

JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY

After-Easter Season To Be Unusually Gay

EASTER balls, Easter brides, the Easter egg rolling at the White House, the usual glist of luncheons, teas, and dinner parties, with the visit of M. Rene Viviani, former premier of France, to give an official taste to much of the entertaining. Verily Washington's post-Easter season may be said to be well launched. It will be longer this year than usual, since Easter came so early; and there will be gayety than ever, for there is an Administration to be made welcome and entertaining in honor of the newcomers is just now getting under way. Indeed, it seems more than likely that the "little season" will rival the official season—the season with a capital S—for brilliance.

M. Viviani, who is in this country on a mission of courtesy from his government, was in Washington yesterday. He was made right royally welcome and in renewing many acquaintances made when he visited this country at the head of the French High Commission when the United States entered the war. The French ambassador, M. Jusserand, met him in New York, as did Robert Woods Bliss, Third Assistant Secretary of State, who went with the State Department's representative. They came to Washington with him. A suite was reserved for M. Viviani and his party at the Shoreham Hotel and in his honor the tri-color waved beside the Stars and Stripes above the door.

The former Premier's first visit to the Capital was rather in the nature of a preliminary center, as he only got in on Tuesday night and was due back in New York yesterday for a dinner to be given by the Federation of the Alliance Francaise. However, during his brief visit here, he was formally and officially received by President Harding, he called upon the Secretary of State and he met a good many of the Senate leaders who are high in the councils of the Republican party.

The only entertaining in his honor this time was the dinner at the French Embassy on Thursday, but M. Viviani will be back again tomorrow and a dinner party will be given for him at the White House on Tuesday evening. Tomorrow will be in dining with Senator Medill McCormick, who will have some of the "heat minds" of the Senate to meet him—and by the time he returns to France



MRS. WILLIAM WESSON JERVEY, Formerly Miss Phyllis Pulliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Pulliam, who was the first of the Easter brides.

several weeks from now M. Viviani will undoubtedly be well qualified to speak on the trend of the American mind in relation to international matters. That he will impart much valuable information on the French attitude to our statesmen goes without saying. So his visit should do much toward cementing the friendship between his country and ours and helping to work out their joint problems.

The Jusserands' dinner was comparatively small, but the company was carefully selected and included such "Senatorial" as Senator Lodge, Senator Morosis, the Cappers and the Pomerenes, George W. Wickersham, sometime Attorney General, and Mrs.

Wickersham, who were in town at the time and young Theodore Roosevelt, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, were also "among those present."

FIRST "STATE DINNER" TO HONOR VIVIANI

The dinner which the President and Mrs. Harding are giving in honor of M. Viviani will be the first "state dinner" at the White House in the present Administration. The Hardings have guests at the White House for luncheon or dinner pretty nearly every day; but so far their parties have been quite "unofficial" in character. There was certainly no hint of formality last night when President and Mrs. Harding entertained at dinner the group of newspaper correspondents who had been with the President at Marion during the campaign and who had banded together under the name of the "Order of the Elephant," and even when the Hardings had the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge to dine a week or ten days ago it was in a family.

Mrs. Harding has been devoting pretty nearly every afternoon to receiving "miscellaneous callers"—as a wag dubbed her constant stream of visitors. And on Wednesday she gave audience to the delegates to the biennial convention of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, nearly 300 strong. After shaking hands with them all and having an animated chat with many of them, Mrs. Harding accompanied her visitors onto the White House portico and was photographed with them.

It was the largest assemblage since President Grant first threw open the White House grounds to the children of the District for this pretty pastime. The day was glorious, warm and sunny as May and the beautiful White House grounds were decked out in tender green and bloom with golden forsythia, bridal wreath, flowering plum and Japanese cherries, with the huge magnolia trees which stood sentinel above the merry groups of children, clothed in snowy bloom or blushing rosy pink. And if a cold wind did come up out of the northwest to send the kiddies scampering, it was when they were tired with hours of play and when the Marine Band's concert, a feature of the entertainment, was just drawing to a close.

All the usual bits of "human interest"



MRS. GEORGE ALMY PERCY, And George Almy Percy, Jr., of Boston, who are visiting her mother, Mrs. Armstead Davis.

developed, from the lost child—eventually found, of course—the financial genius who hovered outside the White House gates offering for a dime to escort childless grownups into the sacred precincts where only kiddies—and their attendants—were allowed. And, altogether, it was a highly successful revival of a pleasant practice.

WHITE HOUSE AIDE TAKES UP DUTIES

Lieut. Col. Clarence Sherrill has taken over his new duties as aide to the President and if—or say rather when—the expected series of White House garden parties materialize, it is he who will be master of ceremonies. Colonel Sherrill's appointment is a popular one, for, in addition to being a hero, he has the genial, kindly spirit that promises much to all who look forward to the social side of the Administration.

Lieutenant Colonel Sherrill's appointment makes him Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds as well as ex-officio chief aide to the President, and so carries with it a variety of responsibilities. That he will meet all the demands upon him in a way that leaves nothing to be desired is certain, if one may judge by his past record.

In the war Colonel Sherrill commanded the 302d regiment of engineers, which was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm by General Petain. He was chief of staff of the Seventy-seventh division during the Argonne drive, and after the armistice was appointed a member of the third army commission to take over the governmental activities of the Germans in the occupied territory.

