

### Royal Betrothal

#### FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Princess Mary and her betrothed appeared together in public on Thursday last Dec. 1st, says the Glasgow Herald of Dec. 2nd for the first time since the announcement of their betrothal. Accompanied by the Queen, Princess Mary went to the Grosvenor Gardens, Mayfair, which presumably will be her future home, and lunched with Viscount Lascelles.

The party was a small one, comprising but four persons—Her Majesty, the Princess, Viscount Lascelles, and Lady Joan Verney (Lady Verney's daughter). The journey to Grosvenor Gardens was made by motor car, at various points her Majesty and the Princess were greeted by a large number of well-wishers. The Queen very considerably reduced the car's rate to be reduced in order to afford an opportunity for the onlookers to see Princess Mary.

The House swung back to admit her to the courtyard, a little group of bystanders raised their hats and bowed and Princess Mary's face was suffused with happy smiles.

There will be some weeks before Grosvenor House can be ready, but every effort will be made to speed up the work. In the library there is a magnificent carpet, which experts value at £12,000. The library is one of the most beautiful rooms in London, with a ceiling decorated with designs of great dates of the eighteenth century.

The Engagement Ring. The luncheon Princess Mary wore engagement ring given to her by her father, which is a single-stone emerald.

After luncheon the royal ladies and Viscount Lascelles motored to Buckingham Palace, arriving shortly after 1 o'clock.

Just before 2.30 they left the Palace for a drive in the West End, and on this occasion an open carriage was used. It was drawn by two of the best horses in the Mall.

At Hyde Park Corner a crowd had gathered, and respectfully greeted the Queen and the Princess as they drove by. The Queen occupied the rear seat facing the horses, with Princess Mary on her left, and Viscount Lascelles on the opposite side facing them. Outside the Palace gates a considerable crowd had collected. It was composed largely of ladies. There was cheering, but for the most part the demonstration was confined to the waving of handkerchiefs by ladies in the crowd. These were seen to

shoots of "Good luck." "Every happiness," and the like. The Queen constantly bowed and smiled in acknowledgment, while her daughter, although extremely happy and gratified, was a little self-conscious. Viscount Lascelles was kept so busy in acknowledging the salutations of the crowd that he may be said to have made a great part of the journey bare-headed.

At one part of the route a lady attempted to throw a bunch of violets to the bride-elect. Her intention was better than her aim, and the pony of flowers went much nearer to hitting the prospective bridegroom in the face than to reach their intended destination. Viscount Lascelles attempted to recall the flowers for his fiancée, but the holding was not more successful than the throw, and they dropped into the roadway.

Princess Mary's afternoon drive was, it is understood, the happy idea of the Queen herself, in consequence of the evidences outside the Palace of the great public interest displayed in the Royal betrothal. The drive may therefore be regarded as a sort of informal presentation of the Princess and her fiancée to the people of London.

#### The Wedding.

Invitations are to be issued to several European Monarchs to attend the wedding, which, it may now be taken for granted, will take place in Westminster Abbey towards the end of February. These may include the Kings of Spain, Norway, Italy, Denmark, and Sweden, with King Albert of the Belgians as the sixth. The first two are, of course, intimately connected with our own Royal Family by marriage, and are regarded as being almost certain to be present with their Consorts.

The subsequent wedding reception is to be held in the historic Palace of St. James's, as was the case when both Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught and Lady Patricia and Captain Ramsey were married. This will be one of the most notable functions that have ever taken place in the old Palace, and the whole of the interior is likely to be overhauled, and to some extent rearranged, in order to render it of greater convenience.

Queen Alexandra hopes to give a small luncheon party at Marlborough House to celebrate the betrothal. It is revealing no secret to state that Queen Alexandra proposes to present Princess Mary with a handsome portion of her wonderful collection of jewellery upon the occasion of her marriage.

Already Viscount Lascelles has begun to seek for a suitable country residence for his Royal bride, and his choice in this direction is likely to be somewhat limited by reason of the fact that the Queen has expressed the

### Girl Chokes Boy.

An unusual murder of a coloured boy, aged three, led to the native girl who killed him being charged with the capital offence, but the Judge at the Grimsland West Criminal Sessions remarked that the child would not be able to distinguish good from evil like a European of her age, and she was accordingly found not guilty and discharged. It was alleged that the girl had caused the death of the native boy near Vryberg. Witness stated that she was left in a hut in charge of other native children.

Two small boys said that they saw her with the deceased on the ground between her knees pouring sand in his mouth with one hand and ramming it down with a stick held in the other. The boys spoke to her, but she said it did not matter. To a boy who asked her what she was doing she said—"I am doing as I like. My people are not at home." The boy asked her if she was not afraid she would kill the child, and she replied—"You have got nothing to do with what I do to him." When the little victim was released he got up and staggered about, but later died as a result of suffocation by the sand. The prisoner, a very small girl, looked no more than about seven, and she was said by her father to be seven and a half, although her age was given in the charge as nine. It was explained that in law up to seven a child was incapable of forming a criminal intention, and, as stated, the prisoner was found not guilty and discharged.

### Prince Wins a Bet.

The formal betrothal of Princess Mary enables, incidentally, the Prince of Wales to win a modest bet he made some time ago with a very well known Peer. It was shortly after His Royal Highness returned from his tour of Australia and New Zealand, when many rumours respecting his matrimonial future were in the air, and brides were being found for him almost daily. The Peer in question asked Prince what truth there was in these reports, and His Royal Highness disclaimed any idea of an early marriage. After some discussion the Prince laughingly offered to bet that his sister was married long before either himself or any of his brothers, and this was duly accepted, with the result that the Prince is now the winner.

### Here and There.

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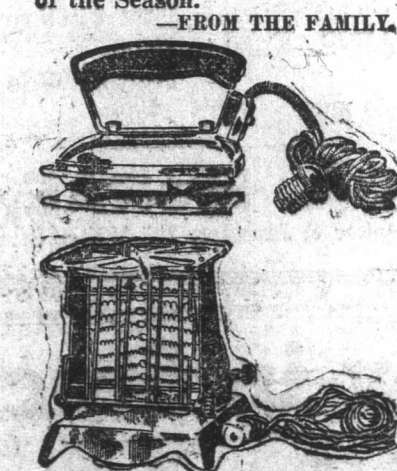
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