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American Hostesses Save London Season From Extinction—King Edward Pays Tribute to Welcome Invasion.

Society Leaders From This Side Outshine Their English Cousins in Entertainments—Marriage of Jean Reid to Be Notable Affair.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)
London May 30.—American hostesses have again come to the rescue of London society. No less an authority than King Edward has declared that were it not for the American women over here there would be no such thing as a London "season" and it is a fact that this year the Yankee matrons have just about saved the historic institution from total extinction.

Season's End in July.
So far as can be judged by preliminary announcements practically all the interesting and elaborate festivities under preparation for the next two months—the season doesn't close here until the end of July—will be provided over by matrons from your side of the pond. No better evidence of the ascendancy of the American can be seen than the social predominance of the embassy. Both before and after the coming marriage of Jean Reid to the Hon. John Ward, Mrs. Reid intends to give almost weekly balls and entertainments that will be marked by royal splendor. The wedding itself will be the social event of the year, although all possible pains are being taken to keep it from being raised about beforehand. The king and queen have signified their intention of being present and Dorchester house will be filled on the occasion with a brilliant audience hereinafter denied to all except royal weddings.

Strengthening Her Claims.
Mrs. "Potty" Palmer, as some of her friends call her, is making preparations to strengthen her claim to the title of the greatest of American hostesses in London. The Chicago society woman has had the only ticket of admission to the most exclusive circle of English society the American woman has laboring under a severe handicap. But last month at Biarritz Mrs. Palmer entertained his majesty at dinner and achieved the ambition of her lifetime.

Great Big Mansion.
Hampton house, the big mansion of the Duke of Abercorn in Green street, which Mrs. Palmer has rented for some years past and which some say she has bought outright, has been renovated and prepared for her coming. She will give a series of dinners during the season and can be relied upon to introduce the very latest of English and French celebrities. She delights to gather around her a thoroughly Bohemian crowd and to have an unconventional evening. She has a holy horror of the solidity and dullness of society with a capital S. Recently she was heard to say:

"I do not mind being shocked or thrilled or even horrified by people, but to be bored is unendurable. That is the keynote to her entertainments."

King Will Visit Astors.
Mrs. Waldorf Astor Jr. has secured a London house for the season but most of her entertaining will be done at Clevedon. She adores the beautiful place given to her as a wedding present by her father-in-law. The Connaughts stay again this year for a few days. More wonderful still, it is said in trustworthy quarters, that she will receive a visit from King Edward, such an event seemed an utter impossibility to those who remember the memorable rumpus between the king, when he was Prince of Wales, and the father-in-law of Mrs. Astor. It is said that the wonderful diplomacy of the American woman, combined with her great beauty and charm, has prevailed upon the king to forgive if he cannot forget.

It has been reported that Mrs. Astor intended giving a ball at Captain Francis Lowther's house, which she has rented. Such a story is absurd for there is no ball room in the house. A mere "hop" would be about all its limited facilities would permit.

Will Do Very Little.
The Duchess of Roxburghe, the greatest disappointment in the way of a hostess that ever came from across the Atlantic, will do just as much as her husband will allow her. That will be precious little. When speaking of her daughter recently, Mrs. Ogden Goold said: "I may as well say that she is a real pal of the duke's and when the prince and princess come to dine with him and his wife it is more as personal friends than as royalties. The duke also tolerates the king and queen at his house. They dined with the duke and duchess last year, but so greatly does his grace object to publicity that even his closest friends did not know of it until some weeks afterwards."

Will Out Quite a Figure.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burns, the former of whom is a nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan, intend to cut quite a figure in their new house in Grosvenor street. The place has just been greatly improved and it is now the finest in a distinguished row. Mrs. Burns is one of the most ambitious of the younger hostesses and she is a great favorite of the king's. Almost anything is possible for her. His majesty has already dined with the young couple in their new home and is expected to do so at least once again during the season.

