

Activities of Women Prominent in the Social Life of the Nation's Capital

Society

Doesn't this sound like spring is well established and summer on the way? Doesn't this make you want to go right downtown or run up to New York and buy a lot of new clothes? Why, the Bowles races, the first of the season, will open in about a week—on April 1—and all plans are being made for the annual National Capital show which will open on May 1 for a five-day run. The Riding and Hunt Club is giving paper halves for both young and old, and best of all, the bathing beach is to open soon. The debutantes are talking of "June week" at Annapolis, and people are making their plans for the summer. The bathing beach is to be opened the first warm day and it looks now like some warm days are heading his way. Even last Monday was warm enough almost to go swimming; was warm enough to make me long for a good swim. "They" say that Washington is going to have the largest horse show and amateur race meet of its history this May, if the plans being formulated by the National Capital Horse Show Association materialize.

One of its purposes will be to memorialize the part played by the thoroughbred in the war and to arouse the country to the importance of developing horses suitable for army service. To this end an interesting military program is being arranged in which it is likely that both men and horses that were under fire overseas will participate.

Melvin C. Hazen, District surveyor and manager of the show since its organization, recently left Washington on a six-week trip to Venezuela. He will return in time to make final preparations for the show. In the meantime the managerial reins are in the hands of Thomas Bones, one of the organizers and directors of the association.

Mr. Bones is in communication with Frank J. Bryan, of New York, secretary of the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association, relative to the framing of the racing program. It is likely four races a day, instead of three, will be contested this year, with a gentlemen's cup race and a two-year-old stakes race to be added as annual fixtures.

The show will be held nearly a month later than usual. Unfavorable weather kept down the attendance last spring, but the association managed to clear about \$1,000, which was donated to the Red Cross. Extensive improvements are being made at the association's new plant, Arlington just across Highway bridge, including the building of a steeplechase course around the half-mile flat track.

The Riding Club here is always popular, but just now the people pour out of there at all hours and every day, starting off for a ride through the park. The indoor allied rides are more largely attended every week and the gymnastics games for the children are always crowded. The children of Col. and Mrs. Charles B. Warren, who always took such an active part in the Riding Club, have been greatly missed by the children there. They rode several times a week and often took prizes in the games. Last spring they won several ribbons at the horse show, too. They have not gone to the club since the sad death of the older boy—there were four—Wetmore Warren, died from pneumonia following the influenza about a month ago. The Warrens are packing now, preparatory to re-

turning to their home in Detroit. They have been in Washington ever since almost the first month of our part in the great war. They lived first on the Britton farm near Bethesda, leased then from Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cobb. Murray Cobb had also just entered into active service about then, having belonged to the District National Guard for some time. I hear that he is getting well rapidly now, after a long and serious illness in France. But I am curious to know just why Mrs. Cobb should be allowed special permission to go to France to join him because he was ill when other women's husbands and sons have been ill there too, and even died, without that privilege being granted them. Perhaps there is a good reason, but I don't know what it can be. To return to the Riding Club, the children yesterday had a beautiful time at a paper chase just like the grown-ups have sometimes and had arranged for last Saturday, but which was postponed because of the weather. Yes, they had a hunt breakfast, too, everything like the grown-ups last week, except the weather which favored the children. Their breakfast was at the Riding Club.

"June week" has been a rather sombre affair for the last two years. Graduation was a serious business, as the graduates were going out to active duty with the fleet under war conditions. There were none of the usual social gayeties and the cere- monies were reduced to a minimum. The restrictions placed upon the visits of the public to naval stations prevented the as- semblages of the usual crowd, and altogether there was little of the interest of former years.

This year will mark the restoration of "June week" to the brilliancy and interest of pre-war days but greatly increased in every way. There is a larger class than ever before and the growth of popular at- tention to everything connected with the Academy. For a week there will be a program of drills and exer- cises, interspersed with gay social

events and ending with the presen- tation of the diplomas to the gradu- ates who then become ensigns in the Navy. This class is the last full class to graduate after a course of but three years, unless normal con- ditions are again disturbed. In the regular course the class would have been graduated in 1920 and it is still officially the class of 1920. The present third class will be divided according to scholarship, half gradu- ating in 1920 and half in 1921.

This year the exercises will be pre- sided over by a new superintendent, Capt. Archibald H. Scates, U. S. N., who has just succeeded Rear Ad- miral Edward W. Eberle.

Admiral Eberle, during his term as superintendent of the academy, had a work of unusual nature and immense labor to perform, and it is conceded that he did it with dis- tinguished success. It was his for- tune to preside over the Naval Academy, when, on account of the war, greatly enlarged classes of midshipmen had to be fitted for their duties by a shortened course, and at the same time hundreds of reserve officers had to be trained for duty during the emergency.

