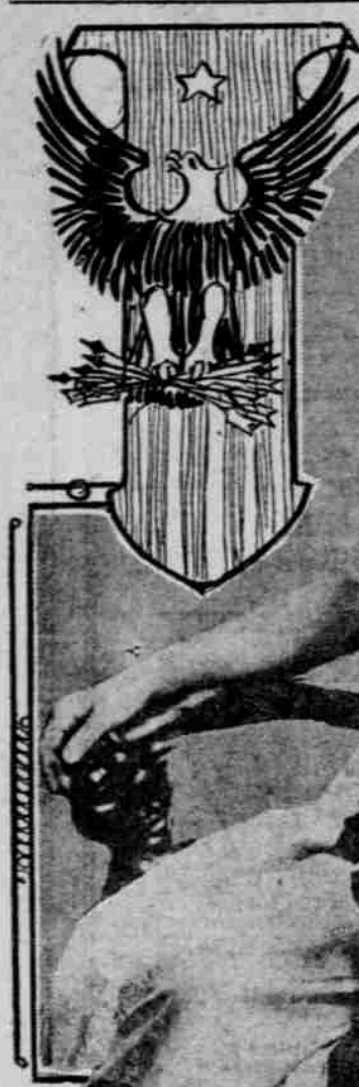


# SOCIETY MATRONS AT NATIONAL CAPITAL ON QUI VIVE

All-Absorbing Question for Women of Official Washington, as Well as of "Cave Dwellers," Is, Who Will Be "the" Leader?



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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Political parties have their bosses who run things which pertain to government. These are men. On the other hand these same political parties have bosses who run things which pertain to social affairs. These are the women. Nowhere in this country is this so pronounced as in Washington. Just who will be the leaders in society at the National Capital this season is the question which is being asked over the tea-cups every day.

With a change in the Administration after 16 years of Republican patronage and the social season just about to open, the subject is intensely interesting.

There was a time when there was sure to be someone in official life with world-wide experience and wealth, who would gain the honor and distinction of being the leader in Washington society, but now things have changed. There is an official Washington and a purely social Washington, and while their interests are closely allied, their leadership is separate and distinct and there are leaders in Washington society, and not a leader.

Naturally all eyes and ears are turned to the White House where Mrs. Wilson and her daughters have in their hands the building of the new social structure for a large part, but even with the new order of things, there will be many of the well-known figures, for official society is anything but omnipotent in Washington. The resident contingent, known as the "cave dwellers," are socially powerful and their influence is stronger than any other and is not dependant upon political changes, yet to a certain extent the First Lady of the Land and her followers and "official family" are practically in control.

**Announcement Is Awaited.**

Until the season is formally opened—and that will be when Mrs. Wilson announces from the White House the official social dates—the new leaders will not be so clearly recognized, but those who are close to the Administration's social set are predicting.

It is not so imperative that the social leader of today be rich—however she cannot be poor—for she must have an establishment suitable for entertaining on a large scale. True, it is a democratic Administration and the social order of things will be carried on along a smaller scale than in the past. The leader must possess endless tact, know foreign languages, for she at once becomes hostess for the diplomatic corps, and she must know politics above anything else. She must be able to talk on art, music, literature and she must be interested in philanthropy. She must be broadminded and kind of heart, as well as personally attractive. These are the requirements of the social leader.

The "official family" which comes second to Mrs. Wilson in importance includes the wife of the Vice-President and the wives of the Cabinet officers who will take a prominent place in the social whirl. It is easily to be seen that Mrs. Thomas Riley Marshall, wife of the Vice-President, will be one of the most popular women of the Administration and vying with her for supremacy will be Mrs. Lindley M. Garrison, wife of the Secretary of War. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Garrison are alike in no way, yet they both have the qualities that will make them stand out as leaders.

Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the Secretary of State, will probably be one of the most beloved women of the administration, but she will not take the leading part, chiefly because it is not her wish.

more interesting folks than anywhere else in Washington.