SHERRILL IS HONOR WEST POINT GRADUATE

Colonel Sherrill is a native of North Carolina, and is a graduate from West Point, an honor graduate of the Army School of the Line and a graduate of the Army Staff College. He has been stationed in the Philippines and in Panama. More than ten years ago he married Miss Geraldine Taylor, of Leavenworth, Kan., who is the niece of Mrs. H. Campbell Graef of this city. Colonel and Mrs. Sherrill have two children, a boy of nine and a girl of five. Like Colonel Sherrill, Mrs. Sherrill is one of the most popular women in the army. That they will both mean a great deal in the revival of the social life of the Capital, which has been so long affected by the war, can be confidently



(Above) MRS. EMMET C. GUDGER, Wife of Commander Gudger, U. S. N., and her small son, a grandson of Senator Thomas J. Walsh.

(Below) MISS LOUISE DELANO, A member of the committee on posters for the Chinese Ball, which will be one of the important events of the present week.

predicted. They have been long well-known in Washington and since Colonel Sherrill has been on duty here for some months, they have had a chance to renew old acquaintances and to make many new friends. They have a home in California street.

Since every sweet must have its bitter the early departure of Col. Clarence Ridley, aide under President Wilson, is deeply regretted, while congratulations are being extended to his successor. Owing to the complete suspension of entertaining during the war and later on account of President Wilson's illness, Col. and Mrs. Ridley have been but slightly identified with the White House and Col. Ridley has had little opportunity to demonstrate his rare qualifications for the position of aide. After taking a leave of two or three months he will go to Leavenworth, Kan., where he has been assigned to duty.

YOUNG AIDES SERVE AS OFFICIAL ESCORTS

Like Colonel Ridley the five young officers carried as junior aides have had little chance to prove their tact and cleverness in managing social affairs at the Executive Mansion. It is an unwritten decree, whether military or social, I am unable to say, that these junior aides must be bachelors, free to be as gallant as occasion demands—to dance and to play escort to maids and matrons. According to present plans the officers, denied the opportunity under the previous Administration of gracing receptions and other formal entertainments, will continue on duty. They are Major Alfred B. Johnson, Major Theodore Barnes, Jr., and Major Harold M. Rayner, all of the United States Cavalry, Commander Robert Griffin, U. S. N., and Capt. Albert M. Sheppard, U. S. M. C.

These officers were on duty at a big social function for the first time on the occasion of the reception to the diplomatic corps, March 17—St. Patrick's Day. In their dress uniforms they presented a fine appearance and performed their exacting duties with the sort of dignity that conveyed, also, the impression of official hospitality and friendliness truly American and democratic.

The list of aides is likely to be increased as the administration plans advance is probable. It has been the custom for many years to have from six to eight young officers assigned to the pleasant duty of serving at White House entertainments, which they must live up to in addition to

of the fact that a small figure of Laddie standing at attention was cleverly modeled by a woman is an interesting little story which illustrates the difficulties encountered by the gifted ones of the world, who usually suffer doubly if they are women.

BELONGS TO HONORED SOUTHERN FAMILY

Miss Elizabeth Swaffield, the sculptor, belongs to an old Southern family. When she was a little girl in Columbia, S. C., Miss Swaffield happened to be an unobserved guest while a sculptor who was to make a statue of Wade Hampton exhibited a small model of his work. When the sculptor left the model and his clay one day the child borrowed both without permission and after a few hours of hard work exhibited what was intended to be a replica, but it was not, for the figure on the horse was not the idealized conception of a popular hero, erect and beautifully proportioned, but a realistic portrait of the everyday man that the little girl had often seen on the streets of her native town. The sculptor was so impressed with the talent revealed by the girl that he could not endure to choose sculpture instead of music as her life work, and was sent to Europe. Fragile of body small and exceedingly delicate, it was soon apparent that the girl could not endure the strain of constant work and she had to return home. It had been against all family traditions for her thus to attempt a career, for in the South even a decade ago girls were not encouraged to become wage-earners or even artists, if there was no economic necessity to goad them to work.

COLLEGE WOMEN HOLD THREE-DAY CONVENTION

The Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge have had a busy week, particularly Mrs. Coolidge. Several luncheon parties have been given in her honor; and she has been taking an active part in the festivities in connection with the biennial convention of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Moreover, she was one of the special guests at the College Women's Club banquet last evening, sharing honors with three Cabinet women, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Davis.

This dinner was quite independent of the A. C. A. conference, but was purposely arranged to take place at the same time. Moreover, the College Women's Club, a purely local organization, asked the delegates to the A. C. A. convention to its weekly tea on Monday. This time the honor guests were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hays.

The old Slidell house in Lafayette Square, where the Association of Collegiate Alumnae has its national headquarters, was a veritable hive all last week. The convention met at the Washington Hotel, but the delegates were in and out of the clubhouse all day and parties of one

to depart even though made by the most forbiddingly dignified young aide, in all the glory of full dress uniform. Laddie, who gave a sitting, or rather a standing, for a sculptor last week is believed to be the inspiration that has renewed an enthusiasm likely to lead to large achievement. Back

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