

# JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

(Continued from Page Fourteen.)  
 Bernstorff—if this be reason make the most of it—and, although it would be hard right now to find in Washington any friends of von Bernstorff, their name was legion up to the time the break with Germany came. Indeed, when Alexandra von Bernstorff was married to Count Pourtales the most prominent girls of her season were among her bridesmaids.

All of which suggests a query: What has become of the signed photographs of Prince Henry of Prussia, which were among the most precious possessions of a number of Washington hostesses following his famous visit to the United States? Verily time works many changes.

**Many Jewels in Evidence At Party Herald Peace.**

But enough of ancient history. At the embassy party on Monday evening uniforms and decorations were in order, and every woman present wore her newest and handsomest frock, so it was an excellent chance to study the new modes. One thing struck the observer immediately, the number of jewels, tiaras, necklaces,

and other splendid ornaments, which were in evidence. Since the war it has been considered rather bad form to wear diamonds and similar jewels, but scarcely was the armistice signed before society donned its most splendid gems in honor of the occasion, which only goes to prove that Washington knows the secret of good dressing, the art of dressing to the occasion.

Countess di Cellere had on a diamond tiara and a necklace and ornaments, corset ornaments of diamonds and rubies, jewels which she had not worn since the beginning of the war. Mme. Jusserand also wore a coronet of diamonds, likewise pretty little Mme. de Laboulaye. Mrs. George T. Marye wore a royal tiara. Mrs. Marshall Field had on some of her splendid pearls and ornaments of sapphires and diamonds, and Mrs. Aksel E. Wichfeld, whose husband is at the embassy, wore a severely plain black velvet gown absolutely guileless of trimming. The skirt was short and made with a pointed overskirt which was noticeably full, in contrast to the

slim silhouette now generally favored. The bodies were cut quite high in the back, just leaving the nape of the neck bare; the décolletage was square in front, and the limboos squared just turned the curve of the shoulder. The severity of the gown was relieved by the chain of magnificent diamonds reaching to the waist line and finished with a great pear-shaped pendant which Mrs. Wichfeld wore. Also she had on pear-shaped pendant earrings of diamonds and diamond pins in her hair.

**Trains Much in Evidence, Giving Air of Dignity.**

A glance about the room made it abundantly evident that trains, real honest-to-goodness, cut-in-one-with-the-frock trains, are "in again." Mrs. Wilson always wears trained gowns in the evening, and so, it may be remarked to the President's daughters, Mrs. McAdoo and Mrs. Wilson, possibly because they are becoming, but especially because it is a recognized fact that a train lends dignity to a gown. Any function at which the President's wife is present, needs must be marked by a certain amount of formality and dignity; therefore, she wears a train, and the younger members of the Wilson family follow suit. Brocades are very much "in" this for evening gowns—this also is a safe generalization. At the Italian embassy, Mrs. Wilson wore a lovely gown of black and silver brocade, made with the new pointed train, the most becoming costume I have seen her wear in a long while. Countess di Cellere also wore brocade, white and gold, as did Mrs. Marshall Field. Mrs. Mabel Boardman. Mrs. Field's costume was fashioned of a sort of sapphire blue and silver brocade, and Mrs. Boardman wore a costume made of a rich black and silver material, simply draped and quite untrimmed. Like Mrs. Wichfeld, Mrs. McMillan Gibson wore black velvet, with a scarf of ermine for contrast, and I noticed numerous other black velvet gowns.

**Line of Flunkeys Suggests Royal Pomp of Court Life.**

A line of flunkeys placed at intervals on the curve of the stairway, standing on the landing and flanking the drawing room door, suggested momentarily the poms and vanities of court life. However, they added materially to the picture, for with their liveries of blue, with coats amazingly braided, knee breeches, buckled shoes and jabots of frilly lace, they were quite the most colorful thing at the party, if one excepts the uniform of the new minister of Monte-negro, with its broad red sash and blaring decoration.

I'd like to be turned loose in the great library of the embassy, which stretches across the front of the house, some day when it is not "stripped" for action, as it was of necessity on the occasion of such a big function. It's a lovely room, paneled in dark oak and literally lined with books. Four or five south windows welcome the sunshine, a big fireplace, with an old portrait in rich and beautiful tones, sets in the chimney place; deep and comfortable easy chairs, shaded lamps, good pictures, a few rare and lovely orna-



MRS. HENRY C. COBURN. Wife of Lieutenant Colonel Coburn, U. S. A. They are spending the winter at 1430 Rhode Island avenue.

ments; all combine to make the room singularly interesting and to give it the look of home, which is conspicuously lacking in so many big houses. The house belongs, you know, to Thomas Nelson Page, our ambassador to Italy, and I rather imagine the books and pictures are his.

**Honor Two Monarchs in Washington.**

The celebration in honor of the King's birthday was a purely official party; but a few evenings later the young people had their innings at the embassy, Count and Countess di Cellere giving dances for their daughter, Agnes di Cellere—no she's not in the debutante class yet—and their young guests, Carmen Calderon and Jose Calderon, daughter and son of a former minister of Peru to the United States. The party was on Thursday evening.

