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TENDERED A DINNER

Mrs. Humphrey Ward Dined by Playground Association.

AT WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

Congratulatory Letters Were Received From President Roosevelt, James Bryce, British Ambassador, and Lord Grey, of Canada.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Mrs. Humphrey Ward was tendered a dinner by the Playground Association of America last night at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on account of her success in obtaining play ground facilities for children in England. The Duchess of Marlborough was among the speakers, and letters were received from President Roosevelt, James Bryce, the British ambassador and Lord Grey, governor General of Canada, praising Mrs. Ward for her work.

The Duchess of Marlborough formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt was one of the most applauded speakers at the dinner. In part the duchess said:

"Having had the opportunity of coming into touch with work done by women in England I hoped I might be able to say a word of encouragement to my own country women who are devoting their lives to bettering the social condition of the poor in this city. In England, as you know the influence of women has permeated every field of human endeavor, political and philanthropic no less than social and artistic.

"The results appear in the really splendid achievements of associations formed to guard and help girls who toil in factories and shops; to provide employment for the wives of convicted criminals; to care for the fatherless and orphans and to make play grounds for little children.

"And here I can mention a private venture which will commend itself to this association. It is for owners of land near the village school to lend or give the school a number of acres where the children can have their

own plots and are taught gardening under institutions.

"Society demands an adequate fulfillment of these necessities. It is the sense of obligation that I venture to think we American women should foster and develop. Does not the mere privilege of citizenship involve responsibility and place it on a far higher plane; that every citizen owes to the mother state in such ratio as his influence, his intelligence and his capacity to help certify is a very old maxim, but one not always brought into the sphere of enterprise.

"It is not possible for the women citizens of this great republic to recognize that personal obligation on its ethical lines and to turn it to account in practical workings.

"The amelioration of the social and educational conditions under which the children of the big cities are being brought is in a trust a worthy beginning. Surely this is a woman's work; surely a woman's duty and I should like in passing to pay a tribute to the executive ability of American women. One can not help but admire the way they manage their various hospitals and charitable institutions.

"If women can do it so well, why is it that a greater number do not interest themselves in philanthropic and educational work? It is believed it is as I have said because of the personal obligation to the community has not yet been developed.

"The moment the women of this country recognize this claim, which to me seems so pressing, so needful, so appealing, I feel sure they will take it up with all their wonted energy and capacity and they will record their good citizenship in works that will live to commemorate the awakening of that great sense of personal obligation to mankind which lies embodied in our religion and our ethics and finds expression in our best and noblest work.

SHE DIED LAUGHING.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Overcome by laughter at a joke told by a member of the company at a party, she was attended, Mrs. Annie Ferrier, a widow 42 years old was unable to stop the laughing paroxysm, she fell to the floor and was lifted back into her chair, grasping for breath and before the horrified guests realized that anything serious was the matter she was dying. Before a physician arrived she was dead.

GOOD TIMES AT SEA

Sailor's Society Sights End Near of Hard Season.

REPORTS RECEIVED CHEERFUL

Jack Ashore Has Barely Weathered Idle Winter—Every Prospect Pleases Samaritans and Shipping Sages In Sixteen Ports.

NEW YORK, April 1.—That the end of hard times for the sailor is already in sight at every American port was asserted here today on the basis of special reports which have just been received at the headquarters of the American Seamen's Friend Society from its sixteen branch stations along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Where a month ago stranded seamen lay thick over the floors of their shelters each night, sadly wanting work, food and lodging, berths are today being found in steadily increasing numbers among awakening shipping interests, the society's agents declare. Every prospect exists, in the opinion of these trained maritime observers, for returning prosperity to the sailor man who has barely weathered his hardest Winter in many years.

From Seattle, where the workers of the society have resorted to emergency relief measures to keep 400 idle sailors alive since last November, it is reported that the tension has already begun to slacken in view of the opening of a brisk Alaska trade. Relief camps and lunch counters have been filled by these refugees from stagnant shipping at this port all Winter. Now signs of returning life in the seaman's trade are at last promising to put an end to their labors, the agents at this Pacific branch declare.

