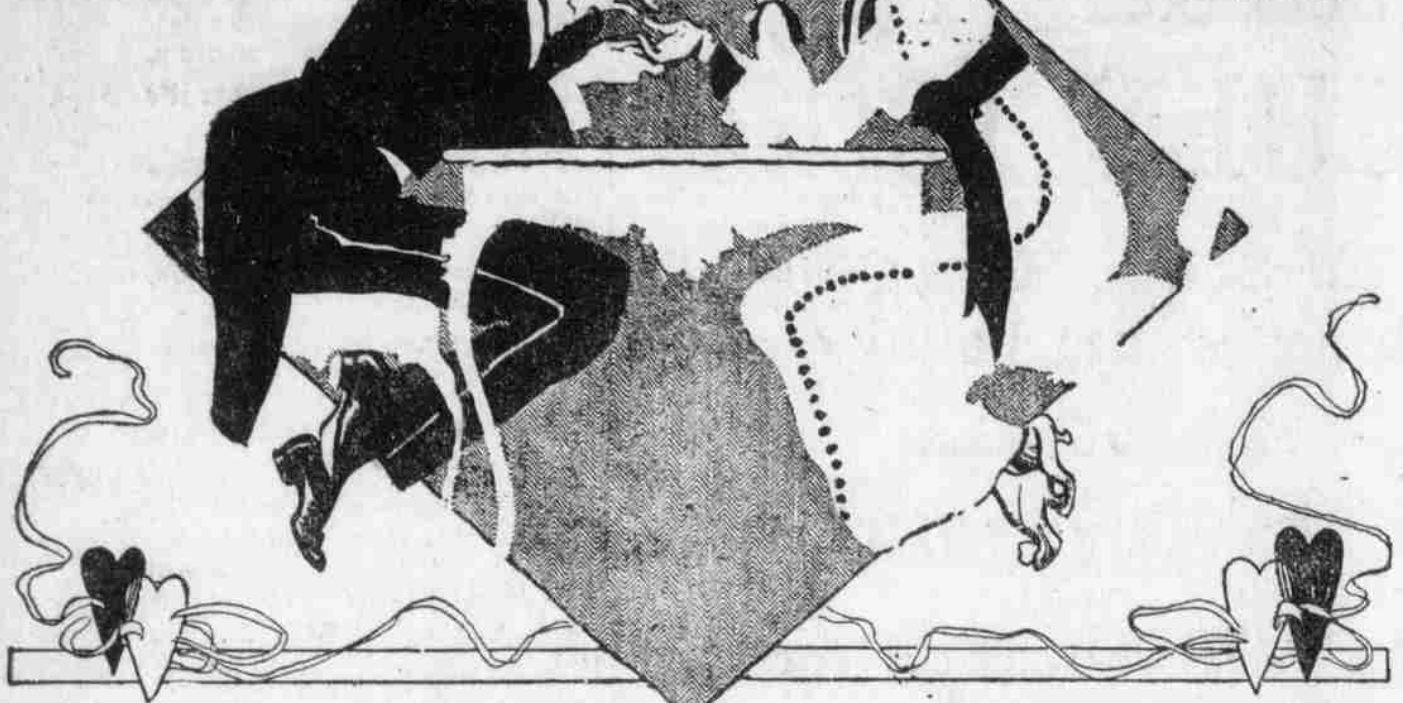


# International Romance New Style The Rich Duke To Marry The Poor Girl



**B**ALTIMORE.—All American girls lacking millions but possessing beauty and the grand manner, take heart!

Dukes and lords and counts who woo and wed our belles are nearly always as poor as their brides are rich. Titles and exalted social positions are bartered for the gold that brings luxury, if not happiness.

But the Duc de Richelieu, half-American and heir to a great fortune, is unique. Love alone caused him to make Elinor Douglas Wise his bride.

The Baltimore girl who is now on her honeymoon with Richelieu is wealthy only in her loveliness, in her wit, in her sprightliness. It was the lure of her personality, the cadence of her voice that caused the most elusive catch in all the French nobility to fall in love with her at sight.

