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**The Social Side of Life
Local Affairs of the week**

By the Observer

One of the most attractive of the summer weddings was that of Miss Ruth Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Gregory, to Mr. Arthur Sweetser of Boston, which was celebrated Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at "Ledgemere," the country home of the bride's parents. Only a few friends besides the family were present at the ceremony, after which a reception was held. It was a typical summer event, and the bridal party was most attractive. Even the men were in summer attire. The groom wore a white suit and the ushers were in blue coats and white trousers. Mr. William G. Hibbard Jr. was best man for the groom, and acting as ushers were the Messrs. Perry Smith of Chicago, Hanford MacNeider of Mason City, Iowa; Wilfred Shrigley of Boston and Sherman Bowles of Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Edward W. Bodman, who formerly was Miss Julia Lord Barry of Montclair, N. J., a bride of April 19, and at whose wedding Miss Gregory was a bridesmaid, acted as matron of honor and wore her wedding gown, with a pale-blue hat. Miss Jean Stirling, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and two other cousins, the Misses Dorothy Sterling and Alice Buckingham, were bridesmaids. They wore gowns of flowered chiffon, made with tulle overskirts and blue silk bodices, and hats of white tulle. Each carried a bouquet of larkspur and lupine. The bride wore a gown of white Japanese crepe meteor made with full court train embroidered in white roses. The front of the skirt was trimmed with flounces of point D'Alencon lace, which was worn by both the bride's mother and grandmother. Her tulle veil fell from a wreath of orange blossoms. Little Elizabeth Durham of Winnetka, niece of the bride, was flower girl. The marriage ceremony took place on the lawn at the edge of bluff; the bride and groom marching down a long aisle which was made up of white ribbons and baskets of blue and white flowers. The reception took place in the beautiful rose garden, and informal dancing on the tennis court. Refreshments were served in a tent which was decorated with pink peonies. Mr. and Mrs. Sweetser went east for their wedding trip. They will be at home after July first at 201 Puritan Road, Fox Hills, L. I.

Mrs. George Zahnle of W. Park Ave. entertained eleven guests on Thursday afternoon in compliment to Miss Cornelia Barlow of Delevan, Wis., who was the guest of Mrs. John Reese. Sewing and a gay, social time with refreshments served on the front porch, passed the afternoon pleasantly. Music was furnished by an Edison Diamond point victrola, which greatly pleased the guests. House decorations were of the beautiful pink and white peonies.

Mrs. Margaret Mellum of Grand Forks, N. D., announces the marriage of her daughter Julia to Mr. Lyle Bittinger formerly of this city. The ceremony took place Wednesday, June sixteenth at Grand Forks, N. D. After September twentieth Mr. and Mrs. Bittinger will be at home at Grand Forks.

Mr. Charles Brown of Webster Ave. celebrated his seventy-second birthday on Sunday when he entertained his children and grandchildren at a six o'clock supper.

Mrs. W. C. Egan on Wednesday afternoon entertained a few intimate friends of Miss Cornelia Barlow of Delevan, Wis., former teacher of the first grade of Elm Place school at luncheon. Miss Barlow came to attend the Old Settlers meeting of the D. A. R. The guests were shown beautiful colored photographs of the Egan grounds which are noted for its beauty, taken at the time when the various varieties of flowers were most beautiful, they were later shown around the grounds.

Miss Dorothy Loudon entertained twenty guests at luncheon and bridge on Thursday at the Exmoor Club. The honored guests were Miss Dorothy Schofield, Mesdames Merrill Follansbee, George Nelson, John Briggs and Frank Wymond. The decorations were pink peonies.

Adelaide, Buddie and Russell Reese man attended a very pretty birthday Bo-Peep party on Saturday afternoon at the home of their cousin, Mary Adelaide Haungs of Chicago. The children had just stacks of fun hunting the little toy sheep which were hidden about the lawn, flower beds and shrubbery. Decorations and favors were all beautifully carried out in the pink and white color scheme.

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The O. H. B. club of the United Evangelical Church entertained the Sunshine Circle at a beach party on Monday evening. Forty guests enjoyed the pleasant evening on the beach.

