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ASTOR-HUNTINGTON WEDDING ON THURSDAY

Bride to be Presents a New Perfection in Type of the American Society Girl-- Comes From Sturdy and Athletic Stock --Young Astor is Now Head of the Family in America and Controls a Fortune of One Hundred Million Dollars

New York, April 28--Upon a tall, fair-haired girl of twenty years, raised in the country and loving it, knowing little of society but destined to know much more, the eyes of the fashionable world are centred just now. She is Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington, who this week is to become the bride of Vincent Astor, the head of the Astor family in America and the master of a fortune of nearly \$100,000,000.

The bride-to-be of Mr. Astor presents a new perfection in type of the American society girl, having enjoyed the advantages of having been born and brought up on a country estate, as do the girls of the best English families. From childhood Miss Huntington has led an out-of-door life. At sixteen she was sent to a private school at Dobb's Ferry, not a great way from her home on the Hudson. After the first winter at school came instructive tours of Europe with her parents, two winter seasons in this city, where the family lived at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and sojourns at the country homes of friends and relatives during the summer, spring or autumn.

Miss Huntington came from a sturdy and athletic stock and showed it as soon as she was able to run about. Her father, who was graduated from Yale in 1890, was tennis champion of his university and before she was ten years old Miss Huntington began to take an interest in the tennis courts. She also, like most other girls brought up at country homes, became proficient in swimming while scarcely more than a child and before she went away to the finishing school she was able to sail a sloop and to operate any motor craft, whether slow or swift. Since then she has on several occasions held the steering wheel of one or the other of Mr. Astor's swift hydroplanes, tearing up or down the Hudson River to the delight of those on trains or along the shore who may have been spectators. In learning to drive her own automobile, she was aided by Mr. Astor, who has a thorough knowledge of motor mechanism in all its branches.

The marriage next Thursday will unite two of New York's oldest and best known families. Miss Huntington's maternal grandfather was William B. Dinsmore, who died in 1888 in his seventy-eighth year, leaving a large fortune to his children. His estate at Staatsburg extended over

two thousand of the picturesque rolling acres between Staatsburg and Rhinebeck. Eventually about five hundred acres of the estate came to Mrs. Huntington and in the centre of that property, overlooking the Hudson, Hopeland House, a large three-story structure of red brick and sandstone of Elizabethan design, was erected a few years ago.

Vincent Astor represents the fifth generation from John Jacob Astor, the founder of the great Astor fortune. He was a student in Harvard University--where his father had been educated--when Colonel Astor met his heroic and tragic death in the sinking of the Titanic in the spring of 1912. On November 15 of that year he celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday and came into complete possession of the Astor estate. He did not return to Harvard to complete his course, but decided to devote himself to the management of his properties. Since then, except for short periods when he has found recreation on board his steam yachts and power boats, or at the family country places he has spent several hours each day in the offices of the Astor estate in West Twenty-sixth street.

Vincent Astor and his father were devoted, "more like chums than father and son," to use the words of a warm friend of each. It was logical, therefore, that he should follow in the footsteps of Colonel Astor in taking an active interest in civic matters and public movements. He was appointed to numerous public committees by the late Mayor Gaynor and has made it a rule to attend such committees by the late Mayor Gaynor details of important public celebrations or charitable movements have been involved.

Mr. Astor was born in the old home stead at Fifth Avenue and Thirty-fourth street, five months before his grandfather died and his father became head of the house. He was so frail a baby that only unremitting care kept him alive. His health improved as he grew to manhood, though even in recent years he has had several severe spells of illness and has never enjoyed what might be called rugged health. He normally looks more boyish than he is. He has his father's height but not his weight for forty pounds. He has not his breadth of shoulders by several inches and his father's strong will and determination shows only in the son's chin.