In Pensacola, at a diagonally opposite corner of the society's national system of working stations, only twenty sailors are today reported to be still looking for work. Within a week every man jack should be shipped, according to present indications. From Jacksonville, Tampa, Mobile and New Orleans a small army of sailors have poured into Pensacola looking for a chance to ship all Winter. Many of them walked barefoot and arrived half starved and in rags. This sad influx of unemployed seamen has completely stopped, the local agent of the society reports, and apparently his hard siege of providing food, shelter and help for the marooned merchantmen of the Southern ports is happily ended.

Only two-score seafaring men are today looking for work at Galveston and few of these will be lacking a berth by the end of Spring. From New Orleans about the same report has been received. The branch of the American Seamen's Friend Society at Newport News sends the word: "Prospects good; have been bad all Winter." The same message, with details of the heroic measures which had to be taken to tide the sailor through the winter, is coming from other branches of this organization in Norfolk, Charleston, Savannah, Port Townsend and Portland.

While every seamen's shelter in this city has throughout the Winter been crowded with the unemployed, it was declared by the shipping offices, "crimps" and officers of the sailors' labor organization here today that conditions were beginning to change and new berths open for the sailor along the water front. With the opening of the lake trade, the yachting season and the steady involvement in shipping circles, every man of the sea is assured of plenty of work. At the headquarters of the American Seamen's Friend Society in this city it was asserted, on experience as well as these reports, from both coasts, that hard times for the sailor had today come to an end.

"I am inclined to believe that the Sumner shipping will again return to normal," said Captain Charles B. Parsons, president of the Maritime Exchange and a trustee of the American Seamen's Friend Society, today. "I feel very optimistic on the outlook for the immediate future in shipping circles."

FAIRBANKS ON REVISION.

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plete the work of revision before the inauguration of the next administra-

our industrial activities. Uncertainty will continue from the time the conventions resolve upon revision until revision is an accomplished fact. Even if it were certain that the Republican party would retain control of both branches of Congress, as we believe it will, with an assurance that revision would be effected after the fourth of March, strictly according to the principles of protection, uncertainty and hesitancy would prevail nevertheless until the new schedules were enacted into law. Revision made immediately following the coming election has the advantage, and it is a distinct advantage, over revision after the incoming of the new administration. It will reduce the period of disturbance some four months. This is a considerable gain at any time, but it is especially important now. Business conditions admonish us to reduce the factors of doubt and uncertainty so far as possible, and to bring the forces of the business world as speedily as practicable to a condition of certainty and repose. This is the part of wise and patriotic statesmanship. It is good politics and it is good business also. There is one potential fact which must not be obscured, and it is when revision occurs it must be along protective lines. Furthermore, revision must be made by those who are firm in the protective faith, to the end that adequate protection shall be given to American industry, American labor and American capital. The principles of protection which have given such tremendous impetus to our trade and commerce, must be carried into any revision which is undertaken.

"We should bear in mind the fact, also that there are many of the schedules in the present tariff law which do not require change. They are only reasonably protective and business for ten years has adjusted itself to them. The schedules where changed conditions have rendered alteration advisable are not so numerous as to require as long consideration was given to the appropriation of the present law. In short, with regard to many items of the schedules there is no demand for any change. Congress can address itself to the consideration and modification of those which are subject to criticism and which should be changed in the interest of a sound economy decision. We would be enabled by this method not only to guard against the contingency of a revision with a Democratic House, but we would put an end to apprehension in the business world much sooner than would otherwise be possible. So long as revision is undetermined and yet imminent, it will be a powerful deterrent influence in the resumption of mand with reasonable despatch. It is not wise to enter upon the work of wholesale demolition, nor is it wise to make changes where they are not required by good business or some well founded public demand. Very sincerely yours,

"CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS."

To Jesse Overstreet, Chairman Republican State Convention, Indianapolis, Ind.

SNAKE RIVER DAM.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The passage of the bill authorizing the construction of a dam across the Snake river in the State of Washington, and the consideration of a measure for adjusting the claims of the States against the government on account of the disposition of the proceeds of the public lands, occupied nearly the entire session today.

DECLINES TO ATTEND.

NEW YORK, April 1.—W. J. Bryan telegraphed from Lincoln tonight that he will not consider attending a dinner to rival the Jefferson Day dinner to be held under the auspices of the National Democratic Club, April 13. Bryan was invited to attend the club's dinner, but was not asked to deliver a speech. H. P. Huber, of Springfield, Mo., offered \$1,000 toward the expense of celebrating Jefferson's birthday if Bryan would speak at a rival dinner.

