

The President's Daughter

Washington, May 5.—The suitors for the hand of little Miss Alice Roosevelt, the winsome daughter of the President of the United States, bid fair to become as numerous as the woovers of Penelope. Ever since the Kaiser did her the honor of choosing her to baptize his imperial yacht and sent his brother, Prince Henry over to assist at the ceremony, and incidentally to be particularly gallant to this charming little woman, interest in the young lady has been aroused from one end of the country to the other, and notably so in the cases of a dozen or so young men. In the list of admirers of Miss Roosevelt, who have been conspicuous in their attentions to her ladyship this past season, the infatuation of Mr. Charles C. Wauters, Counselor to the Belgian Legation at Washington and Charge d'Affaires in the absence of the minister, has been most noticeable. For not only is he most constant in dancing attendance upon the President's daughter in the capital, but he even followed her to Cuba, when she left for a short visit to the land of her father's triumph, and in Cuba, as in the capital, he has been a most adroit cavalier.

But in the immediate background there lurks a rival, and to many people it looks as if there was a very pretty romance growing out of little Theodore Jr.'s illness at school, for it was there Mr. Grafton Cushing of Boston, who was at Groton during little Miss Roosevelt's vigil by her brother's bedside, met her often, drove with her and walked with her, and whiled away many of her dreary hours in the cold, bleak place. From this comradeship a rare and delightful friendship, if not something deeper, has sprung up. Mr. Cushing since then has visited Washington, been a guest at the White House and renewed the charm of Miss Roosevelt's propinquity and his acquaintance begun in the snows of New England.

As for Miss Alice herself, it is only fair to say she has expressed no open preference for the Belgian or the Bostonian. But of the deep admiration of these two young men in question there is no doubt. Mr. Charles C. Wauters, the Counselor to the Belgian Legation, was introduced to Miss Roosevelt at the Charity Ball early in January. This was a very fashionable ball and had a superb setting at the New Willard, Washington's Waldorf-Astoria.

The little Miss Alice, however, who in a way represents her family at many affairs, was at this ball in her very dainty coming-out gown, and was chaperoned by Captain and Mrs. Cowles. The prettiest table was reserved for the fair representative from the White House, and a happy party of the favored young beaux and belles were with her. She was escorted to supper by her uncle, Captain Cowles. Mr. Charles Wauters happened to be one of the guests who sat at her table. Here it was that his infatuation began.

The dashing Belgian diplomat came to his post at Washington from Spain and the appointment was in the nature of a promotion. He is a bright, tactful and in the next move on Belgium's checkerboard of state, he is likely to become a minister.

During the absence of Baron Moncheur, in Mexico, whether he went to fetch home his bride, and while on his wedding trip to California, Wauters was Charge d'Affaires of Belgium. He is very intellectual, passionately fond of music, sings charmingly himself, and has all the little elegances of the polished European. He is, too, good looking—tall and slender—and extremely popular with his colleagues in the diplomatic corps and in society.

He wears a monocle and speaks six different languages—French, Russian, Italian, Spanish, German and English. He sings, too, in all of them. Now, a dashing diplomat who can speak, sing and make love in six languages is a formidable host that rivals must needs reckon with.

A DIPLOMAT'S ARDENT COURTSHIP.

His admiration for the little daughter of the president developed so suddenly into an exceeding fondness that he followed her to Cuba, when chaperoned by Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale, the daughter of the late secretary of state, James G. Blaine. Miss Alice was allowed to make an excursion to the scenes of her father's glories, to atone for her natural disappointment in not being permitted to attend the coronation of King Edward. Young Wauters, like the daughter of the president, was delightfully entertained in Cuba—entertained and shown over all the wonders of the island. Together he and Miss Alice went over the field of the fight of San Juan. And what

more propitious situation could a lover ask than that?

