

VISIT OF NOTABLE FOREIGN STATESMEN BRIGHTENS SOCIAL WEEK

republics, who are having a joint centennial celebration.

The year 1821 seems to have been a banner year for republics. Peru celebrated the centennial of its independence along in July of this year, and now the confederated states of Central America—Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, San Salvador and Costa Rica—are having all sorts of ceremonies to mark the hundredth anniversary of their throwing off the Spanish yoke, ceremonies which will be held in Washington at the big party at the Pan-American Union, to which the Washington world, diplomatic, official and resident, will be bidden.

Mexico is also having a centennial celebration this year—the hundredth anniversary of the consummation of her independence from Spain. The fight for freedom had begun eleven years back, but its success was not assured until September 27, 1821. Brazil, you may remember, is to have a centennial next year and a magnificent exposition is being arranged at Rio de Janeiro to mark the anniversary.

TOWARD the end of the week things livened up a bit. This was largely because the "little Versailles" at Williamstown, Mass., having broken up, some of the foreign notables in attendance there wanted to pay their respects to President Harding. Viscount James Bryce and Lady Bryce were in Washington for a few days before going on to Williams College. But Signor Tommaso Tittoni, president of the Italian Senate and former premier of Italy, waited until after the close of the sessions of the Institute of Politics and reached here on Thursday, accompanied by Signora Tittoni.

Probably by accident rather than by design Count Paul Teleki, sometime premier of Hungary, arrived on the same day and the two statesmen were received by President Harding within half an hour of each other. Neither visit was "official," but, of course, the Tittonis were entertained at the Italian embassy, in the absence of the ambassador, Signor Rolandi Ricci, the charge d'affaires, Signor Guido Sabetta, gave the party.

The visit to Mount Vernon without which no foreign statesman's stay in the Capital is complete, was arranged and there were various small courtesies to make the time passed pleasantly. The Celestias, of the Italian embassy, are entertaining for them today. From Washington the Tittonis will go to New York, whence they will sail before long for Italy.

COUNT LASZLO SZECHENYI and his wife, the former Gladys his wife, the former Gladys Vanderbilt, were in the party with Count and Countess Teleki and likewise Count Paul Hevesy. It was the first time Countess Szechenyi has been in Washington for a good many years and it seems too bad she couldn't have come at a time when some of her old friends were at home. Somehow, one can't imagine a German nobleman being made welcome in Washington just yet, even if he brought a charming American wife as hostage to fortune. But we have never felt the same toward the Austrians as we did—and do—toward the Germans and the cordiality with which Count and Countess Teleki and the Szechenyis were received at Williamstown and again at Newport were echoed here.

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace gave a luncheon at the University Club, with Count Teleki as the guest of honor, and included a group of scientists in the company asked to meet him. The Count, you know, is himself a scientist as well as a statesman, being widely known as a geographer. There was also a dinner for Count and Countess Teleki on Saturday night, the under secretary of state and Mrs. Fletcher being the hosts.

THE memorial services for King Peter of Serbia was an interesting ceremonial, but not quite so picturesque as if it had been held later in the season when more of the diplomats are in town. Nevertheless there was a goodly representation of "the corps," with numerous domestic officials, headed by the President and the Secretary of State, and some of the resident set turned out despite the outrageous heat.

The service in memory of King Peter was held in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington Cathedral. And when I expressed surprise that an Episcopal Church should have been selected, it was explained to me that there had always been a sort of friendly liaison between the Orthodox Greek Church.

MRS. HARDING accompanied the President to Bethlehem Chapel—her one appearance in public last week. They have been rather quiet, but are probably enjoying themselves, for the President's sister, Miss "Daisy" Harding is still their guest and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scobey arrived from San Antonio, Tex., to make them a little visit and stayed on to accompany them on the cruise aboard the Mayflower to which they are devoting the Labor Day holiday.

PORTRAIT of Princess Bertha Cantacuzene, granddaughter of Gen. Frederick D. Grant, by Miss Juliet Thompson, a pupil of E. F. Andrews. Miss Thompson is painting portraits of a number of Washington notable women. After a visit to New York she will return to Washington for the winter season.



