

Delicate Footing in the Social World at Washington

THE third winter of the administration is approaching and according to all precedent it should be the gayest of the Presidential term. With the official family emerging somewhat from mourning every prospect for the gayest season in years begins to take on the semblance of reality.

So much of the Presidential timber has winter residence there that political dinners ought to be a prolific crop.

War conditions would necessitate a complete change in the official entertainment schedule, that would tax the ingenuity of a diplomat. Very few unpleasant incidents were recorded last year where diplomats were brought in contact with former colleagues, and even these might be obviated by letting lapse the designation of special evenings for the congressional reception, the supreme court reception, the army and navy, and inviting the diplomatic corps to attend with the understanding that none of the selected dates were in their special honor. If the troubles in their respective countries still exist they will not mind being left out altogether.

So it appears an All-American winter is a social conclusion. Never before have the ambassadors and ministers of South and Central America been such important social factors, though they long have been, with their peoples, much sought after socially.

Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Entertain at Club.

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. A. Crosby, 2608 East Superior street, entertained 54 young people at the weekly dinner and dance at the main house of the East club last night. Boxes of special peas were the table decorations. There were many parties of smaller numbers. Miller's orchestra played for dancing.

Miss Marshall Hostess At Dancing Party.

Miss Julia Marshall, 2605 Greysolon road, will entertain at a dancing party at Marlborough country club, Friday night. La. Brossier's orchestra will play.

Mrs. La Rue Hostess At Luncheon Thursday.

Mrs. W. G. La Rue, 2131 East Second street, entertained at luncheon at the main house of the Boat club on Thursday. Covers were laid for 10. Nasturtiums were the decorations.

Quiet Reigns at the Foreign Embassies.

The French ambassador and Mme. Juserand are passing their summer days in Washington with a comparative degree of comfort seldom equaled by residents of the city. Between drives through Rock Creek park and the pleasant roads of Maryland and Virginia, they continued at the embassy last week. M. and Mme. Roux of Paris, who were in town for a short stay.

Sir Arthur Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, and Lady Spring-Rice, who have been at the embassy on Connecticut avenue for a week or two, have left town for Beverly, Mass., where they joined their children. Colville Barclay, counselor; Thomas Hamilton, cousin of the ambassador; and third secretary, with other members of the staff who are in town, will probably confine themselves to short visits out of town during the summer.

For the first time in many years the embassy on Connecticut avenue have seen the great iron gates of the embassy closed and guarded, and it was behind this formidable barricade that the ambassador and Lady Spring-Rice made their last visit.

Minneapolis Visitor Honored at Afternoons.

Mrs. Jacob B. Sattler, 115 Seventh avenue East, will entertain informally Wednesday afternoon in honor of her house guest, Miss Sylvia Idzal of Minneapolis. Twelve guests will attend.

Miss Esther Abrahamson, 122 1/2 Seventh avenue East, will entertain Thursday for Miss Idzal.

Miss Watt To Become Bride of A. G. Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watt, 5703 Osage street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Clara Watt, to A. G. Kerr of Stockton, Cal. The wedding will take place during the early fall.

Miss Stephenson To Be Bride of Next Month.

Mrs. F. A. Stephenson, 4521 Gladstone street, Lakeside, announces the engagement of her daughter, Frances Mary, to Ralph Waldo Johnson, of Virginia, Minn. The wedding will take place in September.

Naval Y. M. C. A. Festival At Beverly Farms, Mass.

With Bayard Tuckerman as auctioneer when Mrs. Larz Anderson's 16-year-old mare was sold at public sale at the Naval Y. M. C. A. festival, which was held last Wednesday at Miss Haven's estate at Beverly Farms, Mass., the fun of the afternoon program was at its height. The mare fell to the slightest bidder, who was Samuel D. Warren, who run the price for her up to between \$400 and \$500. Miss Haven's estate attracted large numbers of people, who were generous for amusement purposes and as booths, where articles of many kinds were on sale. Dr. Marshall Fabayan directed the side show. One of the most interesting novelties was a small collection of dolls which was brought to this country by Mrs. John Gardner Cogde, who has lately arrived here from Paris in charge of valuable art treasures that were the gift of French artists to the United States in recognition of the kindly beneficence of Americans, to the French war sufferer, etc. Tags on the dolls bore the names of the grand French soldiers who made them. Other attractions included the concert which was given by the bands from the battleships New

Jersey and Georgia, which were anchored off the north shore; a battalion drill, a setting-up drill by a company of bluejackets, bayonet exercises by a company of marines, tug-of-war between two teams of bluejackets. In the evening there was a cabaret show.

