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Social and Personal

Society in Richmond and Norfolk is greatly interested in the engagement of Albert L. Roper, of Norfolk, to Miss Georgiana Parks, daughter of the Rev. Leighton Parks, rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City, which has just been announced. The wedding will take place the latter part of January. Mr. Roper is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and has a great many friends in Richmond. The wedding will be a society event of wide interest, and many Virginians will go to New York next month to attend its celebration.

At Natural Bridge.

Mrs. Anna Branch Cabell and her son, James Branch Cabell, who have been the guests of Colonel James R. Branch at "Branchville," W. Va., for the past several months, will spend the Christmas season at Natural Bridge. Mr. Cabell's friends are sympathizing with him in the loss of the manuscript of his latest book, which was destroyed when the express offices were burned here on December 2. Mr. Cabell had been at work on this book for several years, and its destruction is thus all the more serious.

Of Interest Here.

Says a New York exchange:

"Efram Zimbalist, at his orchestral concert Saturday, played two violin concertos, one being Max Bruch's in G minor, the other John Powell's in E major, which was heard for the first time in New York. Mr. Powell is an American now living in London, who is said to have come from Richmond, where Mr. Zimbalist played the concerto last spring.

"The most significant feature of Mr. Powell's concerto is the fact that in at least the second and third movements he has made use of negro elements of melody and rhythm, and has thus imprinted a strongly individual character of its own upon the music. The 'andante conmoto' has more than a suggestion of a crooning negro song. The 'presto conumore' is equally marked in its dance rhythms, and in more than one passage the composer has emphasized his intention by introducing into the orchestra the sand paper shuffling that is familiar in the dancing of negro minstrels and in vaudeville. The violin part is written most effectively. The fresh and vigorous themes in his music and the engaging character of the negro element that plays so large a part in it give the work an interest of its own, and the development is musically significant. It was commendable enterprise that brought his work before the public. Mr. Zimbalist played it with obvious interest and enthusiasm. There was a very large audience present."

Mr. Zimbalist was entertained by Mrs. Smith Brokenbrough and a number of Richmond people during his visit here last spring, and Mrs. Brokenbrough went to New York to attend the concert last week.

Garrett—Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Garrett have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Lucille O'Neil, to William Franklin Moore. The marriage will be celebrattd at Old Church, in King and Queen County on Monday, December 23.

Lancaster Wedding.

An interesting and pretty wedding took place yesterday at high noon at "Midway," near Monaskon, on the Rappahannock River, when Miss Jessie Alice Eoline Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Ball, was married to James DeJarnett Jesse. The parlors of the spacious old mansion were hung with flowers for the occasion, and an aisle of ribbons formed through which the bridal party preceded to the altar, arranged under an arch of evergreens, a similar arch being erected between the two parlors. Lighted candles were used everywhere. Misses Frances R. Jesse and M. Louise Ball held the ribbons, and the ushers were Messrs. William Taylor Smith, of King George; Thomas F. Ball, Morton DeJarnette, of Caroline County, and Charles Snead, of Lancaster.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, who gave her away, and they were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Claybrook Jesse. Little William Dashiell Jesse, nephew of the groom, carried the ring, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Perrig, of Fredericksburg. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played by Miss Elizabeth Jesse as a processional. The bride wore a gown of white satin and lace, trimmed in pearls, and her only ornament was a pearl brooch, the groom's gift. Her veil was held in place with a coronet that had belonged to her great-grandmother. The bridesmaids were Misses Nora E. Goolrick, of Fredericksburg; Lois Dillin, of Monaskon. They wore white lingerie frocks and carried pink flowers. Miss Mary Du Val Ball, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and wore a gown of pink satin and carried an armful of pink roses.