ARTIST IS PAINTING CAPITAL NOTABLES

Miss Juliet Thompson's Picture of Princess Bertha Cantacuzene Has Won Much Praise

By GERTRUDE R. BRIGHAM, Ph. D.

MISS JULIET THOMPSON, artist of New York and Washington, has been spending several weeks in the studio of the late Mr. E. F. Andrews, at No. 1230 Sixteenth street northwest, while Mrs. Andrews is out of town as usual in the summer at Theological Seminary, Fairfax, Va. Miss Thompson, who was a student of Mr. Andrews before going abroad to work in the Julian Academy, Paris, says she owes much to the careful training of her first teacher. With Miss Catherine Critcher and other favored students, she was often invited to Mr. Andrews' studio, and posed for him as a child. Her present style of painting is, however, about as different from Mr. Andrews' work as is that of the celebrated French painter of nudes, Mlle. Helene Dufau, from that of her early teacher, Bouguereau.

Miss Thompson is engaged on portraits of several prominent Washingtonians, including Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Joseph D. Noel, Mrs. Thomas Bell Sweeney, and Mrs. Wells Goodenoughs, wife of the Congressman from West Virginia.

Other sitters have been the Princess Bertha Cantacuzene, who is the granddaughter of General Fred Grant and will probably be among the debutantes here the coming season. Mrs. Gertrude Williams, nee Marshall, of Chicago, the Baroness von Freytag Avriinghoven, now in New York, and Abdul Baha, the celebrated leader of the Persian Bahai movement. The portrait in pastel of the Abdul Baha is considered by Miss Thompson as one her most interesting results, inasmuch as it was produced in only three hours' work. It appears from a photograph to be a very finished achievement. The original canvas Abdul Baha took back with him on his return to Mount Carmel, in the Holy Land, which is now his residence, as it was formerly his prison as a political prisoner of the Turkish government until he was freed in 1908 by a fortunate change in rulers.

The young and very beautiful Princess Cantacuzene, whose portrait was painted last winter by Miss Thompson, is presented in a filmy gown of dull blue, carrying a feather fan of henna tone, and wearing red roses, on her wrist a green jade

bracelet. She is a brunette with haunting eyes. Miss Thompson is extremely successful in obtaining striking and harmonious effects by the use of complementary colors. Her canvases are kept very light in tone until well advanced, and she lays a most careful foundation of drawing on which she builds her portrait until the painting begins to come spontaneously. She painted in pastels for a long time before working much in oil painting, which gives a soft brilliance to her effects, but she says that it is to her hard work in developing accuracy of drawing that she attributes her success in results.

Miss Thompson held a successful exhibition here and in New York last season. For ten years she has had her studio in Greenwich Village, on Tenth street, New York, and she expects to return there for several weeks this fall, but will later come to Washington for the season.

Women's City Club Plans Gala Event

THE Entertainment Committee of the Women's City Club is planning a "Harvest Moon Dance" for Thursday, September 15, from 9 to 12 o'clock. The same music which made the dance on the 16th of August so enjoyable has been engaged for this occasion also. It is hoped that the club will have even a larger attendance than was present at the last dance. Cards for members and their guests can be obtained at the club, either from the secretary or from the house-manager.

Members of the Entertainment Committee are present each Tuesday evening in the card room of the club to instruct any one desiring to learn bridge or other games. No charge for the instructions, and all members are cordially invited to be present. These classes are always well attended. Some of the players being thoroughly versed in the game and others being beginners.

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LABOR DAY PLANS OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

Secretary Wallace in West for Wedding of Son.

LABOR DAY will find the Cabinet rather scattered—some are here, some away, either on business or pleasure bent. Of them all the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Wallace, has the most interesting errand, for he has gone out to Iowa for the second time this summer to attend a son's wedding. James Wilson Wallace, named for "Tama Jim" Wilson, who was Secretary of Agriculture for over sixteen years, was married last night to Miss Virginia Stubbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Stubbs. The wedding took place at Des Moines, which is the home of the Wallaces as well as the bride's family. Secretary Wallace expects to keep several speaking engagements, returning to Washington next Tuesday.

