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CHEERS FOR BRIDAL COUPLE

NOTABLE SOCIETY WEDDING

BROTHER OF DUCHESS OF YORK

ROYAL GUESTS AT CEREMONY

An outstanding event of the London social season was the wedding at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday, of the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, youngest son of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, and brother of the Duchess of York, and Miss Rachel Spender-Clay, daughter of Lieut. Colonel Spender-Clay, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs Spender-Clay. The wedding was attended by the Duke and Duchess of York, and also by Viscountess Astor, of whom the bride is niece. In addition to its social significance the wedding commanded a greater measure of public interest than any society event of recent times.

CHURCH BESIEGED

The elaborate police arrangements which had been made for the regulation of traffic proved no more than adequate to cope with the huge crowds which gathered to witness the arrival and departure of the guests and party. The occasion was essentially a popular one, for the bridegroom has been the inseparable companion of his sister, the Duchess, since childhood. He is fifteen months her junior.

Many hours before the ceremony—timed for a quarter past two—crowds began to assemble in the vicinity of St Margaret's. At nine o'clock there was a good sprinkling of spectators, and by 10.30 a.m. the crowd had swelled to hundreds. As the morning wore on every point of vantage in the neighbourhood of Parliament Square was gradually occupied. Those who arrived early got the best positions outside the church gates and on either side. The right side of the pathway leading to the west door of the church was thronged, and the opposite pavements on the far side of Parliament Square by midday accommodated spectators who stood five deep.

HARD TASK FOR POLICE.

A strong force of police, mounted and on foot, and in charge of numerous officers, controlled the ebb and flow of traffic. It was a most onerous task, for the crowd, though good-natured, insisted upon overstepping its bounds in eagerness to be near the church, and even the islands in the centre of the road were constantly filling and being emptied peremptorily as the police discovered this unauthorised "grand stand" in use. Women, young, middle-aged, and elderly, perched precariously on the railings surrounding the green spaces of the square, while hawkers with portable chairs, the intrinsic value of which was probably less than the price they charged, did a roaring trade in these miniature stands at a fee of a shilling a time. Some prudent housewives frustrated the extortion by bringing their own boxes on which to stand. "Souvenir maps"

official action could prevent them. As they drove off in their car the Duke and Duchess bowed graciously and smilingly to the crowd, the Duchess waving her hand and the Duke raising his hat.

GUESTS AT THE RECEPTION

After the ceremony a reception was held by the Hon. Mrs Spender-Clay at 4 St James Square, lent by Viscount and Viscountess Astor, and among the guests were:—