Monday night a large reception was given at the home of the bride for the attendants and nearest relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse have gone North on their wedding trip, and on their return will reside at "Epping Forest," once the home of Colonel Joseph Ball, the father of Mary Ball, mother of Washington. This fine old estate in the northwestern part of Lancaster has for several generations been in possession of the Jesse family. The bride is a lovely girl, and is descended on both sides of the house from the most distinguished and prominent families of the Northern Neck of Virginia, her father belonging to the Ball family from which Washington was descended, and her mother belonging to the Carter family, of which Robert (King) Carter was the most distinguished representative. The groom is a son of the late William H. Jesse, of Lancaster, and a nephew of Dr. Richard H. Jesse, formerly president of the University of Missouri.

Stay-at-Home Whist Club.

The Stay-at-Home Whist Club met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Walter K. Martin, 214 North Shafer Street. The top score was made by Mrs. Bland Spotswood Smith and dummy, four tables being engaged. The club will meet next Monday night at the residence of Miss Sue Gordon, 816 West Grace Street.

Pretty Tea.

Miss Anna M. Bolton, of 2216 Park Avenue, gave a very pretty tea last Friday afternoon at her home in honor of Miss Bessie and Carrie McGeorge. Some of the guests invited to meet the Misses McGeorge were Misses Rachel Lyon, Clara O'Brien, Ruby Tarsley, Hannah Engleberg, Ida Brown, of South Richmond; Eleanor Patterson, Mrs. George West, of Richmond, and Miss Katherine Scott, of Gordonsville.

Social Register Out.

The Social Register of 1912 has just been issued. The members of its prominent families, whether residing in the city, in the country or abroad, are, as usual, grouped under the one address, with the maiden name and Christian name of the women and the names of the daughters and sons in the order of their age, the younger children, from twelve to twenty, appearing under the title of "Juniors." The maiden names of the married women are arranged in one alphabetical order at the back of the Social Register, as a key to their present names.

There are noted the marriages of seventy persons, as compared with forty-one last year, and the deaths of sixteen women and twenty-two men, as compared with seventeen women and twenty-four men last year.

This year the Dilatory Domiciles form part of the front cover, for convenience, and they are so arranged that each new one will include the information of its predecessor, thus necessitating reference to but one for the purpose of obtaining accurate information from time to time during the year.

Card Tournament.

The regular monthly card tournament will be played in the parlors of the Woman's Club on Thursday evening, December 19, at 8:15 o'clock. Auction bridge will be the game, and the usual supper will be served at the card tables following the conclusion of the tournament. The same rules concerning gentlemen partners and the registering of tables will apply.

Meeting To-Day.

The Story-Tellers' League of Richmond will hold its December meeting this afternoon in the auditorium of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute at 5 P. M. An interesting program, consisting entirely of Christmas stories, will be carried out. Plans for extension will be discussed, and an outline of work for the coming year presented to the league. Children are not admitted to these meetings without special invitation.

In and Out of Town.

Miss Gladys Lea left yesterday for Danville after a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. A. Booth, in Ginter Park.

T. M. Hobson, of Canada, has been the recent guest of friends here, en route for his home in Powhatan County, where he expects to spend the holidays.

Ben Basebre, of Philadelphia, has returned to his home after a visit to Mrs. C. H. Printz, on West Grace Street.

Mrs. Lenore Tinsley has returned to the city after a visit to relatives in Lexington, Ky., and Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. L. C. Saunders, of Newport News, is spending a short time here as the guest of relatives.

Miss Eloise Waldrop has returned to Norfolk after a visit to Miss Elizabeth Hotchkiss here.

Miss Katherine Prentiss, who has been visiting Chatham Institute, of which she was formerly a pupil, has returned to the city.

George L. Friend, of Iditorial, Alaska, is visiting relatives in Richmond and Chesterfield.

Miss Grace Neal has gone to Palm Beach, Fla., where she will spend the next ten days.

Dr. Bates McCluer, of Bon Air, has accepted a position as interne at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk.

The Rev. L. M. A. Haughwoutt, rector of Christ Church, in Meadville, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Staunton Moore, of 2209 East Broad Street.

Miss Louise Crompton, of this city, has gone to Danville, where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Dinnie Aiken, of South Houston, Texas, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lelia Friend, in Chester.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Laird have returned to their home in Danville after spending some time here.