Center of Gaiety.
Mrs. Anthony Drexel, who played such a prominent part in the social life of London last year, will make her Charlton house terrace mansion center of gaiety. The house has been made spick and span for the affair. Her daughter, Margueretta, has her mother intend that she shall have her fill of pleasure. There was a rather foolish report last fall to the effect that the young girl intended entering a convent, but nothing is farther from her mind.
She thinks too much of the world and what it has to offer a girl in her position ever to renounce it. The Philadelphia woman intends to limit her invitations this year. She has had enough of "squashes." So have all those who attended her ball last year on the occasion of the "coming out" of Margueretta. Every room in the big house was requisitioned for dancing, and it is said that many guests who arrived late, seeing the crowded state of affairs, left without entering.
Lady Paget will also be among the

prominent hostesses. Most of her entertaining will be done from Warren House, which is a charming place of quaint, irregular form. For some months past the gardens have been in the hands of a famous landscape artist with excellent results. Lady Paget will give a series of luncheon parties, her favorite form of entertaining and one that is very popular with her many friends. Then there are her "bride dinners" for King Edward, which have come to be regarded as yearly fixtures, like Courts and Leves.

Wish of Distinguished Folk.
The Society of American Women in London, of which the niece of Vice President Fairbanks is president, has captured a big dish of distinguished folk, headed by the American Ambassador and including a glittering assortment of peeresses for its forthcoming benefit concert in behalf of its educational fund.
The social activities of the Duchess of Marlborough are hard to forecast. It is believed that she will give a number of entertainments of varying description at Sunderland house, in honor of the count and Countess Escechenyi, who are to pass her a visit. The American-born Duchess, because of her separation from her husband, is in a very peculiar position in English society. A woman divorced or separated from her husband has no position in English society, however just may be her grievance; and it is said that the Duchess of Marlborough is unable to get the best set in society to her balls and dinners for this season, although she is personally popular.

IRISH JEWELS OUT OF PAWN

Gems Released on Payment of \$90,000 and Case Will Be Dropped.

London, June 12.—Though the Scotland Yard disclaims any knowledge of the transaction, and though Chief Secretary Birrell has diplomatically denied it in parliament, it can be stated as a fact that the stolen regalia jewels are back in Dublin castle. The theft of which from Dublin castle was discovered in July last, have been released from a pawnshop in London for over \$90,000 (their value had been set down at \$300,000) and have been taken to Ireland by the senior member of a firm of pawnbrokers.
It is understood the money for the release of the stolen regalia was put up by a newly created nobleman, Pierce O'Mahony, half-brother of Sir Arthur Vicars, who was dismissed from office for negligence on account of the theft, has applied to magistrates for the arraignment of the chief secretary of Ireland on a charge of compounding a felony in order to have the matter reopened and Sir Arthur's name cleared, but the magistrate has refused to grant the hearing.
It is declared that the London police inspector who investigated the robbery found that a person who had access to Sir Arthur's keys had taken a wax impression of the key of the safe in the castle in which the jewels were kept, and about the time of the robbery this man was in need of a substantial sum of money. The inspector's theory was that the jewels were pawned by the man in question. The inspector was then ordered to stop further investigation.

LEAPS FROM TRAIN TO TRACK; SAVES CHILD

Conductor Jumps From Engine and Scoops Up the Youngster.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 13.—Conductor James Dunlap of the Ontario & Western railroad leaped to the track from the rapidly moving locomotive of his train at Carbondale today and scooped up 2-year-old Frances Walker, who stood terrified in front of the train, and bounded to one side with the child, just as the cowcatcher of the engine grazed his heels. It was a daring rescue and was witnessed by a score of persons.
Dunlap, who was on the running-board of the locomotive, leaped to the pilot spring far ahead as the locomotive almost reached the child and with the same movement picked her up. Another second or a slip and he would have been under the wheels of the locomotive.

GIANT ELOPES WITH MIDGET AFTER SCRAP

Picks Her From the Second-Story Window as Her Parents Guard the Door.