Capt. Scates will also be in charge during a period of great significance. The Naval Academy must be brought back to normal, as it will after June 1, and more than ever will be required of those who complete the course for the com- missioned ranks of the navy of the United States, as the navy will have greater and different duties to perform than before. In addition, the post-graduate training of naval officers is to be enlarged and ex- panded, and this is likely to be one of the great works of Capt. Scates' incumbency.

By courtesy, the title of "ad- miral" is applied to the head of the academy, as that rank has been conferred upon him temporarily, to take effect April 1, next. Capt. Scates is from North Carolina, be- ing born in that State, and appoint- ed from it to the Naval Academy. He entered the institution of which

he is now the head in 1883 and graduated four years later. Three different periods of service at the Naval Academy since his gradu- ation have kept Capt. Scates in close touch with his alma mater. He re- turned in 1914 for a two years' tour of duty as an instructor in the de- partment of mathematics and me- chanics, and also for the same as- signment, from 1899 to 1901. In 1912 Capt. Scates came to the academy as commanding officer of the ships of the station.

Though Capt. Scates is filling the twenty-fifth term of a superintendent of the Naval Academy, he is actually the twenty-fourth superintendent, Rear Admiral Christopher P. Rodgers being the only person to serve on two occasions. He was su- perintendent from September 22, 1874, to June 1, 1878, and returned on June 1, 1881, to live barely five months.

One of the interesting parties of last week was a luncheon given by Mrs. Thomas B. Hutchinson at her apartment at the Dresden in honor of Mrs. Eberle, who is the guest here of her son and daughter-in-law, Pay- master and Mrs. Edward Randolph Eberle, at their residence on Colum- bia road. Mrs. Eberle will remain here until early in April, when she will go to New York to meet Admiral Eberle, who will arrive there about the middle of the month aboard his flagship, the Utah, from Southern waters.

With Spring here and summer in the offing, society is going the usual way, in the inauguration of Lent, with dinners galore and attending Bible classes and benefit lectures and such. Last week was very much like the one just preceding it when every night was filled with several large dinners. Perhaps one of, if not the most interesting, was the dinner given by Baron Knut Bonde, of the Swed- ish legation staff and Baroness Bonde, in compliment to the British Amba- sador and Lady Reading. It was fol- lowed by a musicale when Miss The- lma Given, the violinist, gave several selections, accompanied by Dr. Rich- ard Hegeman, leader of the Metropol- itan Opera Company. The Swiss Min- ister and Mme. Sulzer had to post- pone a dinner they had planned be- cause of illness and the Minister of Venezuela, Dr. Don Santos A. Do- minid had to postpone the dinner they had planned for last Thursday evening because the acting Secretary of State and Mrs. Frank Lyon Polk were to have been the honor guests, and Mrs. Polk was still ill to at- tend. She has had to forgo all so- cial activities for several weeks now. She, with Mr. Polk, slipped away yes- terday for a fortnight's stay at White Sulphur Springs, where Mrs. Polk hopes to regain her strength, and Mr. Polk to get a well earned rest. Dr. Dominid will give the dinner which is to be followed by a large reception, at the Pan-American building some time in April. It brings to mind the dinner and reception which John Bar- rett, director general of the Pan- American Union, gave at the Pan- American building about a month ago in compliment to the Chilean Am- bassador and Mme. Mathieu, after having to postpone it twice, once be- cause of the illness of Mme. Mathieu.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Hitt had an interesting little dinner last week; only about twelve in the party, but they all did have such a good time. The party kept up until about 3 a. m., so you know they had a good time. They had dinner at the Hitts, who then took them to see "Yesterday" at the Belasco. Then they all went back to the Hitts for supper and ended by playing a number of child's



Mrs. Charles Perpler, wife of the commissioner of the Czechoslovak republic. Though born in Bohemia, she was reared in Iowa.



Mrs. Teresa Long, sister of Boaz Long, America's Minister to San Salvador. Mrs. Long, who acted as hostess for her brother here in Washington most of the winter, has gone to Philadelphia.



Mrs. Richardson Gilson, who has passed the greater part of the winter in Florida.

with headquarters in Washington, which position he held until farm loan bonds were withdrawn from public of- fering. Immediately following his resig- nation as president of the Columbia bank, the South Carolina Council of Defense, through its chairman, Mr. Coker, represented to the authorities in Washington that further evidence against Mr. Engelken had been pre- pared and demanded a second inves- tigation. This demand was referred to the Department of Justice, which department, after looking into the matter, declined to reopen the inves- tigation on the ground that the evi- dence submitted added nothing to the case. The matter was then referred to the Secret Service of the Treasury and a second and most thorough in-

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