

## JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

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of her season, and Captain Mason will be married in the near future.

#### Debutantes and Brides Appear.

Although the brides still hold the center of the stage, the buds are appearing in the wings. One of them, Dorothy Whitridge, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roland Barker Whitridge, sometime of Baltimore, is preparing to play a dual role. Her engagement to Lieut. Morris T. Raymond, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Van Frankes Raymond, of Buffalo, was announced at the beginning of this, her first season. I understand she is to have no formal coming out, but will take her place with the "debs" until her marriage. She is to have no very formal coming out, but will

take her place among the "debs" until her marriage, which will not take place for several months. The Whitridges, by the way, have leased their house, 1728 I street, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Scott, of Richmond, and will spend the winter at 2509 Cliffbourne place. So far Francis Hopkins, daughter of Major and Mrs. Nevill Monroe Hopkins, seems to be the only debutante who has had a definite date set for her debut tea. She will be presented on Thanksgiving Day. Then, Mrs. James A. Drain is planning to give some sort of an informal coming out party for her youngest daughter, Gertrude Virginia Drain, probably during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Drain is back in her house in Massachusetts avenue, which was rented last season to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, of Cleveland, and has

two of her daughters, Marion and Gertrude, with her. The rest of the family is pretty well scattered. Colonel Drain is in France, and so is Katherine Drain, but I understand she expects to go to Italy to work under the Red Cross this winter. Mrs. Edward Hay (Doris Drain) and "Bill," her small son, are with her grandparents in Olympia, Wash., during the absence of Captain Hay, or possibly he's major now—in France. Mrs. Drain has just come back from a visit to Olympia. She went west to see Mrs. Hay and the baby and to bring back Miss Drain—Gertrude Virginia—who spent the summer in Olympia.

The list of debutantes is really assuming quite imposing proportions. Virginia Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Blair, and granddaughter of the late Gen. William F. Draper, sometime Ambassador to Italy; Eleanor Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston; Lelia Gordon, daughter of Mrs. George Barnett; Marjorie Wright, Eleanor Wheeler, Courtney Letts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Letts, of Chicago, who is to devote to the business of being a debutante the time she can spare from war work; Elizabeth Grinnell, daughter of Mrs. William Morton Grinnell and granddaughter of General and Mrs. Ernest—there you have a few names by way of a sample.

Anna Hamlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, seems to be the season's only "official bud." She, you remember, had her coming out tea in Boston, the home of the Hamlins, last week; and I believe, the hostess is to be repeated here later on.

There was some mention of the name of Nancy Lane, daughter of the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane, as a possible debutante. But no, Miss Lane would not make her debut until next season in any event. Moreover, it's war time, and, besides, Secretary Lane disapproves rather thoroughly of girls making a formal debut at any time. Miss Lane is not in school this year, but she is taking a course at a business college, keeping up her music and French and devoting several afternoons a week to hospital work—at the Interior Department Convalescent Home, in which her mother is so deeply interested—so she won't have much time for society, even in the modified sense in which the word is used nowadays.

Mildred Bromwell, who was slated to be presented last year, and then decided to go back to Foxcroft for another year, has again decided against devoting a winter to frivolity, and has taken up war work in a serious way; and Ellen Bruce Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, another potential debutante, has entered Vassar College, and will be in Washington only during the holidays.

Olyve Graef, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell Graef, a chum of Miss Bromwell and Miss Lee, will be at home this winter, but she finished school a year ahead of most of her mates and won't make her debut, if she has one at all, until next year. This winter she expects to devote herself to war work.

#### Japanese Mission Coming Here.

Never a mission did we have with us last week, nor a single "missionary," but, it seems, there are several in the offing. A Japanese industrial and economic mission, headed by Mr. Yamashima, is touring the country, and will doubtless drop in on us, in Washington; and we are promised a visit from an embassy extraordinary from the Peruvian

government to the United States, with Dr. Francisco Tudela, minister for foreign affairs, as its chief.

I wonder if this does not preclude the appointment of a minister of Peru. The business of the legation has been in the hands of a chargé d'affaires for some time; and it was no secret at the time of the retirement of Federico Alfonso Pezot, who held the post of minister of Peru in Washington for several years, that his recall was actuated by motives of economy. The Peruvian government was in financial straits at the time, it was expensive to maintain a minister and the diplomatic relations between the big republic of the North and the little republic of the South were such that a chargé d'affaires could handle all diplomatic business.