Dr. and Mrs. John Woolfolk Burk have returned from their wedding trip and are established in their home in Washington.

Mrs. R. R. Allen, of Petersburg, is visiting friends for some time in this city.

Mrs. S. S. Tyree, of this city, is the guest of Mrs. C. B. Starke at her home in West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilliam, Jr., whose wedding took place very recently, are now at their home in Petersburg for the winter.

Miss Katherine Cannon, of Norfolk, arrived in Richmond Monday to be the guest of Mrs. A. W. Brooks for the holidays.

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PUBLISHES LETTERS FROM CROWN PRINCE

Captain Walter Christmas Causes Embarrassment to Greek Heir-Apparent.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

GREECE'S crown prince has been placed in a somewhat embarrassing position through the indiscretion of Captain Walter Christmas, formerly of the Danish navy, in giving out for publication in the Copenhagen newspapers some private letters which he had received from the Greek heir apparent. The latter, writing from Salonica, that is to say, from the seat of war, states that a confidential communique by the Balkan states describing their alliance, their scheme for a campaign against Turkey and their partition of European Turkey, was submitted to Russia and approved by the Czar's government so far back as last spring. From St. Petersburg it was strongly recommended that the war should not be commenced before the spring of 1913. But Turkey's weakness after her struggle with Italy, caused the Balkan allies to precipitate matters and to embark upon hostilities last autumn, quite prematurely from a Russian point of view.

This proves definitely that Russia was at any rate in sympathy with the attack on the Ottoman empire and was not taken by surprise, as has been alleged at St. Petersburg. Consequently the Czar will not thank his cousin the Crown Prince of Greece for his revelations or for bestowing his confidence upon so indiscreet a friend as Captain Christmas.

The latter bears a patronymic that is not unknown on this side of the Atlantic. For it came prominently to the fore some years ago in connection with some rather unpleasant negotiations looking to the sale of the Danish islands in the West Indies to the United States.

The official title of the crown prince, by the by, is the Diadochos, which is the Greek for 'successor to the throne. (Diadochos tou thronou.) It may be as well to explain this, as considerable confusion has been caused by the publication of articles and dispatches in the European, American and Canadian press, to the effect that the Greek troops who captured Salonica were under the command of a mysterious General "Diadochos," or, as given by the French papers, "General Diadoque." The crown prince's younger brothers are styled, not princes but "Basileopais," which may be translated as "children of the King."

All those in the United States and in the Dominion who had occasion to make the acquaintance of Lord and Lady Lanesborough when the earl was military secretary to Lord Grey, during the latter's term as Governor-General of Canada, will be sorry to hear that they have lost their only son, the nineteen-year old Lord Newtown Butler, who has succumbed to tuberculosis, which he seems to have originally contracted while at Eton.

Lord Lanesborough previous to his appointment to Ottawa, served for a time on the personal staff of the Duke of Connaught in England. He is a soldier by profession, is a lieutenant colonel in the Coldstream Guards, with which he served through the Boer War, is a representative peer of Ireland, and as such occupies a seat in the House of Lords.

Head of a junior branch of the great Irish house of Butler, of which the Marquis of Ormonde is the chief, he comes from a line that is noted for its love of horses and dogs. Indeed, the fifth Earl of Lanesborough had a Newfoundland that was so deeply attached to him that when the master expired the dog died of grief two days later and in compliance with the wish expressed by the earl some time prior to his demise, was buried at his feet. In order to admit of this being done the tomb of the earl at Swithland, in Leicestershire, was constructed in such a fashion that the lower end thereof projected a few inches beyond the border line of the old village churchyard, so that while the dog reposes at his master's feet, he lies, not within, but just a few inches without the consecrated ground.

Shortly after his accession to the earldom the present Lord Lanesborough became involved in a somewhat sensational suit against a clergyman, the Rev. J. Murray Dixon, rector of Loughborough, in Leicestershire, for the recovery of sums amounting to several thousand pounds, which it appeared he had obtained in some fashion or other from the late earl, who was very far from being a rich man, and had moreover a number of children.

