



BY THE OUTSIDER

THE first wet weather rather disconcerted hospitable San Francisco this week and informal affairs dropped off very suddenly while skies and streets were at their darkest and wettest. Summer weather had followed the dying year so persistently that there was a sudden rush for forgotten overcoats and dusty umbrellas Wednesday, and much frantic ringing of telephones. By Thursday afternoon every one was prepared to sally forth, however inclement the weather, and then there were unexpected clear skies again, just as there always are when Californians heretofore prepare to accept a taste of the rain and wind they so rarely have to endure before the holidays.

The week has been marked by returning Californians, some from Europe and some from visits in different parts of the east. Miss Lydia Hopkins' arrival home was a delightful surprise to the smart set, who had thought she might remain away for another month at least. She is already swept into a whirl of dinners, teas and luncheons, for there is not a greater favorite in society than the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins. Miss Lydia made her formal bow to society last year in the little group that included Miss Irwin, Miss Keeney, Miss von Schroeder, Miss Julia Langhorne and Miss Jennie Crocker.

Mrs. Huntington and Miss Marlan are home again, and although they will not be in their own big home this winter, Miss Huntington will take her old prominent place in things social, and they will entertain informally in their pretty new home at the Presidio estate. Miss Huntington reports delightful experiences in the orient, and has brought home some exquisite tapestries and brasses. She looks particularly blooming and is prettier than ever.

Another arrival is Miss Elena Robinson, who left a year ago for a trip to Europe, which has done her a world of good. Poor health was not the reason of Miss Robinson's departure, but she has not been very strong for several years, and it is a great joy to her friends to have her return from the continent looking better than she did when she went away. Miss Robinson, who is a daughter of the popular Mrs. James Robinson, was with Miss Pillsbury in Europe, and they had some delightful experiences. One of these was a two months' trip in a friend's motor car, in which they toured Switzerland and the Engadine under unusually favorable conditions.

The Francis Carolans are home again, and will reopen their pretty Burlington game home this week. They were gone a little more than two months, but crowded into that time an amazing number of visits, operas, theaters and short trips. Mrs. Carolan added to these almost daily singing lessons and the shopping that is indispensable to a woman in the French capital. She brought home some frocks and hats that will cause a pang to the hearts of feminine San Francisco.

And the Sharons are on their way home, after a long absence, and Mrs. Sidney Cushing and Miss Dolly are back again from the orient for the winter's fun, so that there will be almost a full roll-up at the big affairs. The Brooks may return to Mare Island, but that will not be positive for another week or two, and meantime their friends here and at the navy yard are diligently "holding the thought."

Friday was a busy day in the social calendar for both maids and matrons. There were several small dinners given before the Greenway dance and two or three large ones, and there was also Mrs. Walker's immense bridge party, quite the largest bridge party yet given this season and one of the most enjoyable. And then there was the dance to lead off with, the famous dance that

has been shining before the smart set like a lone star for at least a month. But to go back to Mrs. Walker's card party and tea. This double affair took place in the handsome new house at Jackson and Gough streets, which every one has been admiring so much. The house certainly looked its prettiest Friday, with masses of berries and out blossoms making the big rooms as fragrant as they were pretty, and with the brilliant gowns of the women showing to perfection against the background of greens and blossoms. Mrs. Walker's prizes always are exquisite, and this occasion was no exception. The fortunate winners carried away unusually handsome souvenirs of one of the winter's most enjoyable afternoons.

Miss Helene Irwin's dinner was perhaps the most notable of Friday's three or four big dinners, and was attended by 17 young persons, who afterward went to the big dance. It was a merry affair, for, with one or two exceptions, the girls were debutantes of this season or of last season and were still fresh enough to be excited over the approaching cotillon. Beside that, affairs in the Irwin home have a special charm of their own, an air of merriment and informality that very few hostesses are able to preserve at large dinners or teas, and that hospitable Mrs. Irwin and her daughter succeed in maintaining always, whether the event be large or small.

Mrs. Robert Oxnard also entertained at dinner Friday night, as did Mrs. Martin, the De Youngs, the Williams Taylors and a score more of those fortunate enough to be on Mr. Greenway's list. These last were all smaller dinners than the Irwin affair.

