

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

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to the daughter of an Italian diplomat
minister to Denmark.

It seems to be an established fact that the French Ambassador and Mme. Poincaré and the Italian Ambassador and Countess di Colonna are coming back with the President and Mrs. Wilson. Possibly the ambassador of Argentina, Dr. Le Breton, who is also due back shortly, and Mme. Le Breton will likewise come on the George Washington; and it has been stated that Mrs. John W. Davis, wife of the American ambassador to Great Britain, is coming home for a visit, and will accompany the Presidential party. Mr. Davis' daughter, Julia Davis, who is in college, remained in this country to finish her course, and

I expect one object of Mrs. Davis' trip is to collect Miss Davis and take her to England. There's a warm bond of sympathy and friendship between the two of them.

Mrs. Davis, by the way, presented several of her countrywomen at court at the garden party given at Buckingham palace on Friday afternoon. This took the place of the more formal "courts" held before the war. The lucky Americans presented under Mrs. Davis' wing were Mrs. Francis M. Wolcott, of Buffalo; Mrs. Felix Doubleday, of New York; Miss Mabel Gerry, of New York—she's Senator Gerry's sister—Miss Catherine Wendell and Miss Dorothy Hibbard.

President Wilson will have to do

some tall hustling to get back here in time to take part in the great Fourth of July celebration. Of course, it will be a bitter disappointment if he isn't here to review the mammoth pageant and parade, but President or no President, Washington is going to have some celebration; it's to be a sort of international jubilee over the return of peace, this Independence Day celebration of ours, for pretty nearly every country now maintaining a diplomatic representation at Washington will take part in the pageant. The various embassies and legations are taking a tremendous interest in the preparations, and each is vying with the other in the effort to have the most artistic float in the parade and to show the most distinctive and colorful costumes. Many of the costumes have been sent from Europe and South America especially for the occasion, and several foreign countries have appropriated large sums of money for their part in the spectacle.

Nationally Famous Men

On the Committee.
The Fourth of July celebration is to be staged under the auspices of the War Camp Community Service, Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, is chairman of the committee, with Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, U. S. A.; John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, and others of their ilk among his assistants. Maj. Gen. Robert Bullard is to be grand marshal, and Capt. Roy R. Glenn, of the British embassy, acting marshal. And the dea ex machina of the spectacular part of the celebration is Mrs. Marie Moore Forest, who "dreams dreams and sees visions" and then proceeds to translate them into concrete form for less imaginative persons to see. She has put on numerous pageants in Washington, but her Fourth of July spectacle is

to be far and away bigger, more colorful, more thrilling and impressive than anything she has done. The idea of thanksgiving for peace and service will run all through the celebration, which is to be rich in pageantry and symbolism; and fully 15,000 people will take part.

There's to be a parade with floats, which will make its way up the Avenue—the Avenue in Washington is always Pennsylvania avenue—I believe. But by far the most important part of the festival will be the series of gigantic tableaux shown in the Mall and on the steps of the various department buildings, the audience strolling about from one point of interest to another. And finally procession and audience will swing up Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol steps where the spectacular climax of the procession will take place and where the largest chorus ever gathered in the United States, under the direction of Dr. Peter Dykema, will sing peace songs.

President and Poch

May Review Pageant.

The pageant will be reviewed by President Wilson, should he get back in time; by Marshal Poch, should the hope of his visit be realized; by the foreign ambassadors and ministers now in Washington, and by many important officials. The idea that Marshal Poch may be coming to this country is based upon a response made by him to the faculty of Georgetown University, of which his brother is a member. The university wishes to present a sword to the great general, and the marshal has written that if peace negotiations and the situation resulting permit, he hopes to be here by July 1. Personally, however, I suspect that he will be a long time before the "situation resulting" such as to permit Marshal Poch to leave France.

Victory Memorial Fund

Is Growing Daily.
The National Victory Memorial Building fund campaign goes merrily on. So far the work has been largely one of organization, of laying the ground work for a drive which is to assume nation-wide proportions; but I'm told that later on there is to be a big concert in behalf of the movement and various and sundry spectacular events to rouse the interest of the G. P.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, who is head of Washington's local committee as well as of the national organization, is enlisting the assistance of lots of promising women. Mrs. Charles B. Howry, wife of Judge Howry, has agreed to take command of a canvas of the prominent lawyers of Washington, and Mrs. Timothy T.