Utica, N. Y., June 13.—Charles Richards, whose height is seven feet two inches and who is known as the tallest man in Herkimer county, and Miss Emma Cristman, scarcely five feet high, both residents of East Herkimer, went on a honeymoon trip this afternoon, following a sensational runaway marriage last night.
The bride's brother was violently opposed to the marriage, and last night, when Richards called on the bride, the young woman to escort her to the church, her mother threw cold water at him. When that did not deter him, she used hot water.
Then the groom signaled to his sweetheart to jump from an upper story window while her mother and her brother were guarding the doors of the house.
Gallant Charles caught the girl with all the grace characteristic of his stature and forthwith they went to a marrying parson. Then they dispatched a policeman to the bride's home for her trousseau.

COUNTESS MAY MARRY TUTOR

Sixteen-Year-Old Granddaughter of Bismarck Engaged to a Young Student.

Berlin, June 12.—Berlin's aristocratic society is eagerly discussing the details of the reported secret engagement of the 16-year-old Countess Hertha von Bismarck, granddaughter of the Iron Chancellor, to a young theologian of the same name.
The young countess, sister of the late Prince Wilhelm von Bismarck's children, met the divinity student while he was employed recently as tutor in her room at the Castell Schoenhausen. His gentle manners won the hearts of the

entire family, including the Dowager Princess, but no one suspected that the Countess Hertha and he were making love clandestinely.
A week ago the tutor finished his teaching of the Bismarck children, and having at the same time completed his studies for the evangelical priesthood, he left the castle to take up his duties in the church.
There was a most affectionate parting at the castle, especially between the theologian and the Countess Hertha, but even then their intimacy was not suspected.
If came to light yesterday when the superintendent of the village church at Schoenhausen suddenly refused to permit the new minister to preach his inaugural sermon there. The Princess Bismarck demanded to know the reason, and was told by the superintendent that it was because of rumors of his

secret engagement to one of her daughters.
The countess, though greatly shocked, declined to believe the report.
She summoned the family into conference at the castle, but all denied knowledge of the scandal-rumor. Then, dismissing the rest, she called her three daughters to her and begged them to tell her that the reports were not so.
The countess Fred and Dorothea quickly disarmed her suspicions, but consternation followed the blushing admission of Countess Hertha that she was engaged to the tutor.
Naturally.
From Judge.
Daughter—Papa, in time of trial what do you suppose brings the most comfort to a man?
Papa—An acquittal, I should think.

BABY GIRLS FOUND TIED WITH ROPES

Woman Who Boarded Them Said She Tethered Them to Keep Them Out of Mischief.

New York, June 13.—Tied to a door-nob, with a rope around her neck and fastened under her arms, a tiny girl of 3 was found yesterday by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. A sister, two years old, played near by on the floor in a back room

at No. 252 West Twenty-fifth street. She had a rope around her waist.
Neighbors who said they had seen the little ones tethered like watch dogs in the back yard complained to the authorities, and the mother, found after some search, appeared with them yesterday before Magistrate Olmsted. The room in which the children were found is in a flat occupied by Mrs. Holmes, who said she had taken them to board. She said they were so mischievous she had to tie them, so they wouldn't ruin everything in her home.
The mother, Mrs. Sadie Vittor, said she was employed, and couldn't keep them herself, and that Mrs. Holmes had agreed to board them. The children, who looked healthy and chubby, were put in the Children's society care until its officers can ascertain whether they should remain with the

mother, a pretty young woman of 23, or be sent to an institution.
Their father is dead, and the mother said she expected to marry again soon. Mrs. Holmes' explanation was accepted and she was allowed to go to the society's room with the children.

Use for Frogs.
Seven thousand frogs have been placed in the ditch, ponds and small lakes at Finkenburg, a small place in the woods to the west of Berlin in which thousands of Berliners and their families flock as a rule. This experiment is being made in the hope of reducing the plague of mosquitoes that gnats which breed in millions and make life in the woods or where there is marshy ground unbearable. Frogs are particularly fond of the larvae of the gnats.