And after dinner—well, after dinner, in fact, for the Friday Night dances are notoriously late—all these hosts and guests went to the Greenway ball, for which the Fairmont's ballroom was blazing with lights and exquisitely decorated with scattered palms and potted plants. Beyond some of these palms splendid music was being played from 9 o'clock, but it was an hour later before the brilliant stream of arriving guests began. Then, however, they came all together, and Mr. Greenway was kept busy for a long half hour with greetings and laughter and confusion. The ensemble was brilliant. Not that the first of the Greenway ensembles could possibly be anything else, or has ever been anything else in the memory of man, or rather, woman. It has always called for the handsomest frocks, the most elaborate coiffures, the brightest jewels. It is always a blaze from start to finish, of laughter and chatter and silk and spangles and white shoulders and shining eyes. Just as at 8 the little girl dates from "the time mother took us to the circus," at 18 the little girl dates from "the time mother took us to the Greenway dance." Comparisons are never in order, but it is a question if any small boy gets as much satisfaction out of his three ring circus as do the debutantes out of their one ring dance.

I just received a letter from a friend in New York in which he said: "I has always called for the handsomest and saw quite a number of well known Californians in the theater, among whom were Mrs. Oelrichs, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander and her daughter, Mrs. Ogden Mills and her two daughters, Miss Perkins and Tom McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carolan, Edward Montgomery and Mrs. William H. Crocker."

Miss Margaret Tandy was at the University club, but is now the guest of the J. Sloat Fassett in Elmira, N. Y. Miss Patricia Cosgrave and the Emery Winships are going to Macon, Ga., for the Christmas holidays. They were at the Plaza during their stay in New York, but are planning to remain with Mr. Winship's relatives during the Yuletide festivities. Elsie Tallant is at the Hotel Walling-

ton, but expects to return to San Francisco right after the New Year, when she'll enter into the social gavottes of the popular San Francisco season.

The Ashton Stevens are waiting for a visit from Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, who is expected to arrive shortly.

Geraldine Bonner's is to remain at the Clayton during the winter and attractive Helen Dean, always so greatly sought after by all those who know her, is at the Waldorf.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Selby (May Reis) are comfortably settled in an apartment at Bronxville and have been most lavish in the entertainment of their friends.

The Joseph Coryells are at the Waldorf, having just arrived, and Mrs. J. Joseph Spieker, Miss Meta Breckenfeld and Miss Georgie Spieker are to spend four months in New York. They, too, just arrived.

The Charles C. Moores are expected shortly and Mrs. Louis Montague and Mrs. George H. Roe are to return to California within a few days—so is Miss Clara Rice, Mrs. Roe's sister, who recently came back from Europe.

Mrs. Plover and her two daughters were in New York for a few weeks recently and stayed at the Waldorf, but they are now in Florence, Italy, where they are to remain for the winter. John Plover is to join them shortly. I believe he is to sail on the popular Carmania of the Cunard line on the 4th of January.

Miss Reed Hutchins is studying in Paris at present. Her home is now in New York, where she has a splendid social position, as well as being one of the cleverest musicians in the metropolis. When I last heard from her she was studying faithfully in Paris and was working hard to further her one great ambition—her voice. By the way, her brother, J. P. Hutchins, has returned to New York from a most successful mining venture to South Africa.

The Parrott family has a beautiful chateau in Switzerland and are constantly entertaining their friends at week end home gatherings.

Edward Montgomery, former society favorite, has gone on the stage and is making a great hit in New York. He is to be in San Francisco in February for a three weeks' visit. His friends no doubt will be charmed to welcome him, as he has not been west for nearly two years.

Everett Bee has returned from a several weeks' trip to Paso Robles, where he had a most enjoyable visit.

Mrs. Hovey and her daughter, Miss Rachel Hovey, are planning to spend a few days at Paso Robles soon, as are many other well known San Francisco society people. Henry E. Bothin and his friends, C. O. G. Miller and Paul Miller, remained for a couple of days at the hotel on their journey to Los Angeles. They made the trip in Mr. Bothin's automobile.