DEADLOCK OVER POLICE MAGISTRACY IS NOT YET BROKEN

The question of a successor to Police Magistrate Marsh has not yet been settled and if public opinion in this city counts for anything it will not be settled until it is settled right. There were rumors in circulation yesterday that a compromise had been arranged and that the office would go to City Clerk McCready and that Mr. Tennant would succeed the latter as City Clerk. There was another rumor in circulation that the position of Magistrate would go to Mr. Bidlake, in fact certain government henchmen were going about offering to bet money that he will land the job. As far as The Mail can learn from authoritative sources the matter stands just where it did on Friday last. Mr. Tennant has the support of Messrs Pinder and Morehouse, M. P. P.'s backed by a unanimous recommendation of the city council, while Mr. Bidlake is being backed by Messrs. Guthrie and Young, M. P. P.'s, the Tammany interests and the Gleaner group. Both sides have made recommendations to the government and Attorney General Clark has the matter under consideration.

The government is to meet again on May 5th and in all probability in

the meantime the supporters of Mr. Tennant who include the best element of the population, regardless of politics will take some action calculated to impress the government in his behalf. Attorney General Clarke, who is the head of the department of Justice and a fair minded man, must assume a share of the responsibility for appointments of this nature, and those who know him declare that once in possession of the facts he will not lend himself to a scheme hatched for the purpose of advancing the interests of a few self-seeking tanners.

From a political standpoint there is no question in regard to the merits of the two men recommended for the office. Mr. Tennant is a life long Conservative and stands well with all classes in the community. In regard to Mr. Bidlake he has not been identified with any political party to any marked extent and at the present time he is not even an elector of the County of York. He has been paid for any service which he may have rendered a political party. During the recent session he acted as assistant reporter of the Legislature.

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SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Premier Asquith promises to Deal with Case of Gun Runners

Describes It as a Grave Unprecedented Outrage--Troops Have Been Warned

London, Eng., April 27--"This grave and unprecedented outrage," was the term used by Premier Asquith today in reply to a question as to the gun-running exploit of the Ulster "Volunteers," which landed 40,000 rifles and 500,000 cartridges at various points in Ulster on Friday.

The premier said: "The House may rest assured that the government will take, without delay, proper steps to vindicate the authority of the law and to protect the officers and servants of the King and His Majesty's subjects in the exercise of their duties and in the enjoyment of their legal rights."

The premier spoke gravely, as though foreshadowing the taking of steps which possibly will entail a serious sequel.

The nature of the steps which Premier Asquith announced in parliament the government intended to take in Ulster is not yet known, except that Major-General C. F. N. MacReady of the adjutant-general's staff of the war department, has taken over the command of the police forces in the Belfast district.

No troops have yet been moved north from Dublin, although it is understood that certain regiments have been warned to hold themselves in readiness. Five warships arrived off the Larne, seventeen miles from Belfast, yesterday and tonight are playing searchlights on the town.

Rumors are again current that the government has issued warrants for the arrest of Sir Edward Carson and Captain James Craig, the Ulster leaders, but it is believed that they are unfounded.

The cabinet will hold another meeting tomorrow to make a final decision as to the course to be pursued in Ulster.

In addition to five small cruisers off Larne there are seven dreadnoughts at Lamlash, Scotland, within three hours' run of Belfast.

ICE WENT OUT DOING VERY LITTLE DAMAGE

Run Began Shortly Before Four O'clock Monday Afternoon--Mac-tacnacque Jam Broken

The ice in the St. John River at this point took its final move yesterday afternoon shortly before four o'clock. With some minor stoppages the run continued all night and there has been a little ice running today. Some large cakes of ice have hung upon the piers of the highway bridge at various times but did not check the run to any great extent.

A report by telephone this morning said that the Mac-tacnacque jam had broken and run out with little damage, the ice being much broken up before it jammed on the islands and intervals. However, the ice did considerable damage to barns and other buildings.

The ice-run was accompanied by several rises and falls of water. This afternoon the water is about two feet lower than it was at the highest point reached during the run.

The heaviest ice was that within a few miles of the highway bridge. It broke on the bridge-piers with a sound like thunder. Hundreds of people were attracted by the ice-run and thronged the bridge. Little damage was done along the water-front. Some boat-houses at Atherton's Slip were somewhat jammed and floating posts were carried off the wharf used last year by the Crystal Stream S. S. Line.

The river is now reported clear except for floating ice and the first steamer should arrive from St. John this week.

The river closed here on December 7, 1913, and opened April 27, 1914, making an average winter season.

