

Richest American Heiress Engaged to Duke of Roxburghe

Miss May Goelet, Who Has Been Wooed by Many Titled Foreigners, Won by Young Scotch Nobleman Who, Strange to Relate, Has a Career Free from Scandal and an Annual Rent Roll of \$300,000.

It is formally announced that Miss May Goelet, the well-known American belle, is engaged to the duke of Roxburghe.

This is all that the duke, who is 25 years old, is: Marquis of Roxburghe and earl of Roxburghe, earl of Kelso, Viscount Cromwell, Baron Roxburghe, Baron of Cessford and Caverton in Scotland, Earl Innes of the United Kingdom, a baronet of Nova Scotia and a lieutenant in the Royal House Guards.

The duke's town residence is at 1 Chesterfield Gardens, West, London, and his country seats are Floors castle, Kelso, Roxburghshire and Broxmouth and Dunbar, county of Haddington.

About everybody knows who Miss Goelet is—the heiress of a family of millions, a family high in New York



MISS MAY GOELET. (American Heiress Who Will Marry the Duke of Roxburghe in November.)

society that cruises about the world in yachts and gives big parties when at home or at its summer retreat at Newport.

It is not the first time that Roxburghe has had his engagement announced. Two years ago it was said he was going to marry Pauline Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor. But the reports were denied and seemingly proved baseless.

The duke, a soldier by profession, is the first cousin of the duke of Marlborough, who married Consuelo Vanderbilt. His house is 100 years older than that of Marlborough. The mother of Roxburghe is the daughter of the fourth duke of Marlborough.

Roxburghe comes of a fighting race. One of his ancestors fell at Montrose in the year 1526. He is devoted to his profession, and his brother and heir, Lord Alastair Innes-Ker, has followed in his footsteps, as hopes also to do, in due

course, the third brother, Lord Robert. The duke of Roxburghe is the only marriageable duke in Scotland. He has a career free from scandal, and a rent roll of about \$300,000 a year.

There is only one handicap. Roxburghe is said not to have a clear title. All the ingenuity of English chronologists has failed to give an indisputable claim to his title, and from 1806 to 1873 it was not recognized, and is still disputed in the English courts.

Lewis Ker, a truckman in New York, who for 46 years has bid for work at Greene and Grand streets, claims the titles and estates of the duke of Roxburghe as his own. While Ker does not expect to succeed in establishing his right, he may yet resume the fight.

So good this claim seemed to him to be in 1839 that Hamilton Fish devoted nearly five years in England to the case in behalf of Andrew Ker, Lewis Ker's father. Though Hamilton Fish did not succeed in establishing the rights of his American client, he did succeed in so completely breaking down the claims of Sir James Henry Robert Innes-Ker, grandfather of the present duke, that the latter failed to have the dukedom bestowed upon him and the title lapsed for 50 years.

Miss May Goelet has been the heroine of many stories. She has been reported engaged innumerable times, and has been the victim of two known matrimonial conspiracies, induced by impetuous bearers of titles, one of these, it is alleged, being Prince Hugo von Hohenlohe of Germany, who agreed to pay \$10,000 to Capt. Ladestas de Porkony if he could procure consideration of his proposal of marriage for Miss Goelet. This was four years ago, and if the prince had not been 50 years of age the match might have come off.

However, Miss Goelet objected to so ancient a spouse, and the prince refused to pay the \$10,000. This gave rise to suit for the money, thus spreading knowledge of the transaction. The matter was finally settled by Hohenlohe's aunt paying several hundred pounds to the disgruntled Porkony.

Prince Heinrich Haron, of Bohemia, also desired the hand and fortune of the young lady, and also was debarred by his age, so report goes.

The duke of Manchester, the earl of Shaftesbury and later the duke of Roxburghe all have been reported betrothed to Miss Goelet, with resulting denials from Mrs. Goelet, until this authentic news of her engagement to the duke of Roxburghe was received the other day.

In appearance Miss Goelet is petite, and wears a charm of manner which makes up for lack of actual beauty. She is a bright conversationalist, is self-possessed and "smart" looking. She dresses exquisitely, and has seen just 21 summers. Her mother and mother's sisters have always been noted for their beauty.