Miss Catherine Cushing was hostess on Saturday evening at a dinner party at the Moraine Hotel in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John DeMuth of Evanston. Twenty-two guests enjoyed the dinner party which was followed by dancing at Exmoor Club.

The marriage of Miss Caryl Cody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Cody of Chicago, and Mr. Carl Pfanstiel, formerly of this city, now of North Chicago, will take place at the home of the bride's grandmother in Chicago this evening. After an extended trip to New York, New Orleans and the Pacific coast, the young couple will reside at the new home just finished for them on Woodpath Ave.

Thirty-five young people enjoyed a very gay party at the B. W. Schumacher home on Monday evening with Miss Elizabeth Schumacher as hostess. The guests came dressed to represent some well known book. Very unique and interesting costumes were in evidence. Refreshments and games passed the evening in a pleasant way.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sholes of Morgan Park, announce the marriage of their daughter, Louise Poole to Oliver F. Schaefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schaefer of 439 S. Sheridan Rd., which took place this morning at Grace Episcopal Church, Chicago at ten-thirty with only the immediate family and a few intimate friends present. Rev. Otis of Chicago, read the ceremony.

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turritt of N. Second St., the latter being formerly Miss Alice Warner, entertained ten guests at a one o'clock luncheon. The table was very attractive with a center piece of yellow daisies, the decorations throughout being yellow.

Mrs. Charles Edwin Woodruff of Ravinia has cards out for a tea from three to six o'clock for Saturday, June twenty-sixth. Her daughters, Mrs. A. E. Goodhue of Philadelphia and Miss Madelyn Woodruff, with their mother, will receive.

Those who entertained for Mrs. Luella Wadsworth of Washington, D. C., who has recently been the guest of Mrs. John Irwin Marshall were: Mrs. George Mason, who entertained eight guests at luncheon and bridge on Wednesday; Mrs. Fraker of Chicago, who entertained twelve guests at luncheon on Friday, and John Irwin Mrs. Marshall, who entertained on Thursday for twelve guests at luncheon and bridge.

The Reading class will meet Friday morning at the home of Mrs. J. W. Prindiville on E. Laurel Ave.

Mesdames George Mason and J. W. Prindiville are hostesses at Exmoor today at the weekly luncheon and bridge party.

One of the jolliest entertainments of the season was the birthday surprise given for Mr. John Irwin Marshall on Saturday evening with Mrs. Marshall as hostess. Forty-four guests enjoyed two men professionals from the Majestic Theatre, who played and sang character songs. A Dutch supper was served at eleven-thirty. The nicest part of the affair was that Mr. Marshall was completely surprised which pleased all the guests. The house was pretty with the peonies and syringas which added a great deal to the festivity of the occasion.

Miss Valencia Rafferty entertained eight guests at a dinner party on yesterday evening in compliment to her cousin, Cadet Wayne Clark, who is on furlough from West Point and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin Marshall.

Mrs. J. W. Prindiville entertained sixteen guests at luncheon on Tuesday. All present were enthusiastic workers for the bazaar to be given at the Trinity Parish House on the twenty-third of November.

Sarah Daggitt and Cornelia Bock entertained ten of their friends at a picnic luncheon on the beach on Tuesday. The affair was in honor of Miss Mildred Ballinger, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. A. Daggitt all winter and who returns to her home in Benton Harbor, Mich. today.

Miss Nettie Moon entertained at an apron shower on Tuesday evening for Miss Ora Hardy, whose marriage to Dr. Earl Fritsch will take place Tuesday, June 29th.

Mrs. W. W. Clark of Deerfield, formerly Miss Alice Brand of this city, entertained the Thimble Club of Highland Park at her home Tuesday evening.

**PEACE COLUMN
by ADELINE L. ATWATER**

"I confess that I dream of the day when an English statesman shall rise with a heart too large for England, having courage in the face of his countrymen to assert of some suggested policy: 'This is good for your trade; this is necessary for your domination; but it will vex a people hard by; it will hurt a people further off; it will profit nothing to the general humanity; therefore, away with it! It is not for you or for me.' When a British Minister dares speak so, and when a British public applauds him speaking, then shall the nation be glorious, and her praise, instead of exploding from within, from loud civic mouths, come to her from without, as all worthy praise must—from the alliances she has fostered, and the peoples she has saved."