Now, however, the relations between the United States and any country in South America are assuming new importance. Peru's finances are probably as straitened out and it would surprise me at all if there would soon be another new minister plenipotentiary to add to the diplomatic list. So, we hope the new minister will be the old minister returned. Mr. Pezot was so keen about the United States that he decided not to go back to Peru when his diplomatic career here came to an end, but remained in New York, where he has gone into business; and only a week or two ago he was one of the leaders of the campaign for the fourth Liberty loan carried on by the Latin-American in this country.

The Pezots were very popular in Washington and a decidedly picturesque pair—he tall, slender and very pretty. They entertained a good deal at the legation; and their last winter here was particularly gay, as they had a substantial staff. Mr. Pezot's daughter, a true Pan-American, had been coming out party having been given in the beautiful Pan-American Union building, with all the diplomatic and official world present.

#### President Received Bishop Gore.

One particularly interesting visitor we have with us this week-end, the Rt. Rev. Charles Gore, D. D., D. C. L., lord bishop of Oxford, who is the guest of the Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, bishop of Washington. Bishop Gore was in Washington in 1907, but he was then canon of Westminster and possibly some of those who met him and remember him pleasantly may not recognize him under his new title. Since that time he has been bishop of Worcester, bishop of Birmingham and bishop of Oxford. The bishop is to be received by the President tomorrow, and yesterday Bishop Harding gave a pleasant little tea at which the clergy of the diocese had opportunity to meet him. All of which is reminiscent of the visit of the Rt. Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, archbishop of York, who was in Washington last Easter and stayed with Bishop Harding what time he was not the guest of Lord and Lady Reading at the British embassy.

I remember so well going out to the Cathedral Close on Easter Sunday to hear His Grace of York preach in Bethlehem Chapel—and getting just close enough to see the prelate's gay scarlet hood disappearing through the door as the procession ended its way to the chancel. The chapel is small, you know, and the archbishop draws a tremendous crowd. That morning the little parish

church of St. Albans, which nestles under the lee of the Cathedral, was thronged to the doors, and there was even a sort of overflow service under the great trees of the Close and about the foot of the peace cross. I don't mean that there was an actual ceremony outdoors, but if ever one could hear "sermons in stones," it was on such a day in the beautiful Cathedral Close.

Bishop Gore preached this morning at Epiphany Church, and is to address a mass meeting this afternoon at the First Congregational Church. I hope the people who want to hear him will have better luck than those who turned out to hear the archbishop.

One of the pleasant incidents of the week was Mrs. Wilson's visit to the green houses of the Agricultural Department, as the guest of the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. House. To see the lovely fluffy white "French" chickens, the "Woodrow Wilson" in her honor. Moreover, she had the added pleasure of selecting the name for a fine new pom-pom chrysanthemum, which she called the "Little Bells" for her mother, Mrs. William H. Rollins. It having been thought best on account of the influenza epidemic not to open the chrysanthemum show to the public, the blossoms were cut the day following Mrs. Wilson's visit. A few choice ones, Mrs. Wilson, the doyenne of the diplomatic corps, was sent to the French embassy.

Another interesting event of the week was the celebration on Wednesday—October 31—of the official birthday of the Emperor of Japan. Unfortunately, however, only the Japanese residents of Washington and the members of the embassy staff, of course, were privileged to take part in the picturesque ceremonies at the embassy. The dinner usually given by the Japanese ambassador to bring the day to a suitable conclusion was cancelled this year.

How considerate of the Emperor to be born in chrysanthemum time! My first thought when the celebration was mentioned, and I learned that he wasn't. He was born the last day of August instead of the last day of October, but by imperial decree his official birthday is October 31. The reason is not symbolic, as one might expect, but purely practical. In Japan August is the hottest time of the year; most of the officials slip away for vacations and, in short, the Son of Heaven doesn't feel that it is an appropriate time to have a birthday. October, on the other hand, is a beautiful month, the chrysanthemum is in its glory and the signs are all propitious. The celebration of the Emperor's anniversary marks the opening of the social season at Tokyo.

The Congressional Club will resume its Red Cross work this week. The surgical dressing department will begin work on Monday, and the sewing department on Tuesday. The work rooms at the club house were open until the middle of August when many members left for their homes. It was expected that all departments of the war service work would reopen the first of October, but the influenza epidemic interfered and caused a postponement.

Mr. Horace M. Tower, the president of the club, announces that the activities of the regular club season will begin December 4, when the first business meeting will be held. On Friday, December 6, the club will enjoy its first program and informal reception.

#### Club Prepares For Winter Season.

I understand, by the way, that the Arts Club of Washington is preparing to launch a series of Wednesday luncheons this month. The plan is to model them rather along the lines of the Thursday evening garden dinners, which are given with such success during the summer months, although for the present there'll be no attempt at a formal program. Members will be allowed—encouraged rather—to bring guests with them.