All the testimony went to show that the late earl, who was a man of very unbusinesslike habits, had allowed himself to be induced to lend the money to the clergyman who had used his influence as the old peer's spiritual adviser to obtain the loans. Lord Lanesborough had neglected to take any statement in writing from the parson to the effect that the money was merely a good-natured loan, and on the strength of this the clergyman advanced the theory, after the earl's death, that it had been a gift.

After a lengthy trial the rector was defeated and was condemned to refund the full amount that he had obtained from the late earl, besides being roundly scored by the presiding judge.

Adrian Pollock, who has just been elected chamberlain of the city of London in succession to the late Sir Joseph Dimsdale, is a son of the late General Sir Richard Pollock, and a member of that clever legal family which has furnished so many eminent judges to the British bench, its present chief being Sir Frederick Pollock, who is a frequent visitor to this country, and is known on this side of the Atlantic as the editor of the British Law Reports, and as professor of jurisprudence at Oxford.

The office of chamberlain of the city of London, which carries with it a salary of $15,000, is very ancient, dating from the time of the Norman Conquest. Originally he was appointed by the sovereign; and King John, in his charter to the city of London, expressly reserved to the crown the grant of this office. In fact, it was not until more than a hundred years later that Edward II. permitted the election of the chamberlain by the municipality. This connection of the office with the crown is commemorated by the fact that to this day the official title of its occupant is "chamberlain and comptroller of the King's chamber."

The chamberlain keeps the accounts of the city and the immense sums of money derived from rents, dues and market tolls pass each year through his hands. He is, moreover, the recognized public orator of the city of London. When some great soldier, some eminent pro-consul, some philanthropist, statesman or traveler has won the good will of Great Britain the city of London usually adds its leaf to the wreath by presenting him with its freedom.

Now the freedom of the city of London is not, as some suppose, a mere parchment enshrined in an appropriate casket. It is a state of being which carries with it a number of privileges involving also certain obligations. Consequently, when the recipient becomes a freeman of London, he takes the oath and signs the parchment. It is on these occasions that the voice of the city chamberlain is heard administering the oath and binding the freeman to serve the King and to respect the city ordinances.

Before the oath is taken, however, the chamberlain declaims the reasons for honoring the distinguished guest. In rotund periods his deeds are recited, his work estimated and his qualities extolled. At Oxford and Cambridge the public orator cloaks his glowing sentiments in Latin when announcing why the university has seen fit to confer its honorary degree of doctor of law or of letters on those selected to wear the scarlet robe. But in the city of London the reasons are announced in the plainest English by the chamberlain, in a manner that sometimes brings a blush of modesty to the cheeks of the new freeman.

Formerly the chamberlain had charge of the King's Palace of Southwark, of the national mint, and of the King's Jewry, that is to say, of that portion of the city in which the Jews were segregated in medieval times under the particular protection of the crown and city, and he was also the King's deputy coroner and assistant butler. Moreover, it devolved upon him to adjust all quarrels between the masters and the apprentices in the city, the apprentices, a very turbulent body in medieval times, being subject to his control and supervision. Of these duties the chamberlain to-day has been relieved.

Adrian Pollock has until now been remembrancer of the city of London with a salary of $10,000 a year. The remembrancer attends at the House of Commons daily during the session and reports to the corporation any measures affecting the interests or privileges of the city, besides transacting the legal business of the corporation and acting as its principal legal adviser.

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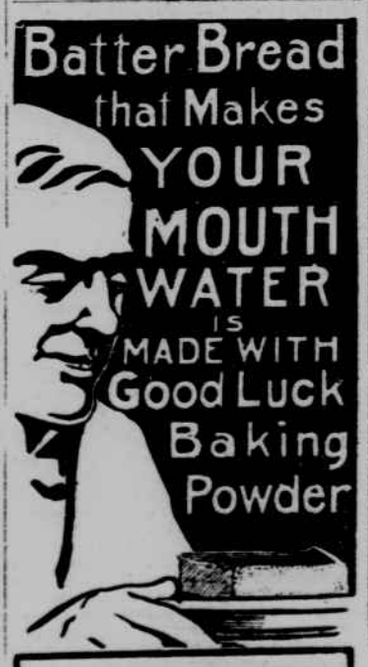

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Persons Prominent in Pennsylvania Testify on Behalf of Archbald.

