

MISS HUNTINGTON IS ASTOR'S WIFE

Wealthiest Young Man in the World Takes Childhood Playmate for His Bride.

Staatsburg, N. Y., April 30.—William Vincent Astor, head of the family established in America a century and a quarter ago by John Jacob Astor, the German fur trader, and, perhaps, the wealthiest young man in the world, was quietly married here at noon today to Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington, at the home of his bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Huntington. Since the tragic death of his father, who went down with the Titanic, made him master of the great fortune long associated with the Astor name, Vincent Astor has gained a prominence not altogether due to his wealth. His interest in philanthropy and social betterment has kept his name before the public, and his marriage to a girl whom he has known since childhood gives more than a touch of romance to the union.

Staatsburg is an old Dutch settlement on the east bank of the Hudson river, about half way between New York and Albany. Along the river for miles above and below the town lie the country estates of old New York families. Young Astor himself has a large farm at Rhinebeck, across the Hudson. Miss Huntington spent her childhood at the old Huntington estate in Rhinebeck adjoining the Astors'. The ceremony tomorrow will be in the house which the Huntingtons built five years ago when they moved here from Rhinebeck.

The house stands in an estate of 400 acres, overlooking the river, a quarter of a mile back from the main highway. It is a large structure of red brick, two stories high, built in the Tudor style and, with its surroundings, resembles the home of an English country squire. Adjoining are the country homes of Ogdon Mills and Mrs. William B. Dinsmore, the bride's grandmother.

The Huntingtons had arranged a more elaborate wedding ceremony at St. Margaret's Episcopal church in the village, but Vincent Astor's sudden illness forced them to abandon their plans. While visiting his fiancée a month ago he developed an abscess on the lungs, and for a time his condition was serious. There was talk of delaying the wedding, but both he and Miss Huntington were opposed to the postponement, and finally it was decided that the ceremony should be performed on the date originally set, but the arrangements for a large wedding breakfast to follow were given up.

The wedding invitations were ready for some time. Only a few relatives and intimate friends, thirty-a score, were informally asked to attend, and the scene was shifted from the church to the Huntington residence.

The room selected was the library at the southwest corner of the house on the ground floor. This is a magnificent square chamber paneled with dark oak, opening to the south into a conservatory and on the north into what the Huntingtons call the "long room," which runs across the west side of the house to the dining room at the other end of the suite. Its most striking feature is a marble mantelpiece which Mr. and Mrs. Huntington brought from Rome when they bought this place in 1909 and remodeled the room into the present modern structure.

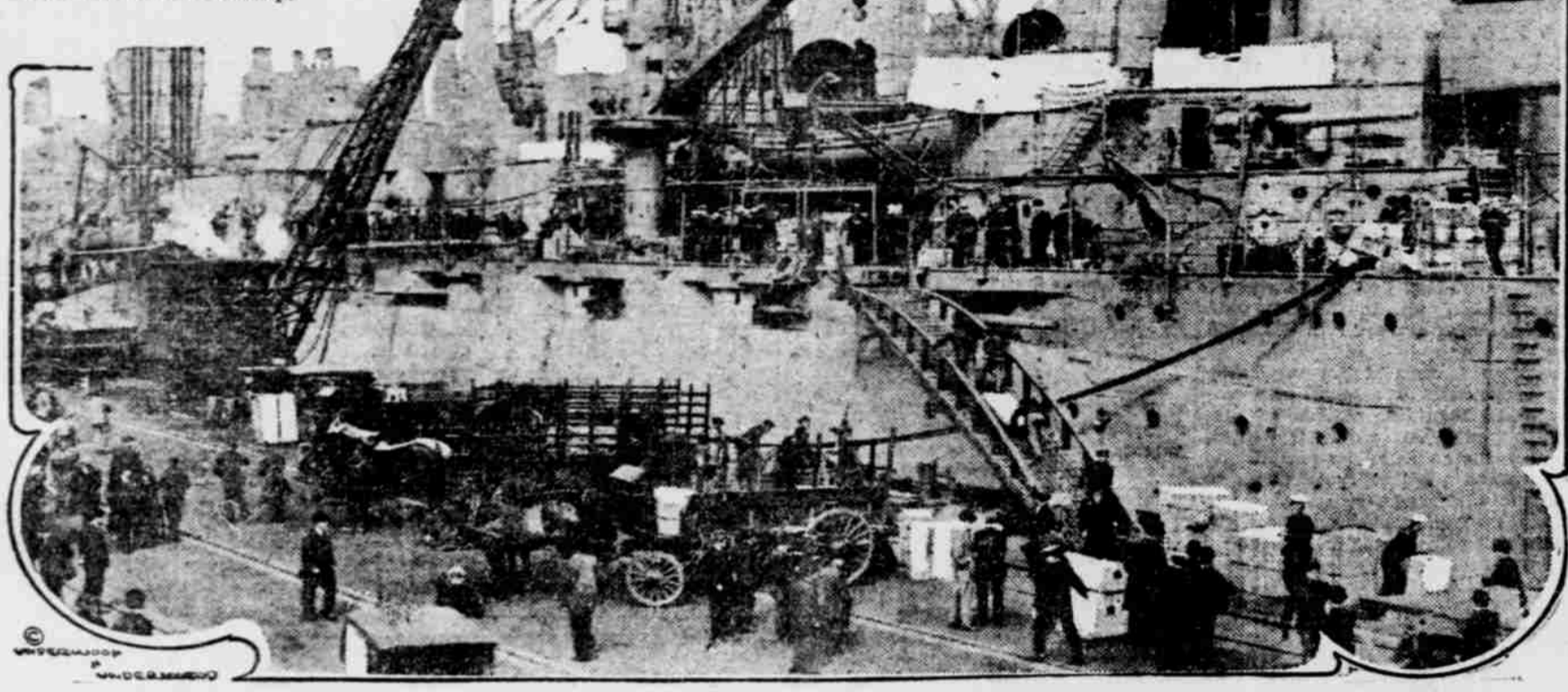
The bride descended a staircase of cream colored marble, which leads down to the great entrance hall at the front of the house. The hall opens into the "long room," through which the wedding procession proceeded to the library.