Then, as the scene changed from the land of palms to the city of lilacs, somehow or other the lucky diplomat and the president's daughter were quite constantly thrown together. Alice Roosevelt rides horseback, and many times is she accompanied on her excursions in and about the capital by the young Belgian. At none of the musicales at the White House during the season—and there have been several—has he missed a chance of enjoying the music and Miss Alice at the same time. He is invited to the state dinners at the executive mansion, and is bidden to dine with the Roosevelt family when they are alone. And not only is he intimate with the president's family, but he has many tastes in common with the president's wife, whom he makes no secret of admiring immensely. During the visit of Prince Henry, when the pressure was so great upon the presidential family for a share in the festivities, Charles Wauters was conspicuously noted as among those particularly favored, and when the fair Alice christened the Meteor, her Belgian admirer took no pains to conceal his delight at her's over the baptism, and his associates marked it as significant at the time that every detail of the episode was keenly interesting to him.

THR RIVALS FOR LITTLE MISS ALICE.

The time has passed most delightfully for Miss Roosevelt this winter, and now spring is here and soon the long Washington holidays. Mr. Wauters is going abroad to be gone till autumn, and he has planned his vacation to begin at the time when the president and his family move to Oyster Bay for the summer. But whatever he did he would be separated from Miss Alice. He will be back in Washington in the early fall—and the wisecracks predict that his return will tally to a day almost with the coming back of the Roosevelt household.

And those who have watched the progress of the Belgian's wooing, and know of the attentions of Mr. Grafton Cushing are wondering if the Bostonian will grasp his opportunity. For Miss Roosevelt has many friends about Boston's summer suburbs, who are friends likewise of Mr. Cushing, and jaunts to Newport, to Nahant, or to Bar Harbor, at any one of which places Miss Roosevelt is very likely to be, are most convenient from Boston. As a coign of vantage Boston this summer season is certainly immeasurably superior to Belgium.

It is quite evident that the handsome young Bostonian, who has never before paid attention to any one woman, has been hard hit, for he came to Washington soon after Miss Roosevelt left Groton, and did not even make a pretense of coming on business.

He was a guest at the White House and he and Miss Roosevelt went often walking in the sunshine of the capital, both very much wrapped up in each other's conversation.

And he, too, was dined by the Roosevelts, and permitted to call and renew his acquaintance with "sweet Alice," begun in such a tender sorrow at the sick bed of her little brother. But his little visit was of necessity brief, while his Belgian rival had all the advantages of propinquity, and the romantic accompaniment of Washington bursting into spring. Now, Mr. Cushing will have summertime, with all the aids of fields and woods and seas and four full moons to dim any impression the ardent subject of King Leopold may have left behind him.

Grafton Dulany Cushing is a youth that Boston has come to be proud of. He is one of the smartest men in Boston society, and has been famous for his dignified and polite indifference toward women.—San Francisco Examiner.

Travels Far to Wed.

Seattle, May 23.—M. John, a prominent member of the Greek colony of Seattle, and Miss Katarine Maravelia, a fair daughter of Greece, were the principals in a romantic courtship and marriage at the Greek Orthodox Church last Monday evening. The bride came all the way from Lercos, Greece, a forty days' journey, without ever having seen the prospective groom, it having been arranged that he should bring her over here and that then if each suited the other the marriage was to follow.

The courtship was not of that prosaic order of these times. John had a man named Nicolas Maravelia working for him several months ago, and Nicolas often spoke of the beautiful sister he had back in the motherland, resulting in John's becoming interested in the little Greek maiden.

What was easier than to enclose a little note in with one of Nicolas' letters home? And thus it came about that Katharine and John began corresponding. It was a case of love before first sight, and the love letters came and went with almost every mail, until it was at last agreed that marriage was the only solution of the problem.

Here, however, the couple showed their good sense. Each had never seen the other, so in order that there might be no life-long regrets on either side, it was agreed that Katarine should come a week ahead of the time set for the wedding; then, should either party find the other not as expected, that one should have the right to call the marriage off.

Katarine then started, and after forty days of the most wearisome travel she arrived over the Canadian Pacific from the east Saturday, May 10. John and some twenty-five friends and relatives of himself and the girl were at the depot to meet her. John says that the minute he set eyes on her he saw that she far exceeded his most fond dreams of a Grecian goddess, and she, well, she blushing admits that she could hardly wait the nine long days from her arrival until the wedding day.