When the sparkling bride fairly floated out of the century-old cathedral in Baltimore, after Cardinal Gibbons had performed the ceremony, the newest American duchess bowed and smiled happily to a brilliant assemblage that included girls of great fortune, destined, perhaps, to gain titles for themselves. But for none of them will Cupid weave a truer romance.

Many a gold-baited trap was set for the Duc de Richelieu by socially ambitious mothers. But he avoided them all, and was fancy free till, on a fateful night early last year in Paris, when he attended a dinner given by Mrs. Seth Barton French of New York and Newport. Miss Wise was a guest also. Later in the drawing room, lighted by the mellow radiance of wax candles, the Baltimore girl sang French chansons with such warmth of voice and with such style and force that her hearers were stirred to enthusiasm.

### Love at First Sight.

But the duke! He was entranced. From that moment he was the singer's devoted cavalier. He did not leave her side for the rest of the evening. It was not long before he proposed to tell her fortune. He swore that he would be able to draw aside the veil of the future and truly solve one great mystery for her.

At a table in a secluded corner he looked longingly into the dancing eyes of the American girl as she laid the palm of her left hand before him.

"Everything that is lovely in woman!" cried the duke, pointing to a line.

"A love affair," he smiled and paused. "A probable marriage; success in love." Then he seemed to be lost in thought as he studied the pretty palm.

"I see a change coming into your life, a wonderful change," he said. "Before long you will contract a marriage that the world will call brilliant. And it will be for love!"

So began the romance of Miss Wise and Marie Odet Jean Armand de Chappelle de Jumilhac, Duc de Richelieu and De Fronsac.

The duke and the new American duchess are not going to spend all their time in foreign social life. The mansions of the Faubourg St. Germain, the most reserved and aristocratic in all the world, are open to the Duc de Richelieu and his bride, and not many American girls, even those who have gained great French names by marriage, have the entrée to that conservative society.

### Will Live in New York.

Therefore, it is considered remarkable that the duke and his bride have agreed to live in New York during much of the year, and in consequence they have leased luxurious apartments in the Carlton Chambers, just north of the Ritz-Carlton, on Madison avenue. These are being furnished most artistically and the rooms will be notable for their fidelity to various French periods.

It will be a novelty for a duke and duchess to entertain the Four Hundred in their own home in New York!

When Richelieu married Miss Wise it was the second time that a Baltimore beauty had been won by a member of the French nobility. On the other occasion—it was in the early part of the nineteenth century—Jerome Bonaparte, the dashing brother

of the great Napoleon, married the lovely Betsy Patterson, a reigning belle of her day and often called "glorious Betsy." This union had a lamentable ending, for the capricious Jerome deserted his American wife at the command of the emperor, who desired to make Jerome a pawn in his tremendous international chess game.

### Bride a General Favorite.

Miss Wise is popular in her home city as well as in Washington, Newport and Paris. Her friends declare she bears a charmed life. She has been in peril several times. On one occasion she narrowly escaped death when a carriage, in which she and Lycurgus Winchester were riding, was run down by an electric car. The accident happened at the Mount Royal entrance to Druid Hill park in Baltimore on Aug. 2, 1906. The future duchess suffered a broken left leg and a bad cut under the left eye, and for a time it was feared the cut would mar her beauty. Her companion, who was called the handsomest man in all Maryland, was instantly killed. He was the husband of Katherine Griswold Pratt Winchester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Bache Pratt of New York. Miss Wise was a good friend of the Winchesters.

After a long stay in a hospital Miss Wise went abroad. Her musical talents attracted the attention of Emma Eames, who urged the girl to study for grand opera. Sure that her protegee would achieve success, the prima donna herself began to give the fortunate Baltimore girl three lessons a week.

That Miss Wise made the most of her opportunity was shown by her rapid advance. In the end her voice did gain laurels for her, though not of the kind that Mme. Eames nor the girl had dreamed of.

