

## NEWS AND GOSSIP OF SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Many Prettily Appointed Luncheons Given by Hostesses of Smart Set.

### BRILLIANT EVENTS PLANNED

Visitors of Interest Registered at Local Hotels—Dinners Scheduled This Evening.

Mrs. William Cline Borden, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Borden, U. S. A., retired, entertained at a prettily appointed luncheon today at her home in Tracy place.

The guests were Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Charles Stockton, Mrs. Tasker H. Bliss, Mrs. Charles F. Thomas, Mrs. William C. George, Mrs. T. H. Carter, Mrs. Augustus Brandt, Mrs. John P. Shaffroth, Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Albert Mills, the Misses Lansing, Mrs. Lee S. Overman, Mrs. William P. Malburn, Mrs. Luther W. Mott, Mrs. Glimmer Brenner, Mrs. John Van R. Hoff, Mrs. Henry Breckenridge, Mrs. W. W. Harts, Mrs. Charles T. Menoher, Mrs. William Allen, of Boston; Mrs. William P. Wooley, Harry L. Rust, and Mrs. James Franklin.

Mrs. A. C. Downing will entertain at a luncheon April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Butler will entertain at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club April 20.

Announcement has just been made that Miss Jane Bigelow made the highest score on the rifle range at the society circus on Saturday evening, scoring sixty-two of a possible seventy. Lieut. Alexander James, of Fort Myer, made the best score of the evening, sixty-nine of a possible seventy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Fuller, of Lancaster, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walcott, of Cambridge, are New Englanders who have come to Washington for a spring sojourn, and are at the Shoreham.

Other New England visitors to Washington are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Bullock, and Dr. A. D. Everett, of Worcester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Felix du Pont, of Wilmington, Del., arrived at the Willard yesterday evening. Mr. Felix is a member of the naval advisory board, and Mrs. Clifford are spending a few days at the Willard. Other arrivals there yesterday include the former governor of New Jersey, John Franklin J. Howes Clifford, of New York, a member of the naval advisory board, and Mrs. Clifford are spending a few days at the Willard. Other arrivals there yesterday include the former governor of New Jersey, John Franklin J. Howes Clifford, of New York, a member of the naval advisory board, and Mrs. Clifford are spending a few days at the Willard.

Hugo de Pena, secretary of the Uruguayan legation, Carlos Alberto Moris Cordillo, of the Brazilian embassy, and Edouardo Racedo, of the Argentine embassy, were among those lunching at the Willard yesterday.

Henry Morganthau, United States ambassador to Turkey, who is spending several days at the Willard, also entertained at luncheon there yesterday. Mr. Morganthau's son, Henry Morganthau, Jr., yesterday obtained a license in New York to marry Miss Edith Joan Fatman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fatman. The ceremony will take place next Monday at the bride's home, 21 West Eighty-first street. The Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise will officiate.

Miss Alida Henriques is entertaining informally at bridge this afternoon in compliment to Miss Ellen Goldborough, of Baltimore, who is her guest. Mrs. Armistead Peter and Mrs. Charles McFee will preside at the tea table.

Washington society folk enjoyed a musical treat yesterday afternoon in the Paderewski recital at the National Theater. Miss Margaret Wilson entertained a box party. Dr. and Mrs. David Jayno Hill, Miss Katherine Hill, Mrs. George Becker, Miss Morgan and William Phelps Eno were the guests of Mrs. Charles Boughton Wood. Mrs. John McClure Wiley had with her her son John Cooper Wiley, who has recently returned from Paris. Mrs. Earl M. Ogil, of Indianapolis, who is her house guest, Miss Ruth Wilson, Miss Dolores Crawford, and Mr. Scotten, of Detroit.

Among others in the audience were the British Ambassador and Lady Spring-Rice, Miss Patton, Mrs. John W. Davis, and her sister, Mrs. Gallagher, of South Carolina; Mrs. Hunt Slater, Mrs. John W. Davidge, Mrs. Percy Quinn, Miss Frances Noyes, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Pexet, Mrs. Walter Wells, Miss Denys, and Miss Catherine McClintock.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Chiswell in Billine street was the scene yesterday afternoon of a beautiful wedding when Miss Josephine M. Maddox, daughter of Mrs. George Richardson, of Frederickburg, was married to Dr. E. Alfred M. Gendreau, U. S. N., of Providence, R. I.