Miss Huntington's attendants were her younger sister, Alice, as maid of honor, and Alice Muriel Astor, sister of the bridegroom and Margaret Dows, daughter of Tracy Dows, a neighbor of the Huntingtons. Miss Astor and Miss Dows are children, about 10 years of age. Mr. Astor's best man was Hermann Oelrichs of New York, a student at the Columbia Law school. There were no ushers.

The bridal gown was of white tulle, very simply made, with a train of white satin and wedding lace that was worn by Miss Huntington's grandmother, Mrs. Dinsmore, and by her mother, Miss Astor and Miss Dows wore corn colored taffeta and dotted net, with Nattler blue sashes. They carried old-fashioned bouquets of

SCENE AT NAVY YARD BEFORE WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLESHIP LEAVES FOR MEXICO

This picture was taken at the Brooklyn navy yard just before the giant new battleship New York left for Mexican waters last Sunday. From the mainmast of this vessel flies the flag of Rear Admiral Winslow, commander of the new special service squadron. The New York, which was put in commission only two or three weeks ago, is the world's greatest battleship.



small flowers arranged in tight concentric circles and wore artificial wreaths of the same flowers on their hats. Mrs. Huntington, the bride's mother, wore blue taffeta and chiffon. The Episcopal marriage service was read by Rev. Charles H. Duncan, rector of St. Margaret's church. After the ceremony there was a family wedding breakfast.

Mr. Astor's gift to his bride was a magnificent pearl necklace which she wore at the wedding ceremony. The citizens of Huntington, Ind., which was named for one of the bride's ancestors, sent the bride a great cedar chest.

Among the guests was Mr. Astor's mother, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, who since her divorce from Colonel John Jacob Astor, has spent much of her time in England. By the terms of that separation Vincent became the ward of his father, and his sister, Alice, was given into the care of her mother.

The bride's only brother, Robert, a student at St. Paul's school in Concord, N. H., came home for the wedding.

The bride is the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huntington and descendant of Samuel Huntington of Norwich, Conn., a signer of the Declaration of Independence. In 1800 this branch of the family left New England and settled in Virginia and later moved to Kentucky, whence came Miss Huntington's father, to make his home in Rhinebeck. Two of her ancestors on the Huntington side were justices of the United States supreme court. Her grandfather on her mother's side was Alvin Adams, founder of the Adams Express company. Her maternal grandfather was the late William B. Dinsmore, whose widow was one of the wedding guests. The Dinsmore family came from Scotland early in the eighteenth century and settled in New England. The bride is fond of outdoor sports and has spent most of her life in the country.

Vincent Astor will be 23 on the 15th of next November. As a child he was delicate and the outdoor life prescribed by his physicians became a habit to which he still adheres. He received most of his early schooling from private tutors; but for a time he attended Eton, in England. He entered Harvard, but the death of his father three years ago and the responsibilities that came to him with the great Astor estate caused him to leave the university. At present he is learning to handle the Astor interests in this country. His fortune has been estimated at between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

Leading Kentucky republicans, headed by the chairman of the state committee, are to confer with William O. Bradley as to whether, he wants another term in the United States senate. He does.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW IN HIS 80TH YEAR

Sense of Humor and Enjoyment of It One of Principal Source of Longevity.