The L. J. Holtons had a successful trip also. They stopped at Paso Robles for a few days en route to the winter home of the Holtons in Santa Barbara and had as their guests Mrs. Eugene Bresse and Miss Mitha McMahon.

Mrs. H. P. Miller is living at the Country club in Santa Barbara, but expects shortly to build a bungalow. She is looking remarkably well.

Mrs. Louis H. Long is to remain in Santa Barbara for the winter. She gave a tea at the Country club last Saturday and entertained several San Francisco friends.

Mrs. Linda Bryan and her daughter and Miss Helene Robson are at the Potter for a fortnight's stay. They go swimming in the surf every morning and enjoy horseback riding each afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Davis and the Misses Edna and Sydney Davis have taken a house in Santa Barbara. They

leave for Europe in January, to be gone a year.

Mrs. Wentau is still at the Potter. Her daughter, Mrs. Shaw, is gaining in strength each day and looks as if it would not be long before she can leave the sanitarium.

Mrs. Edward Landis also is in Santa Barbara for her health. She will not return to town before February.

Captain and Mrs. Bull do much entertaining in Santa Barbara, but Mrs. Walton E. Hedges is living very quietly.

ly. She expects to spend the coming holidays as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Breeden.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Eddy (Lurline Sprickels) are now living in Buenos Ayres, but having recently been sent there from Berlin in the diplomatic service. Mrs. Eddy writes most enthusiastically of the life in the gay capital and is pleased with the new environment.

One of today's pictures is that of Miss Roma Paxton, whose engagement to Laurence Austin was announced a few weeks ago. Mr. Austin is an officer on board the California, which, all of the smart set rejoice to hear, will return this week to its old anchorage off Sausalito. It was when the California left the bay that this engagement first became known, and the delayed congratulations are all ready for Mr. Austin upon his return.

The other picture is of Mrs. Speck, who was Miss Marguerite Lee before her marriage a few weeks ago. The Specks are immensely popular in the young married set, and do a great deal of informal entertaining in their pretty home.

One more debutante tea will finish this winter's long list, and that is the one at which Mrs. John Scott Wilson will present her daughter, Miss Helen Wilson, next Saturday. It will take place in the Wilson home in Washington street, with all the usual accessories of receiving debutantes, frocks, flowers and good wishes. A few of Mrs. Wilson's friends will also receive and several hundred invitations have been issued to the affair. The hours mentioned are those between 4 and 7 o'clock. Miss Wilson commences her social career with a host of friends, for she has been going out more or less already, and is a great favorite. She is an extremely pretty and attractive girl, and it is safe to predict a great success for her during her first season.

Mrs. Harry Somers Young was hostess at an informal tea given in her home here last Wednesday. Her guest of honor was Miss Amy Broome, who recently came up from Santa Barbara. During the late afternoon hours 50 friends took this opportunity to greet

the popular visitor, and the scene over the teacups was an animated one. Miss Broome will return to her southern home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lemmon have left San Francisco for a short holiday trip, and will visit New York, Washington and Philadelphia before they return to this city next month. Their little son is meanwhile the guest of Mrs. Lemmon's mother.

A week from tomorrow night will see all the social leaders and all the people they lead at the Chutes theater ready to enquire and laugh and cry at the bidding of the clever amateurs who are preparing to entertain them. Included

Mrs. John Speck (upper left), one of this season's brides, and Miss Roma Paxton, whose engagement to Laurence Austin was recently announced. Photo by Arnold Genthe.

Like her sister's wedding a week ago, the marriage of Miss Alice Borel and Aylett Cotton Jr. was very quiet and attended by only a few friends and the relatives of both families. The details, however, were as perfect as had the finish that cannot be gotten outside of Paris. The wedding gown was of white liberty satin and trimmed with white duchesse lace. The bride wore a long veil, caught in place with orange blossoms, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. Louis Bovey, who wore a handsome lace robe over pale blue and a blue picture hat. The other attendants were Mrs. John M. Lawrie, Mrs. Charles A. Warren, both themselves brides; Miss Lupta Borel and Miss Nina Borel. Of these two matrons wore their wedding gowns and the Misses Borel white frocks of chiffon cloth trimmed with touches of palest green.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton will take a short honeymoon trip to the southern part of the state, and on their return will live in San Mateo.

