

DOUBLE ALLIANCE OF DUKES AND BIDDLES

Cordelia Biddle's Marriage to Angier B. Duke Followed by Mary Duke's Engagement

TO BROTHER OF THE BRIDE

1,200 Attend Ceremony in Holy
Trinity, Philadelphia—Bride Re-
ceives Jewels Worth \$200,000.

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PHILADELPHIA, Penn., April 28.—Miss Cordelia Biddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle of this city, was married to Angier Buchanan Duke of New York, at 4 o'clock this afternoon in Holy Trinity Church, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Lloyd Thompkins, rector of Holy Trinity.

Following the wedding announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Mary L. Duke, a sister of the bridegroom, and Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., brother of the bride. The wedding is to take place this Summer.

The youth and beauty of the bride—she is only 17 and possesses far more than the average share of good looks—together with an attractive vivacity of manner, the wealth of the young bridegroom, and the fact that one of the oldest and richest Philadelphia families was united with one of the richest families of the South combined to make today's ceremony one of the most notable in this city in recent years.

More than 1,200 persons, many of them the socially elect of this city, New York, Baltimore, and Washington, thronged the church, while hundreds more, who had not been invited to the ceremony, jammed the streets outside the church and made the presence of a large detail of police necessary. As the bride stepped from the church immediately after the ceremony the crowd made a rush for her, upsetting the wedding canopy and tearing loose the curtains of her automobile in open defiance of all efforts of the police to maintain order.

Wedding Gifts of \$200,000.

Wedding gifts aggregating in value more than \$200,000 were showered on the bride. The gifts included a \$75,000 pearl necklace from the bridegroom's parents, a \$25,000 diamond necklace from the bridegroom, diamond bracelet from the bridegroom's uncle, James Duke; gold mesh handbag incrusting with rubies and sapphires from Miss Mary L. Duke, the bridegroom's sister; diamond and sapphire ring from Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, a bank account providing a large annuity from her father, and a diamond pin from Mr. and Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel. The bridegroom's parents presented him with a beautiful home in Eighty-ninth Street, New York. In all, about 550 presents were received at the Biddle home.

Miss Mary L. Duke, a sister of the bridegroom, was the maid of honor. She wore a gown of pink satin, made with the new full, round skirt and high waisted bodice that has come into fashion this Spring and trimmed with cream-colored lace. She wore a large leghorn hat, trimmed with pink chiffon, and carried a basket of Spring flowers.

The bridesmaids were Miss Ellen D. Yuille of New York, Miss Elizabeth Roberts Reath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Reath of this city; Miss Ruth Coxé, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinton Coxé of Pennlyn; Miss Hope Truxton Beale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Beale of this city, whose engagement recently was announced to Oliver Cromwell, son of Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury; Miss Margot Scull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Scull of "Leighton Place," Overbrook, and Miss Charlotte Harding Brown, daughter of Mrs. Samuel F. Houston of Chestnut Hill. Little Miss Virginia Thaw, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

The Bridesmaids in Pink.

They all wore the same artistic costume, specially designed for this wedding. Pink was the color scheme. The dainty frocks of pink taffeta were draped with overdresses of soft tulle of the same shade. Their large hats of pink tulle were trimmed with blue ribbons and each maid carried a basket of pink roses.

William Sturgis, a fraternity brother of New York, was the best man. The ushers were Malcolm L. Meachan, Theodore Crane, Esmond P. O'Brien, Ernest R. Hudson, Edwin V. Kane, and Philip Boyer of New York, Gustavo di Rosa of Boston, and Livingston Biddle and A. J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., of Philadelphia.

The music played at the wedding was chosen by the bride, aided by Miss Mary L. Duke, who is musical and possesses a well-trained soprano voice. The conventional march from "Lohengrin" was played as the bridal party marched down the centre aisle to the altar, and the familiar Mendelssohn march floated out as they returned after the ceremony had been performed. But Ralph Kinder, the organist of Holy Trinity, who played this afternoon, had selected a varied program for the interval while the guests were assembling. Included in the list were two compositions, "Longing" and "Reverie," composed by Livingston L. Biddle, brother of A. J. Drexel Biddle and an uncle of the bride, selections from Tchaikowsky, Greig, Wagner, MacFarlane, and from his own musical compositions.

