

**A New Series of Hospitalities Inaugurated by Arrival at the Capital of the Members of the Italian Mission. Including a Program With Dinner at White House—Sweden's Special Envoy and Madame de Lagercrantz—Renew Old Friendships—Farewell Entertaining for Mr. Balfour—Entertaining for Yesterday's Bride and Bridegroom and for Those Who Are to Have June Weddings.**

**VIRGINIA TATNALL PEACOCK**

WELCOMING the coming and speeding the parting guest made for hospitality in various quarters last week. The arrival Wednesday of Prince Udine and his associates of the Italian mission set in motion another series of the more or less notable dinner and luncheon parties which the international developments of the last few weeks have served to put on the cards at Washington. The dinner given by the President Mrs. Wilson at the White House Thursday evening inaugurated this series, as similar functions there recently opened the brilliant entertaining for the members of the British and French missions. The Secretary of State followed with a dinner to the same distinguished guests on Friday night, adding to the official welcome which will be duly emphasized in many quarters as the days of their visit pass.

A RECEPTION at the Swedish legation Wednesday afternoon gave many from official circles an opportunity to welcome Mr. de Lagercrantz, special envoy of Sweden, and Mme. de Lagercrantz, and Mr. and Mme. Nordvall of Stockholm, who accompany them. A number of guests also on this occasion had an opportunity to renew their acquaintance with the former minister, who, during the years he represented his government at Washington was one of the most popular members of the corps. Several dinner parties followed the reception of Wednesday as the week advanced, and during their stay, which possibly will extend well into the summer, Mr. and Mme. de Lagercrantz, between old friends and new friends, will have to keep track of many social engagements. Owing to the indefinite length of their stay it is probable they will take a house. They were the first occupants, it is recalled, of the handsome residence in 16th street now occupied by the Spanish embassy, and with the French ambassador and Mrs. Jusserand were among the pioneers of the corps in that section of the city. The legation, for which they brought the furnishing from their own country, notwithstanding its handsome, modern setting, succeeded in acquiring a delightfully picturesque element, all the servants, on the days Mme. de Lagercrantz and the daughters of the house were at home, appearing in native Swedish costume. Mr. and Mme. de Lagercrantz were among the guests at the wedding eight years ago of Mr. Ekengren, then minister, their present counselor of legation, and his American wife, formerly Miss Laura Jackson, their hosts of Wednesday afternoon.

THE French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, the British ambassador and Lady Spring-Rice, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing and Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth were among those who sped Mr. Balfour, head of the British mission, on his way to Ottawa with farewell dinner parties. Mr. Balfour, who kept many similar engagements during his stay at Washington, and transacted a stupendous amount of official business with representatives of this government, succeeded, like the President, in getting an occasional morning or afternoon off for diversion in the open. His choice was the tennis court, and amateurs and experts alike who watched him put the ball on the court were convinced that the Chevy Chase Club were enthusiastic both as to his prowess and the almost boyish exhilaration with which he went in, for the sport, making good use of his height and his length of limb.

FROM France come good tidings of the safe return of our erstwhile guests, Marshal Joffre and M. Viviani. Their departure was something of a feat, and no one did more to accomplish it, it is believed, as they desired, than the press of the country, an institution supposed by those unfamiliar with its ethics to tell not only all it knows, but all it suspects. One Josiah Quincy, in printing years ago a little volume of his reminiscences, gave warning to his readers that he was not going to be so interesting as he might be. The announcement could be duplicated daily by men and women of the press. The public would have been quite as interested in the details of the departure of Marshal Joffre and M. Viviani, as they were in the details of their arrival in Hampton roads a few weeks earlier, and in all the details of the brief, but brilliant tour which preceded their departure. On the day when such details might have been looked for, there was nothing of the kind, and the world went on its way under the impression that the distinguished Frenchmen were too deeply engaged at Washington to have time to attend to their own country for further social engagements or public appearances.