In the course of a speech on the occasion of his 80th birthday at the Montank club, Brooklyn, N. Y., April 25, Chauncey Depew said:

"One of the principal sources of healthy longevity and the pleasure of living is a sense of humor and keen enjoyment of it. People who laugh easily and often never have appendicitis. American humor and its cultivation were accelerated during the administration of President Lincoln. No president ever had presented to him so many and such vexing problems or from men so important and difficult. He rarely argued, but illustrated his position and confuted his questioner by an apt story admirably told. He told me 11 of them to show how each story had confounded his questioner or critic and ended the discussion. These anecdotes spread through Washington and all over the country, and we became a nation of story-tellers. When I was secretary of state and living in Albany 50 years ago, Artemus Ward, whose fame as a humorist was world-wide, came there to lecture. The audience was made up of the bluest blood of the old colonial Dutch aristocracy. They did not crack a smile until the evening was half over, when Ward came to the front of the platform, and looking whimsically over the crowd for five minutes without a word, finally said, 'that last remark of mine was a joke.' The Vans after that laughed immoderately at everything. The next night Artemus Ward was at Troy. The Trojans had heard of the Albany denials, and to show that they knew a joke when they saw it, and that they saw it at once, they began to laugh when the lecturer began and soon were in violent hysterics whether Ward was speaking or looking at them. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mark Twain, Bret Harte and an innumerable company have contributed to the happiness of the people and the gaiety of nations. The increasing intensity of our lives, the craze for money, and the craze for new and bizarre amusements among those who have money have limited conversation to the stock market, the shop and the affairs of society. I fear it is rapidly destroying American humor. The venerable witticisms of the camp among the Philippine veterans who had formed the Caraboa society delighted Roosevelt while president, and Taft's laughter made the country join. But after the

recent rehearsal, the most distinguished officers of the army and navy were reprimanded and only saved from court martial by the protest of the people. Within a few weeks the American ambassador to Great Britain ventured in an after-dinner speech to follow Lowell and Phelps, Lincoln and Hay, Croate and Reid in those pleasant which add to the interest of the occasion and contribute to international peace and good fellowship. But the United States senate called him down with unusual unanimity and one senator solemnly declared that a joke or humor in an after-dinner speech was an unpardonable offense. The Griddon club of Washington has always been privileged to put officials from the president down upon its grill, and the victims have enjoyed the roast. But it is reported that the fun at the last entertainment of these merry gentlemen was indignantly resented as coarse, personal and abusive. As Lincoln's stories made us a nation of jokers and story-tellers, possibly these stern rebukes from the highest official authorities may make us a nation of bores. Let us hope not. I have found the best insurance policy is the ability to say no. Many of my friends have died before their time, because they could not resist the appetites which destroyed them. Abstinence is hard at first, requires will power and self denial, but abstinence soon conquers desire. Ever after is the joy of victory and confidence in that unalloying life—the will. Horace Greeley once said to me after the payment of notes he had endorsed had swept away years of savings, 'Chauncey, I want you to have a law passed making it a felony, punishable with life imprisonment, for a man to put his name on the back of another man's paper.' As I lament about one quarter of my earnings gone that way because of my inability to say no, and without any benefit to my friends, I sympathize with Mr. Greeley.

"It seems to me that the agnostic and the iconoclast lose much of the restfulness, content and satisfaction which come from faith. Better be often deceived than lose faith in friends. Faith in our church or political party grows by work. The Richmond colored preacher said, 'My brethren and sisters, faith can move mountains, but what's de faith?' It is behind the strength which is constantly moving mountains of difficulty, troubles and worry.

"I have tried, or known others who have tried, allopathy, homeopathy, osteopathy, Christian science, faith cures, Swedish exercise, massage, famous healing springs, Turkish baths, chasing climates and other famed preventives and cures for relief from ills, or to prevent their recurrence or to preserve long and healthy life. All have merits. But mind governs matter and laugh with our friends, to contribute to their cheerfulness, to find out and

enjoy the inexhaustible good fellowship which can be found in everybody, have done more than all else to keep me healthy and happy. The faded four-score years have gone by. The past has had its full share of accidents, mistakes, errors, misfortune and hard luck, but its compensations are so many and so great, that each knock down seems in the retrospect just the punishment and discipline needed to learn the lesson for a fruitful life and the enjoyment of its blessings."

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Members of his family state that J. W. Bledsoe, who was injured while in the city's employ April 17, is more seriously hurt than was at first thought. Mr. Bledsoe was working at the reservoir and was caught under falling concrete forms. He was confined in St. Anthony's hospital for several days. Since his discharge it is said it has been found that several ribs are broken and others bruised, while there are injuries to the head which have not healed. Mr. Bledsoe is 70 years of age and this fact operates to make recovery slow. His home is at 813 Ninth street.

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