### Truly a Love Match.

The new duchess is not tall, has light brown hair and dark blue eyes, with dark lashes and a pale complexion. She is remarkable for her vivacity and ability to talk with sure knowledge on almost any subject. The duke is thirty-seven years old. He always told his friends that he would marry only for love, and that he would wait until he was sure he had found the right girl.

But certainly the Duc de Richelieu did not need to contract an alliance for money! On the death of his mother he will inherit half of her great fortune, and he receives an allowance from her that is princely. His mother, born in New Orleans as the daughter of Michael Heine, a leading banker there, enjoys the distinction of being the only American woman who ever attained sovereign rank in the Old World, and has figured in the courts of Europe, not among the mere nobility, but among the crowned heads. She gained possession of her place on a throne through her marriage to her second husband, the reigning prince of France, from whom she is legally separated.

The present duke is the third of the present creation. Through his mother he is related to the Millenbergers, the Harkins, the Pollocks and the Marigny families of New Orleans. He has been twice reported as engaged, first to Miss Irwin, sister of the countess of Limerick, and on another occasion to Mile. Pauline de St. Sauveur.

### Brilliant Line of Ancestry.

The dukedom of Richelieu, at the death of the great cardinal, was bequeathed, with the king's permission, to his grandnephew; that is to say, to the grandson of one of the cardinal's sisters, and finally came to be the possession of the American woman's son.

There are other French dukes with American blood in their veins. One is the four-year-old Duc de Chau nes et de Plequigny, tenth of his line whose mother was Miss Theodora P. Shonts.

The Duc Decazes will in due course be succeeded in his honors by his son Louis, born of his marriage to the late Isabel Singer, and also will come in for much of the wealth which his American mother derived from her father's sewing machine invention. Then there is the Duc de Praslin,

whose Boston wife was formerly Mrs. Charles Hamilton Palne. His mother was Miss Elizabeth Forbes of New York.

The present Duc de Richelieu is simple and unaffected in his ways, and is much praised for his common sense. For several years he has been idled at Newport, where a duke is dearly loved.

The new Duchess is also of distinguished ancestry. Her father, the late Capt. Frederic May Wise, won distinction in the United States navy, and the Wises were favorites in social circles of the navy set. Capt. Wise belonged to the famous Virginia family of that name. His maternal grandfather, Dr. Frederic May, was a noted resident of Washington before the capitol was built. On her mother's side the duchess is descended from a mingled strain of French and old Puritan blood of the famous Massachusetts family to which John Quincy Adams belonged.

### Plan Prolonged Honeymoon.

The honeymoon is to be notable. After an audience with the pope they are to go to the Riviera to visit at Monte Carlo with the Princess of Monaco. Later they will go to England to be the guests of the former Empress Eugenie at Farnborough, then to visit the splendid Paris house that the duke owns, and finally to the three different chateaux that Richelieu maintains, especially the one in Touraine, which is very beautiful and from which part of France the duke's family originally came.

The duke is proud of his American duchess, and he is not chary in expressing himself on international marriages.

"They are to my way of thinking," he said, "in no way different from rational marriages. Everything depends on the characters of the two, and the circumstances. I have known American girls for a good many years, and I believe in them, and in the great future American women will have. I have never, though, given the matter of nationality a serious thought. Love, to my mind, has very little to do with boundaries. Any marriage based upon any other grounds than mutual love and respect cannot survive the strain of years."

### One Woman's Guess.

A Pittsburgh man recently returned from New York tells this little story of an incident during the great police and public service parade in the metropolis a few weeks ago. He says he was standing at a window in one of the large Fifth avenue hotels which commanded a fine view of the pageant, while about him were a collection of people gathered from all corners of the country. Among them was a New York woman to whom all looked for information. She was able to satisfy inquiries until the division of the department of water supplies came along. Equipment of various sorts all bore in great white letters the insignia, "D. W. S.," and the fountain head of information was immediately asked for what they stood. She racked her brains for a moment and then hazarded:

"I really don't quite know, unless it means the department of white slaves."

### Trying Hard.

An artist who has a lofty studio on West Twenty-third street lately spent two months among the darker dwellings of London, sketching the laborer in the mass, children with dull eyes, houses with broken window panes.