The Earl and Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Viscountess Astor, M.P., and Mr R. Shaw, Lord and Lady Elphinstone, the Master of Elphinstone and the Hon. Jean Elphinstone, Lady Rose Leveson-Gower, Lord and Lady Glamis, the Hon. John and Lady Violet Astor, the Hon. and Mrs Michael Bowes-Lyon, the Hon. Mrs Patrick Bowes-Lyon, Miss Nancy and Miss Jean Bowes-Lyon, the Hon. Mrs Ernest Bowes-Lyon, the Hon. John and Mrs Bowes-Lyon, Major the Hon. Malcolm and Mrs Bowes-Lyon, and Miss Bowes-Lyon, Lady Phipps, Dame Jessie Wilton Phipps, Mrs A. Clay and Miss Clay, Mr and Mrs Paul Phipps, Mrs C. J. Clay, Mrs Lawrence Paul, Mr and Mrs Gerard Clay, Mr and Mrs Hastings Clay, the American Ambassador and Mrs Houghton, the Dowager Duchess of Montrose, the Duchess of Portland and Lord Morven Cavendish-Bentinck, the Marquis and Marchioness of Huntly, the Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, the Countess of Radnor and Lady Helen Pleydell-Bouverie, the Earl and Countess of Antrim and Lady Rose M'Donnell, Countess Stanhope, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, the Dowager Countess of Airlie, the Earl and Countess of Donoughmore, Countess Winterton, the Countess of Lucan and Lady Barbara Bevan, the Countess of Oxford and Asquith, Mildred Countess of Gosford, the Dowager Countess of Leven and Melville, the Earl and Countess of Albemarle, Viscountess Sandhurst, Viscount Sudley, Viscountess Hardinge, Viscountess Coke, Viscount Hambleden and the Hon. Enid Smith, Lord and Lady Boston, Lord Bingham, Lady Mostyn, Lady Armaghdale, Baroness Schroder, Lord and Lady Henry Cavendish Bentinck, the Dowager Lady Leconfield, Lord Richard Nevill, Lady Nunburnholme, Lord and Lady Plunket and the Hon. Patrick Plunket, Lady Edith Drummond, Lady Joan Peake, Lady Nina Balfour, Lady Margaret Illingworth, Lady Mary Lindsay, Lady Alice Shaw-Stewart, Lady Delia Peel, Lady Margaret Spencer, Lady Cecily Vesey, Lady Catherine Willoughby, Lady Doris Vyner, Lady Rachel Stuart, Lady Katherine Hamilton, Lady Louise Loder, the Hon. Mrs Baring, the Hon. James Smith, the Hon. Mrs Hore-Ruthven, the Hon. John and Mrs Mulholland, the Hon. Mrs Alan Lascelles, the Hon. Mrs Montague Eliot, the Hon. Robert Brand, the Hon. Margaret Wyndham, the Hon. Mrs Guy Baring and the Misses Baring, Captain the Hon. Bruce Ogilvy, the Hon. Guy Charteris, the Hon. Mrs Alfred Lytton, the Hon. Lady Morrison-Bell, Sir Edward and the Hon. Lady Grigg, Lady Rose and Miss Rose, Sir Richard and Lady Butler, Lady Hope, Sir William and Lady M'Lintock, Sir Robert and Lady Gower, Mrs Arthur James, Mr and Mrs John Cator, Mr and Mrs Ronald Nall-Cain, Mrs Walter Frizell, Mrs Meade-Waldo, and Miss Meade-Waldo, Mrs Roumieu-Johnson, Mr R. Grenfell and the Misses Grenfell, Colonel and Mrs R. J. Carruthers, Mrs Locker-Lampson and Miss Locker-Lampson, Mrs Larnach-Nevill and Miss Angela Larnach-Nevill, Miss Deirdre Hart-Davis, Mrs Wilson Smith, Mr and Mrs Clinton Home, Mrs Jebb, Dr and Mrs Walter Jagger, Miss Olive Chetwynd, Mr and Mrs Stuart Sandeman, Mr Leo Maxse, Mrs John Loder, Mr and Mrs Beresford Melville, Mrs Leopold Lonsdale, Dr and the Hon. Mrs Alington, Mrs Olaf Hambro, Mrs Cunningham Reid, and Miss Angela Henderson.

The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

THE PRESENTS

The list of wedding presents received includes the following:—

kins" of the event, in the shape of pieces of paper with gaudily printed representations of a wedding party, good wishes, and verses of indifferent inspiration, were also sold during the hours of waiting, although these did not command so ready a sale as the chairs.

LADY ASTOR'S SUCCESS.

At intervals the spectators, who by two o'clock were 5000 strong, made darts to new points of vantage, only to be cleared by the police. Admission to the church was by ticket only, and many optimistic persons who were without this token found that a personal card was of no avail. The only "unauthorised" person who made a successful attempt to run the blockade was Lady Astor, who had come without her ticket, but who announced that "ticket or no," she was going into the church, and she was allowed to pass.

The bells rang out shortly after two o'clock, and the bridegroom and his party were promptly on the scene. The bride, too, looking winsome but nervous, had two minutes to spare when she arrived at the church with her father. She was given a rousing reception by the crowd, but hurried into the church, gathering up her train as she went. When the doors closed for the service there was no sign of the Duke and Duchess of York. Their Royal Highnesses were present, however. They had slipped quietly into the church by another door, away from the crowd.

THE CEREMONY

BRIDAL GOWN OF WHITE AND SILVER

FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.

St Margaret's was decorated with masses of tulips, snowdrops, daffodils, and hyacinths, with branches of white lilac and magnolia blossoms, and miniature trees of almond blossom were placed at the entrance to the church. Lord Davidson, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, officiated with the Rev. G. Stephenson. Mr G. Allen acted as best man.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long straight gown of white and silver brocade, lined with flesh-pink chiffon, cut on classical lines to fit the figure. The long train of brocade was also lined with flesh-pink chiffon, and cut into scallops at the foot, and over it fell a veil of tulle and exquisite old lace. A Prayer Book bound in silver kid and decorated by a streamer of silver ribbon and orange blossom took the place of the customary bouquet. Master John Astor acted as page with Master James Brand, and they wore long-trousers of polyanthus red velvet, and shirts of cream chiffon with fichu collars and wide cuffs.

THE BRIDESMAIDS.

