

Very Unusual Tug-o-War for the Prince of Wales's Heart

Lady Cavendish (Pretty, Athletic, Backed by the British Nation) vs. Princess Yolanda (Romantic, Ardent, the King of Italy's Lovely Daughter)—Which Will Win?



A Very Characteristic Photograph of the Prince, Taken in New York, Suggesting His Way of Running His Eye Over Everything Worth Seeing.

Lady Rachel Cavendish, Daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, Member of England's Most Distinguished Noble Family. Finest Type of Wholesome Outdoor English Girl, Desired as Queen by British Nation.

Princess Yolanda, daughter of the King of Italy. Lovely, Dark-eyed Latin Beauty, of Fervid Temperament and Historic Royal Race, Who Has Charmed the Prince.



INSPIRED announcements in the English press and certain other intimations suggest that the problem of finding a bride for the young Prince of Wales must be settled soon.

Those who are most interested in the stability of the throne believe that the Prince should now be settled down with a wife who stands well in public estimation and will help the work of securing popularity for the royal family which he has so well sustained. The Prince cannot be forever occupied with world tours, however helpful they may be in arousing foreign sympathies for the British Empire. The Prince is now returning from a tour of the Empire—a separate tour from that which included a visit to the United States. Before landing in England he is to make another visit to the King and Queen of Italy and their family—which would make the third visit within a few years.

This is a very significant fact, for during that visit he will meet again the Princess Yolanda, the lovely eldest daughter of the King of Italy, in whose society he has found evident pleasure before now. Here there is a renewed possibility of a union once before discussed, which would excite the strongest disapproval among large classes in the British Empire. The concern which this affair arouses is increased by the fact that the Prince is well known to have strong feelings of his own with regard to girls.

The wife that the British upper classes and a large part of the public would like to see the Prince select is the pretty young Lady Rachel Cavendish, fourth daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, the esteemed Governor-General of Canada. For her also the Prince, in his frank and open manner, has shown a very marked liking.

Then there were several American girls whom the Prince warmly admired during his visit and who may not be altogether out of the question. There were also a few British colonial beauties in whose heart he raised a flutter of expectation.

The Prince is for various reasons the most sought-after husband in the world. Under ordinary circumstances maidenly modesty and social conventions require that a girl shall not avow that she wants a certain husband, but the heir to a throne is different from any other man. When a girl hopes to marry the Prince, she is not merely seeking a husband, but an opportunity to fill a place of tremendous dignity

and to exercise a beneficent sway over vast numbers of her fellow creatures.

Hence, there is a very real, a very serious "tug-of-war" for the Prince's heart, a situation that can hardly happen in the case of any other man.

The disposal of the Prince's affections is to some extent regulated by law, and then most of the statesmen and diplomats wish to take a hand in the matter. The law provides that the Prince can only marry with the consent of the King and government, and that his wife must be a member of the Church of England.

Here at once will be seen the difficulty of his marriage to the Princess Yolanda of Italy. She is a Catholic and would have to change her religion to marry the Prince, a proceeding which would offend her coreligionists unspcakably.

A similar problem has already occupied the British royal family, for it is well known that King George's older brother, the Duke of Clarence, fell desperately in love with a Catholic princess—the beautiful Helene of Bourbon, who afterward married the Duke of Aosta, of the Italian royal family. The Duke of Clarence made every effort to overcome the obstacles to his union with the princess, but found that the religious and political difficulties were insuperable. The disappointment over this affair is believed to have been partly responsible for the untimely death of the Duke of Clarence, who would otherwise have inherited the British throne.

The present Prince of Wales will, it is expected, show more spirit than his late uncle. There is no doubt that the young Princess Yolanda, of Italy, is a girl who would lead a man to break many conventions. She has a beautiful face of the finest Italian type, oval in form and of exquisite purity of outline. She has a wealth of superb black hair and deep, dark eyes that are filled with feeling and expression. She has a fine, athletic figure which she inherits from her mother, who was the beautiful Princess Helena of Montenegro.

During the trying years of the war, when the Allied position was critical and Italy was in especial danger, the Prince paid two visits to the Italian front and the royal family. In the critical conditions of those days he enjoyed an opportunity of unceremonious intimacy with the young Princess that does not usually come to royalty.

