# PERSHING SMILE BAFFLES SHARPSHOOTER CUPID AS RUMOR PICKS BRIDE FOR "FASCINATING JACK"

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Washington Society Wonders if A.E.F. Leader Really Went A-Wooing, but Mrs. Vanderbilt Won't Tell Nor Will Anne Gordon Nor Mrs. Mac-Arthur

## MAN WHO RULED U.S. ARMY WITH IRON HAND IS ÇALLED "CAPITAL'S BEST CATCH"

Stately Dowagers and Beautiful Debutantes Find Soldier Is Popular-Gay Dimple Brightens Up Stern Face of War Days

THEY call him the most fascinating figure in Washington. Handsome, debonair, retaining the spirit of youth despite tragedy and suffering and close-cropped iron-gray hair, he has few peers. In mufti or khaki it is all the same. Afoot or mounted, it makes no difference. Dancing or attending a diplomatic dinner, his fascination never flags. And that is why General John J. Pershing-Black Jack Pershing-

interests the feminine portion of the Nation's capital. That, and another reason. The other reason is a secret. It must be whispered. It's this: "Why doesn't he marry?"

And---"Who will it be?"

For, take it from any one of the "four hundred"-or is it four thousand, or forty-in the social stream, the slender-waisted soldier who commanded the A. E. F. and now runs the army in peace times is the best catch of them all. Only-he won't be caught! And thereby hangs the tale.

Let's go back. It's always well to have background in matters of this kind. It illuminates the present. Light streaming down the dusty an assignment to Washington, a courtcorridors of time discloses episodes of other days. But let's not be led into devious byways. Of Pershing Marriage to Miss Warren biographies there are any number. His life, his humble origin, his brilliant military career, are known to all who would know them. But the social Pershing is not; the Pershing United States Cavalry, wooed and won personality is not; the Pershing smile is not; they are known to a limited few.

#### Learned to Dance Well in His West Point Days

West Point's hops arc, as General to Pershing was one of the most not-Dawes might say, embalmed in his- able social events of the Roosevelt Adtory. And they have nothing to do ministration. The Senate met an hour with the Eighteenth Amendment, carlier than usual so its members might pro or con. They are not that kind attend. President and Mrs. Roosevelt of hops. The West Point hops are occupied a front pew. There were more of hops. The West Point hops are the dances where the young buds of society meet the young buds of the army and dance with them Well society meet the young buds of the officers of the army and navy. Pershing played the game. He shing, who had been appointed military always has. He always does, attache to the Japanese Embassy, took her up. She was in mourning and great commander. Wherever he's placed, he always his bride to Tokio on their honeynoon. didn't go out. But they saw each other When Mrs. Browner he's placed, he always has later appointed aide to the late frequently. So frequently, in fact, that will. And there he learned to dance. He was later appointed aide to the late the capital began to surmise a real ro And that, perhaps, explains his dancing today-that and a bodily based on a bodily bab bab based on a b vigor and ebullience of spirit which Emperor, and in the absence of Mr. bassador at the funeral of the Japanese he owes to long years in the open, to Knox, represented the United States consistent physical exercise and to at the funeral of General Nogi and his a natural optimism. At any rate, wife, after their hara-kiri following Pershing dances, and dances well- the death of the Emperor. better, in fact, than that. Where- How he later returned to the States, was jumped from captain to brigadier fore, in part, his fascination. general over the heads of 862 ranking But that's only part of the story. A small part. It goes deeper than clamored and criticized, how Roosevelt officers, how Congress and the country that; beyond it. Pershing's attrac- tried to settle it all by pointing to Pertiveness is built on the bedrock of shing's distinguished military career. is personal magnetism and genuine all past history. But the storm blew "good looks," of which few men over, the Pershings settled down and have more. These, coupled, of later went to the Pacific Coast. course, with the power of position, Nine years passed and Pershing was might account for his social sway. on the Mexican border. There one night came word over the wires that But "place" is not all of the story. Mrs. Pershing and three of their four There were times when he had no children-Helen Elizabeth, Anne and "place." And "good looks" are not Mary Margaret-had perished in a fire all of the story. For many a failure which swept the Presidio, overlooking is handsome! the Golden Gate and San Francisco It goes even deeper than that, harbor. It was a blow that stunned him, saddened him and left lines about For\_\_\_\_ the eyes and cheekbone and jaw that time will never efface. Pershing's Personality

conquests. It was there he earned his captaincy.

ship and marriage.

## Was Noted Social Event

It was seventeen years ago that Captain J. Pershing, of the Fifteenth the daughter of a Senator. Moreover, the daughter of Senator Francis E. answer. Warren, from the State of Wyoming, chairman of the Military Affairs Com-

mittee of the Senate. His bride, a Wellesley graduate, class of 1903, was one of the capital's most

charming young women. Her marriage firmament.