Washington, December 17.—From persons prominent in Pennsylvania affairs and in Federal court circles of the East the attorneys for Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the Commerce Court, drew testimony to-day as to his good reputation in his trial before the Senate impeachment court for alleged misconduct in office.

Among these were Judge George Gray and Judge J. B. McPherson, of the Federal Court; Chief Justice D. Newlin Fall, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; President Judge Charles E. Rice, of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, and former Governor W. A. Stone.

Others to testify in this connection were Judge S. J. M. McCarrell, of Harrisburg; Judge J. M. Garmen, of Wilkesbarre; A. Lee Weil, of Pittsburgh, and B. P. Hoban, Mayor John Von Bergen, Judge A. T. Searle, James H. Torrey, Everett Warren, W. L. Connell, W. W. Scranton, E. B. Sturges and Joseph O'Brien, of Scranton.

For the first time during the trial Judge Archbald withdrew from the Senate chamber during the testimony of the witnesses as to his reputation.

The introduction of the character witnesses resulted in numerous conflicts between the attorneys for the defense and the House managers. The former attempted to have the witnesses detail their opinion of the judge's honesty, character and industry as a judge. Senator Bacon, presiding, allowed them to ask, in addition to the usual questions as to general reputation in the community for integrity, another formal question as to his general reputation for integrity as a judge.

Other witnesses called during the day by Judge Archbald's attorneys testified as to disputed points in the evidence presented by the House managers. Frank R. Shattock, attorney for insurance companies in a suit with W. W. Rissinger at the time an attempt was made to discount the Rissinger-Archbald note, testified in behalf of Judge Archbald that the latter had shown no favoritism to Rissinger in the conduct of the cases.

Attorneys for Judge Archbald, at the conclusion of to-day's session, hoped to be able to finish the presentation of testimony to-morrow.

KNOCKED DOWN BY AUTO.

Dr. W. R. Renalds, of Salem, Is Painfully Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Salem, Va., December 17.—Dr. W. R. Renalds was knocked down by an automobile to-day and sustained a badly fractured elbow, a dislocation of the right wrist, and a bad sprain of the right leg. He was crossing the street at the corner of Main Street and College Avenue. Seeing an approaching street car he stepped backward in front of an automobile going east, which was owned and driven by Frank B. Gordon, a wealthy resident of near Fort Lewis, a few miles west of Salem. The injured man was taken into the office of Dr. R. M. Wiley, where a careful examination was made by Drs. Wiley and Darden, who attended him. Later he was removed to his home on Broad Street.

Owing to Dr. Renalds's age and his weak constitution, it will probably require some time to recover from the severe shock caused by the accident.

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Returned Against Vice-President of New York Central and Three Subsidiary Railroads.

Chicago, Ill., December 17.—John Carstensen, vice-president of the New York Central lines, and three subsidiary railroads of the system were indicted by the Federal grand jury here late to-day, charged with having given rebates to the O'Gara Coal Company amounting to $60,000.

The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, Big Four and Chicago, Indiana and Southern Railroads are named in the true bills along with Mr. Carstensen. The true bill sets forth that the alleged rebates were granted between August 1, 1909, and January 1, 1910, and that they were carried on the books of the New York Central lines as advance payments for fuel coal to be used by the Lake Shore Railway. The indictment charges that the coal never was delivered, that the money never was repaid by the O'Gara Coal Company and that the fuel company was permitted to retain the money and use it in its own business.

Indictments previously returned against Thomas O'Gara, head of the coal company, and three railroads charge that certain payments were made outright as rebates.

The phase of the case involving the reported ownership of stock in the O'Gara Company by certain New York Central officials is not covered by the indictments.

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