On account of mourning in the family, Mrs. William C. Reddick, wife of the Secretary of Commerce, will not take a large part in society, nor will Mrs. William B. Wilson, wife of the Secretary of Labor, who is expected to be the daughter of the family, Miss Agnes Hart Wilson, who will probably be one of the most brilliant young women of the Administration.

Miss Mona McAdoo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, already conceded to be the beauty of the Administration, will act as her father's hostess and she will be charmingly assisted by her young sister-in-law, Mrs. Ethel McCormick McAdoo, the bride of Francis Huger McAdoo.

So closely are the assistant secretaries and their wives linked in importance with those of the Cabinet officials that it is well to mention them here. Mrs. J. E. Osborn, wife of the assistant Secretary of State; Mrs. Henry Breckinridge, wife of the assistant Secretary of War; and Mrs. Frank Roosevelt, wife of the assistant Secretary of the Navy, will be important social lights in Washington this season.

Among the many new Senatorial hostesses who will fill in a measure the void left by the retiring of the old ones will be Mrs. Le Baron Colt, of Rhode Island, who comes here with her charming daughters not as a stranger except in title; Mrs. Weeks, of Massachusetts, who has been here many years before during her husband's years in the House; Mrs. O'Gorman, of New York, and her daughters, who already are well known here; Mrs. Shields, of Tennessee; Mrs. Jackson, of Maryland; Mrs. Saulsbury, of Delaware; Mrs. Morris Sheppard, of Texas, who too became well known while her husband was in the House; Mrs. Hughes, of New Jersey; Mrs. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia; Mrs. Norris, of Nebraska; Mrs. Thomas, of Colorado; Mrs. John F. Shafroth, of Colorado; Mrs. Lane, of Oregon; Mrs. Sterling, of South Dakota, and Mrs. Robinson, of Arkansas.

**House Has Interesting Addition.**

One of the most interesting new members of the House circle is Mrs. Peter Goelet Gerry, wife of the new member from Rhode Island. Mrs. Gerry was formerly Miss Mathilde Townsend, daughter of Mrs. Richard Townsend, leader of Washington's smart residence set, and one of the most beautiful women in the country. Other women of the Congressional set who will figure prominently in social affairs will be Mrs. Gilbert M. Hitchcock, wife of Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, and their daughter, Miss Ruth Hitchcock; Mrs. Duncan U. Fletcher and her daughter, Mrs. Lionel Smith-Gordon, a recent bride; Mrs. John W. Kern, wife of Senator Kern, of Indiana; Mrs. Hoke Smith, wife of Senator Smith, of Georgia; Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia; Mrs. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi; Mrs. T. T. Anshberry, wife of Congressman Anshberry, of Ohio; Mrs. Silas R. Barton, of Nebraska; Mrs. Jack Beall, of Texas; Mrs. William P. Borah, of Idaho; Mrs. Copley, of Illinois; Mrs. William A. Cullop, of Indiana; Mrs. Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama; Mrs. Joseph R. Knowland, of California, and Mrs. Charles J. Littlejohn, of Maryland.

In the Diplomatic Corps, which goes to make up one of the most interesting parts of Washington society, great changes have been made. During the present Administration preceding the present the Corps maintained a certain solidarity. For nearly 16 years Baron Hengelmüller, first as Minister and later as Ambassador, and Baroness Hengelmüller represented Austria-Hungary, and entertained most brilliantly. Now comes a new Ambassador and mistress in Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba and Madame Dumba.

To the British Embassy, where for six years the scholarly and social James Bryce and his wife have held "court," come Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice and Lady Spring-Rice, both young, traveled, interested in all topics of the day, sports, music, etc.

parture of the Military Attache and Countess de Chambrun, and the advent of Captain de Bertier de Saubigny and Madame de Saubigny and their children.

The most notable change in the legations will come in the departure of J. J. Louden, the former Minister of the Netherlands, and Madame Louden, and the arrival of his successor, W. F. L. C. Rappard, recently of Morocco, and a stranger to Washington.

