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MYESCAPEFROMLANDRU

Amazing Experiences of Girl Who Was Sweetheart of French Bluebeard.

LANDRUMOST ATTENTIVE LOVER

My Family Charmed With Him-Went Under Name of Lucien Guillet-How Our Suspicions Were First Aroused.

(We publish today the first instalment of one of the most human narratives ever written. It is the personal experiences of Mlle Fernande Segret, who was an intimate friend an Landru, the French Bluebeard. Mlle. Segret escaped from Landru's clutches almost by a miracle, and in this narrative she gives a most graphic picture of the fascinating hypnotic personality of the man whose affairs with women startled the world. Mlle. Segret tells of her first meeting with Landru, who introduced himself to her under the false name of Lucien Guillet, and almost immediately made love to her and proposed marriage. Her mother's suspicions were aroused, however, when confirmation of "Guilt's" story of his career could not be obtained. As a result here were differences of opinion between Mlle. Segret, who was very much in love with Landru, and her mother.)

BY MLLE. FERNANDE SEGRET.

(Copyright, 1921, by the World-Wide News Service, Inc.) I met Henri Desire Landru first in the month of May, 1917. Having obtained a few days' holiday, and having a lady friend as

When we were seated in the tram, I saw opposite me a gendeman of about forty years of age, correctly and even elaborately attired. He was looking fixedly at me while he stroked his flowing black beard with an impressive gesture. I had never felt such a searching gaze or one of such audacious fixity. The eves speaking with vivacity beneath a pair of shaggy eyebrows, held such a magnetic power that I felt myself get red with confusion, and lowered my eyelids.

When I raised them again, the stranger, having to doubt livined my distress, smiled maliciously.

I seized the opportunity o ftelling

him about my sweetheart, and making him understand that we must meet

again. I took good care, under the cir-

of my childhood's friend from time to

touching modesty, declared that he

would not presume to put himself on a

parallel with a young man, and quite

later. that I learnt his real name was

the owner of a motor-car and a charm-

then in an unsatisfactory condition, he

In speaking of his mother, for whom

After the war, I had to abandon tem-

"My dear little friend," he said,

you are not near me.

LOVE

to be with you. This is the only happy

with the utmost impatience. I have

reached the stage of counting the hours

childhood, whom he had had the mis-

He struggled hard then at his work.

According to him, this period of hard

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somply he made some confidences re

Arrived at our destination, we had on- same verse by Musset, who, I discover gone a few paces when a man ap- ed later, was his favorite author. before us, bowed respectfully. Encouraged by the impression which addressing himself to me, asked in he felt he had produced on me, he was whose charm and sweetness bold enough to ask me details as to my npany us for a few minutes. It the stranger of the tram. We TOLD ME OF HIS HOME LIFE this invitation, and

PROMISES TO MEET AGAIN

continued, arguing not worn rather thin, and that the delays that in Paris young selves open to all sorts for a long time released me somewhat

as and as laughter has a disarmce, our follower joined in ayful vein, and he garding his present and past life. He

at home with every gave his name as Lucien Giullet. It is in arrived at the it was only after his arrest, two years him Landru.

h I firmly refused. He ing little property in Seine-et-Oise (Gam east way compromise me further that he was a native of tory. He was twenty-seven years old refusal, be tried when he lost his father, whose business.

affection would be said he had a boundless affection, I will not leave his face became animated, and he sucyou have promised to meet ceeded in communicating to me a real morning at ten o'clock emotion.

one good comrade to another, and lit-He bowed, claspel my FRESH CONFIDENCES usively, and disappeared in the

home, when, on stopping the entrance to the shop. After a few tively behind me, a man slip hurry, we separated.

home and dined gaily is my habit, the differ-Then the

throughly exhausted that I that he had returned to his parents. ight o'clock I woke up. The which left him alone with his mother lights of the night before and an old nurse, Mariette, who had obsess me. I felt as if brought him up. the secret hope that the thanks to his persistence, in giving a

the black beard would not new prosperity to his father's business. appointed place by work lasted until the year 1914. around a furtive glance. What he did in Paris from 1914 until

ion that I should ainly that I had come with ness.

