

Washington Social Gossip

Last Week One of the Most Brilliant of the Season in Society Circles—Mme. Jusserand Stands for Harmony in Dress and Against Contrasts—Mrs. Oliver Cromwell Demands More Romances for the Young Folks.

BY CONSTANCE CARRUTHERS.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Bee.)—The national capital has resumed its activity since the return of those who spent the holidays away from the city and the last week has been one of the most brilliant of the season. Washington, noted as it is for its charming hostesses, easily takes rank among the first cities of the country as a social center. Not only are these society matrons to be found among the official household and permanent residents of Washington, but among the foreign diplomatic circles as well. One of the most charming and successful hostesses in the capital is Madame Jusserand, wife of the French ambassador. M. Jusserand, Madame Jusserand is one of the most accomplished leaders of the diplomatic set. Before her marriage she was Elsie Richards, daughter of a Boston banker. She believes, she says, in wearing harmonies rather than contrasts, and her toilet made in hue from the tip of her tongue to the toe of her boots. Sometimes she is seen in a walking dress of velvet of dark color trimmed with a lighter shade of silk and tulle, her hat of the same material as the gown, with a bird-of-paradise on the right side; her furs of sable are the identical shade as the velvet and her boots of suede have velvet uppers.

After the 4th of March official society will experience a change as a result of the election. Senators and representatives whose families have become identified with the social life of Washington through years of residence here will be missed after their departure.

While the round of dinners has been going on for some time, the big dances of the season have only fairly begun. The German ambassador and Baroness von Bernstorff and the French ambassador and Madame Jusserand gave their dinner before Christmas, but at several of the ambassador's dinners was not given until after the holidays.

Among other winter amusements which are fairly under way is a big skating club, of which Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, daughter of the Russian ambassador, and Senator Don Alagna of the Mexican embassy are the prime movers. The morning is dedicated to these affairs, in which the younger set finds much amusement. The members meet at the Arcade, the giant pleasure palace of Washington.

Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, a widow, who is prominent in Washington society for her many entertainments, is very fond of young folks and says social life in America has become colorless and monotonous because young persons do not have the prominence they should. She points to the south in the ante-bellum days, when she asserts, constituted the most famous social era which the western hemisphere has known. Everything in those days centered about the belles and the older folks were content to sit back and let the youngsters run things. Now the elders claim tribute, and the dinners and dances have only a sprinkling of the young. Even debutante functions are planned to please the parents of the guests as well as the "buds." Mrs. Cromwell's house has been filled since Thanksgiving day with young persons, sometimes twenty at a time. Miss Louise Cromwell's coming out was deferred from last winter because her father's illness and death.

One of the social events of the season was the president's New Year reception on Monday. The reception began at 11 a. m. when the vice president and the members of the cabinet and members of the diplomatic corps were received. The chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court, the judges of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, judges of the United States court of claims, judges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, former members of the cabinet, ambassadors and ministers of the United States were received at 11:30 a. m. Senators and representatives and delegates in congress were received at 11:30 a. m.

At 11:45 a. m. officers of the army and navy, officers of the marine corps, commanding generals and general staff of the militia of the District of Columbia were received.

Then followed, at 12:15 p. m. the reception to the solicitor general, assistant attorney general, assistant secretaries of departments, assistant postmasters general, the regents and secretary of the Smithsonian institute, the civil service commission, Interstate Commerce commission, the tariff board, the railroad securities commission, the librarian canal commission, the commissioners of the District of Columbia, the treasurer of the United States, the librarian of congress, the public printer, the heads of bureaus in the several departments, the president of the Columbian institution for the deaf and dumb.

At 1:30 p. m. The Society of the Cincinnati, the Astor Club of 1847, the Associated Veterans of the War of 1848-1867, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Medal of Honor Legion, the United States Legion, the Union Veterans' union, the Society of the Army of San Jacinto, the Spanish War Veterans, the Army and Navy union, the Minute Men, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Members of the Oldest Inhabitants' association of the District of Columbia.

1:50 p. m.—Reception of citizens.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has conferred upon Baroness Hengstenberg, wife of the Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Washington, who is also dean of the diplomatic corps, a high honor in appointing her imperial and royal lady of the palace with the highest rank and privileges in the court. The announcement of the appointment was cable from Vienna and was received at the embassy yesterday. Baroness Hengstenberg is a leader in

engagement of her daughter, Anna Campbell, to Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture. Miss Campbell is the daughter of the late Brigadier General John C. Kellon, adjutant general, U. S. A.

The National Geographic society of Washington will hold its annual banquet at the New Willard on Saturday evening, January 14. The banquet will be given this year in honor of the United States army and the art of aviation. President Taft, who will be present, will make a short address, and there will be responses to toasts by Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., and Mr. Wilbur Wright, Brainerd General M. Wilson, U. S. A., retired, will be the toastmaster for the occasion.

Mrs. Dwight, wife of Representative John W. Dwight, who has spent several weeks with her father in California, has returned to Washington, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks of California, a debutante of this season, who will spend the winter in Washington and be presented to society by Mrs. Dwight later at a tea.

Frederick Townsend Martin has arranged a series of dinner parties for Sundays in January. On the 15th Mr. Martin will entertain for Mrs. Vanderbilt.

Mr. Melville Sternberg and bride, formerly Miss Lillian Fisher, have gone to the home of Mr. Sternberg in Ohio, where they will reside. They were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Fisher, on St. Nicholas avenue. Following the ceremony the couple was tendered a dinner at the Hotel Astor.