Following the usual custom, the friends and relatives of the bride were seated on the left of the church, (as you face the altar,) while the relatives and friends of the bridegroom were on the right.

The bride, who was self-possessed throughout the ceremony, gave her answers confidently, in a soft, girlish voice, which could be heard well back in the church. She wore a shimmering gown of soft, white satin, made with a sweeping court train and an overskirt of tulle.

The high-waisted bodice was set off by a girdle of orange blossoms, and these same fragrant flowers formed a narrow border around the bottom of the skirt. The tulle veil was held in place by knots of orange blossoms, and the bride carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The New York Guests.

The majority of the New York guests, of whom there was about 500, made the journey to this city in a special train. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin N. Duke, father and mother of Mr. Duke; Mr. and Mrs. James B. Duke, his uncle and aunt, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Oliver Carley Harriman, Miss Mabel Gerry, Miss Angelica Gerry, Philip O. Mills, Mr. S. Frederic Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Orson D. Munn, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson W. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dula, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dula, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cobb, ex-Judge and Mrs. E. H. Gary, Dr. and Mrs. Preston Satterwhite, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Renshaw, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hill, James A. Blair, Jr.; Ralph Blumer, Cyri Hatch, Miss Vera Bloodgood, Morgan J. O'Brien, Miss Roche, Frances Roche.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stagg, Mr. and Mrs. Percival S. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus L. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Preston, Bayard Halstead, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Wylie, Miss Florence Gilbert, Miss Constance Peabody, Miss Julia Eddy, Miss Ethel Carhart, Miss Rhoda Tanner, Miss Alice Drexel, Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, James A. Blair, Jr.; Samuel Rea.

Philadelphia Guests.

The Philadelphia guests included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinton Coxé, Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Scull, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. James

Francis Sullivan, Miss Frances Livingston Sullivan, Miss Leta Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maybin Hart, Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Reath, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury, Mr. and Mrs. John Kearsley Mitchell, 3d, Mr. and Mrs. George W. B. Roberts, Mrs. George J. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Harding, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Miss Jean Thompson, Miss Virginia Roberts, Miss Cornelia Carter Leidy, Miss Mary Francis Fisher, Miss Jean C. Bullitt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Middleton Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. William Masters Camac, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. James Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Y. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. David S. B. Chew, Miss Evelyn Chew, Miss Anna Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wright.

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Anders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Massey Drayton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Evans Roberts, Miss Inez Drayton, Miss Susan B. Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. George Q. Horwitz, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Leidy, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sturgis Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mercer Biddle, A. Mercer Biddle, Jr., Oliver Eaton Cromwell, Charles Biddle, Mrs. Arthur Biddle, Miss Edith Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles West Churchman, Mrs. Crozer Robinson, Mrs. William B. Churchman, William B. Churchman, Miss A. Beatrice Geyelin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pancoast, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hines Johnson, Mrs. Austin S. Heckscher, Miss Anna Massey Heckscher, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath, Mr. and Mrs. George Dallas Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dallas Dixon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson Spencer, Mrs. Gardner Cassatt, Miss Eugenie Cassatt, Miss Ellen Mary Cassatt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts, Miss Mary Stewart Wurts, Mrs. James Large, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Meade Large, Miss Isabel Wurts Page, Mrs. Richard Tilghman, Miss Gabriella Tilghman.

Other out-of-town guests included Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. William Thaw, 3d, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Miller, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Snyder, Pittsburgh; Harry Darlington, Pittsburgh; Harry Darlington, Jr., Pittsburgh; Mrs. Alexander Brown, Baltimore; Miss James, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Appleton, Boston; E. B. Lyon, Durham, N. C.

The news of the engagement of Mr. Biddle and Miss Duke is of peculiar interest, coming, as it does, on the day of the wedding of Mr. Duke and Miss Biddle. Mr. Biddle has not yet reached his majority, while Miss Duke is about the same age as her brother's bride. She was reported to be engaged to Prince Ludovic Pignatelli D'Aragon when she was in London two years ago, but both she and her mother promptly denied the rumor.