THE marriage yesterday of Miss Laura Delano and Mr. James Lawrence Houghteling of Chicago brought a number of guests from a distance, most of them young friends of the bride and bridegroom. There was much entertaining for both during the days preceding the wedding, as there will be in the next fortnight for the early June bride. There is no dearth of social activity at Washington. It is taking new forms, but the world is far from morose or ascetic. It has grown more serious, and the talk around dinner tables is less superficial. Doing one's bit for one's country is having a far-reaching influence, and the whole tone of society, which has been abnormally pitched and thin in many places, will be enriched by the experience.

The President attended the performance at Keith's Theater last night. He was accompanied by his niece, Mrs. Howe Cothran.

**Dinner at Italian Embassy.**  
The Italian ambassador and Countess Macchi Colonna entertained last evening the first of a series of three official dinners at the embassy in honor of his royal highness, Prince Ferdinand of Savoy, Prince of Udine, head of the Italian mission, and the other members of the mission, Senator Guglielmo Marconi, Marquis Luigi Borsarelli di Ruffo, the Hon. Enrico Arlotto, the Hon. Francesco Saverio Nitti, the Hon. Augusto Cuffelli and Lieut. da Zara. Those invited to meals at the embassy included the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane, the French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, the minister of Portugal and Viscount de Alencar, the assistant secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Crosby and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Delano Robbins.

A reception followed, to which additional guests were invited. The ambassadors and Countess di Colonna will entertain at a dinner followed by a reception on Monday evening and again on Tuesday evening for the members of the mission, who will be entertained with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont.

The home of Mr. Frederic A. Delano of the federal reserve board and Mrs. Delano was a bower of blooms for the marriage of Miss Laura Delano and Mr. James Lawrence Houghteling, son of Mrs. Houghteling and the late Mr. James Lawrence Houghteling of Chicago, yesterday afternoon. Hemlock adorned the drawing room and the stairway, and Easter lilies formed an aisle through which the bridal party proceeded to the dining room, in which the ceremony took place. Clusters of the same lilies were fastened to the white satin ribbons to the white satin dais, which was placed against a background of palms, Australian ferns and Ophelia roses. The ceremony, which took place at 4 o'clock, was witnessed by a small party of relatives and intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom and was followed by a reception; at which official, diplomatic and smart resident circles were represented. The bride was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin, made on very simple and graceful lines with a held square train. Her veil was white and held in place with a fllet of pearls and valley and white iris. Miss Louise Delano, sister of the bride, and Miss Margaret, the maids of honor of the bridegroom, in taffeta gowns of peacock green lined with peacock blue and wearing leghorn hats trimmed with ribbons of the same shade of blue as was used in the gowns and a single pink rose. They carried showers of pink ranunculus and blue lupin.

Mr. William Houghteling was best man for his brother, and the ushers were Mr. Augustus Peabody, Mr. Donald Ryerson, Mr. William Cow, Jr., Mr. Alfred Hamill, Mr. David Danciger, Mr. Rosecrans Baldwin, Mr. Francis Butler, all of Chicago; Mr. Livingston Mather of Cleveland, Mr. Philip White of Indianapolis and Mr. Richard Crane, 3d, of Washington. Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, pastor of All Souls' church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Houghteling, mother of the bridegroom, received with the bridal party. The bridal tea was served in the dining room, where the table was decorated with white roses and the blooms of the fringe tree, Farleyense ferns



**MRS. THOMAS WATT GREGORY.**  
will leave Washington Thursday for St. Louis to attend the wedding there on Saturday of their son, Mr. William Hooker Wilmer, and Miss Margaret Van Dyke Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John William Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thropp, who will be members of the wedding party, will leave Washington Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph Crawford and Miss Carry Crawford have returned to Washington, after a long absence, and are at the Grafton for a short stay. Miss Crawford returned some weeks ago to this country from England, where she was engaged in Red Cross work.

The card party given by the National Society of Colonial Dames of the District of Columbia at Rauscher's on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of raising money toward the equipping of the recreation room to be opened for the men camped near Washington this summer, was both a social and a financial success. Nearly \$1,000 was added to the fund to be used for this patriotic work.