CUT WAGES AGAIN.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 1.—As the result of a conference between the members of the New Bedford Textile Council and the Manufacturers Association held last night the wages of the 25,000 operatives will be reduced ten per cent on April 13, one week later than originally intended.

Here are two things that only a woman can do: One is to see a woman without looking at her, and the other is to look at a woman without seeing her.

POPULISTS PROTEST

Will Not Admit Bryanites to Their Ranks.

COXEY TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

A Mass of Resolutions Has Been Showered Upon the Committee Which Is Preparing the Platform—Delegates Loaded With Them.

ST. LOUIS, April 1.—Friends of W. J. Bryan made an unsuccessful attempt today to influence the action of the Populist National Convention, which will meet here tomorrow. The Populists refused to class Bryan as anything but a Democrat, who has no right to participate in the councils of their party or receive any consideration at its hands. Everywhere repulsed, the Bryanites will carry the fight into the convention as a last resort. What the Bryanites demand is a postponement of the convention until after the Democratic and Republican conventions are held. General Jacob S. Coxey has been chosen upon for a temporary chairman, and Frank Erichey of St. Louis for the permanent chairman. A mass of resolutions have been showered upon the committee, which is preparing the platform. Every delegate is loaded down with them and they range from the national currency down to a plan to prevent New York's "Four Hundred" from smuggling diamonds through the custom-house.

DEFIES HER FAMILY.

Mme. Anna Gould Determined to Marry De Sagan.

NEW YORK, April 1.—That Prince Helie de Sagan is a suitor for the hand of Madame Anna Gould is announced by the Prince himself in a statement in which he says that Mme. Gould will sail for France very soon after his own departure, which is set for April 9. The Prince's announcement was made coincident

with the circulation of reports that Mme. Gould has quarreled with her family because of her determination to marry de Sagan. Mme. Gould is quoted as saying that she shall no longer be oppressed and ruled by her family, that at last she has asserted herself and "shall abide by her own decision."

Madame Gould has left the home of her sister, Miss Helen Gould, with whom she has been staying since her arrival from France more than a week ago, and is living with friends at the Hotel St. Regis.

Not only is sentiment but money as well involved in the break between Madame Gould and the members of her family. The will by which Jay Gould disposed of his fortune contained a codicil which may have a prominent part if developments should follow a prolongation of the family trouble. This codicil provides that any of his children who should marry without first getting the consent of the other sons and daughter should forfeit one-half of his or her interest in the estate. In Madame Gould's case the one-half interest is variously estimated at between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000. It is said to be the contention of Madame Gould, however, that this provision of the will was abrogated as far as she is concerned when the consent of her brothers and sister was given to her marriage with Count Boni de Castellane. Having taken this position, she is said to have retained a prominent firm of attorneys, with large interests both in New York and Paris, to have informed her relatives at the last family conference that she is prepared to fight if necessary for what she regards as her right to her entire share of the fortune left by her father.

Madame Gould is ill in her apartments at the St. Regis, and the date of her departure for Europe is believed to be largely dependent upon the rapidity with which she recovers.

No definite date for her sailing has yet been set, so far as can be learned, but it is not believed that it will be delayed longer than 10 days or two weeks.

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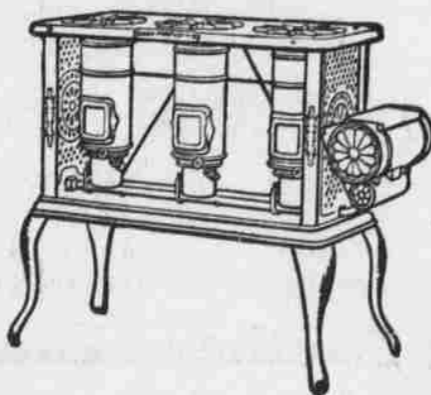
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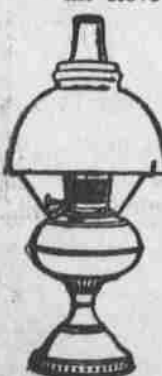
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