They

The "Pershing Dimple" that has captivated Washington society shown as the General enjoys himself at a charity bazaar

experience and knowledge, a man who has played the game in three world capitals, one combining the ways of Washington with the polish of Paris, Derrition in the played it as he always plays it— Also other military heroes. It was up to Pershing to play the game, and he played it as he always plays it— Also other military heroes. It was up to Pershing to play the game, and he played it as he always plays it— Also other military heroes. It was up to Pershing to play the game, bigher in America's social scale. One naturally turns to superlatives Also other military heroes. It Second the former commander-in-chief of the Marine Corps, was Mrs. Basil Gordon, of Baltimore, Mrs. Barnett, At least she is the daughter of Mrs. Barnett, At least she is the daughter of Mrs. Barnett, who, before her marriage to the former commander-in-chief of the Marine Corps, was Mrs. Basil Gordon, of Baltimore, Mrs. Bar-Pershing is-Pershing! There is none other like him.

Why shouldn't they flock to him? They should and do. That is the **Dowager and Debutante** 

Lay Siege to Warrior

"Hobson's choice" could never be compared to "Pershing's choice." If he would only choose! But he won't. Or hasn't. Why?

Dowager and debutante, the winter He has no need of a house. The pres-

and spring of the incomparable sex, they circle about him as the seasons roll in their regular cycre; as unmut-ably. He is the fixed star of their is lock elsewhere for their romance. ent arrangement is better. And with the surrender of "High-

Beautiful, vivacious, a picture, com-When it was all over Captain Per- bin died before they returned. His Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia, widowed and wealthy, her name was the next to be mentioned with that of the When Mrs. Brooks went to Paris in

and he played it as he always plays it— according to the rules. At the end of a year or so, when the rush of entertaining was over, when the rush of entertaining was over, when the feted in return, singling him and being feted in return, singling him and being feted in return, singling him and being feted in return, so and moved into town. He has an apartment now. What entertaining he does is done in the hotels and cafes. He has no need of a house. The press-He has no need of a house. The press-

She gives delightful parties, enter-taining very extensively. And she is abouts. She came out three years ago.

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But Again Were Wrong Next? You'd never guess. Yes-perhaps you would. Yes-you're right. Nome other! Louise Cromwell Brocks! Beautiful, vivacious, a picture, comp

Alas! Fair Charmers All

companions, remarked:

" "That blankety-blank shavetaff marching us too fast. I don't like htt anyhow. If it wasn't for his should a straps I'd smash his mug for him." "The others agreed, and said he was deserving of having his mug smashed. deserving of having his mug smashed. Pershing overheard them. Calmly take ing off his coat, bearing the should a straps of a lieutenant, he walked over to the bully and said :

"'Now, the straps are off, come ahead.' And Pershing, who stands din feet and more, and was an expert boxer to boot, squared off as a prize-fighter would

#### Took Off Shoulder Straps and Tamed Army Bully

"The bully hesitated a minute. Such procedure—an officer offering to fight with a private—was unheard of, and strictly forbidden in the army code.

"'Come ahead, there'll be no report on this.' And the private went abead, and was knocked flat. The turn of the other two soldiers came next, and they, too, were thrashed. From that time Pershing was held in high esteem by the troop.

Although the Pershing smile is fa-mous, he will fly off the handle like any one else. Three things will cause this, stupidity, carelessness and disobedience, Army contractors have experienced his anger, when they have been guilty of failure to live up to their contracts, more than once their complaints have been carried to Washington.

Yet at the time of his promotion over the heads of 862 officers Pershing held his temper in check under the attacks made upon him. A certain clique in the army bitterly opposed his promotion from captain to brigadier general. A particularly nasty bit of scandal was manufactured for President Roosevelt in



## Is Wonderful Asset

"Pershing," they say, "has way-"

They might sing of him as a popular balladist sang some years ago: "It's not your nationality; It's not your personality; It's only you!"

For there is, be it said, but one Pershing.

It was shown in the Philippines though Pershing was always popular. Like most of the youngsters turned out West Point about the time of the filippine insurrection, Pershing was

bunters and heat. And he did his bit, the army and settled down again. And and did it well. So well he was decorated by Congress for heroism. But every one knows all that. What they

don't know-as the old-timers in the hearts. sarmy will tell you when the chief of staff is not around—is that Pershing's way with women was demonstrated even leathery tan, and with the tan has gone in the dim antiquity of that period. Manila was beginning to recover from

the eyes: the harsh lines are softening under the warmth of Washington's the effects of war. It had its social side. Now and then the troops came in social atmosphere. His checks-on for a rest; they ceased the dance of check-even has a dimple. It might b death with the Moros for partners, and fascinating. He smiles oftener, too.

widow mourned him here.

match. Splendid ! Only-It never happened. There was no marriage, no engage-



Far Away From Capital So Mrs. Vanderbilt is at Biltmore; Anne Gorden is in Tokio; Mrs. Brooks

> Mrs. H. C. Corbin, once thought to be a future Mrs. Pershing

a desperate effort to have the promotion held up.