intention of dismissing him. WHEN LANDRU DECLARED HIS k me familarly by the arm me along the Avenue du;

this time a prisoner in straight in the eyes with that peculiar perts. He did not give me time for look of his, and said passionately, SPECULATIVE BANK. aking good use of all the "What do you think of me?" of his wit, led me towards the

gs. he informed me that he was myself capable of struggling against my roses. It has always been looked upon ensible to the charms of Nature. convince me of this he recited



time in celebrating our marriage had

Wave of Consolidation and Extension to Other Cities Goes On.

all sincerity that I must affirm here that OLD AND NEW UNITE

> One of Oldest Banks in the Country and One of Later Institutions Join.

By GEORG BERNHARD vas such a disparity in Rocroi, where his parents had run a fac- Editor-in-Chief of The Vossiche Zei-

tung, Berlin. to avoid this unproductive engagement got rid of this obstinate the by little, I succumbed to the charm man law cannot be booked as assets lowing Monday I saw the so-called the managers as well as the board bewho was waiting for me at ing composed of the same men respec-

commonplace remarks, as I was in a OLDEST BANK. The banks are the "Bank fur Handel He came back the following day. und Industrie" and the "Nationalbank That night he looked anxious and pre- fur Deutschland." occupied. He admitted that he was not caused by this transaction is to be exvery well, but little by little his consimply couldn't believe how glad I am such a manner as to transfer the greater part of the management to the

moment in my day, the moment I await latter. The "Bank fur Handel and Industrie" was founded in Darmstadt, the He told me that he had been married at 24 years of age to a friend of his man Empire did not yet exist. fortune to lose a year afterwards! After and Isaac Pereire, to whom the French Then came the death of his father, ed the concession to found the Industrie"—called "Darmstadt Bank" owever, to go to Place de and after some years he succeeded, by the people in honor of its home up ing after the war was ended in the

founded in Germany during the few dethere, and, having caught the day I made his acquaintance I cades before the World War. Later it was already smiling. It do not know. He was very reticent on has had to give up its leading part to Thomas Edison, Jr. It was planned great joy, and did not hide that he had installed his factory at kuntogesellshaft," the "Deutsche Bank" tion. Always hoping to find by every Saturday to meet me at the Colonial Secretary under Bulow, he is like so much tissue paper, and ex- speeches. Excuse for getting rid of him, shop, and I took advantage one day to said to have done so with a light heart plode at any given point desired.

> The "Nationalbank fur Deutschland" them at once, and the prospect of a wheih will now conduct the affairs of thousand or so tractors huffing it puff-As I hesitated to reply, he continued-

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hat it dropped several cents below the ophone is to the jazz band and the erfront till the glad news came that welcomed. ishing boats full of the fattest and IS IT CHRISTMAS MAIL? riskiest cels were on their way.

There was, however, no lack of vita mines, though these demure thing ammies drew an equal share of attention. carols under many windows with a

of towns. The U. S. S. Wyoming at International News Staff Correspondent, the Brooklyn Navy Yard is a sea Santa rising from the Italian sections goods to whom this is a hard Winter More White Women Than when a shortage of those wriggly and for whose benefit no organized rea dinner for homeless cats and dogs roar of dismay over their absence was at the Bide-a-wee Association headrelayed from home to market to wa- quarters, where stray animals will be

Nature Expected to Remeannounces it is swamped beneath the biggest flood of Christmas mail in its history. Nearly eight and a half mil-

Just to add to the Christmas fervor It is lamentable, the merriment which

Madison Square, in Central Park, tempt, affording an admirable example more even sex flow, there will still be an for having failed to mention the main in a score of public places. Tonight of a man sticking to one idea. The third excess of females, while in the New land of Japan as coming within the there are bands of children singing time he jumped head first out of a World the opposite condition will still purview of the treaty. He mentioned

