

Mrs. Stone Too Busy For More Novels Now

Sails March 1 for Paris, Where Husband Will Serve as Naval Attache, But Will Have No Time for Writing in a Garret

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A REST CURE from writing is what novelist Grace Zaring Stone (Mrs. Ellis Stone) prescribed for herself some time ago. It was pleasant, she has continued it—to the amazement of her friends and

the consternation of her reading public which enjoyed "The Bitter Tea of General Yen" and "The Cold Journey" and has been impatiently waiting another novel from her pen.

Just when she expects to resume literary activity and turn out another novel, she will not say. "There's too much else to do now," she averred yesterday. She and Capt. Stone are guests of Capt. and Mrs. W. R. Munroe and will remain in Washington until the end of the week when they will be off to New York for a brief stay before sailing for France on March 1.

Since she joined her husband here a few days ago, they have been entertained at continual round of parties and the calendar from now right up to the minute



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they leave is jammed with engagements. This evening, however, she will take time out from being feted to attend the Mardi Gras ball of the Navy Relief Society at the Sail Loft, going there after a dinner planned for them.

As you know, Capt. Stone is going to Paris to assume his duties as Naval Attache at our Embassy there. The Stones have lived at a number of points around the world—including Java, China, New Zealand, Australia and Mexico—and Paris will not be new to them "but it will be interesting," Mrs. Stone said.

Her writing activity since publication of "The Cold Journey" in 1921 has been restricted chiefly to short stories. She declines to divulge whether she has another novel in mind; but chances are, she has. Anyway, I remember an interview I had with her several years ago when she said there had been many times she wished she "could retire to a secluded attic in Paris and lead the proverbial writer's existence—drinking coffee and writing all night by the guttering glow of a candle and having a whole chapter finished by dawn each morning." But now that she's on her way to Paris, the chance of a garret existence is just as remote as ever. As the wife of a naval attache, she will find social duties taking up much of her time. Anyway, though she is making no promises, we're still hoping that sooner or later she will get back to writing novels.

TRAVEL NOTES: Some people have all the fun. Take Mrs. Dore Richberg; for example. She's now completing plans for a trip that makes all of us purple with envy. On Sunday she will be off to San Antonio, Tex., to join her husband (he's now on a business trip to San Francisco), and from there they will go to Mexico City for a stay that "may be a week, or may be a month." Anyway, there'll be a flock of "farewell" parties for popular Mrs. Richberg, among them luncheon to be given Thursday by Mrs. Arthur Henning.

Mrs. Edward C. Moran, jr., wife of the maritime commissioner, will leave Friday for New York and will sail from there Saturday on the *Exochorda* for a Mediterranean cruise. Her itinerary calls for stops over in France, Italy, Greece and Egypt and includes a trip through the Holy Land. She will return to Washington April 12.

MORE TRIPPING TRIVIA: Speaking of going places—Barbara Bolling and Adele Bunker haven't yet sailed for Europe. For first or second reason then three, their start has been delayed several times. But no plans are definitely set for departure on the *Ile de France* Thursday. They will spend much time in Moscow with Miss Bunker's mother, Signora Rosso, but they also will make quite a tour of central and southern Europe before returning in mid-summer.

Business instead of pleasure will take Dr. Henry F. Grady on a quick trip to Europe early next month. As American member of the Economic Committee of the League of Nations, he will sail for Geneva, March 1. A couple of days earlier he and Mrs. Grady will go to New York, but she will not accompany him abroad. He expects to return to Washington on the latter part of March or early in April.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Grady also is completing some travel plans. She will be off early next month for Missouri where she is scheduled to make a couple of speeches. And, incidentally, when it comes to speeches, Lucretia Del Valle Grady is tops.

RECENT ARRIVALS: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert May, who divide the time between this country and Geneva, arrived in Washington last night after a vacation at White Sulphur, W. Va. Their visit here will be brief (they are leaving Friday) but they will be widely entertained during their stay. Mr. May is a member of both international committees on opium and also has worked as adviser on the Evian committee on refugees. Among parties being planned for them is a dinner to be given tomorrow evening by Mrs. Howell Moorhead whose other guests also will be notables who have "seen service" in various capacities at Geneva. Included in the company will be Clarence Streit, formerly New York Times correspondent at Geneva, whose book, "Unic Now," has just been published.

PARTY PLANS: Mme. Ertegun has invitations out for a luncheon next Tuesday. . . . Mrs. D. Worth Clark will entertain at a similar event March 2. . . . Representative and Mrs. Harry Coffee will give dinner this evening at the Shoreham Hotel. . . . Mrs. John Gregg will be hostess at a tea next Tuesday. . . . Mrs. Robert Goodale will entertain at a small cocktail party this afternoon in her Georgetown home. . . . Mrs. Carroll L. Stewart has issued invitations for a dinner on March

Brejskas Are Hosts At Dinner Party

The Counselor of the Czechoslovakian Legation and Mme. Brejska were hosts at dinner last evening.

They will entertain again at a buffet supper tomorrow evening, when their guests will include members of the official, diplomatic and residential circles.

De Gramonts Guests Of Alaric Jacobs Here

Mr. and Mrs. Alaric Jacob entertained at dinner last evening in the Pall Mall room at the Raleigh Hotel.

Their guests were Countess de Gramont, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hurd, Miss No Magee and Denys Smith.