Pershing did not attempt to answer the charges. Secure in his innocence, he went about his duties as imperturb-able as ever. A Manila newspapers printed the story. American newspaper-pers printed it. There was a country-wide uprear. But Pershing's friends tracked the stories down to their source and proved them to be absolutely groundless.

**Doesn't Play Favorites** With Officers or Men

An idea of the manner in which Pershing is regarded by his men is given in many an army story. He is strict disciplinarian, but he is just, and knows no favorites, either among offi-cers or men. The comfort and welfare of his men is always his first thought, and it is this fact that has made him so well beloved by the rank and file of every command he has ever had.

At Camp Vicars, in the Philippines, the great problem was that of pure water. There were good springs some distance away, and General Pershing sent for Sergeant Tom McGill, an ar-tilleryman, who was also an inventive genius. The two talked over the prob-lem, and as a result there came into existence what was at that time be-lieved to be the only bamboo pipe line in the world.

Big bamboo sticks were cut, and the men were set to work chiseling out the joints. Then McGill laid the line, which was several miles long, and ran from Lake Lamas to Camp Vicars, To this day the army remembers Sergeant MeGill as "Gatling Tom, the bamboo

High place has its disadvantages, as shown upon a visit of General shing to Atlantic City last April. Per-He arrived with his aide, Lieutenant J. T. Schneider, a chauffeur and two valets. They motored from Washington.

The general had been suffering from severe cold and went to the Seaview Golf Club to recuperate. He was, however, recognized by several persons, the word was passed around, and he was obliged to cut short his stay because of the annoyance this caused.

Pershing is not a Hobson. When he arrived back in New York from France the enthusiasm of the spectators found vent in one unrehearsed incident, which was received by General Pershing with

an international affair. The leader of Last winter certain interested per-America's military forces and the pretty sons in Washington took the trouble to And any number of downgers and America's military forces and the pretty divorcee were constantly in one an-other's company, and those who pro-fessed better than passing knowledge hinted that matrimony would once more figure in two notable lives. At that time General Pershing was rated No. 1 in a select group of ardent suitors. With the return of Pershing to the Miles highly commended him in his tirst year out from West Point, for "marching troop and pack train, over rough Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, who

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And then? Well, spring came, and bringing in every man and animal in

States - Louis

eral Pershing caused tongues to wag rassing question! One both there and here at home. It was those things. But-

1919 to complete her divorce arrange- Which left Mrs. Vanderbilt free, it may is now Mrs. MacArthur, and Pershing 1919 to complete her divorce arrange-ments, the attentions paid her by Gen-eral Pershing caused tongues to wag both there and here at home. It was which ennicsh the peacetime army, pre-

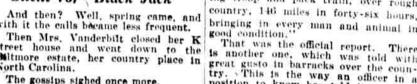
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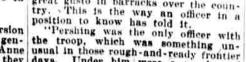
## Silent for "Black Jack"

Anne Gordon, stepdaughter of General Barnett, U. S. M. C., to whom "Black Jack" was unusually

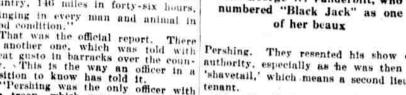
attentive until she sailed to Japan

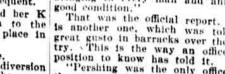
with it the calls became less frequent.





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## General J. J. Pershing

danced on polished floors with the the straight, trim, military Pershing has which the gossips could point and say: "There—I told you so!"

danced on polisiked floors with the "hard" Pershing has wives and daughters of the "army were and are good friends. During the pershing played the game. Younger, he was, and handsome. And—Pershing had a way. These were his backelor days. They were of his first social and military fleau Brummel, is. A dashing figure, with are of his first social and military fleau Brummel, is. A dashing figure, with are of his first social and military fleau Brummel, is. A dashing figure, with are of his first social and military fleau Brummel, is. A dashing figure, with are of his first social and military fleau Brummel, is the way an of the beau. They didn't ring for Pershing. They solution to those and went down to the street house and social creative house street house and social creative house street house and went down to the street house and social creative house street house and social creative house street house and soc

### Tragedy Drove Smile From the Pershing Face

That was in 1915. A sobered Pershing came back to his border assignment. They called him a martinet. He was the kind of a disciplinarian who marched men for hours in a blazing sun in parade formation. That Pershing seldom smiled.

Two years later-the World Warand the rest is recent history.

Another two years-and peace-and the rest more recent yet. So Pershing, now general of the armies of the United States, came back to Washington, wound up the affairs of ent to that far-off archipelago of head- the A. E. F., became chief of staff of

again have come social conquests, to

cap a great career. It is these in which Washington is interested, as it watches the play of Another word and then to the other

a certain grimness manifest about the mouth; a certain fixed coldness about

sip again began to associate the continuous round of social gayeties, which she and Pershing played a part. with wedding bells, But-