuesday's excitement is over.

When Mrs. Wilson left for Shadow Lawn she left instructions for some alterations in the arrangement of the White House. Chief of these, so far as they involve the parts of the White House which the general public is admitted, was the re-arranging in one of the ground floor rooms, which have been used as cloak rooms for special guests on state occasions, of the valuable collection of china, glass, and silver used by former Presidents.

Decided to Give Up One of the Cloak Rooms. Therefore, it was decided to give up one of the series of cloak rooms, directly under the state drawing rooms, for use as a museum. Along one side of the room cabinets have been built in-glass paneled and white enameled to match the rest of the room—and the collection has been transferred to them, and the room added to the portion of the White House which is open to the public during certain hours.

The lower corridor has been further improved by the transfer to the 300-Persian prayer rug, presented to the White House in the Roosevelt Administration, and always an object of interest to the hundreds of tourists who visit the White House daily, since the rug never fails to dwell on the fact that it is valued at \$20,000. Next day Mrs. "Jimmie" Wadsworth was advertising the loss of a sable scarf "on the road to Larchmont."

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. White To Spend Winter Here. Among the interesting newcomers to town this winter will be Mr. and Mrs. E. E. White, of Glen White, W. Va., and their charming daughter, Julia, who have leased Mrs. Sherman McCallum's house, 338 Massachusetts avenue, for the winter. They are quite newcomers, though, for they had a house in Nineteenth street for a few months last winter before last. Their stay, however, was cut short by the illness of Miss White, who contracted scarlet fever when she had been here but a few weeks, and met her end at a dinner given by her cousin, Dr. Adam Kemble, and have such a recollection of the winter charm that I'm very glad she's coming back again. There's a son, Edward White—who is, I believe, still in college.

The Whites are due about December 1. Mrs. McCallum expects to be in town until the winter, and the members are after that her plans are uncertain. She is even thinking of going to Spain for the winter. Cecelia McCallum has gone back to school for another year.

"Voluntary Aiders" Is Appropriate Name. Let's call them the "Voluntary Aiders," after Pollyanna's "Ladies Aiders," for really the national committee on voluntary aid is the main section of the Navy League is too long for everyday use. Mrs. George Barnett is chairman thereof, and the members are Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. John A.



MME. CARLOS, Wife of the Naval Attaché of the Argentine Embassy.

Lejeune, Mrs. Vylla Poe Wilson, Miss Blanchard Scott, Mrs. Victor Kaufman, Mrs. C. Phillips Hill, Mrs. Charles Doyen, Mrs. D. Buchanan Merryman, and Miss May Adams. Their business is to help American women to prepare intelligently for the part they must play in war or any national disaster. They are striving to organize local committees on voluntary aid in communities all over the country, and they have just published a manual of voluntary aid, which is a manual of conciseness and valuable information.

All Knowledge for War Times Is Embraced. It gives instructions and diagrams for making bandages and dressings; menus and quantities for feeding troops in transit, estimated on a basis of sixty men; detailed statements of the medical and surgical supplies necessary for a fifty-bed convalescent unit; tabloid instruction in hygiene and home care of the sick; tested recipes, with quantities for food and beverages most commonly used for invalids; instruction in the care of dependents; in community buying and community catering—this on a basis of 250—and all sorts of useful "dope."

Diplomatic Service Here Seasoning for Presidency. The Jethimus of Panama has always been one of the most interesting little slaters of the United States, and a few years of diplomatic service here is rated a necessary seasoning for Presidential timber.

Ball for Children's Home Christmas Night. So the ball for the Children's Country Home will be given Christmas night! A very good evening, too, I'm thinking, for while Christmas Day is Christmas in name, it is really the day when children and family reunions, the evening is apt to be a bit dreary. Interest in the Christmas tree won't outlive the afternoon—the kiddies!

between the embassies of the entente powers, who are entertaining in practically equal measure. A German embassy where parties are in vogue—and ever since the day of the Sternbergs the German ambassador's parties have been famous. It remains to be seen what will happen—but this is the sort of thing that makes life in Washington interesting.

Mrs. Hemmick Plans Delightful Entertainment. It's a very delightful entertainment Mrs. Christian Hemmick is planning in honor of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, but not a big reception. Dear me, no! In the first place, Studio House is not very large; moreover, the "artistic hour" is planned with a view to interesting and entertaining Mrs. Bernhardt, and she certainly would not derive much pleasure from shaking hands with three or four hundred people.

Fluffy White Dog Awaits Mrs. Lansing. I know somebody who'll be glad when Mrs. Lansing returns to town Thursday from her visit to Waterbury—the fluffy bunch of fur and frolic that is her dog. A friend of mine called to see Mrs. Lansing's mother, Mrs. Foster, the other day, and while she was waiting the little white beastie jumped up in her lap. Mrs. Foster's butler, by the way, has been with her thirty years, her cook twenty-seven, her chauffeur the was formerly the coachman of the late Mr. A. New. How's that for the family ten years. How's that for the faithful servant—and successful mistress—records?

Busy With New Motion Picture Venture. Mr. Hemmick expects to be detained in Pittsburgh, busy with his new motion picture venture, the greater part of the winter, and Mrs. Hemmick has a varied season in prospect. Her present plan includes a fortnight or so longer in Washington, a month's stay in New York, and a return here about Christmas.

Speculation About Haste Of Ambassador Sato. There was considerable speculation in town as to just why Ambassador Sato, newly accredited here from Japan, was in such haste to present his credentials to the President that he sped to Shadow Lawn for the purpose, and did last Monday. But you see Tuesday was Emperor's birthday, it was very desirable that the embassy should have a reception for a month or more. The standing for the celebration of that auspicious occasion, and until a newly appointed ambassador has been presented to the Emperor, it is not actually and completely ambassador.

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There is the legal representative of the Republic of Santo Domingo and Panama in Washington, and has been closely identified with Pan-American affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Penfield are on their wedding journey. Mrs. Penfield, who was formerly Miss Lucille Bacon, of Omaha, Neb., is a most beautiful and accomplished young woman, possessing talents that would grace a diplomatic position in foreign lands, and is certain to be a great helpmate to her distinguished husband in his career.

Mr. and Mrs. Penfield, the Junior Harry Lee Rusts—Mrs. Rust was Mildred Anderson—Mr. and Mrs. Graham Keener, and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Conrad will share honors at the reception Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nelson Barker are giving next Saturday afternoon at Chevy Chase Seminary. All four girls are graduates of the seminary. Write to me soon, dear, and don't delay your visit to Washington too long. Affectionately yours, JEAN ELIOT.

New Officers Elected at Parent-Teachers' Meeting. Discussion of plans for benevolent and educational work during the coming year and the election of officers occupied the business session of the Greenleaf Parent-Teachers' Association, held last evening in the Greenleaf school. Mrs. W. B. Wender was elected president; Mrs. Jennie Hayden, vice president; Miss E. E. Holden, secretary; Miss E. E. Halley, treasurer, and Mrs. Thomas Posey, financial secretary.

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