The wedding was a pretty affair. The Greek Orthodox Church was prettily decorated for the occasion and was filled with friends of the contracting parties. Just at 6 o'clock the bride and groom, attended by Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholas, walked up the aisle to the altar, where Rev. Alexandrof made Katarine and John man and wife. Then followed a reception and dinner at the home of the newly wedded couple at 1104 Powell street, which the groom had prettily furnished long before Katarine's arrival. Open house was kept Tuesday and many friends came to congratulate the couple and wish them the best of good luck.

Another Indian Outrage

Seattle, May 23.—The black-ball liner Dirigo, which reached port this morning, brought advices of another strange case of Indian superstition and cruelty in the native village at Klukwan, strangely parallel to the one recorded some months ago, when a boy was buried alive because, as the witch doctors said, "he was filled with devils."

In the last incident the boy was taken in charge by the witch doctors or medicine men, who alleged that evil spirits had taken possession of his body. In order to rid him of the malignant influence they tortured him in a most fiendish manner and would doubtless have killed the unfortunate victim of their cruel practice had not several white men rescued him at the point of a pistol.

One of the head men of the tribe suddenly fell ill and claimed he had been bewitched by the boy. The other Indians readily accepted this statement and the youth was made a prisoner. He denied the senseless charges, but the medicine men thought otherwise and took a revolting method of removing the "witch influence." They led the lad to the hut where the sick Indian lay and held him over pots of boiling water, at the same time using devil's clubs filled with sharp, painful prongs, on his bare flesh. Under this torture the victim fainted many times, finally becoming unconscious.

The sick Indian did not seem to recover and the boy, who had been revived, was tied up by the head and

neck with ropes. He was afterwards placed in a hole dug underneath the floor of the hut without food and water for four days. Finally he was missed and rumors of the terrible doings reached the ears of a party of whites. They compelled the medicine men to release the youth at the points of revolvers, and took him to Haines Mission for treatment. It was said, however, that he would die.

Body Found.

On the night of Oct. 19th last, a man named Ernest Williams, but commonly called the "Skagway Kid" fell into the river from a scow at the W. P. & Y. docks at Whitehorse. When Williams went overboard one of his fellow laborers tried to catch him with a boat hook and succeeded in fastening the boat hook in his clothing, but the current was strong; the cloth gave way and the unfortunate man was soon carried out of sight. Various reasons were assigned at the time as to the cause of Williams going overboard, but the most plausible seems to have been that he fell in a fit, as he made no struggle nor outcry whatever after striking the water.

Last Sunday afternoon Capt. W. Langley and Purser A. J. Engvik of the steamer Wilbur Crimmin went down the river in a small boat and when about four miles below Whitehorse discovered Williams' body on a sand bar. It was in an advanced state of decomposition, the face badly mutilated and one hand entirely missing. The two men placed the corpse in the boat and brought it to town where it was taken charge of by the N.W.M.P. and after an inquest was buried Monday afternoon in the Whitehorse cemetery.—Whitehorse Star, May 21.

Changed His Plea.

Zenon Bertrand, who last week pleaded guilty before Mr. Justice Craig to having committed a crime against nature on Dominion creek on the night of May 14th, was in Mr. Justice Dugas' court this morning, Justice Craig being busy, with a permit from the latter to withdraw his plea of guilty and enter one of not guilty.

As it will be necessary to procure witnesses from Dominion no date was fixed for the trial. Regarding the matter of granting the prisoner bail, the crown prosecutor stated that he had read over the evidence adduced before the committing magistrate and it was not sufficiently strong to justify his objecting to the prisoner being released on bail. The court stated that two sureties in \$500 each and the prisoner in \$1000 would be sufficient. The sureties were furnished and Bertrand is now basking in the sunlight of heaven. Bertrand gave as his reason for having entered a plea of guilty that he had been advised so to do by an officer. He does not speak other than the French language.

Cabinet Resigns.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Paris, June 3.—Premier Waldeck Rousseau's cabinet has resigned. President Loubet accepting with deep regret.

Getting Ready.

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