One morning he was in a petty session court in the East End, and a battered man was before the magistrate, charged with drunkenness and breach of the peace.

"When you were here thirty days ago," said the magistrate, "didn't you promise to sign the pledge?"

"I'm agoin' to, yr' honor," said the culprit, "as soon as I can learn to write. I'm takin' lessons, but I ain't makin' much progress."—New York Times.

## GEOLOGICAL BOARD REPORTS PROGRESS

REPORT SHOWS INCREASED RESULTS ALONG ALL LINES OF THIS WORK.

### THE ROADS AND DRAINAGE

All of the Counties of the State in Harmony With the Survey.—Vote Bonds and Ask For Engineering Assistance.

Raleigh.—The state geological board, in semi-annual session here, Governor Craig presiding, heard a report from State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt that showed remarkable progress in the work of the board. In forest survey work of ascertaining the timber resources of the state the report shows all counties west of Alamance inventoried and three men at work in Alamance.

In road work the report shows that for the six months past the representatives of the board have taken a hand in road-bond elections carried that represent \$26,000,000 of road bonds in various counties. Surveys have been made for the Madison and Henderson sections of the Central Highway and the Hickory Nut Gap section of the Charlotte-Asheville highway. The citizens of the latter section of road have raised \$3,500 by private subscriptions and \$1,500 by bonds for the seven miles of road that the state is to provide convicts for. The money is also ready for meeting the conditions for convict road work for the Central Highway in Madison just as soon as the convicts can be supplied by the state. There is 15 miles of this road.

In the matter of engineering assistance for road work by counties the report shows assistance given in Alamance, Anson, Burke, Caswell, Chatham, Craven, Henderson, Harnett, Jackson, McDowell, Orange, Polk, Rockingham, Rutherford, Perquimans, Warren, Wilson, Washington, Wilkes and Madison.

The department has collected statistics of road building in North Carolina for 1912 that show very great increase in road construction during that year over any previous year. The data will be published very soon now.

In drainage the report shows 65 districts in the state, a gain of seven for the past six months. There are upwards of 1,000,000 acres of land to be reclaimed or greatly improved.

### Examinations For Deputies.

Confronted with the situation of having no list of eligible Democrats from which to choose deputies for Colonel Watts, the newly appointed collector and for the collector to be appointed shortly in the eastern district and for the customs collector, it has been decided to have the civil service hold examinations for these offices at Charlotte, Asheville, Durham, Greensboro, Newbern, Statesville, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Elizabeth City, August 15.

### Southern Train Kills Lady.

The train which brought Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan and Senator Luke Lea into Asheville, Southern No. 14, ran over and instantly killed Miss Annie E. Williams, of Gainesville, Fla., a summer visitor, who was crossing a small trestle near Swannanoa. A small nephew of Miss Williams, who was with her, saw the train approaching, drew back from the trestle and escaped. The engineer did not see the lady in time to stop his engine.

### Tar Heel's Granted Patents.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant to citizens of North Carolina of the following patents: C. F. Christopher, Asheville, scale; G. A. N. Coppedge, Henderson, dry closet; Joseph Leisch, Tryon, player-piano; Joseph Leisch, Tryon, power-pneumatic for player-pianos; Enoch Ludford, Jr., Elizabeth City, sheave-block; George L. Self, Asheville, twine cutter; J. W. Tatum, Angier, electric signaling system.

### Interstate Commission Evidence.

After spending the greater part of two days at Asheville hearing a great mass of technical evidence in the protest of lumbermen of western North Carolina over the enforcement of the milling-in-transit regulations by the Southern Railway Company, Examiner C. R. Marshall of the interstate commerce commission adjourned the hearing until September 8. He went to Greenville, S. C., where he will attend another hearing before returning to his headquarters at Washington.

### Narrow Escape From Injury.

At Kernersville Engineer E. E. Harris and Fireman Ben Miller, on a passenger train between Greensboro and Winston-Salem had a narrow escape from serious injury by the blowing out of a steam pipe in the boiler. The train was pulling into the Kernersville station when the accident occurred. The engine was "killed" at once and a freight engine secured to take the train into Winston-Salem. Fireman Miller was painfully scalded and the accident created considerable excitement.