The bridesmaids, Miss Phyllis Spender-Clay, sister of the bride; the Hon. Phyllis Astor, daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Astor; the Hon. Elizabeth Elphinstone daughter of Lord and Lady Elphinstone; Lady Margaret Bingham, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Lucan; the Hon. Cecilia Bowes-Lyon, daughter of Lord and Lady Giamis; Miss Margaret Mercer Nairne, daughter of Lady Violet Astor; Miss Joyce Phipps and Miss Anne Bowes-Lyon, completed the procession. They wore graceful gowns of deep ivory ring velvet, cut on classical lines with fitting bodices and long skirts scalloped at the hems, and wide wreaths of polyanthi, in mixed shades, toning with the bouquets of pink, purple, and yellow tulips which they carried.

CHEERS FOR THE DUCHESS.

Shortly before three o'clock the party emerged from the church. The bride and bridegroom gracefully acknowledged the cheers of the crowd. Almost immediately behind them came the Duke and Duchess of York, who, on being identified by the crowd, were cheered to the echo. The huge part of the crowd at those points of vantage farthest from the church were swept off their feet by the general excitement, and they broke through the police cordon, swamped their "guard," and were in more favourable positions to greet the royal visitors before

TO THE BRIDEGRROOM.

H.M. the Queen, links; Duke and Duchess of York, dining-room table; H.R.H. Princess Mary, lamp; Mr Lancelot H. Smith, 12 Chippendale dining-room chairs; Lady Maud Bowes-Lyon, armchair; Miss P. Spender-Clay, Chippendale chair; Sir H. and Lady C. Ogilvy, shagreen calendar; Lord and Lady C. Blackburn, silver coffee pot; Mr F. and Lady Anne Lyon, silver inkstand; Misses Lyon, silver fruit tray; Lord and Lady Mostyn, blotter; Miss R. Spender-Clay, suitcase; Lord and Lady Albenarle, menu holders; Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, book; Baron and Baroness Schröder, silver candlestick; Earl of Home, silver match box; Lord Henry Bentinck, book; Countess of Dalhousie and family, silver inkstand; Sir E. and Lady Wigan, picture; Admiral and Mrs. Brooke, glass decanter; Hon. Elizabeth, Jean, and Margaret and John and Andrew Elphinstone, 2 silver toast racks and lighter; Sir C. and Lady Heaton-Ellis, book; Lord and Lady Nunburnholme, glass decanter; Lady Sackville, 2 books; Cora Countess of Stratford, glass decanters; Earl and Countess of Airlie, green box; Countess of Crawford, 2 glass vases; Lord and Lady Doune, glass decanters; General Douglas, silver fork; Sir C. Cain, plate warmer; Lady Helen Graham, memo.; Earl and Countess of Antrim, waste paper basket; Colonel Duff, door weight; Dowager Countess of Lovell, mahogany tray; Hon. J. and Lady V. Astor, silver tankard; Marquis of Huntley, fountain pen; Lady Nina Balfour, silver ash trays; Dowager Lady Hayleigh, blotter; Sir F. and Lady H. Cassel, sporting print; Duchess of Norfolk, Duke of Norfolk and Lady Rachel Howard ink stand; Lord and Lady Coke, 2 lamps; Dowager Marchioness of Linlithgow and Lady Mary Hope, address book; Lord Dunglass, picture; Lord Younger, tortoiseshell box; Sir Philip Sassoon, M.P., chandelier; Earl of Strathmore, silver; Lady Drummond, book rest; Lady C. Martin, bridge box; Dowager, Countess of Airlie, mirror; Sir W. and Lady Adam, glass vase; Lady Baxter, jade ornament; Earl and Countess of Lucan, gold chain; Lord Bingham, Mr Bingham and Lady Margaret, gold studs; Lord and Lady Suidale, cigar case; Countess of Strathmore, picture by Leslie; Lady Rosa Leveson Gower, bureau; Colonel and Mrs Spender-Clay, tapestry; Lord and Lady Elphinstone, cheque; Earl of Strathmore, cheque; Lord and Lady Glamis, armchair.

TO THE BRIDE.