News comes from London of the remarkable dinner given at the Cecil as a farewell to Denis O'Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan left England for the United States in November to be gone perhaps for several years, and this event in their honor was unique

Coopers will also visit Mrs. Martin a great deal. So that there will be a constant round of delightful affairs of one sort or another for society to look forward to.

Miss Katherine McRae also left San Francisco last week, after a month's visit here with Miss Erna St. Goar. Both girls are to be debutantes next winter, but by special arrangement with the maternal authorities they were allowed a peep of this winter's fun in advance. So they have been going to luncheons, a dinner or two and the first of Mrs. White's dances, and enjoyed them all immensely.

Before the fire the Warren home was in Washington street on the pretty old-fashioned block above the Haggin corner. Dr. and Mrs. Moore had one of these old, quaint houses, the Tenthon Deane house, and the one at Los Angeles house was on the corner opposite the Beaver home. A short block away was Dr. Tevis' exquisite home, which he was so constantly beautifying.

The Warren home was the oldest of all the old houses, and had the balcony and brick walks that the influx of French blood in the late fifties brought to San Francisco. Part of it came around the Horn, and when it was first built the wives of pioneers used to climb up to it, where it stood all alone on a sand hill, and cry homesick tears at the sight of real glass windows and real china doorknobs.

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Other Social Events

The marriage of Miss Estelle Blackman and Harry E. Heineman will take place on Sunday, December 15, at the home of the bride's parents, 2021 Oak street.

The marriage of Miss Eva Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Peters, and Aaron Gilbert took place on November 24. It was attended by many relatives and friends, who started the young people in their new life with hearty good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert left after the ceremony for a honeymoon in the northern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ehrlich of 1278 Golden Gate avenue announce the engagement of their daughter Rose to Lawrence E. Roubie. They will be at home next Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Spiro announce the engagement of their daughter Ray to Lewis M. Kalisky. They will be at home next Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowden have returned from an extended honeymoon trip in the southern part of the state and are located at 275 Fourth avenue, Richmond district. They were married October 3. Mrs. Bowden is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. Hemenesberger.

Mrs. H. R. Levy and her daughter, Miss Etta, have closed their home in San Bernardino and will be at 319 Thirty-second avenue for the winter, where they will be pleased to see their friends.

Mrs. S. Arpel of Portland, Ore., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Goldman, at 1947 Pine street. They will be at home on the afternoon of Wednesday next.

Mrs. H. Brundage of San Francisco and her four sons, who sailed from New York for Europe last month, will spend the winter in Berlin.

The wedding of Miss Gertrude Meyers and Louis Ross will take place on Sunday, December 23, in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends. A reception will follow in the bride's home, 916 Fifth street, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The marriage of Miss Myra Alcey Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stevens, and George S. West took place at the bride's home on Thanksgiving eve. The simple but scientific ceremony was witnessed by only the nearest relatives of both families, and was followed by an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner, at which healths were drunk, and good wishes for the young people heartily expressed. The drawing room where the marriage took place and the table were elaborately decorated with white carnations, red berries and ropes of smilax, and the scene was a very pretty one. The bride wore a simple, modern gown of cream satin trimmed with real lace and a long veil of silk illusion. Late in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. West left for a short honeymoon, after which they will reside at 2725 Howard street.

Another of last week's home weddings was that of Miss Gertrude A. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith, and Harry W. Levy. It took place in the Smith home, 247 Lake street, in the presence of the relatives of both families and a few chosen friends. The bride wore her traveling costume and was unattended. A delicious supper followed the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Levy left San Francisco for a honeymoon. Much will be spent in the northern part of the state.

A surprise party was given to Miss Ethel Vivian, her home, 521 Duboce avenue, Saturday evening, November 30. All the young ladies present were members of the Iona social club, which recently gave a successful dancing party, of which Miss Vivian was floor manager. This party was arranged by her assistants, Miss Lizette Durmack, Miss Jewel Morgan, Miss Jennie Parker, Charles Spinks, Jack Meyers, Harry Monahan, William Byrnes, Henry Helmholtz, Howard Beverley, Jim George, Bart Raymond, Anthony Falkenstein, Arthur Nodder, W. Coleman and Richard Reade.

