

# THE GREAT LONDON SCANDAL

It is Furnishing a Dainty Morsel for the Scandal Mongers to Chew.

The Private Life of the Unhappy Pair Held Up to the Public Gaze.

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## Nobility's Shame.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Interest in the great Russell separation case shows not the least sign of abatement. When the court opened this morning the room was densely packed with an eager audience. Sir Charles Russell continued his presentation of the case for the earl which was interrupted by adjournment yesterday. He declared the petitioner, Countess Russell, had not only exaggerated such facts as she brought forward, but she suppressed others which she thought to be detrimental to her claims. Sir Charles ridiculed the idea that Russell kept a pistol convenient for the purpose of shooting her. The quarrel between the earl and the countess which occurred at the Albemarle hotel at the time they came up to London to attend the levee was due not to the earl's compelling the countess to act as valet to him, as the countess testified, but to the fact that the earl refused to allow his wife to go to the Ascot races in company with a man with whom he had every ground to forbid his wife to associate.

Immediately upon the conclusion of Sir Charles Russell's address he called the first witness for the defense.

The witness was Professor Roberts, mathematical master at Bath, who was in the habit of staying frequently at the residence of Earl Russell. Professor Roberts made a very emphatic denial of the actions imputed to him by the countess in relation to the earl.

The letters that passed between the earl and Professor Roberts were then put in evidence to show the relations that existed between them.

Earl Russell followed the professor on the stand. Witness testified that he never heard the slightest objection made to the presence of Professor Roberts in his house. He (witness) objected to his wife going to a certain lady's house and based his objection on the fact that the lady was divorced. Countess Russell was very much put out by the objections to her visits to the lady's home and in the quarrel that followed the witness said to her: "If you say such things to me you will soon be sorry you married me."

The countess replied: "So I am sorry." The earl declared he never insisted that the countess should dress him. If she had not requested him to allow her to dress him he would not have let her do so. He was very much attacked to her and had tried to make things pleasant for her. He objected to her going to Ascot for the reason that there were several persons there he did not wish her to meet.

With reference to the charge that when the countess on one occasion asked him, after a row, for 250 he threw her a half sovereign, the earl said it was not true. He was about to give her the money she had asked for when she said: "I don't want your dirty money."

The earl denied the countess' statement upon the occasion when he had written a letter to his solicitor complaining about her extravagance and that he had treated her in a brutal manner. Sir Charles then drew from the earl his version of the bedroom incident, when the countess was found nude and in a faint on the floor, as testified by her maid.

The earl said that after he and his wife retired he declared he would not go to Lady Salisbury's, owing to the refusal of the countess to go to Amberly cottage, the earl's residence. The countess got out of bed and fainted on the floor. When she came to she threw a soap dish at him and made for him with a poker. She threatened to throw herself out of the window if he remained in the room with her.

The earl declared the statements made by the countess that he left her and went to Professor Roberts' bedroom to be absolutely false. There was not the slightest reason to suggest any impropriety between himself and Professor Roberts. The earl admitted he once used the word "barren" in a conversation with his wife, but he only used it in fun. He denied the cruelty to cats that had been attributed to him.

Further questioned, the earl stated he did not think his wife's health or nerves suffered during her married life. Her ailments were caused by unaccustomed restraints. At this point Sir Edward Clarke, representing the countess, asked the witness to give an instance of unaccustomed restraints. The earl replied that one instance was his limiting his wife to six cigarettes a day. Witness declared he was not unduly anxious to have a son.

He denied that he had ever sworn at his wife or called her a brute or a beast. He was much annoyed shortly after he was married by learning that many of the countess' debts were unpaid. The earl stated he never kept his wife up in the night time making up his accounts. Once the countess told him she was damned sorry she married him. Sir Charles Russell handed the witness over to Sir Edward Clarke for cross-examination.

Among the first questions put to the earl was one which caused the audience to prick up their ears. He referred to the earl's conduct before his marriage, and in reply to it the earl admitted that he had seduced servants, but he said he told Lady Mabel Scott, his fiancée, all the circumstances, and she found that there was no reason to discard him.

The earl says he paid the Williams girl whom he ruined £500 down and since paid her 41 a week. The countess objected to his engaging a man servant named Moyse, but he persisted in his determination in taking him back, saying Moyse was a good servant and was not connected with the Williams girl. Sir Edward Clarke drew out from the earl his admission that he did not finish

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LONDON, Dec. 5.—A dispatch from Brazil received today after a silence of four days. The intelligence just received shows that affairs in the state of Rio Grande do Sul are assuming a more pacific appearance. Today's dispatch comes from the city of Rio Grande do Sul and states that Senor Castilho declined to accept governorship of the state. Senor Castilho, it will be remembered, was the governor of state at the time of the insurrection here and resigned and placed the conduct of affairs in the hands of the provisional junta. Subsequent to the overthrow of the dictator the new government ordered that Senor Castilho be reinstated in the office he had resigned. This order created great excitement in Rio Grande do Sul and for a time trouble was