The wedding took place in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the rector, the Rev. E. E. Owen, officiating. The bride's father gave her in marriage and she was attended by her sister, Mrs. Garland Rounds, as matron of honor, and Miss Mary Hippee, both of Des Moines, as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Peggy Rounds, the bride's niece, and Miss Margaret Ann Mlock. John B. Wallace was his brother's best man and the ushers were Dow Carpenter, John Combs, Newman Dove and Wendell Hargrove, all of Des Moines. Mr. Wallace and his bride will make their home in Des Moines.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes, and Mr. Weeks, Secretary of War, are among President and Mrs. Harding's guests on the Mayflower—the Hughes' first holiday this summer, for the Secretary says he finds Washington much too interesting to leave it. Secretary Mellon is in Hot Springs to remain over Labor Day. These week-end trips to visit his daughter, Miss Alisa Mellon, and his son, Paul, provide all the rest he has had—not much of a vacation for a hard-working, mild-mannered millionaire.

Secretary Fall is off on a Western inspection trip, and it is to be hoped getting a little pleasure out of the business, for one rather doubts whether he will have a real vacation.

Pen Women's League To Give Reception

THE District of Columbia League of American Pen Women will give a reception for Mrs. Heloise Durant Rose, founder of the Dante League of America, on Friday afternoon, September 9, from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. C. Austin Thomas, first vice president of the District League, and poetry editor of the Pen Women, and Mrs. Harriet Hawley Lecher, author and dramatist, will receive the guests. Mrs. William Wolff Smith, chairman of the entertainment committee, will introduce the speaker, and Mrs. Ames Fries, chairman of the social committee, assisted by the other officers of the District League, will serve refreshments.

Mrs. Rose, who is a member of the league, will speak on the Dante League of America, which has for its purpose the promoting of the understanding of Dante, his works, language and country, and also the commemoration of the anniversaries of his birth and death. While in the city Mrs. Rose will be the guest of Mrs. William Wolff Smith.

VIAMI Health Talk to Women
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UNITED STATES IS NOW MAKING EFFORT TO BUY EMBASSIES AND LEGATIONS

Funds Appropriated Inadequate for State Department's Many Needs.

IN the appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, which was passed a few weeks ago, Congress authorized President Harding to accept J. Pierpont Morgan's offer of his London house for use as a residence by the American ambassador to Great Britain. The bill must have passed while I was on my vacation and not bothering my head about Presidents and politics, for I did not know until a few days ago that any official action had been taken on the matter.

Perhaps others—even those who feel that Uncle Sam owes it to his own dignity to provide his envoys with suitable residences in foreign capitals—are similarly uninformed and it may not come amiss to tell something about the further provisions of this bill and to explain just what embassies and legations this country already owns.

The bill authorized the expenditure of \$150,000, or "as much thereof as may be necessary," for the purchase of an embassy in Paris and went on to appropriate \$300,000 to buy embassy, legation or consular buildings at any or all of the following places: Rome, Brussels, Berlin, Christiania, Athens, Belgrade, Prague, Monrovia, Bucharest, Vienna, Budapest, Canton, Hankow and Amoy, provided that not more than \$150,000 be expended in any one place. This is better than nothing, perhaps, but—well, how much of a house can one buy in a desirable section of Paris for \$150,000? And how far will \$300,000 go toward providing suitable residences for our representatives in the dozen capitals specified and the several consulates thrown in for good measure?

There is evidently no immediate prospect of buying in Paris for Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, has just signed a lease after a search of a month and a half during which Mr. Herrick despaired of finding proper quarters. He has now taken the palatial mansion of Prince and Princess Jacques de Broglie, 16 Avenue de Messine.

The mansion, one of the most beautiful in the exclusive Monceau Park quarter, is in sharp contrast with the single country villa which Mr. Herrick has been occupying at Garches, near St. Cloud. Since his arrival on July 14, the ambassador has been forced to live outside Paris in a house originally taken by his son, Farnley Herrick. The ambassador's difficulties in finding a home has been sympathetically followed by Parisians and the press.