GUARDS AN ACTRESS.

Bobs, an English Bulldog, Chosen by Miss Effie Shannon for Protector and Chum.

Effie Shannon and her English bulldog Bobs, constant companions on the streets and in the theaters where the actress is playing, made a picture which might well be entitled "Beauty and the Beast."

However, Bobs is the most gentle of canines, his malignant exterior directly opposing his angelic disposition, while his devotion to his mistress is almost pathetic. At McVicker's theater, in Chicago, Bobs has become an idol of the stage hands and theater employes. Whenever he can be enticed from Miss Shannon's dressing room he is taken into



BOBS, THE BULLDOG. (Effie Shannon's Canine Bodyguard and Boon Companion.)

the stage alley for a romp, with a choice morsel of raw meat as his reward at the end of the play.

Bobs is Miss Shannon's bodyguard and he serves well for this purpose, his warlike appearance frightening would-be mashers or thugs. One night last season while in a western town Miss Shannon was on her way to her hotel after the performance when a man slightly under the influence of liquor came up to speak to her. Bobs observed the stranger and noticed his approach to his mistress. He bristled, showed his ugly teeth and gave a growl that made the masher take to his heels.

Nothing would induce the actress to part with her pet, although at times Bobs is somewhat of a trial. He is playful, in his cumbersome way, and is as affectionate as a kitten. He has a habit of trying to sit in Miss Shannon's lap whenever she sits down, but as he weighs something like 60 pounds he is not exactly the sort of a lap dog a lady desires. Bobs is particularly fond of sitting on the white cloth which Miss Shannon has spread in her dressing room to protect her costumes and the dog generally manages to get in the way, so in order to keep him off the white rug Miss Shannon's maid places a white sheet in the far corner of the dressing room and there Bobs is coaxed before the process of dressing begins. Being on a white rug he is satisfied and remains contentedly until called to go home.

BOUND TO FIND POLE.

Commander Peary Preparing to Make Another Journey Through the Arctic North.

Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., who announces that he will make another dash for the north pole next summer and who has been granted three years' leave of absence for that purpose by Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling, has already made six arctic expeditions at intervals extending over 12 years. He has won fame because of the immense importance of his labors in geographical, ethnical and other scientific research. In 1886 he made his first voyage to Greenland and a reconnaissance of the Greenland ice. This was followed



COMMANDER R. E. PEARY. (Arctic Explorer Who Will Make Another Dash for the North Pole.)

In 1891-92 by a 13 months' sojourn in northern Greenland, during which he made a 1,200-mile sledge journey across the ice-cap and determined the insularity of Greenland. For this he was awarded medals from many scientific societies, American and foreign. In 1893-95 he spent 25 months in northern Greenland, completed a detailed survey of the region and discovered the huge Cape York meteorites. Voyages followed in 1896 and 1897. In 1898 he made a determined effort to reach the pole. The same year saw the publication of his book, "Northward Over the Great Ice." Commander Peary is 47 years old. He was born in Cresson, Pa., and graduated from Bowdoin college, Maine, in 1877. Four years later he entered the navy as a civil engineer and in 1884 was appointed assistant engineer of the Nicaragua ship canal survey. From the grade of lieutenant he has risen to commander. He is married, and Mrs. Peary has accompanied him on some of his northern voyages.

Leaves Thirty Feet Long. The coccoanut palm has leaves nearly 30 feet long.

RISE OF VILLAVERDE

New Prime Minister of Spain a Child of the People.

Made His Way to the Front by Watching Trend of Public Opinion and True Devotion to His Fatherland.

Don Raimundo Villaverde, Spain's new premier, is one of the luckiest of middle-class mortals. His parents were modest, well-to-do country folk, but there was no reason to suppose that their boy was going to climb up to the highest post within the gift of the Spanish people. He started out as a lawyer, endowed with brains and an eloquent tongue, perseverance and lots of ambition. Thereafter the steps of fame were interestingly marked. He had crowds of clients and was elected to parliament. Afterward he attracted attention by hard work, participation in every possible debate and mastering all sorts of dry subjects. He was too busy to concern himself with the brilliant aristocracy of Madrid, which had shown some inclination to take to its bosom such a good-looking and promising young man.