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Capital Men And Matters

RV ROBERT T. SMALL. Staff Correspondent of The News,

Christmas candle in it-medieval and

Washington, Dec. 24.—Some of our wonderful inventions" announced

A terrifying "invention" which has all their worries and all their grief." called "wheel of death," designed by the Attorney General.

was true, namely, that I as I was busy plucking flowers, he never had a prominent manager. Af- things cavorting along behind one's as sure as gun is iron. been necessary at times to launch by the throat, you might say-and I've portion of the excess of women was, as insufficient explanation and will demand some hundreds or even thousands of been in hot water ever since." one to make a number of the A. E. F. howl with glee. Even at night they

would have been annihilated in gal and Norway. I time than it takes to tell. "Oh, ves." remarked a general of great inventions during the war, but the greatest of all were our invisible aeroplanes. Nobody ever saw them in

from Berlin that a Herr Medical Coun-"Talk and get well," said the learn-

ed doctor; "air your troubles and relieve your mind and soul and body of This item had a particular appeal to

"The only thing is," he opined, howble to draw back now. He that subject, and only confided to me other rising banks such as the "Disto attach a steel wheel, or drum, some ever, "that the doctor who ordered me war, a nentirely disproportionate one. six feet in diameter, and filled with "T. to talk, got me in a pack of trouble-Clichy, where he worked for the Army, and the "Dresdner Bank." In the mean- N. T." to a Fordson tractor engine and years and years of it. It all happened would otherwise and that he had experienced great diffitime the headquarters of the "Darmrelease it after it had attained the while I was at college. I had conlive the ways and years and years of it. It all happened with the headquarters of the "Darmrelease it after it had attained the while I was at college. I had conlive the ways are coll vexed by such assurance, I culty in the management of his busiin. In 1902 the bank nominated B. ing forward at the velocity of a high- cal chords became affected and the presumably be a very large one. Dernberg manager. Dernberg's activity powered bullet The wheel would go a doctor told me one day that I must ex- Further, it is probable that the exsoon brought the bank to the fore. mile or so inside the enemy lines, cross- ercise them more. He said just plain cess of males in the Balkan States will gates, supported by America and Some time later Landru came regular- Still when he left his post to be ing trenches and cutting barbed wire conversation wouldn't do. I must make have completely disappeared.

"Well, I started making 'em all cess of females among the white races, accompany him to the suburbs of Paris, because the bank under his regime Army officers say these wheels would right, and then the fun began. When of some eleven millions at the present value for all propitious which he knew very well, and of which would have entered more engagements have had to be launched from the air a fellow gets to making public speech. than was conformable with sound prin- on front-line trenches, for it would es, he is gone. He is headed in but gration of women cannot bring about and New Zealand and the territory of Ing. I was ready to confess One day in the Forest of Clamart, ciples. Since that time, the bank has scarcely do to have such devilish one direction. Politics will get him just a balance of the sexes so far as those Hawaii came within the protective races are concerned. engaged to a friend of my brusquely seized my hand, stared me fairs are conducted by able bank ex- own lines. Furthermore, it would have "Yes, that's how it got me got me

> Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, Wash., males obtains throughout life. "This life cannot last. It is silly. My the syndicate, was only founded in ing above front-line trenches in full confirmed by the Senate Thursday as chine guns and all his sharpshooters is is an old friend of President Harding's,

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TO UNDODAMAGE DONE TO TREATY Democrats Are Expected to Have Some Bitter Things to Say During Debate.

HARDING TRYING

FOR FUTURE PURPOSE. Will Place Country's Honor Above Partisan Advantage in End, However.