Ansberry is to be her lieutenant. Mrs. Thomas Riley Marshall, you know, is vice chairman of the local committee.

The plan is to follow the service flag through the country, asking that each family contribute \$1 for each blue star and \$5 for each gold star on its flag. And further, each business house and corporation is to be assessed \$5 for each of its blue stars and \$100 for each gold star. The campaign among the merchants and business men of Washington has already been launched and is meeting with striking success. Indeed, every firm so far approached has gladly agreed to the proposition, and many of them have written letters recommending the scheme.

June Marked by Bumper

Crop of Brides.

One more day and June, a pleasant June, marked by a bumper crop of brides, will have passed into history. And, of course, there are several weddings set for the last day of the month. On Monday evening Lucy Byrd Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Morton, will be married to Frank Monroe Eliot, of St. Louis, formerly a lieutenant in the army.

The ceremony will take place in the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, and will be the first marriage to be celebrated in the new edifice. The bride's great-grandfather was at one time pastor of the old Mt. Vernon Place Church, and the family weddings for many generations have taken place there. Miss Morton is a kinswoman—a cousin, I believe—of Mrs. Ell Bamford Smith (Maude Howell Smith), and numbers among her forebears Evelyn Byrd, who was one of the historic beauties of Virginia. Her engagement to Mr. Eliot was announced in Boston two years ago, just before he sailed for France, where he served with the famous Liberty Division.

Gladys Knorr to Become

A Bride Tomorrow.
Gladys Elizabeth Knorr, daughter of Mrs. Emma Prall Knorr, has also selected tomorrow for her wedding day, and will be married in old St. John's Church to Lieut. Giovanni Francesco Lavagnino, of Pasadena, Cal. It will be an afternoon wedding, with just as much in the way of bridesmaids, ushers, and "fin's" as could be achieved on short notice. The romance has been brewing for two years, but the two youngsters had no idea of being married before autumn. However, as Uncle Sam has selected to send all the recent graduates of the Military Academy to France, Lieutenant Lavagnino, who is among them, has overseas service starting him in the face, and he insists upon claiming his bride before he sets sail.

She can't go with him, for the powers that be are still discouraging the practice of allowing officers to take their wives abroad—it is being done in a few cases, but the officers are usually not second lieutenants. So, if you please, the little lady is going to California to succeed Miss Ryan in the leading role of "Tea for Three." You know she has been on the stage for two or three years and has made good in the unmistakable fashion. Last winter she understudied the "lead" in the New York production of "Tea for Three" and slipped into the leading lady's shoes when she retired from the cast. Her work pleased the critics mightily, and she had a success which she is sure to repeat in the California production.

The wedding—to get back to our mittens—is to be at 5 o'clock at St. John's, with the assistant rector, the Rev. Edward S. Dunlap, officiating. Dr. W. Sinclair Bowen will give the bride in marriage, and she will have but one attendant, Mary Hotchkiss, daughter of Dr. John B. Hotchkiss, of Gallaudet College. Lieut. J. Slayden Bradley, U. S. A., a class mate of Lieutenant Lavagnino at West Point, will be best man and four other classmates will serve as ushers. He is

due to sail on July 11 for France, so their honeymoon will be brief.

Last week had several weddings on its calendar, notable among 'em the marriage of Maxine Durant and Lorenzo Die Burnell, of Detroit, yesterday and the marriage earlier in the week of Ruth Littell and her sailor man, Lieutenant Commander William Cook Owen. Miss Littell was to have Melville Church, yesterday afternoon, exactly the reception following the ceremony in the picturesque little chapel at Soldiers' Home was to have been out of doors—but a rainy day came along and spoiled the party. It was a great pity, for I can't imagine a lovelier place for a garden wedding than Soldiers' Home. However, the festivities were transferred to the house and everybody voted the wedding one of the prettiest of the season.

Miss Durant and Mr. Burnell were married at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Melville Church, yesterday afternoon, and following the ceremony there was a reception for about 100 guests. Little Mrs. Burnell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durant, and Mrs. Owen, as you doubtless remember, is the daughter of Brig. Gen. I. W. Littell—the man who put the cantonments on the map—and Mrs. Littell.

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