Marvelous Things Come From Paris.

"The showing of the Paris houses is marvelous," said J. M. Gidding of the Fifth avenue house yesterday. "We expect to do everything in our power that is consistent with the principles of sound business to show our appreciation of the courage and talent of the French in such trying circumstances. We probably shall make twice as heavy purchases as usual. In this we feel that we will be serving our own interests also, since so many women, accustomed to buying heavily abroad will this season make their purchases in New York. We have received from our representative information showing that the Parisians have applied themselves to the making of beautiful things more earnestly than ever. We are sending over gold so that our buyer may purchase to the best advantage."

Flatt-Smaley Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smalley, 525 Thirtieth avenue West, announce the engagement of their daughter, Isabel Dorothy, to Gordon Flatt of Fargo, N. D. The wedding will take place this fall.

Miss Wittke Becomes Bride of W. H. Ohles.

Miss Mildred Wittke, daughter of Mrs. A. B. Wittke, 324 1/2 East Fifth street, and Wilbur M. Ohles of Nashwauk, Minn., were married at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother by Rev. W. W. Lawrence of Glen Avon Presbyterian church. Miss Alice Forsell played Mendelssohn's wedding march, and Miss Jennie McGhie sang "O Promise Me." James McGhie sang "Because."

Yellow and white daisies were the decorations about the rooms. Assisting were Miss Louise McGhie and Miss Eva Hathaway.

The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilson of Austin, Minn., Miss Mabel Ruby of Lansing, Mich., and Miss Maud Wittke of Ithaca, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Ohles will make their home at Nashwauk.

Entertains at Shower In Honor of Sister.

Mrs. J. H. Page, 2610 Minnesota avenue, entertained at a pound shower Wednesday afternoon in compliment to her sister, Miss Ruth Osborne, whose wedding to Ira L. Griffin was solemnized last night. White, dwarf daisies were used in the dining room. The guests were: Mrs. John Osborne, Mrs. J. C. Gude, Mrs. Leon Cooley, Mrs. J. W. Marvin, Mrs. P. S. Sibbald, Mrs. S. W. Richardson, Mrs. Josephine Stevenson, Miss Helen Osborne, Miss Kathryn Osborne, Miss Margaret Gude, Miss Susanna Gude, Miss Frances Sibbald, Miss Fanny Marvin, and Miss Charlotte Marvin.

Miss Smythe Honor Guest at Shower.

Miss Pearl Johnson and Miss Louise Johnson, 2209 West Third street, entertained at the "Idlewild" cottage on Park Point Thursday night at a bundle shower for Miss Myrtle I. Smythe, whose marriage to Durell L. Hayes of this city will take place this month. Pink and white was the color scheme used in decorating, the table appointments being pink hearts and shaded candles. Games were the amusements, favors being won by Miss Myrtle Smythe, Miss Elizabeth Anderson and Miss Mae Maloney. Japanese lanterns and nasturtiums were the decorations on the porch, where luncheon was served. The guests were Mrs. Carl Everson, Mrs. Fred H. Zirn, Mrs. M. B. Benson, Mrs. E. A. Emtter, Miss Myrtle Smythe, Miss Ella Kleutz, Miss Ellen Gustafson, Miss Julia Lofald, Miss Martha Grenner, Miss Elizabeth Anderson, Miss Edna McIntyre, Miss Thille Larson,

Miss Minnie Loken, Miss Clara Anderson, Miss Sophie Solheim, Miss Bertha Johnson, Miss Annet Lovdal, Miss Olga Benson, Miss Mae Maloney, Miss Mario Johnson, Miss Myrtle Craig, Miss Jora Wickstrom, Miss Gertrude Wescott, Miss Julia Anderson, Miss Alcolouse Diteman and Miss Jennie Johnson.

Entertains In Honor of Visiting Young Women.

Miss Minnie Winer, 1 West Fifth street, was hostess at an informal party Thursday night in compliment to Miss Eva Rosenbloom of Ely and Miss Anna Oreck of Kansas City. Games and music were the amusements. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Winer, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kasper, Mrs. M. L. Rine, Miss Sara Rachlin, Miss Ida Zurovsky, Miss Lillian Rine, Miss Alice Deneko, Miss Esther Winer, Miss Esther Vienen, Miss Sheba Polinsky, Miss Helen Wetgarten of Superior and Miss Bess Simon.