BY ROBERT T. SMALL,

Staff Correspondent of The News. Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co. Washington, Dec. 14 .- Although the events of the week have made it evident that no action can be taken until after a long and perhaps embarrassing debate, it seems certain at this time that the four-power Pacific treaty, applying to the mainland of Japan as well as to her Pacific Islands, will ul timately be ratified by the Senate. Conservative Senators of both parties frankly declare that, if the United States should repudiate any treatyand especially a treaty negotiated and signed in her own capital—this coun try would be placed in an intolerable America might make for world better ment in the future would be taken seriously by the other nations. In any future foreign intercourse requiring reaty action, the other nation, it is irgued, might easily be justified in denanding that the American plenipotentiaries bring with them written assurances from the Senate, or ratifying branch of the Government, as well as from the Executive, or treaty-making

ne Senators who place the honor of their country above mere partisan ad Therefore, while the Demo ats may in dehate have some pretry itter things to say to the Republicans no wrecked the foreign policy of the dson Administration, it is generally layed that in the end they will lend efficient support to put the Pacific reaty safely through the surging Sen

ngton that no reservations hostile to which negotiated the treaty will be successful in the Senate. President Harding and Senator Lodge hold the liew that no reservations are needed to clarify the treaty or to define Amerea's obligations under it. But reservations are to be offered and fought over, and it is certain the Democrats will make much of these reservations in debate in order to bring out (for future political use) what they claim to be the inconsistencies of the Republican Senators, whose reservations threw the Treaty of Versailes into the realm of national politics and into a Presi-

BALANCE WAS UPSET. The foreign delegates and foreign correspondents in Washington have unquestionably been disturbed by the incidents of the week and the growing opposition to the American delegation as to the exact scope of the compact. Mr. Harding has done everything he could to minimize this par-London, Dec. 24 .- There are approxticular incident, and has declared with imately 11,000,000 more females of the a great deal of reason that after all, white race than males today, as comnothing has happened to change the real intent and purport of the treaty. The President's position that it is immaterial whether the treaty is held to apply to the mainland of Japan or not, is coincided in by many Senators, Democrats as well as Republicans.

virtually every other island within the Ten years ago the only parts of Euentire expanse of the "Lily sprinkled ope in which males were in a majority waters of the Pacific", but overlooked ere the Bankan States. Bulgaria, the Japanese mainland. reece, Rumania, Serbia (and Bosnia-

Senator Lodge is likely to continue to bear the brunt of the blame for the incident involving President Harding, but he will also lead the fight for ratification in the Senate. He will be see cally it was greatest in Russia and in Great Britain, proportionally in Portu-Harding, after his own experience in Ireland, Germany, Finland, Sweden the Senate, had the possible difficulties and Switzerland all showed a persistent of ratification in mind when he selected lecline in the ratio of female excess he two party leaders of the Senate for In Austria-Hungary and the Neth he American delegation. With the leaderlands a sharp rise from 1880 to 1890 ers of both parties committed to a was followed by a fall to 1910, while in treaty, made in Washington, it is in-Scotland a marked fall in the period conceivable that a successful fight could 881-91 was followed by a less marked be made against such a convention.

in connection with possible ratification mark, France, Italy, Norway, Portuis somewhat amazing to them. Senator gal and Spain all showed, however, a Lodge, author of the reservations to the Treaty of Versailles, is certain to fight all essential reservations to the Pacific tion of the American delegation, which recorded its view in secret session that Austria-Hungary and Belgium, this increase will be, in consequence of the the pact shall apply to the Japanese mainland.

One of the most mystifying disclosares in this connection is the statement humiliating in a way that the pact should so apply. Yet the British dele-France, called in at the last moment, Altogether the figures show an ex- insisted Japan should come under protection of the treaty. It is explained, of course, that this was done to make it It is true that in Europe a large pro- ponents of the treaty regard this as an has been shown, at ages over sixty and more light on the secret sessions which that in America the preponderance of preceded the presentation of the pact in open conference.

It is very evident from all of this But the proportion in Europe has by the beauty of our sur- patience is exhausted. I had thought 1882, and for purely speculative pur- sight of the enemy with all of his ma- Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, materially fallen through the war, and that the treaty debate will be acrimoniit is doubtful whether of the estimated ous and long, but in the end both reason and the treaty unquestionably will pre-

vail.

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Men by Eleven Millions

Since Conflict.

dy the Situation in 20

Years or So.

and sixty years.

In another twenty

Herzegonia) and Luxemburg.

persistent rise in the proportion of fe

Italy may not be so much affected as