Some money will have to be expended on the Morgan house to make it suitable for embassy purposes—and at that it isn't large enough to house the necessary offices. There are two houses—13 and 14 Prince's Gate—which have been thrown into one, and while larger and handsomer than the Spanish embassy in London, the building does not compare to the German or the Japanese embassies. There is a charming garden at the rear and a smaller garden in front, which encloses the driveway.

WITH the exception of the house in Prince's Gate, the United States owns but two embassies, one in Tokyo and one in Constantinople.

In the Japanese capital the building is our own, the ground being held on a long time lease. But the property is terribly in need of doing over and, although \$100,000 was at one time appropriated for this purpose, the sum is considered so inadequate that work has never been started. It is estimated that at least \$250,000 is needed to put the place in thorough order.

Uncle Sam owns his legations in Havana, Cuba, in Peking, China, in Bangkok, Siam, and, I believe, in Warsaw, Poland. Hugh Gibson, our minister to Poland, found that under present circumstances it was cheaper to buy than to rent; and apparently the purchase was made for the government. However, I'm a bit hazy as to my facts in this particular case.

Richard Crane, American minister to Czechoslovakia, had to purchase a mansion in Prague before he could find a place to live, but that, I believe, belongs to him personally. And the time I last heard directly about him, he had been obliged to take the members of the legation staff under his roof to comply with the housing regulations then in force.

We are building a \$40,000 legation in the capital of San Salvador, and some \$11,000 was voted in the last appropriation bill to cover some improvements in the grounds. Money was also set aside to put up or purchase suitable buildings in Mexico and Costa Rica, but operations have been delayed by the disturbed conditions in these two countries. Again \$150,000 was appropriated to purchase an embassy in Santiago, Cuba, but the property which had been tentatively selected was sold to some

Coolidges' Stay in New England Will Be for 3 Weeks

THE Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge are still in New England and will not return until the close of the Congressional recess some three weeks hence. They have been dividing their time between their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns at Swampscott, and John Coolidge's (the Vice President's father) farm in Vermont. Just now they are at Swampscott, and everybody—and every organization—that can get them to accept invitations, is giving parties for them.

one else before the money became available.

IN Panama the American legation occupies a building which formerly belonged to officials of the French canal company, later fell into the hands of the army engineers who were building the canal and was turned over to the State Department in 1916. It is in a business section of the old town and is entirely unsuitable for residence purposes. The government of Panama offered to present the United States with a beautiful site in the modern town if we would put up a legation building, but Congress delayed so long in appropriating the money that the offer was withdrawn.

Moreover, that instance is by way of being typical. The Siamese government made us a similar offer; and eventually, I believe, we did build a legation in Bangkok. But it was so long after the offer had been made that the city has entirely grown away from the original site and we had to ask the powers that be to give us another patch of ground.

TRAVEL TIDE TURNS HOMEWARD; HOUSE HUNTING BEGINS

Argentine Ambassador Back From Europe.

FOR all that Washington appears deserted, signs are not lacking that the tide of travel is beginning to turn homeward. People are slipping quietly back into town and opening their houses. Others who haven't any houses are "humping themselves" to find suitable winter quarters—and realising already that suitable winter quarters are not easily come by and that quite a few desirable houses are being kept off the market, partly at the request of the authorities, until the personnel of the disarmament conference is announced and provided for.

Dr. Thomas A. LeBreton, the ambassador of Argentina, has returned from a vacation of two months or so in Europe, but Mrs. LeBreton, and her very attractive niece, Miss Manuela Lloveras, were remain abroad for another month or two.

General Pershing is among those whose return may be checked, though it is merely his return from rather an extended inspection tour. He stopped in Pennsylvania and gathered up his son, Warren Pershing, who has been spending the summer at Camp Red Cloud, bringing him back to Washington with him. Heretofore, Warren has been at school out West, but there seems to be a theory that he will stay with his father this winter, since the general is regularly and permanently stationed in Washington as super-chief of a super-staff—or, at any rate, that he will be at school somewhere not too far from Washington.

MRS. CABOT STEVENS has been called to California by the illness of her father. In her absence Mrs. William E. Chamberlin will be in charge of the Washington branch of the Near East Relief, of which Mrs. Stevens is the director.

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