Washington also celebrated the fete day of another King, Albert of Belgium, last week; but the festivities were much less formal and imposing in character. The anniversary, which, by the way, is not the King's birthday, but according to the custom prevalent in Catholic countries, the festival of his patron saint, was marked by a small dinner at the legation with the Belgian minister, Mr. de Cartier de Marchienne, as host and a notable company of men as guests. Moreover, a good many people called at the legation to offer their congratulations. Larz Anderson, sometime American minister to Belgium, was among those who did the graceful thing, for I observed to meet him just as he was leaving cards at the legation.

**Mrs. Wilson Gives Box Parties.**

Mrs. Wilson has resumed this season the pleasant custom she inaugurated last year, of giving box parties for the symphony concerts and other important musical events, and has as guests each time a diplomat's wife, the wife of a cabinet officer, and one or two women of official and resident society. She had two parties last week, one for the Philadelphia Orchestra on Tuesday, when her guests were Mrs. Jusserand, Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Harry Garfield, and Mrs. Frank Polk, and the other on Friday, when Mme. Matse-ville came.

This time Mme. Blane and Mrs. White, wife of the chief justice of the Supreme Court, were in the party, and likewise Mrs. McAdoo, Mrs. William Phillips, and Mrs. Benedict Crowsell. Probably next time Mme. Naon and Mrs. Baker will be among the guests, for Mrs. Wilson apparently is just her guests from the diplomatic

Entertaining at the various embassies and legations was not quite the order of the day. There's to be a dinner at the French embassy this week in compliment to the members of an important French educational mission due in town, and last week there was a dinner at the Argentine embassy with the minister of Switzerland and Mme. Sulzer as the honor guests. The Argentine Ambassador and Mme. Naon are, however, being entertained a bit prior to their departure for their own country. They have set no date for their sailing and everybody is hoping that it will be long delayed, for there is general regret at Dr. Naon's decision to leave the diplomatic service.

I don't know the official reason given for his resignation, but when after his return to the United States bearing new honors as well as ambassador—but it is whispered that he disagreed with his government over the cause Argentina let the war come to an end without getting into the field. At any rate Dr. Naon and his handsome wife will be among the diplomatic absence something which is the more to be deplored as their young daughter, who bids fair to be as handsome as her mother, is just growing up and a number of years ago ready to debut.

Dr. Jorge... of the Nation, the... in Buenos Aires, and Mrs. Wilson who have been guests at the embassy off and on for the last two months, left town during the last week for New York, whence they will sail shortly for their own country. The most interesting event of their stay in Washington was the arrival of a daughter, born at the Argentine embassy. The little lady, who took her departure with her father and mother, was christened at the embassy, and Ambassador Naon stood godfather for her.

Another greatly-to-be-lamented departure is that of Lady Grant, wife of Vice Admiral Sir John Grant, Lord Grant, commander of the British fleet in American waters, who

corps and the Cabinet in the order of official precedence.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week Mrs. Wilson will have a box party for the performance of "La Fayette, We Come," the mammoth feature film showing the Americans in France, which will be shown at the Knickerbocker Theater at 1:30 o'clock for the benefit of the Interior Department Convalescent Home for Soldiers, which is Mrs. Franklin K. Lane's pet project. This bids fair to be a gala event, witness the list of boxholders—Mrs. Wilson, Senator James D. Phelan, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Frank L. Polk, Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg, Mrs. C. C. Glover, Mrs. Hennen Jennings, Mrs. Frederic Keep, Mrs. Everett Macy, Henry White, Mrs. William Phillips, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Edward L. Doherty, Mrs. Herbert Hoover, and Mrs. Lathrop Brown.

**To Entertain Boss From Hospital.**

This will be the first showing of the film in Washington. Indeed, I rather believe it will be its first projection "on any stage." The picture was to have been shown at the Hippodrome in New York several weeks ago, and the premiere was to have been made a good deal of an occasion, with the French ambassador, M. Amé, Jussierand present. But the "flu" broke out just about this time and, although I'm not sure about it, I rather think the performance was called off.

Several people have taken blocks of seats for Tuesday afternoon for the convalescent soldier boys from Walter Reed Hospital. There'll be over 100 of them present and that guarantees a receptive and enthusiastic audience, for the boys do love good pictures. Most 'em, Senator Phelan is one parson who will have a lot of convalescents as his guests, and others who have taken seats especially for the boys are Mrs. Flint, a daughter-in-law of former Senator Flint of California, and Mrs. Randolph Miner.

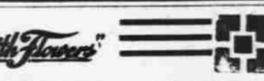
The little convalescent hospital for whose benefit the entertainment is to be given is managed and financed by the Interior Department War Work Association, but it works in co-operation with the Walter Reed Hospital and is "fed" by the latter institution. That patients can be accommodated at one time, and as soon as an one is discharged, goes back to Walter Reed for an operation, or leaves for any other reason, another lad is sent over for a taste of the nearest thing to home that can be found outside of home itself.

It looked for a time as though charity balls were to be few and far between this season, but slowly and surely, various organizations are selecting dates for the dances which do so much to swell their funds. Christmas night has, as usual, been spoken by the committee of the Children's Country Home for its annual ball, always one of the smartest events of the winter, and the Southern Relief Society has, if you please, picked a date about three months ahead, February 3, for its annual ball.

The latest announcement is that the District Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society will hold a "promenade concert," with informal dancing on Thanksgiving night at the Marine Barracks. This, too, is an annual event, and always an agreeable and successful one. The members of the executive committee are working to make the entertainment a success, and the patronesses for the occasion



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