Mrs. Reginald Ronalds and her mother, Mrs. Strong, who spent the holidays at their home in Erie, Pa., have returned to New York and again taken up their apartments at the Plaza.

A subscription dance for the benefit of the East Side Clinic for Children, Dr. Adelaide Wallerstein, president, will be given under the auspices of the ushers of

season in Long Branch, although the couple crossed the river and were married at the Church of the Incarnation, Madison avenue and Thirty-fifth street, and following the ceremony, a dinner was served at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

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Elaborate preparations are being made by the New-York City Federation of Women's Clubs for its ninth annual convention, to be held at the Hotel Astor on Friday, February 3.

Mrs. Bessie Stevens is president of the Federation and Mrs. William Cummings Story honorary president. The other officers are Miss Mary Garrett Hay and Mrs. Emily Cogan, vice presidents; Mrs. Alice W. Gifford, recording secretary; Mrs. Ernest Bross, treasurer, and Mrs. William G. Demaree, historian.

The New York Mutual society on Tuesday evening, January 24, in the Hotel Astor, tickets may be procured from Mr. Charles W. Mahony, chairman of ushers, 76 Montague street, Brooklyn, or Dr. Adolphus Wallerstein of 86 West Eighth street.

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Personal Notes from Gotham

Dances and Dinners Among the Four Hundred Give Swing to New Year—Several Swell Alliances in Prominent Families Are Engaging Attention—Countess Sechenyi Elected Head of Children's Society in Hungary

BY MARGARET WATTS DEEPEYSTER.
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Bee.)—The opening week of the new year in the world of society in New York was marked by the number of dances and dinners among the "400." While some of the dances were given in honor of debutantes others were given in the interest of charity, institutions and were all attended by the exclusive society folks, who gave their aid as well as their means to make the event a success. Among those who lent their aid to these dances were such leaders as Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. George Gould, Mrs. Drexel and Mrs. Vanderbilt. They began with the return of those who spent the holidays out of the city. Quite a list of dances are included in the social calendar for the month of January.

The marriage of a number of young couples will also add luster to the social events of the month, as will a number of receptions yet to be given in honor of debutantes. But as the debutante enjoys the seat of honor in the opening of the social season she has been forced to give way for the older set who will reign during the closing part of the year. The end of the first week in January, however, was marked by the exodus of a number of New York's society folks who will spend the latter part of the winter and the spring in travel abroad. On Saturday quite a company, including Miss Agnes Edgar, one of the leading debutantes of the season, left for southern Europe. Already invitations are out and plans are being made for a gay season at Cairo and Algeria. Others will soon join in the gayeties in southern Italy, but the season will not close in New York for several weeks yet and the calendar for the month of February contains announcements that will keep society moving between the resorts and the city mansions where functions are being given.

Friends of Countess Lazzio Sechenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, have heard with much interest from Budapest that the multi-millionaire fairy princess has accepted the office of vice president of the National Children's Aid society. Since accepting the office the countess has given out an interview in which she tells of her aim in life. "Believe me," she said in answer to a question from a newspaper writer who had been interviewed for the purpose of granting an interview, and who asked whether she intended to enter into active duties of the society, "it is not an empty phrase if I say that I would like to lighten the burden of all the afflicted and suffering. This is hardly possible except through the channels of philanthropic societies. I shall dedicate my time any part of the material resources at my command readily to help others. In Hungary,

especially in Budapest and in certain other parts of the country, as I am aware, there is plenty of misery. According to my idea the most first thing the devotees and suffering children, who must be brought up sound in body and mind, and therefore I gladly accepted the vice presidency of the National Children's Aid society. Through it I may accomplish some good.

"When I first came to Hungary, I was accompanied by my mother and my younger brother, with whom I live on very good terms. Later I took a fancy to German castle; my baby was born there, too. I feel very much at home in it, and we entertain numerous hunting parties there. In Budapest, on the other hand, I still feel as if I were living as we do in a hotel until our own place is ready."

"Then, of course, you are going to entertain on a large scale."

"At all events we shall take a position in Budapest society in accordance with our rank and fortune. As far as I am concerned, I am not too fond of appearing in public, but to a certain extent I shall willingly do what is expected of me."

Speaking about the new palace, the countess said:

"All the work and all the fittings will be, of course, as far as possible, the products of Hungarian craftsmanship and artists. I have a very high opinion of Hungarian art. No, we shall not bring over here any pictures from the gallery at Gerlesse castle. We shall try to get a new collection gradually. On the other hand, certain fixtures and conveniences which are best made in America or cannot be had here, we have ordered from the other side of the Atlantic."

Because of the recent death of the bride's father, the late Commander Frederick A. Abercrombie Miller, the wedding of Miss Edith Abercrombie Miller to Walter R. Tuckerman of Washington, D. C., at Morristown, N. J., was a quiet affair, attended by members of the immediate families only.

The ceremony was in the Madison Grace church, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Joseph N. Blanchard, rector, assisted by Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's church, Washington. Following the wedding, a breakfast was served at Loanzeta Farms, the home of Mrs. de Peyster. Mr. and Mrs. Tuckerman will reside in Washington.

Mr. Charles A. Snyder and bride, formerly Miss Jean Louise Mashoy of Long Branch, N. J., have gone to the home of Mr. Snyder in San Francisco, where they will make their residence. The marriage was one of the social events of the holiday

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UNMARRIED WOMAN GETS VOTES

Result of Election in Wisconsin Shows a Singular State of Affairs.

A perplexing question is presented to women contemplating a public career as the result of the fall election in Wisconsin—a single woman a better chance for success than a married one?

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