The Colonial Dames of the District also are interesting themselves in the development of the gardening project now on foot, and to further it they have loaned a piece of ground they own in the northeastern section of the city, which will be put under cultivation.

The Attorney General, Mr. Thomas Watt Gregory, has returned to Washington from New York.

Mrs. Albert Baker will close her house in N street about June 1, and go to Albany for a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Corning, before going to her summer home, in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson are spending the week at Weid, their place at Brookline, Mass. They will return to Washington tomorrow on Tuesday, and will be hosts at a dinner party at their home in Massachusetts

**MRS. HOWARD SUTHERLAND,**  
Wife of Senator Sutherland of West Virginia.  
McCarthy—Reeder.  
The marriage of Miss Hilah Kathryn Reeder and Mr. R. Emmet McCarthy took place Friday, May 25, at the Biltmore Hotel, New York.  
The ceremony was performed in the flower-decked drawing room by the Rev. H. L. Ottosson, in the presence of about thirty relatives and intimate



friends of the bride and bridegroom. A seated luncheon followed.  
Mr. W. Tyler Halstead, a classmate of the bridegroom at Lehigh University, acted as best man.  
Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy left later for a trip through the mountains of Pennsylvania, before returning to South Bethlehem, Pa., on their return. Mr. McCarthy is the son of Mr. John B. McCarthy of this city and is a graduate of Technical High School.  
Miss Imogene Young, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Young, left Washington Friday for Memphis, where she will visit Miss Hinton before returning to her home for the summer.  
The assistant secretary of state and

**MRS. HAROLD C. TRAIN,**  
Wife of Lieut. Train, U. S. N.  
Mrs. William Phillips entertained at luncheon yesterday at Woodley, in compliment to Prince Udine of the Italian mission, having about forty guests to meet him. The luncheon was served at small tables.  
Col. and Mrs. George F. Downey were hosts at a large dinner last evening at the Chevy Chase Club, when they entertained in compliment to Mrs. Downey's sister, Mrs. John K. Berry of the Italian mission.  
Miss Mary Wilcox had as her guests Wednesday afternoon at the card party given under the auspices of the National Society of Colonial Dames of the District of Columbia, Mrs. Ryan Devereux, Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins and Mrs. Abbott Mercer.  
Representative and Mrs. Charles B. Ward, accompanied by their children, left Thursday for their country home at DeBruce, N. Y. Mr. Ward will return to Washington this week and Mrs. Ward will join him in a few weeks' time for a visit.  
Representative and Mrs. Homer P. Snyder left last week for their home at Little Falls, N. Y. Mr. Snyder will return shortly, but Mrs. Snyder will probably remain on there throughout the summer.  
Representative and Mrs. John A. Peters have also returned to their home at Elizaville, Me., and another departure in the congressional circle last week was that of Mrs. Henry

Allen Cooper, wife of Representative Cooper, who went to her home, Racine, Wis.  
Miss Mattie Marshall Curd returned from the National Service School yesterday afternoon and is with Mrs. James Pryor Tarvin.  
Pay Inspector David Potter, U. S. N., has come to Washington from Boston and, with Mrs. Potter, has taken the house at 1820 Jefferson place, formerly occupied by Mr. Ernest R. Gaylor, civil engineer, United States Navy, and Mrs. Gaylor.  
Capt. and Mrs. John Guest, who have an apartment at the Northumberland, will move to 1822 Jefferson place about June 15. Maj. and Mrs. James G. Harbord are occupying the house, but will give it up about that date. Maj. Harbord expects to go to France shortly. He has been relieved from his duty at the War College.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Wheeler, who went to Buffalo on Monday, returned to Washington yesterday.  
Mrs. Sydney Cloman and her niece Mrs. Natalie Campbell, who have been at San Francisco for several weeks, have removed to the Burlingame Country Club, where they will remain until Maj. Cloman's plans are more definite. Generally unsettled appears to be the lot of the army and navy folk these days, and plans are made subject to change at an instant's notice.

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