Mrs. Richard H. Townsend, who is conceded to be the social mentor of the smart residence set, known as the "cave dwellers," in the capital, will open her residence in Massachusetts Avenue with the beginning of the season, and with few exceptions, the same group of charming women will gather about her as have in the past years, and take their usual place of prominence, the change of Administration making no difference. Among them is Mrs. Robert McCormick, her sister and her grand-daughter, Mrs. Robert W. Patterson and Countess Gyzicki; Madame Christian Hauge, widow of the former Minister of Norway to the United States; Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Robert Hitt, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Henry C. Corbin and her sisters, the Misses Jennings, Hope Slater, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Billy Hitt, formerly Katherine Elkins; Miss Mary Sherrill, Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard, Mrs. Hennen, Jennings, Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. Preston Gibson, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh and her daughter, Mrs. Edward Beale McLean; Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Mrs. Mary McCallum, and others.

**Mrs. Letter to Be Missed.**

However changes come, influenced by one reason or another, the passing out of Mrs. L. Z. Letter, who for so many years was such a prominent figure in Washington, possibly is the greatest. Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Letter, who have departed on their yacht for a year's cruise in foreign waters, will also be missed in the younger married set. Possibly Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, who have decided to pass the winter in New York, will be missed more in Washington this season than any one else. Their entertainments and charities have been unprecedented. Another couple who will not figure in the Washington social whirl this season will be Mr. and Mrs. Nick Longworth, who will probably go abroad.

Mrs. Charles A. Mann, who usually spends the season here, has decided to remain at Beverly, Mass., with her daughter, whose marriage to Charles M. Amory took place in the early summer.

Mrs. Clarence Moore and her charming step-daughter, Miss Frances Moore, who was looked forward to as being one of the interesting debutantes, have also decided to go abroad for the season.

Whether Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reid Rogers and Miss Elizabeth Reid Rogers will come to Washington again this year is doubted, for they have given up their house in Nineteenth street.

Several Ambassadors and Ministers whose homes are in Washington and who find themselves minus a post during the new regime, will doubtless return to the Capital. Among these is Mr. and Mrs. Lutz Anderson, whose

wonderful Italian palace has been one of the Washington show places, and whose last post was at Belgium. Another Minister is Reynolds Hitt, who with Mrs. Hitt, will take possession of their house in Eighteenth street, which is just completed. And Mrs. Minister to Guatemala.

**Colons to Return.**

The newly-appointed Governor of the Philippines and Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison takes from Washington one of its most interesting young couples and the change in the Governorship of Porto Rico brings back to Washington charming former Governor Colton and his sister, Miss Marjorie Colton.

Three members of the Cabinet of the former regime will probably spend a part of the social season in the Capital in spite of the change in politics. They are former Secretary of State and Mrs. Philander C. Knox, whose residence in K street is one of the handsomest houses in Washington; former Attorney-General and Mrs. George Wickersham, who purchased a house in the Avenue of the Presidents on their arrival in Washington four years ago, and former Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh, whose fine

house was built by Mrs. MacVeagh as a birthday surprise for Mr. MacVeagh.

Former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. George von L. Meyer, who were acknowledged leaders of the smart set, intend to enjoy the life of Washington too, even if they will not be in the official life, and they plan to spend much time this season with their son-in-law and daughter, Lieutenant C. Raymond P. Rodgers, whose marriage took place last spring. Miss Julia Meyer, the other daughter of the former Secretary and Mrs. Meyer, will also visit in Washington frequently.

After an absence of several years spent on foreign shores Mrs. Harriet Blaine S. Beale, daughter of a former Secretary of State, has returned to Washington and taken an apartment for the winter. She will enter into Washington life.

It is also more than likely that Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the former Secretary of Agriculture, will be in Washington much of the season to visit

her father, who intends making Washington his home in the future.

And lastly, new leaders will arise in the circle of Washington society which is largely made up of Army and Navy folks, but in their numbers changes occur so frequently that their influence has little bearing on society as a whole.