He made a sudden dash into society under the wings of the duchess de Denia, at whose palace a guest could meet everybody—the greatest politicians, artists and men of science to be found in Madrid. The smart young member from Gallecia soon made himself popular in this set and for the first time seems to have been deflected from his path to glory. So many Spanish beauties of high degree lavished their affections on him that he became for a while a veritable butterfly of fashion.

A rich and attractive woman, the marchioness of Pozo Rubio, offered to marry the handsome young gallant and was forthwith accepted. Senor Villaverde then put a definite stop to all frivolity and once more devoted himself to fruitful labor for the welfare of his country, being no longer required to sacrifice all



DON RAIMUNDO VILLAVERDE. (New Premier of Spain Who Was Born Under Lucky Stars.)

his time and talent to his profession. Senor Villaverde studied assiduously social and economical sciences, for which he had always felt a predilection, and through his great intelligence soon rose to preeminence. He was successively named minister of justice and of finance to the general satisfaction.

The most interesting period of Villaverde's political career began in 1899 after the disastrous war with the United States. When the treaty of peace had been signed and a new cabinet, presided over by the leader of the conservative party, Senor Silveira, was formed, political men as well as the majority of the people recognized the urgent necessity of introducing ample and radical reforms into all branches of public administration and adopting a sound and liberal policy apt to raise the credit of the land. Senor Villaverde, who occupied in Silveira's cabinet the post of minister of finance, brought a bill of taxation before parliament, with which he intended to increase the income of the treasury from \$50,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 pesetas and with his peculiar energy and firmness he succeeded in having his project approved.

But this heavy taxation raised such a storm of protest throughout the whole of Spain and so numerous and bloody were the riots which it caused in various provinces that Senor Villaverde was obliged to send in his resignation and two or three months afterward, partly owing to this and partly to the unpopular marriage of the princess of Asturias with Don Carlos of Bourbon, the whole cabinet was also forced to resign. The queen then decided to trust Villaverde with the formation of a new ministry, but in consequence of the unpopularity of his taxes, he found nobody disposed to second him in the work and therefore he had to renounce the charge.

Later the announcement that the government, through Senor Sanchez Toca, intended to bring a bill into parliament for the construction of the fleet, was sufficient to call forth demonstrations of hostility in the chamber of deputies, as well as all over Spain. Then King Alfonso, interpreting the desires of his country, called on Senor Villaverde to form a new cabinet. The elevation of this distinguished statesman to the highest office signifies the triumph of a firm and saving financial policy of Spain.

A Tax Extraordinary. A tax on marriage is still imposed by the proprietor of a leading Bombay hotel. In a revised tariff of prices the daily charge for a single lady or gentleman is set down as five rupees, but if the lady or gentleman be married the charge will be seven rupees each. No explanation of this singular regulation is given.

Engagements in Turkestan. A wedding engagement in Turkestan begins with the payment of a substantial consideration to the girl's parents. If the girl jilts her lover, the engagement gift has to be returned unless the parents have another daughter to give as a substitute.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring a bottle image and text: '900 DROPS CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fitcher. In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA'

Advertisement for Alexander Brothers & Co., featuring a portrait of Don Raimundo Villaverde and text: 'Alexander Brothers & Co., DEALERS IN Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, Confectionery and Nuts. Henry Millard's Fine Candies. Fresh Ever Week. PENNY GOODS A SPECIALTY. Sole Agents for JUPITER, KING OSCAR, COLUMBIAN WRITTEN GUARANTEE, Etc. Also F. F. Adams & Co's Fine Cut Chewing Tobacco. ALEXANDER BROS. & CO., Bloomsburg, Pa.'

Advertisement for W. H. Brower's Carpets, featuring text: 'IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF CARPET, MATTING, or OIL CLOTH, YOU WILL FIND A NICE LINE AT W. H. BROWER'S 2 Doors above Court House. A large lot of Window Curtains in stock.'