The members and guests of the Californians lodge No. 1 of the Knights of Pythias enjoyed the entertainment and dance given in the Gate and Commodore hall Saturday night. The details of the affair were in capable hands and the event proved one of the most successful ever given by the enterprising club.

Miss Mary Keith announces the engagement of her sister, Amanda Faith, to Sidney Allan Pfeiffer of Sacramento. The wedding is set for January 20, and will be at the Keith residence in Howard street.

Mrs. Mary Rittus announces the engagement of her daughter Maye to Lou Potter. They will be at home this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.



in musical and social history. It was preceded by a reception, at which T. P. O'Connor, M. P., presided, and the company was led into the banquet hall by two Irish pipers in the traditional kilts, who played "O'Sullivan's March."

The guests included prominent representatives of the English theatrical, musical, literary, social and artistic circles, and were nearly 300 in number. Among them were Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, Sir Philip Burne-Jones, Sir Joseph and Lady Swan, Sir George Power, Miss Liza Lehmann, J. Annan Bryce, M. P., and Mrs. Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Yates Thompson, Mrs. Hilaire Belloc, Miss Beatrice Harraden, John O'Connor, M. P.; J. P. Boland, M. P.; Hon. Captain Fitz-Hemphill, Herbert Deane, Newton Crane, Mrs. Flora Annie Steels and E. P. Connell, L.L.D.

After the long dinner the chairman, Matthew Keating, read congratulatory telegrams and letters from the following people, regretting their inability to attend the banquet and wishing Mr. O'Sullivan a prosperous trip: John E. Redmond, M. P., chairman of the Irish party; Justin and Miss McCarthy, Lord Castletown, Joseph Devlin, M. P.; John Burns, M. P., president of the local government board; Sir Henry Seton-Marr, John S. Sargent, R. A., the bishop of Armagh; Colonel Millard Hunsaker, the countess of Beville, Herbert N. Gladstone, H. Plunkett Greene, Dr. Bourne, archbishop of Westminster; Arthur Wing Pinero, Katharine Tynan-Hinkson, Mme. Blanche Marchesi, Monsieur M. Esposito, Sir Henry Lawrence and Lyn Harding.

The banquet was interrupted for singing, toasts and speeches. Mr. O'Connor proposed Mr. O'Sullivan's health in a clever and witty speech, which was more than equaled by the response from the guest of honor. Mr. O'Sullivan sang delightfully some of the Irish ballads, and he had done so much to immortalize, and the evening closed with a song in which every one took part, the words, a farewell by Mr. Keating, having been set to Moore's spirited "Meeting of the Waters."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Greer have closed the "Hutch" in Sausalito, where they spent the summer, and will spend the winter with Mrs. Greer's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ellinwood, in this city. They plan to return to Sausalito early in the summer.

The departure of Miss Genevieve Walker for her eastern home a week ago was a sad blow to the debutantes, who had begun to feel that she belonged quite as much to San Francisco as they did. In the two months of her stay she won all hearts and was surrounded at the dances and the rink with a crowd of eager partners as soon as she appeared. In spite of her own positive assurance that she could not spend the holidays here the younger smart set was confident that some happy chance would change her plans, and led were the protestations when she began her farewells. Little Miss Walker will be much missed during December's merry making, for she was both pretty and charming, a splendid skater and one of society's prettiest dancers. If she comes back in February, as her friends are hoping she will, there is to be a big dance in her honor at Mrs. Martin's home, which will eclipse anything of the kind yet promised for this winter.

Society, however, had scarcely said farewell to this little favorite when a welcome was in order for Mrs. Peter Martin, who returned to San Francisco early in the week. Mr. Martin has been here for nearly a month, but his wife and little son only arrived on Monday, after a long stay in the east and in Europe. They will spend the winter with Mrs. Martin in the joy of the smart set, who have a warm affection for these young people. Besides that, there is every prospect of much entertaining among the various branches of the family this season, aided and abetted, of course, by hospitable Mrs. Martin. Miss Harvey will come up from Del Monte, where the Downey Harveys are staying, for all the big dances, and make many short visits here besides; and the Oscar

One of the interesting events ahead is the dinner planned by Mrs. George