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
A week ago it was our privilege to attend a luncheon given in honor of Mr.

Louis F. Lochner, secretary of the Chicago Peace Society. Mr. Lochner has just returned from the Hague where he attended the International Congress of Women as a reporter. While abroad he inspected many concentration and refugee camps, and conferred with the leading statesman of Europe.

This first hand information coming to us at the present time was very rare and interesting, so we will endeavor to pass some of it on to you.

Mr. Lochner spoke in detail of the Congress, which we will not take time to report, except this one item of interest; the meetings were all carried on smoothly and without friction, which fact though partly due to the wonderful leadership of our own Miss Addams nevertheless seems quite remarkable considering the sensitized feelings of the many nationalities of women assembled there. In spite of this, Mr. Lochner said that on each of the four mornings that the Congress was in session, the reporters would come to him asking if this was the day "the big row was to be pulled off." When on the last day nothing of the sort had happened, the reporters feeling disappointed at being cheated out of a "good story" put their heads together and agreed upon a certain tale of how the women had quarreled and fought among themselves, enlarged on it and published it to the entire world.

Think of it—no comment necessary! Although most of the women had lost many of their dear ones in the terrible war, there seemed no mourning for personal misfortunes, but rather for the sorrows of the women of the world.

Everywhere the delegates went, they were greeted with the same pathetic prayer, "Ladies for God's sake make peace." Mr. Lochner was impressed with the fact that the people everywhere are sick and tired of the war—they do not want it and never did—but each country is suspicious of the other, and sure that it would not be in this terrible predicament but for the other.

There are many peace societies in the different countries, the platforms of all having a universal basis. The thing to be accomplished now that the world is shocked into the consciousness of such dire need, is the international uniting of these peace forces. There seems to be an agreement all over the world that the present state craft is antiquated, and there is a desire to find out what is the matter, so that in the future the constructive forces of peace will be more effective. These societies agree that when the final peace settlement does come, unofficial representatives should be present at the meetings of the diplomats, so that the official world may know how the plebs feel about matters.

Child like faith in the United States is manifest everywhere, the gratitude of the Belgians being most touching. If they only knew how, if somebody would only point out the way, all the nations would be glad to stop the war. This fact is illustrated by the delegation of women to the various capitals of Europe, being received by the crowned head himself or his prime minister. They all rather expect a peace plan to originate in America, the United States being the largest of the neutral countries.

However if the United States enlarges her army and navy, we will lose all chance of being mediary, as Europe will naturally become suspicious of us and wonder why we enlarge our powers of destruction when they are all down.

Did you hear what Miss Jane Addams said before going to the vatican?

"None of the warring governments is willing to propose peace conditions because each is afraid of being suspected of weakness. But all are sick of war's ghastly spectacle and have said that they would be willing to listen to any neutral country that would suggest one solution after another until some plan satisfactory to all be reached. We do not expect the combatants to lay down their arms because of our mission, but we wish to pave the way for future arbitration."

While abroad Mr. Lochner received an invitation to speak before a society called "The New Fatherland" in Berlin. He thought it would be rather a hazardous undertaking as the subject assigned him was "Why is Germany so unpopular in the United States? Nothing daunted, however, he went and was pleased to find that one of the objects of the organization was to find a basis for lasting peace. It seems there is a conflict going on today in Germany between two parties; the loud blatant military party that dictates to the papers what to publish, and the peaceful, loving people. This is very encouraging as it shows the modern trend of thought even in militant Germany.

In these trying days of strained relations between the United States and Germany we must not become hysterical but wait patiently until Von Bernstorff's envoy returns. The news Germany receives from us is unreliable owing to the fact that most of the cables are cut, and it is impossible to receive correct news through the one in use. They do not understand our view point and we do not understand theirs, so that verbal explanations are the only satisfactory ones at present.

In the words of John T. McCutcheon published in the Chicago Sunday Tribune: "From prejudice, bitterness, unkindness, deliver me. Make me charitable in thought slow to condemn, and may my heart and soul be free of the poison of malice, intolerance, bigotry and hate. Amen." And let us with the good humor that refuses to be nettled avert that terror of terrors—war.



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