Apologies of clubs, I am reminded that the Club de Vingt is moving into its winter quarters, the "old Colton house," in Connecticut avenue, after a very successful summer at Cabin John Bridge. The organization, which is under the direction of Mrs. Hawkeworth, started a Washington club career as a supper club, meeting twice a week at the Washington

Club, and received such a warm reception that the more ambitious project of taking over the old Cabin Inn was readily undertaken. The present plan is to serve luncheon, as well as tea, dinner and supper, with dancing as a feature of the evening entertainments. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings are to be reserved for club members.

#### Boxes Taken for French Concert.

The French High Commissioner, Andre Tardieu, who returned to Washington on Friday, will be among the officials at the concert of La Société des Concerts du Conservatoire, which will be given next Wednesday afternoon in Poli's Theatre. Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President, and Madame Jusserand, wife of the French Ambassador, will each occupy a box, as will the French High Commissioner, Edouard de Billy; M. Aubert and M. Simon of the French High Commission; Mrs. Thomas F. Logan, Mrs. F. B. Moran, and Charles W. Wetmore. The orchestra is under the direction of Andre Messager, at one time director of the Paris opera. This is the first time the organization has made in a foreign country, and it was made at the request of the French government, with the cooperation of the Government of the United States and the French High Commission. The tour is under the direction of the French-American Association for Musical Art. The concert on Wednesday is for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

The patronesses for the Washington concert are Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Lansing, Madame Jusserand, Mrs. McAdoo, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Willard Saulsbury, Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Frank Lyon Polk, Madame Collardet, Madame de Blampre, Madame Louis Aubert, Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mrs. Calderon Carlisle, Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Mrs. Stephen E. Elkins, Mrs. Gibson Fahnstock, Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Madame Christian Haug, Mrs. Henry Rea, and the members of the French High Commission.

This concert of the French Symphony Orchestra was among the musical events which were put off on account of the influenza epidemic. The concert to be given by Pablo Casals, the great Spanish "cellist," which was to have taken place last Friday, was also postponed, and will be given instead on Friday of this week at the National Theatre. I wouldn't miss it for something pretty.

There was no necessity for postponing the first of the Boston symphony concerts, which will be given on Tuesday, as the ban on amusements was lifted in time for arrangements to go through as per schedule. After all, the new conductor, Henri Rabaud, did reach this country in time for the opening of the season, and I understand he is to conduct.

#### General Garry Writes of Egypt.

News from a far country is grateful, indeed, particularly when it comes from such agreeable people as Hampton Garry, now American diplomatic agent and consul general to Egypt, and his charming wife. At that, the mails are so slow between here and Cairo that real "news" needs must come by cable. A letter, which reached us the other day, was written so long ago as September 20.

It contained the information that the Garrys were back in Cairo after a long stay in Alexandria, where the Sultan and his court, the diplomatic corps, and seemingly all Egypt and the Sudan, spent the last months. The summer there is delightful, can be said by the Sultan, who gave a dinner in their honor.

The dinner was European in character, with several American guests on the menu, and faultless in its appointments. And on the singularly varied musical program the name of an American composer, Lieut. John Philip Sousa, appears three times. One of his numbers selected was the famous Washington Post march.

The Sultan of Egypt, in Mr. Garry's

eyes, is an enlightened prince, charming and unaffected. He has a great admiration for the United States and for President Wilson.

He had in the company at the dinner three Washingtonians, the guests of honor and Capt. W. M. Brewster, military aid to Mr. Garry. There were among the other guests, Col. John H. Finley, president of the New York University and chairman of the American Red Cross commission; Philip Marshall Brown, of Princeton University, and Dr. Edward A. Wicher, of San Francisco, who went to Alexandria for the dinner. They have gone on to Jerusalem. Mr. Garry made a recent trip to Palestine, where he was the guest for several days of the victorious British commander, General Allenby.

Add to the list of resourceful persons who can confound a home into being with the wave of a wand the name of Christian D. Hemmick. Although Mr. and Mrs. Hemmick have houses scattered all over town, they are all so successfully and permanently rented that they have no place to live in Washington this winter. Mrs. Hemmick expects to spend the greater part of the winter in New York, but Mr. Hemmick needs must be here, as he has a position in the Intelligence Bureau of the War Department.

So he set his wits to work to solve the problem of finding some place to live, got hold of two big airy rooms in St. Matthew's court next a studio and over what used to be a stable, had them comfortably fitted up, and expects to move in soon, with a man servant to make

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