The Situation in Mexico Is Looking Much Brighter

President Huerta Accepts the Offer of South American Republic to Mediate-- The Tenseness of the Situation at Washington Has Been Released--Villa and Carranza said to be at Loggerheads-- Many Refugees Arrive at Vera Cruz

Washington, April 27--The tenseness of the Mexican situation was distinctly relieved today as the representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, supported by pressure from all Latin-America and from all the foremost powers of Europe, concentrated their powers toward a pacific adjustment of the crisis.

The success of the first steps toward mediation--the prompt acceptance by the United States and the announcement of the Spanish ambassador that Huerta has accepted the tender of good offices--produced a feeling of distinct hope which was reflected not only in administration quarters, but in congress as well where "war talk" gave way to a spirit of conciliation.

Throughout the day the South American envoys who have undertaken the task of mediation held frequent conferences to arrange the preliminaries of procedure.

Meanwhile the navy and war departments were continuing their efforts to care for refugees, and perfecting the machinery of the army, and navy for any unexpected turn in events.

Secretary Daniels announced that he had telegraphed the full text of the mediation offer and its acceptance by the United States to both Rear Admirals Badger and Howard with instructions to have the commanders of all ships on the east and west coasts spread the news throughout Mexico. By this Mr. Daniels hopes the feeling toward Americans may be alleviated and refugees enabled to depart without molestations.

REFUGEES SAFE

Advices received through the British embassy told of the completion of arrangements for the safe departure of Americans from Mexico City while the French ambassador gave the state department a message he had received from the French legation stating that while there had been some anti-American manifestations in the Mexican capital, order now prevailed.

Secretary Bryan said he was able after receiving information through legations and embassies to say that no Americans had been killed or injured since the crisis of the last two weeks began, and that though many had been detained, efforts were now being made to obtain their release.

Order prevails in Vera Cruz. "Things look very much better now," said Secretary Daniels during the day. "We are getting Americans out of Mexico. That is the important thing now."

Secretary Bryan announced that the president's recent address to congress and the full text of the correspondence with Argentina, Brazil and Chile, had now reached all Central and South American capitals and that had it gotten to Montevideo, Uruguay, earlier, the anti-American demonstrations there would have been averted.

"The consensus of opinion in Latin America" said a statement from the Pan-American Union here tonight, "seems to be that this action of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile is in many respects the most significant and far-reaching event in the history of the American republics since the declaration of the Monroe Doctrine, and it is hoped that the press and people of the United States will try to curb the rising war spirit and give the mediating nations strong moral support in their efforts for peace."

While Secretary Bryan and government officials expressed a disinclination to discuss the mediation plan during its present stage, they said it had not reached the point of actual "proposals." The American government simply has formally expressed its willingness to listen to any plan of inter-mediation which the representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile may formulate.

STARS AND STRIPES OVER VERA CRUZ.

Vera Cruz, April 27--With all ceremony, the firing of a salute and dress parade the American flag was raised today over the division headquarters of Rear Admiral Frank F.

Fletcher. Over the customs house the flag has been flying since the landing of the American forces but until now there has been no formal occupation of Vera Cruz.

The transports with Brigadier General Funston's command aboard were off the port this afternoon but these has been no indication that the military forces will be sent ashore at this time.

If the army lands the bluejackets now on duty here will go aboard their ships, but the marines will be left for land service.

VILLA AND CARRANZA MAY BREAK

El Paso, Texas, April 27--A crisis in the reunions of Generals Villa and Carranza is expected to be reached at Chihuahua tonight, according to a private letter received from that city today, and information in the possession of well informed officials here.

TRAIL "OLD GLORY" IN DUST

Brownsville, Texas, April 27--An anti-American demonstration in which the Stars and Stripes were dragged through the streets and imprecations hurled at all "gringos" was described today by refugees arriving on the first train from Monterey, captured several days ago by the Constitutionalists.

The demonstration was said to have been led by the Huerta governor of Nuevo Leon and the federal commander of the Monterey garrison in a vain attempt to unite the battling factions before the open assault of the town. Next day, said the refugees, United States Consul Phillip D. Hanna and ten other Americans were thrown into jail.

