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## ST. JOHN INTEREST IN WEDDING IN LONDON SOCIETY

Marriage of Miss Paula Gellibrand and Marquis de Casa Maury

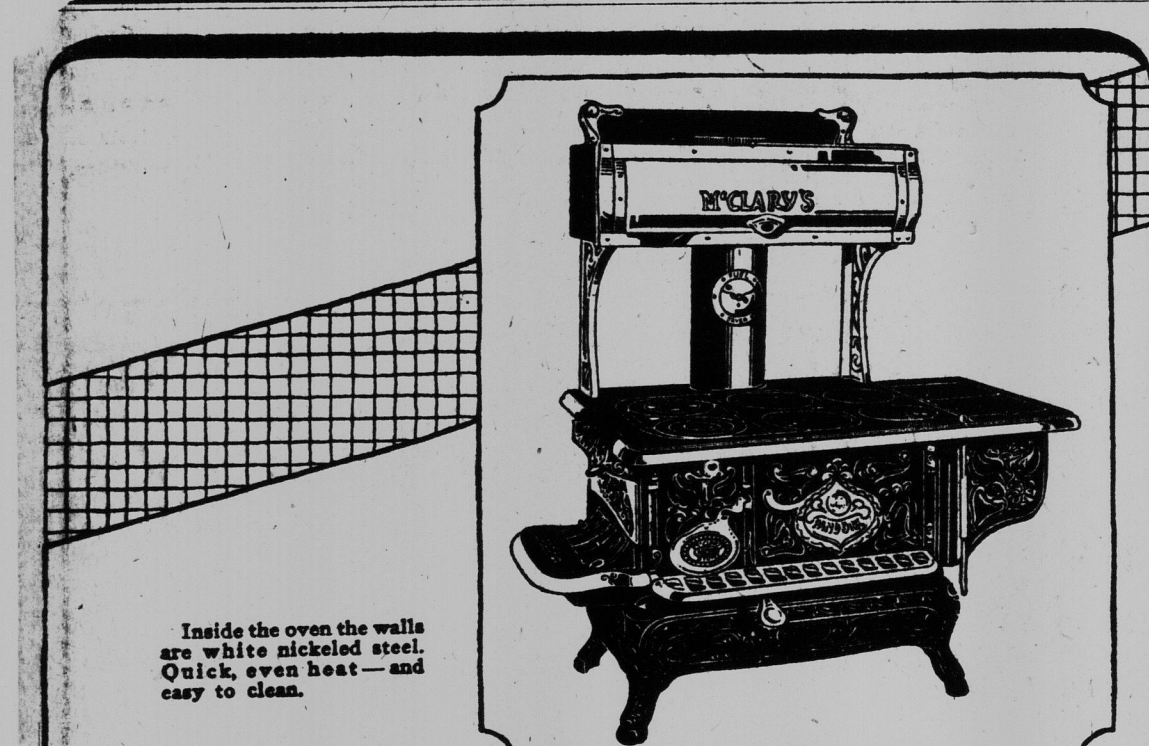
Dope Ring's Grip on London—Spoiling the Prince of Wales' Hunting Season—News Topics in Empire Metropolis.

(From our own Correspondent)  
London, March 22.—The young Marquis de Casa Maury, a sophisticated looking foreign nobleman, led this week to the altar in St. James', Spanish Place, the prettiest girl in London. Such titles as this are commonly descriptive of the young Marquis de Casa Maury, who is the acknowledged belle of Mayfair. It was a very smart wedding, although the Roman Catholic ritual required the draping of the altar ornaments in black for a Lent ceremony. The Countess of Birkenhead, who almost rivals Mrs. Asquith as a fashionable grande dame of politics, was one of the smartest women there. The bride looked very beautiful in her wedding attire—in an old-world Botticelli style—and was filmed outside the church. She has figured in the movies as a society star, and also acted as a mannequin at the Baroness d'Erlanger's Brompton road establishment.

The bride is a granddaughter of the late Senator Dever of St. John.

**The Dope Drama.**  
The sentence of six months' imprisonment and £200 fine on a prosperous city hardware merchant represents many months of close and exciting work by the smartest men and women associated with Scotland Yard's C. I. D. But Scotland Yard is aware, though the newspapers call this man "the Dope King," that he was not the only spider whose bloated energies directed

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horses, he complains that he has to pay a rather heavy penalty for his hobby. One disconcerting and irritating fact is the fuss invariably made about it, and the wide advertisement of his misfortunes, whenever he happens to take a spill. These little accidents are inseparable from the sport. Everybody has them occasionally, even the best riders that ever crossed a saddle.

But when these things happen to other people, unless they are really serious, nobody mentions them. If the Prince has the slightest mishap, England rings with it. But even more annoying to the Prince, I am told, is the way any pack he hunts with is immediately besieged by all sorts of folk. There is nothing snobbish in the Prince's attitude to this invasion. All the mobbishness is on the side of the social climbers who follow him around so pesteringly. They are not really hunting the fox at all, but pursuing the unfortunate Prince of Wales, who has the rhapsody of finding that his presence with a hunt speedily goes some way towards spoiling it and the sport, because your social climber is neither a good cross-country sportsman—or woman—at a rule, nor quite the sort of follower that the real hunting people hanker after. This explains why the Prince now dodges about, and keeps his movements as quiet as possible, so far as his hunting fancy is concerned.