**Human Derelicts of West Lose Best Friend.**

Jackson County mourns death of Luman N. Judd, preacher, teacher, Socialist.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Talent and Jackson County are mourning the death of Luman N. Judd, veteran of the Civil War, friend of Abraham Lincoln, minister, school teacher, real estate dealer and the best-beloved man in Southern Oregon.

Luman Judd was a gentleman of the old school—as old as the Christian era—for he went straight back to Christ for his attitude toward life and his fellow men.

A widower, living alone on the county road that runs through Talent, his home and office were one, open alike to customers, friends and strangers. No request was denied, shelter and food always were given and there scarcely was a time when some poor derelict seemed to call out all the good there was in this "house by the side of the road."

Battered human derelicts passed by that door on the main highway between San Francisco and Portland—criminals, drunken men, bums—and there was probably not a hobo in the West who did not know Luman Judd, the man who gave everyone a welcome.

Yet he was never hurt, never even imposed on as far as his friends could determine. His kindly, simple courtesy seemed to call out all the good there was in those he met.

Mrs. J. J. Judd came from a distinguished family. He was born in New York State, July, 1825. His brother was Norman B. Judd, who arranged the Lincoln-Douglas debates, nominated Lincoln at the Chicago convention and

later was appointed by Lincoln to represent this country at Berlin. After serving through the war Mr. Judd taught school in New York State and had as a pupil Lyman J. Gage, later Secretary of the Treasury under President McKinley. Mr. Judd corresponded with Mr. Gage up to the time of his death and there was a strong bond of affection between the teacher and ex-pupil.

Mr. Judd was a Socialist, one who sincerely practiced the creed of co-operative brotherhood. He bought and sold land, but his profits he regarded as belonging to fellow men. When he made a sale he first paid his bills, if he had any, and what was left went to maintain his haven of rest by the side of the road.

Mr. Judd leaves a daughter, Mrs. Kathrin Palmer, of Vancouver, Wash., to whom his body was sent, and a son, C. N. Judd, of Tremont, Or. There was no formal funeral service in Talent, but at a meeting of friends of the deceased the following verse was read: Let me live in a house by the side of the road. Where the race of men go by—The men who are good and the men who are bad—As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the sufferer's seat Nor hurt the cryer's ban; Let me live in the house by the side of the road And be a friend to man.

**23 ALIENS ADVISE CHINA**  
Germany Represented by Five and United States by One.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—China has now 23 foreign advisers to the Government, of whom Germany claims the largest number, having five representatives. Then come Great Britain with four and France with three. Japan, Italy and Denmark have two each, while America, Russia, Holland, Belgium and Sweden have one each.

In addition to these officials of confirmed appointment, there is also Sir Francis Pigott, late Chief Justice in Hongkong, who, though holding no official position under the Chinese government, is retained as a legal advisor. He is at present occupied with the establishment of a court of consular appeal in conjunction with the Ministry of the Navy.

Another appointment most popularly received in Shanghai is that of Commander Harold Christian, director of the new naval college to be established here in connection with the new naval base at Nimrod Sound. The services of Commander Christian have been lent by Great Britain to the Chinese government for three years, and it is anticipated that he will bring out with him a number of naval instructors to be utilized by the republic in connection with its important scheme for the strengthening of its navy.

Shanghai was also especially interested in the appointment of Colonel Bruce as police adviser. Colonel Bruce, having been the captain-superintendent of the Shanghai municipal police for the last six years, a force whose efficiency he has made an object lesson to the world.

Colonel Bruce was previously in the British Army, and it is anticipated that the republic will very likely substitute a system of permanent military police for its regular army.

**LANDLORD IS HELD LIABLE**  
Woman Whose Gems Were Stolen in Hotel Gets Damages.

GENEVA, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Federal Tribunal at Lausanne has given its decision in a test case which is of much interest to foreign visitors in Switzerland.

Recently a German woman visitor named Harpner had jewels and money worth \$1200 stolen from her room in a hotel at St. Moritz, and the proprietor of the establishment disclaimed responsibility, as the valuables were not placed in his care.

The court found him liable to a certain extent, as the robbery took place in his hotel, and awarded the plaintiff \$400 and costs.

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