Table titled 'THE MARKETS. BLOOMSBURG MARKET'S CORRECTED WEEKLY. RETAIL PRICES. Butter, per pound... 24 Eggs, per dozen... 24 Lard, per pound... 15 Ham, per pound... 15 to 16 Beef (quarter), per pound... 6 to 8 Wheat, per bushel... 1 00 Oats, do... 40 Rye, do... 60 Flour per bbl... 4.40 to 4 80 Hay, per ton... 18 00 Potatoes, per bushel... 50 Turnips, do... 40 Tallow, per pound... 06 Shoulder, do... 12 Bacon, do... 16 Vinegar, per qt... 05 Dried apples, per pound... 05 Cow hides, do... 31 Steer do... 05 Calf skin do... 80 Sheep pelts... 75 Shelled corn, per bushel... 75 Corn meal, cwt... 2 50 Bran, cwt... 1 20 Chop, cwt... 1 50 Middlings, cwt... 1 40 Chickens, spring, per pound... 12 1/2 do do old... 10 Turkeys do... 18 Geese, do... 11 Ducks, do... 14 COAL, Number 6, delivered... 4 20 do 4 and 5 delivered... 5 55 do 6, at yard... do 4 and 5, at yard...

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Oct. 6, 1903. Persons calling for these letters, will please say that they were advertised Sept. 24, 1903. Mr. Geo. W. Brink, Miss Elizabeth Green, Mr. W. B. Burgess, Miss Bertha Hartman, Mrs. Lizzie Cummings, Miss Junie Lyons, Mr. C. H. Fisher, Jno. Schwarzenbach, Mr. M. W. Schuck, Raphael A. Moore, One cent will be charged on each letter advertised. J. C. BROWN, P. M.

PERU'S NEW PRESIDENT.

He is the First Chief Executive of the Republic to Be Elected Without Bloodshed.

The Peruvian consul in Chicago, Leopoldo Arnaud, has received word from his government of the election of Manuel Candamo, of Lima, as president, and the announcement that the inauguration ceremonies took place in the Plaza de Lima, the capital of Peru, September 8.

This is the first presidential election in the little South American republic that has not brought revolution and bloodshed. The election of Candamo places at the head of the government the first man who was unanimously chosen, there being no opposition. Nicolas De Pierola, who was nominated by the republicans, withdrew when the civil party named Candamo. The new president is one of the most influential men of Peru and is best known as the presi-



SEÑOR MANUEL CANDAMO. (Recently Elected President of Peru Without Opposition.)

dent of the Lima chamber of commerce. He received a thorough education abroad and is a man who, the consul says, "is eminently fitted for the position of head of the government of Peru." The consul says there is universal rejoicing throughout Peru over the election of Candamo.

Paper Plates in Restaurants. In some of the low-priced restaurants in German cities food is served on paper plates.

DEFIES NATURE'S LAWS.

Ohio Rock Stands Balanced Just Like a Top Yet Seems as Firm as Gibraltar.

One of the most curious of nature's freaks is the "Devil's Tea Table," the noted landmark of the Muskingum valley, three miles from McConnellsville, O. It stands upright on its slender base on the top of a steep hill.

For years it has been watched with great anxiety, by the people living in



THE DEVIL'S TEA TABLE. (Strange Natural Freak Located Near McConnellsville, O.)

the valley below, but it still stands firm, resisting wind and rain.

The huge rock is only four by 17 feet at the base, while the top measures 20 by 23 feet.

Scientists claim that the curious formation is caused by a process of nature which must sooner or later cause its fall. The upper part of the rock is of sandstone and the lower part of shale. Frost and dampness have disintegrated the shale, while the sandstone sturdily resists the elements. Only a little more shale can be spared before the great rock must fall, and it hangs like the sword of Damocles over the inhabitants of the valley.

Paper Makes Strong Wheels. The wheels of a Pullman car are made of paper. The body of each wheel is a block of paper about four inches thick. Around this is a rim of steel measuring from two to three inches. It is this steel rim, of course, which comes in contact with the rails. The sides are covered with circular iron plates, bolted on.