

2-2F0501
2-7F0501
2-8F0501

The Swiss Federal Council made a specific detailed order for the present. In platinum and fitted with glittering diamonds, it is a £5,000 watch.

But there was one person in Britain quite unperturbed by Royal wedding talk.

Being page to cousin Elizabeth did not worry Prince William of Gloucester, playing with his three year old brother, Richard, at their home. Pathe cameramen received special facilities for these pictures from the Duchess of Gloucester. Six years old, in December, Prince William is senior page. While in Australia (where his father was Governor General) the young Prince soon became popular with the people of the Commonwealth.

The political bomb-shell was left till week's end. It burst in Downing Street. After much coming and going of Government leaders, came the announcement that Hugh Dalton had resigned the Chancellorship, following what he himself described as a grave indiscretion to a journalist. Rumours grew in a surprised nation, and many who professed to know, were tipping Cripps as the new Premier. It was an unusually grave Mr. Dalton - looking older than his 60 years - who left his Downing Street home for the House of Commons. The people were to hear his new proposals - designed to combat inflation. In his last talk to Britain as Chancellor, Hugh Dalton said:-

And so Britain's No. 1 planner, Sir Stafford Cripps, became Chancellor of the Exchequer in addition to his duties as economic chief. Never before in a long Ministerial career had his political star shone more brightly.