## A MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

For North Carolina Being Considered By Ministers and Laymen Interested in Mission Cause.

Charlotte.—Ministers and laymen interested in the mission cause, met at Hanna Hall for the purpose of considering plans with reference to organization for a united missionary campaign in North Carolina, and the advisability of holding a laymen's conference in Charlotte.

Besides about 20 laymen the ministers present were: Rev. D. H. Rolston, of the First Presbyterian church; Rev. Dr. Marr, of Trinity Methodist church; Rev. R. E. Hough, of Knox Presbyterian church, and Rev. E. G. Carson, of Villa Heights A. R. P. church.

Mr. M. B. Spier presided at the meeting.

Mr. L. B. Padgett, of Greensboro, state secretary of the North Carolina branch of the Laymen's Movement, was present. Mr. Padgett met with the ministers in their regular weekly meeting and suggested the having of the meeting at this time.

After considerable discussion it was decided to have another meeting in a few days at which time action in regard to the campaign and conference for Charlotte will be taken.

The plan discussed is to hold conferences or conventions at about 20 different points in the state, to launch a great campaign in the interest of missions—home and foreign.

The idea originated at a great meeting in New York on the 19th of March last.

Mr. Padgett was present at the meeting. He caught the spark of enthusiasm and it is his purpose to kindle it into a flame throughout this state.

### Connect Brunswick and New Hanover.

In an election held recently Brunswick county voted by a unanimous majority in favor of the project to bridge Cape Fear and Brunswick rivers, in accordance with a compromise agreement reached among prominent citizens of New Hanover and Brunswick counties in conference in Raleigh during the session of the last legislature. The purpose of the election was to get an expression of the attitude of the citizens of Brunswick on the proposition to spend \$40,000, or so much thereof as may be needed, to bridge the Brunswick river, conditionally, however, upon New Hanover expending \$250,000, or so much as may be needed, for a bridge over the Cape Fear river at Wilmington and the construction of an improved highway connecting the two rivers.

### States Trust Company Official Freed.

A verdict of not guilty was rendered in Wake court in the case against C. H. Bowlds of Wilmington, secretary-treasurer of the States Trust Company, charged with false reports to the corporation commission that the capital stock of the Bank of Macclesfield was paid in at the time of opening for business. Two other cases against him, one for false entries as to stock of the Macclesfield bank and the other for aiding and abetting Cashier Dimier Lafoon in similar entries as to the Bank of Claremont, were called and rather than to have to give heavy bond for trial at the next court, pleas of not contented were entered and prayer for judgment was continued on the payment of the costs.

### North Carolina New Enterprises.

A charter was issued to a corporation to be known as the Wilmington Beach Corporation, which is organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. This corporation is empowered to develop the real estate on the North Carolina beaches, and to erect pleasure resorts there. The following are the stockholders in the corporation: L. W. Davis, J. J. Hopkins, C. C. Chadbourne, C. E. Greenmayer and D. N. Chadwick, of Wilmington.

### To Penitentiary for Fifteen Years.

The trial of Barfield Prevatt, charged with the murder of Emroy McNeill in Lumberton March 29, was concluded several days ago, when Prevatt was sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years, the jury, after three-hours' deliberation, having given a verdict of murder in the second degree.

### North Carolina Railroad Directors.

The former board of directors of the North Carolina railroad met recently in Hotel Guilford. No matters of importance except the claim of the Norfolk Southern for right-of-way at Charlotte and the proposal of the Seaboard Air Line to use the tracks of both railroads for common travel, so that all the trains on either track would go in the same direction were considered. These matters were referred to the new board. The stockholders met with Col. J. T. Morehead in the chair.

### New Lenoir to Hickory Road.

For some weeks the matter of changing the road from Lenoir to Hickory has been under consideration. At the last meeting of the county commissioners the committee appointed to select a new route for a section of the road just out of the town unanimously agreed to make the change. The new road will leave the old road at a point of about three-quarters of a mile from town and cross the lands of the Norwoods and Edmund Jones, Jr., and re-enter the old road at a point near Jones' mill.