They wandered together over the hillsides of northern Italy and unburdened their young hearts in a frank exchange of



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Miss Margaret Calhoun Simonds, Ideal Type of Southern Beauty, Descendant of American Statesmen and Scotch Nobility, to Whom the Prince Was Very Attentive in Washington.

that the public feeling in favor of Lady Rachel Cavendish as a bride is still stronger. An English newspaper, which is the recognized organ of the upper classes, has recently declared that Eng-

land expects the Prince of Wales to avoid a union with any foreign princess and to choose a wife from some prominent English family, noted for its high character and patriotic standing for many generations.

Some newspapers interpreting this statement have declared that it pointed clearly to the Prince taking his wife from some old English noble family, like that of the Duke of Devonshire, while others have argued that the nation would be pleased to see him choose a colonial bride or even an American, since English people do not regard Americans as foreigners.

There are, it must be said, tangible reasons for believing that the Prince is interested in young Lady Rachel Cavendish. When he arrived in Canada on his way to the United States, he made his first stop with the family of the Duke of Devonshire, the Governor-General of Canada, at Ottawa. There were five girls in the family, with whom the Prince enjoyed a very happy and informal time. Lady Rachel, however, was nearer to his own age and

it was noticed that he seized every opportunity to stay by her side, to dance with her and to choose her as a partner in sports whenever he could.

Lady Rachel Cavendish is a splendid type of the English girl—tall, strong, healthy, clear-eyed, a lover of all outdoor sports.

She would undoubtedly be welcomed by a large majority of English people as an ideal wife for the future King of England.

The Cavendishes have been at the head of English society since the time of King Henry VIII. and are immensely wealthy. They are a singular family, for they pride themselves on not being particularly clever, but on being invariably honest and patriotic.

After his few days of happiness at Ottawa, duty compelled the Prince to go away on a hurried tour of the United States and western Canada. There is no doubt that during this time he showed that appreciation of a pretty face that has made him so widely popular.

There is also no doubt that while in Washington he showed a particularly strong admiration for Miss Margaret Calhoun Simonds, the beautiful daughter of Mrs. C. C. Calhoun, member of a noted Southern family. He danced with Miss Simonds on every occasion when there was dancing, and upon her alone out of all the women he met in Washington he made a private, unofficial call. The statement that she was related to the Earls of Mar, Scotland's oldest noble family, was offered as an explanation of his interest in her, but this does not seem to explain any more than the fact that she is descended from the Southern statesman, John C. Calhoun.

The Prince in fact has no hesitation in showing his admiration for any girl he

likes, a quality which he inherits from his revered grandfather. He showed this once more when he insisted that Mrs. Whitelaw Reid should invite pretty Miss Inez Wilson to her great ball, given in his honor in New York. Miss Wilson is the daughter of Dr. Robert Wilson of Montreal. He met her first when she was nursing soldiers near the front and told her he expected to see her in America.

When Rodman Wanamaker's reception and dance were given for him in New York, he took care that Miss Wilson was invited, and, of course, he danced with her. Then came Mrs. Whitelaw Reid's ball, and Miss Wilson, not being one of the highly important people that Mrs. Reid recognizes, was not invited. The Prince insisted on the very day of the ball that she must be asked, and so the great affair was held up until Miss Wilson was discovered and invited.

During this arduous round of duties, pleasures and excitement, the Prince had not forgotten the charming young companion of his sports in Ottawa. Before he sailed back to England he went up to Ottawa and enjoyed another happy holiday with Lady Rachel Cavendish and her brothers and sisters.

This last episode is the one which makes many people believe that the next Queen of England will be an English girl. Lady Rachel has since returned to England and will be among the friends who will greet the Prince on his return.

It is no exaggeration to say that marrying the Prince is one of the most important matrimonial problems of the time.

From the mere hereditary point of view he is, of course, the foremost bachelor of the British Empire. Throughout the British dominions, in republican France and America, and in near-republican Italy, he has been greeted with the warmest demonstrations of popularity.

Therefore the tug-of-war for his heart interests most of the world.