**Strathmore Treasures.**  
In view of the approaching wedding of the Duke of York to the Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, peculiar interest attaches to a forthcoming London sale. One of the famous auctioneer firms is offering some extremely valuable, and historically interesting, old documents now in the possession of the Strathmore family. There is no comparison between the wealth of the Lascelles family, into which Princess Mary has married, and that of the Strathmores, whose ancient lineage is not associated with very immense riches.

**Razors for Convicts.**  
An experiment is being tried in a South Wales prison which sounds almost like a story from America's Sing Sing jail, but which may have some startling developments in future prison reforms. Instead of being clipped in the usual prison way, the convicts in this particular goal are being shaved. The razors are safety ones, of a good make, and were supplied as a gift by a well-known woman J. P. This lady was interested in prison reform, and suggested the experiment. Her theory was that, if the men felt clean and trim, their self-respect would be increased, with good results in prison discipline. The prison governor has reported an all-round improvement, and I understand it is quite likely the prison commissioners may recommend the reform as a matter of general practice.

Sigmar Carlo Pinoli, a West End restaurateur who at the age of 72 has married a Mayfair dressmaker who fell in love with his table d'hôte before he fell in love with her, ought to have a statue in Soho by and by. Few Carlo had many imitators, mostly of his own colony but, I think, no superior in his own line, and, though prices have soared since those golden days, he was really the first of the cheap

popular cafe proprietors whose name in Soho is now legion. Pinoli's restaurant is in Wardour Street, just off Leicester Square, and, twenty years ago, the suburban gourmet could dine there, on seven or eight amazing courses that included hors d'oeuvres and either a poulet or a widgeon, for what Mr. Tigg called "the comparatively trifling sum of eightpence." Signor you can still get "that second-hand Rolls Royce feeling"—quite inexpensively—in Wardour street.

**Cross Guns.**  
Sir Ian Hamilton has been praising the virtues of miniature rifle ranges. I wonder whether he knows the sporting uses to which the old miniature range in Fleet street prophetically established by a private venture as a commercial speculation just before the war was put by some of his beloved Gallipoli Anzacs? While they were training in this country a party of about twenty Anzac warriors used regularly to visit this place said to be the longest miniature range in London when they got up to town for a night. Some of them were great shots too. I recall one private who must have made a small fortune at it. He used to bet his comrades 5s. each on every shot he fired at the silhouette of an Anzac about as big as a large duck's egg and the conditions were onerous. He had to fire fifteen shots in sixty seconds. For every hole of the silhouette he paid 5s. all round. But each member of his large party paid him 5s. for every hole on it. His average the proprietor told me was no more than two or three misses out of the fifteen shots. Surely the Turks must have had word of that sniper if Sir Ian Hamilton did not.

**Who Was It?**  
Now that the rusty old political habit is buried and T. P. O'Connor combines the roles of father of the House of Commons and last of the Nationalist Movement, the party's parliamentary existence is ideal. He is a sort of friendly neutral to all parties and the amenities of the aristocratic club in Europe with full gusto. Recently he attended his first Speaker's dinner, those perennial festivities having been taboo in the old days for all Nationalists. T. P. notes that democratic etiquette now governs these dinner parties. It used to be court dress. Now it is ordinary evening dress except for ministers and if that is not extent "your Sunday best" will do. But the present speaker insists on court dress for ministers.

**Low Necks and High Degrees.**  
That Queen Mary should have broken with tradition to the extent of wearing a collarless blouse is regarded in society as what our most illustrious ex-premier calls "the limit." Ever since Queen Victoria's days the ladies of the royal family, obediently followed by a few die hard peeresses, have always worn high collars. It was de rigueur in the royal circle. Whatever the vagaries of fashion, and the modish omens of younger ladies and the smart set, this Victorian tradition held rigidly. There have been a few exceptions, of course, but the Queen of Spain, whose revolt against "frumpiness" the moment she was married and her own

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mistress, took on almost a fanatical aspect of extreme fashion. Now this last Victorian relic has gone. Queen Mary has surrendered at discretion. But who was the daring dressmaker who persuaded her?

**The Carlton.**  
Very soon the many distinguished members of the Carlton Club will have to avail themselves of hospitality offered elsewhere. The club is to be closed temporarily while the building is re-fitted. The famous edifice, erected in 1854, was designed by Sir Robert Smirke, and is an adaptation of Sansoni's library of St. Mark in Venice. In the dining-room is the portrait of Disraeli by Millais. A treasured piece of old furniture bears the inscription, "Lord Beaconsfield's chair" and Sargent's picture of Lord Balfour is not far away. It is appropriate that Lord Balfour should be such a prominent figure at the club. Its founder was the Duke of Wellington, grandfather to Lord Balfour, who was named Arthur after the famous soldier. It was a witty member of the Carlton who was responsible, years and years ago, for a joke which has since been attributed to many other people. Having lost his umbrella, he pinned a notice requesting its return by "the nobleman who had taken it." Called over the coat by the committee, the aggrieved one explained that as all the members of the club were either noblemen or gentlemen, the culprit must be a nobleman. No gentleman would have purloined the cherished gamp.

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