## BANKERS ADJOURN

G. A. HOLDERNESS TO HEAD THE BANKERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

### OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED

Currency Bill Attacked.—Virginia Man Makes Speech Against It and Edward Cox Offers Resolution Calling For Amendment Which is Adopted.

Asheville.—The final meeting of the seventeenth annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, which had been in session here for several days, came to a close with the election of officers and the transaction of a great deal of business of importance to the organization. The officers who will serve during the coming year, having been elected by the unanimous vote of the convention, are as follows: President, George A. Holderness, of Tarboro; first vice president, Thomas E. Cooper, of Wilmington; second vice-president, J. L. Armfield, of Thomasville; third vice president, W. S. Blakeney, of Monroe; secretary and treasurer, W. A. Hunt, of Henderson. The members of the executive committee whose terms expired at the present annual gathering will be succeeded as follows: E. C. Rea, of Edenton; T. A. Uzzell, of New Bern; W. B. Drake, Jr., of Raleigh; A. L. Davis, of Burlington; I. F. Craven, of Ramseur; E. O. Anderson, of Charlotte.

Following the installation of the officers, Leake S. Covington, the retiring president, was presented with a handsome silver service, the presentation on behalf of the convention being made by H. E. Litchford, of Raleigh.

The greater part of the sessions of the final day of the convention was taken up with the agricultural conference, at which speeches were made by Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida; B. F. Harris, of Illinois; Charles Hall Davis, of Virginia and others. The speakers dealt with the farming industry and its effects on the banking and other business interests of today, and the speeches were heard with rapt attention. The speakers were heartily applauded and the day's sessions were considered among the best held.

Senator Fletcher devoted his time to the discussion of banking reforms which will mean much to the farmers in the way of securing loans at better rates of interest and dealt at length upon the subject of idle farming lands in the South.

### County Pension Board Meets.

Monroe.—The county pension board consisting of Clerk of Court Lumbard and Veterans R. V. Houston, P. C. Stinson and B. H. Benton met several days ago. It was shown that during the year just closed 13 of the 137 Confederate soldiers drawing pensions had died and 14 of the widows of the 109 widows of soldiers had died. At this session of the board nine soldiers and seven widows applied for pension. Two soldiers applied for an increase in pensions.

### When is a County Officer Off Duty?

Wilmington.—When is a county officer, from the sheriff down to township constable, off duty? This is a question that is to be determined by the Supreme court in cases going up from this county. Recently Recorder Furlong held that an officer has not the right to carry a pistol concealed when he is off duty. Then came the question with Sheriff Cowan as to when he is off duty and when he is not.

### Officers Raid Moonshine Still.

Greensboro.—Revenue officers stationed here by Commissioner W. H. Osborn, aided by the sheriff, raided a moonshine plant, just across the Guilford border, in Randolph county recently. They found an illicit whiskey manufactory and confiscated a large quantity of the whiskey. Two negroes were arrested and four white men ran so rapidly in escaping from the officers that one of them left his revolver behind.

### Hodges Under \$1,000 Bond.

Wilmington.—W. H. Hodges, who shot and killed his wife, at their home near Leland, about six miles west of Wilmington, has been placed under \$1,000 bond for appearance for trial at the next term of Brunswick county superior court in September. The coroner's jury found that the gun was accidentally discharged, Mr. Hodges stumbling on the steps of his front porch while chasing a man whom he had found at his home upon his return from Wilmington, where he had a position.

### To Continue State School Hygiene.

Gastonia.—Dr. L. M. Glenn, of Gastonia, chairman of the North Carolina State Organizing Committee of the Fourth International Congress on School Hygiene, which is to be held at Buffalo the last week in August, has received a letter from Dr. Thomas A. Storey of the College of the City of New York, and secretary-general of the congress, suggesting the continuance of the state committee for the purpose of establishing a permanent organization in the interest of better school hygiene.