Lord Colum Stuart, M.P., fan; the Dowager Countess of Antrim, smelling bottle; the Dowager Lady Sackville, book; the Hon. Diana Sackville West, pendant; Lady Rose, silver, knick-knack; the Dowager Viscountess Hambledon and the Hon. Edith Smith brooch; Marquis and Marchioness Camden, lamp; the Hon. Mrs Cyril Ward, china jar; Lady Otfolin Morrell, world globe; Earl and Countess of Strathmore, diamond ring; Countess of Strathmore, writing paper box; Lord and Lady Lloyd, book; Lady Henderson and Miss Henderson, vase; Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, silver bowl; Miss Cavendish Bentinck, silver teapot and tea caddy; Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. and the Hon. Mrs Ruthven, rug; Lady Denman and Miss J. Denman, cushions; A. Esquith, vase; Lad Guernsey, bridge box; Lady Louise Loder and Miss Loder, book; Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, tea set; Lord Richard and Lady Moyra Cavendish, set of counters; Dowager Lady Leonfield, coffee set; Lady Della Peel, books; Viscount and Viscountess Hambledon, decanter; Mary, Countess of Minto, tortoiseshell box; Earl and Countess Grey, lacquer cabinet; Lord and Lady Henry Bentinck, card table; Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, coloured prints; Countess of Gosford, candle lamp; Lady Mary and Lady Elizabeth Grey, Thomas Hardy's books; Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, table cloth and napkins; Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Brontë set of books; Sir Edward and Lady Grigg, writing set; Major and the Hon. Lady Violet Astor, cheque; Viscount and Viscountess Astor, cheque; Priscilla, Countess of Annesley, waste paper basket; Lord Romilly, book; Lady Lowther and Miss Edith Lowther, enamel powder box; Earl and Countess of Munster, blotter; Dame Edith Lytton, vase; the Hon. Winifred Douglas Pennant, bridge box; Dowager Lady Burton, silver inkstand; Viscount and Viscountess Craigavon and Miss Aileen Craig, thermos flask; Earl and Countess Stanhope, candlesticks; Lord and Lady Penrhyn; clock; Comtesse Hedwige d'Ursel, motor mascot; Lord and Lady Wraxall, barometer; Sir William and Lady Noreen Bass, two crystal ornaments; Earl and Countess of Minto, painted box; Lord Hardings; Penhurst, address book; Annie, Viscountess Cowdray; and Miss Joan Pearson, picnic case; Viscountess Harcourt, two sauce boats; Earl and Countess of Radnor, book; Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray, "two tomes" (for waste paper); Sir Bruce and Lady Bruce Porter, sporting verse; Lady Pentland, silver spoon and fork; Earl and Countess of Donoughmore, pepper pots; Earl and Countess of Donoughmore, chair; Hon. Mrs Raymond Asquith and the Lady Perci Asquith, china jar; Lady Winifred Gore, cigarette box; Hon. W. Astor, silver salver; Lady Armaghdale, bridge box; Sir Berkeley and Lady Sheffield, clock; Brigadier-General and Mrs R. J. Ross and Miss Ross, leather blotter; Lord Richard Nevill, silver bowl and strainer; Lord Henry Bentinck, Brontë; Lady Lucan, candle shades; Sir Richard and Lady Butler and Miss Buttle vase; Lady Caroline Gordon Lennox, vase; Lady Bridges, china box; Lady Whitehead, Worcester china ornaments; His Grace Lord Davidson, Oxford book; English prose and verse; Major-General Sir Alfred and Lady Knox, silver trays; Lady Margaret Spence Pepys' diary; General Sir John Ponsonby, coffee cup; Lady Hope; Chinese ornaments; Lady Boston, diamond and sapphire pendant and earrings; Marquis and Marchioness of Abergavenny knife box; Lord and Lady Iveagh, evening handbag; Earl and Countess of Lytton Japanese tree in pot; Lady Chapman, vase; Countess of Middleton, salt cellars; American Ambassador and Mrs Houghton silver box; Lord and Lady Eustace Percy, vase; Sir John and Lady Code Adams, silver candlesticks; Brigadier-General and Mrs Arthur Murray, clock; Lord Hugh Cecil M.P., clock; Baroness Burton, ormolu and mahogany stand; Lord and Lady Boston, desert service; Countess of Winchelsea at Nottingham, silver and china inkstand; Lady Violet Astor, necklace; Lad Malcolm, electric copper kettle; Hon. Arthur Gore, cigarette lighter; Lord and Lady Milnam, biscuit tray; Lieutenant-Colonel Spender-Clay, fur coat; Sir Lewis and Miss Dibdi Chinese mug; Mrs Spender-Clay, diamond chain; Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, vase; Lady M'Intock, tea caddy; Lady Sandhurst, glass jug; Lord and Lady FitzAlan, glass bowl; Sir H. and Lady J. Vorney, inkstand; Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, emerald bracelet; Lord Astor, cheque; Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P., cheque; Miss Phyllis Spender-Clay, picture and dressing-case.