The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Father Cooper, was followed by a reception.

The drawing room, where the marriage was celebrated, was the scene of a reception.

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## MEMBER OF YOUNGER SET



—Photo by Buck.

MISS RUTH WATKINS, Daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Watkins, of Louisiana, who is a student at Sweet Brier College, Va.

## MRS. SWINYARD GIVES DINNER FOR GUESTS

Mrs. Murray Swinyard entertained informally at dinner last evening in compliment to her guests, Mrs. James Andrews and William Ellis, of New York. Later the party attended the theater. Mrs. Swinyard also gave a dinner on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Ellis.

Mrs. Andrews will be the guest over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Crouse, and on Monday she will return to New York. Mr. Ellis will also go back to New York on Monday.

Lieut. Edwin Pearson Parker, U. S. A., who was recently ordered to Panama from Fort Myer, has arrived in Washington on two months' leave and has joined Mrs. Parker, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Matthews, at their home in Georgetown. At the expiration of Lieutenant Parker's leave, Mrs. Parker will accompany him to Panama.

Miss Doris Puterman, of New York, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. I. Weisenberg.

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## RUSSIAN ENVOY AT KENNEL CLUB SHOW

The Russian Ambassador and Madame Bakmeteff, who have several entries in the Washington Kennel Club Show at the Riding and Hunt Club, were among those who attended the show yesterday afternoon.

The went early and afterward attended the Paderewski concert. Among the other diplomats who were there during the afternoon were the minister of Denmark, Constantin Brun; Chavaller von Rappard, the minister of the Netherlands; Mme. Jassend, the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. da Gama, the Chinese Minister and Mme. Koo, and many of the bachelor diplomats.

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# Should the Government Destroy Private Armor-making Industries?

To the Members of Congress:

In conducting the hearings recently held to determine the cost of manufacturing armor, Senator Tillman, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, addressing the Vice-President of the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company, said:

"If the Government enters into its own armor manufacture itself, it will destroy your business in that respect at least."

The three armor plants in this country came into existence to serve the United States Government, and for that purpose alone. The Bethlehem Steel Company invested over \$7,000,000 to this end.

Reporting to Congress, Hon. H. A. Herbert, then Secretary of the Navy, said in a communication dated December 31, 1896:

"The two armor contractors, the Bethlehem Iron Company and the Carnegie Steel Company, each invested a large amount of money in the plant necessary to manufacture armor. . . . It is also to be remembered that they both entered upon the business at the request of the Navy Department."

Is it wise—is it fair—for the Government to destroy a private industry brought into existence to serve the Government, unless for reasons of compelling force? We maintain that such reasons do not exist.

It is said that private armor makers have charged exorbitant prices.

The fact is that the United States has for twenty years paid less for armor than has been paid by any other great naval power.

Figures officially compiled for the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs from the Naval Year Book show that under conditions prevailing just before the present European war, the chief naval powers were paying these prices for armor: England, \$503 per ton; France, \$460; Germany, \$490; Japan, \$490; United States, \$425.

Reporting to the Secretary of the Navy in 1906, a Committee of Naval Officers headed by Capt. Kossuth Niles, said:

"In 1896 the prices in this country were closely on a par with those abroad. On all other contracts (since that time) this country has paid distinctly less than has been paid in any foreign countries for armor of equal quality."

Senator Tillman, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, a strong advocate of a Government plant, in a public hearing on November 27, 1914, himself said:

"It would be very unfortunate for the [Midvale] company as well as for ourselves if we [meaning the Government] were to manufacture our own armor, because it would be much better if we should have the manufacturers supply the Government at a reasonable price."

To fulfill to a greater degree the conditions suggested by Senator Tillman, we have offered to reduce the price of armor by \$30 a ton below the price now obtaining.

The Secretary of the Navy has suggested that if this new price is accepted it will not be long before the price is once more "soaring." As an earnest of our policy with reference to that point:

We are prepared to manufacture armor for an indefinite period at any price which the Federal Trade Commission shall, after an examination of all the facts, decide to be fair.

If this proposition does not fully protect the Government we are willing to agree to any proposition which will do so.

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