

# Washington Society

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Washington's social festivities which have been pursued with a mad rush. The White House has rather taken the lead in gaieties, with guests dining and lancing informally almost every day, and two evening receptions. Resident society, known as the smart circle, the "cave dwellers" of bygone years, gave this week the first cotillion Washington has had this year. It was a pretty party, but not along the gay and elaborate lines of other seasons, and in no way could take the place of the old bachelor's cotillions.

The president and Mrs. Harding had an unusually beautiful reception Monday evening in the White House, for the former delegates and their wives, and the women delegates, of whom there are a number. Among those are Mrs. Charles W. Sewell of Ottumwa, Ind.; Mrs. Gifford Pinchot of Millard, Pa.; and Washington, chairman of the committee for a national forest policy; Mrs. Maud Wood Park of the League of Women Voters; Mrs. Frank Black of Myersdale, Pa., president of the Farm Women's clubs of Maryland; Mrs. H. F. Chaffee of Amenia, N. D., who operates a farm of 30,000 acres; Mrs. L. C. Chappell of Lytleland, S. C., who operates a 600-acre farm devoted to cotton and general farming; Mrs. Carl Williams of Oklahoma City, Okl., woman editor of a prominent agricultural journal; Mrs. Russell Tyson of Chicago, president of the Women's National Farm and Garden association; Mrs. Neal S. Knowles of the Iowa State college at Ames, Ia., and Mrs. Edward T. Gostigan of the Consumers' league and chairman of the food supply committee of the League of Women Voters. At the reception Monday evening the distinguished hosts were assisted by the vice president and Mrs. Coolidge, the secretary of state and Mrs. Hughes, the secretary of the navy and Mrs. Denby, the secretary of agriculture and Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Fall, wife of the secretary of the interior. They stood in the blue parlor to receive the company and surrounded with the stateliest of decorations in pale pink and white blossoms. Mrs. Harding wore a lovely gown of orchid satin brocade, trimmed with silver lace and crystals. Mrs. Coolidge wore a becoming costume of midnight blue velvet.

Mrs. Harding, in keeping with her interest in women's work of all kinds, is deeply interested in this farm movement and the women delegates found a ready ear for all they had to say. Mrs. Sewell of Indiana made a strong appeal to the women on the farms to keep up the morale in all their lines of work. She considers the present conditions far more discouraging than those of the war time. Mrs. Gifford Pinchot entertained the women of the conference at dinner one evening during the week, and Mrs. Wallace, wife of the secretary of agriculture, entertained at a tea for them Thursday afternoon at Wardman Park Inn. Mrs. Pugsley, wife of the assistant secretary, assisted.

The president and Mrs. Harding made a visit this morning to the old office quarters of Gen. U. S. Grant on Seventeenth street, to view the exhibition of the handwork of Russian refugees over which Gen. Grant's granddaughter, Princess Cantacuzene presided. The princess is an ardent and successful worker in the cause of the refugees outside of Russia. Her committee in the four months they have been working in this country have accumulated upwards of \$30,000 for their fund, every cent of which goes to the refugees as the work is all done by volunteers and there are no overhead charges. The princess, with her husband and daughter, are with her mother, the widow of Gen. Frederick D. Grant, and sister of the late Mrs. Potter Palmer of Chicago. Mrs. Grant is spending this winter in her Washington home for the first time in some years, and society has welcomed her back more than cordially. She is a very handsome young grandmother and is one of the most interesting of all the figures at the affairs at the White House, where she spent so much time as a young bride. Her home, on New Hampshire avenue, is full of reminders of those days and of the sad ones which preceded those gay ones, when Gen. Grant was strictly the soldier. The walls on the drawing room floor are almost covered with portraits, pictures and other mementos of the fighting days of Gen. Grant. There are two interesting portraits of Gen. Sheridan, and at a tea given by Mrs. Grant for her daughter on Tuesday afternoon, it was interesting to see Miss Sheridan, one of Gen. Sheridan's three daughters, pouring chocolate at one end of the handsome table, and sitting just in front of her father's picture. Mrs. Lansing, wife of the former secretary of state, and Mrs. W. B. Graham, girl friends of Princess Cantacuzene, were other assistants. The many years of life among the nobility and the royalty of Russia has in no way spoiled the simple American manners and ways of Gen. Grant's granddaughter, who has developed such a splendid executive ability and so many talents in coming to the aid of her husband's afflicted country. It is a latent literary gift which she is developing now, in her writings of former Russian life. Mrs. Grant wore on this occasion a handsome costume of black and white lace and satin, an afternoon frock, with no hat, but with many handsome diamonds and long white gloves. The princess was in a street costume with the coat laid aside. The wearing of gloves at an afternoon affair in their own home was of special interest to all the women guests, and indeed there was not a man present except the servants. The guests were the members of the Women's National Press club and the League of American Pen Women, both of which organizations have entertained the princess. Miss Grant is an authority upon fashions for "a lady," and it is unquestionable authority that white gloves and light gloves will be restored to their honored place in a lady's wardrobe accessories.

Nebraska will be well represented in the new building of the National Society D. A. R., which is to be the administration building of the society. The state D. A. R. have noted to be allowed to fit and furnish the office of the reporter general to the Smithsonian institution in honor of

Mrs. Charles H. Aull, past state general of that state, and sister of the former president general of the society, Mrs. George Thatcher Guernsey. A number of states and some individual members of the society have asked the privilege of finishing and furnishing different rooms in the new building, or of supplying rooms which they will furnish as rest

rooms. At the meeting of the state D. A. R. the money for this work was over subscribed in a very few minutes. The National Officers club will finish and furnish the small auditorium which the new building will have, for small meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCarl of McCook, Neb., the former the controller general of the United States, have been entertaining fre-

quently in a small and informal way so far, in their apartments at the Somerset, having a few old friends or relatives at a time. Mr. McCarl's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thomas of Harvard, Neb., and Mrs. McCarl's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Barnett of McCook, are spending the winter in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. McCarl have an apart-

ment at Clifton Terrace and Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are on Twenty-eighth street. Mrs. Russell B. Harrison of Omaha returned here Monday from Norfolk where she made a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. Harry A. Williams, jr. She was joined here Tuesday by her mother, Mrs. Alvin Saunders, and little Miss Sally Ann Williams, who arrived from Omaha on

Tuesday. They were accompanied by Miss Martha Helms of Omaha, who made a short visit here this week. She returned late in the week to Omaha, stopping en route in Chicago to visit her sister, Mrs. Harrison and her mother and grand-daughter are at the Lafayette for a few weeks. Mrs. Williams will come from Norfolk tomorrow and take her daughter home with her after

more than six months' absence in Omaha. Mrs. Harrison and her mother will go south for a month or more and return here for the spring season. They will probably meet in the south, Mrs. Harrison's sister-in-law, Mrs. James Robert McKee of New York, who is leaving next week for Palm Beach for a month, after which she will visit a little further north. Mrs. McKee's only daughter,

ter, Mrs. Curt Reisinger, who was formerly Miss Mary Lodge McKee, a White House baby, is now in Paris with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison McKee, and their young daughter. She will return to New York in April. Miss Billy Dunn has returned to Washington after a visit to her home in Fremont, Neb.

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