Washington, April 27--Formal acceptance by the Huerta government of the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico was cabled to Spanish Ambassador Riano here tonight by Portillo Rojas, foreign minister in the Huerta cabinet.

BRITAIN PROTESTS TO HUERTA

London, April 28--The correspondent of the Daily Express at Vera Cruz, telegraphing Monday, says: "An important mission has been undertaken by Commander Tweedie, of the British cruiser Essex. He bears an emphatic protest from Rear Admiral Ceadock to President Huerta against the detention of British subjects in Mexico City, and also despatches to the foreign legations there, including an outline for the use of Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, in his negotiations with Huerta of the United States policy toward the proposed mediation."

VILLA, THE AMERICANS' HOPE

Washington, April 27--"One strong man, General Villa, stands between us and war," declared Representative Kent, of California, today in the house. "He is a bandit to be sure, but he has proven himself a great leader, growing not only in power but in understanding of what the world demands. We must choose whether we are willing to accept this man's services or declare war."

SEEK DAMAGES FROM BANK DIRECTORS

Hartford, Conn., April 28--The directors of the Windsor Locks Savings Bank, which failed in 1912 with large liabilities, are the defendants in a damage suit which came up for trial in the superior court today. The suit was brought by the State bank commissioners to recover \$390,000 damages and is based on the alleged liability of the directors for the defalcation of the late A. W. Converse, who was treasurer of the bank.

STOCK MARKET MAKES SHOW OF ACTIVITY

New York, April 28--The market opened with a show of activity and strength, all issues showing an overnight gain of from 1/4 to 1/2 of a point, with C.P.R. showing a two-point advance. The tone of news was much better this morning on the Mexican difficulty, Huerta agreeing to mediation. The strength in C.P.R. was due largely to good buying coming from Europe and covering of shorts on this side.

During the first hour the market was active and showed strength with good support on rallies and was not much affected by the sharp decline in Missouri Pacific, which opened at 19 1/2 but after a few minutes' trading suddenly dipped to 16 1/2, a drive being made at this issue, in which, it was said, Content took an active part.

PRESS COMMENT.

Herald:--Declaration of a dividend on Tennessee Coal and Iron makes a favorable impression.

Commercial:--Fresh buying for investment or new speculative account is not important.

American:--There are many weak spots and confidence in values is not increased by the action of the market. Sun:--While more hopefully disposed than for a long time past, speculative sentiment is mixed.

Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper	71 1/2	71 1/2
Smelters	60	61 1/2
C. P. R.	189	290
Brooklyn	89	89 1/2
Great Northern	120 1/2	121 1/2
Lehigh	134 1/2	136 1/2
Northern Pacific	108	110 1/2
Penna	110	110 1/2
Reading	159 1/2	160 1/2
Union Pacific	151 1/2	152 1/2
Sales to 12 o'clock, 218,500 shares.		

MAYOR MITCHELL AND THE GLEANER

His Worship Declares There is no Foundation for Hack Organ Criticism

His Worship Mayor Mitchell, in an interview this morning, stated that The Gleaner had entirely misrepresented his position both in regard to the new school building and the bond issue made by the City Council of last year for a new fire station.

"In regard to the bond issue, it is a well known fact," said he, "that I was opposed to going on with the work last year. I was not a member of the finance committee but I was opposed to the issue of bonds, and being in a minority I could not prevent it. In the light of the facts The Gleaner's efforts to saddle me with the blame for the bond issue of last year is pretty far fetched."

"In regard to the new school building, my position was clearly stated in a letter to the Board of School Trustees. Before the figures were made public I checked up my estimate and found that I had omitted the item for the plastering of the building. I knew that under the circumstances, my tender must be the lowest and I asked to be relieved of the contract, and the trustees acceded to my request. I think that the motive which prompts The Gleaner's unfair attack on me is pretty well understood by the public."

PERSONAL

A. C. Smith of Sackville is at the Queen. Mr. Speedy and U. G. Hamilton, of St. Stephen, are the guests at the Queen. F. A. Dykeman of St. John arrived in the city last night. Hon. George J. Clarke, M. P. P., who was in St. John yesterday returned to this city last night.