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HEIRESS RAN OFF WITH A HOTEL MAN

Sacrificed Her Home and \$10,000,000 For Man Who Served Her

MAN WAS MARRIED

Girl is a Granddaughter of Robert Buist and She Disappeared From Home Several Days Ago—Man She Eloped With Was a Spanish Jew, Three Times Her Age, a Married Man and a Waiter at the Hotel at Which She Lived—Letters That the Man Left Have Been Shown to the Police and Through These the Couple Are Being Tracked.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 31—Robert B. DeJanon, the 17-year-old granddaughter of Robert Buist, sacrificed her home and her inheritance of \$10,000,000 when—as is now certain, according to the police—she eloped with Ferdinand Cohen, a Spanish Jew three times her age. The story of the hypnotic thrill in which Cohen held the girl, whom she served as a waiter at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, was revealed today in letters from her which he left behind when he and little Roberta, both in disguise, fled last Wednesday.

These letters, in the opinion of Mrs. Cohen, the wife whom the waiter left, have been shown to the police and it is through them that the missing heiress and her Svengali are being tracked.

Robert Buist, the millionaire seed man, and Roberta's grandfather, today made it known that he would alter his will and cut off the girl without a cent. On the day before she fled, he requested to her \$10,000,000 of his estate. Though almost crazed with sorrow, the old millionaire has no forgiveness for Roberta.

The story of the girl's elopement at first clouded with mystery, has been uncovered, but by bit. Today it became known that when Miss DeJanon left the Bellevue-Stratford, her own dark hair was covered with a blond wig. She made slight preparation for her flight, apparently, save for packing a small valise. She took with her, however, the fat little fox terrier to which she was devoted.

Cohen, also, was disguised. He wore a false mustache and a soft felt hat that dropped over his eyes and cast a shadow on his features, when he met the girl at the Broad street station.

This afternoon it was declared that the authorities were close on the trail of the strange couple. Little Roberta and the man who cast his weird spell over her while he served her as a menial, have been pursued from the moment their flight was discovered by all the forces that could be mastered by the millions of her family, and the jealousy of a woman scorned by the deserted wife.

The police of half a dozen cities have been set on the qui vive, and it was reported today that Boston, Pittsburg, Buffalo, and other cities in the east were involved in the search.

ANOTHER NEW DISEASE.

This Time It is in Rocky Mountain Region—Very Deadly.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 31—Dr. John F. Anderson, director of the Hygienic Laboratory staff of the public health and marine hospital service, has just announced the discovery and classification of a strange and deadly disease which is prevalent in the Rocky Mountain region.

The mortality of the new disease which has been called "spotted fever," is 70 per cent. Bacteriologists of the hygienic laboratory are now searching for a remedy for the disease and physicians in the territory where it prevails are conducting independent investigations to discover a remedy.

President Back in Washington.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 31—President Taft and his party, including Miss Helen and Robert Taft, returned shortly after 7:00 o'clock this morning from New York, where they attended the wedding of Miss Louise Taft, daughter of Henry W. Taft, to George H. Snowden, of Seattle, last evening.

U. S. Minister Egan, Denmark



M. F. Egan and his daughter, Miss Carmelita Egan. Mr. Egan has been minister to Denmark for some time, and it was he who officially helped shower courtesies on Dr. Cook when the latter's discovery of the North Pole was reported. The minister is here for the Christmas holidays.

FOREIGN COMMERCE KEPT A DIARY OF HIS MAKES HIGH RECORD APPROACHING END

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 31—The foreign commerce of the United States in the calendar year 1909 will exceed in value that of any earlier year with the single exception of 1907. The imports will be larger than in any previous year, while the exports will fall slightly below those of 1908 and 1907.

That is the estimate of the year's trade based upon official figures for 11 months, as presented by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. Assuming that the twelfth month, December, will show figures of imports and exports approximately equal to those of the immediately preceding month, November, the imports will aggregate about \$1,475,000,000 and the exports about \$1,750,000,000, of which approximately \$25,000,000 consists of foreign merchandise exported and the remainder, \$1,725,000, domestic products.

Imports free of duty will be larger than in any earlier year in the history of our commerce and will aggregate approximately \$700,000,000 against a little over \$500,000,000 in 1908 and \$636,000,000 in 1907, the high record year prior to 1909. Durable imports will amount to about \$780,000,000, and will be larger than in any preceding year, except possibly in 1907, when the total was \$787,000,000.

MORGAN WILL PLAY TRUST TO BISHOPS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cincinnati, O., Dec. 31—E. Pierpont Morgan is expected to be the prince of hosts when he comes here in March as a delegate to the Episcopal convention. He will entertain all the Episcopal bishops at the meeting. It is said, at the home of Alexander McDonald in Clinton, known as Dalvay, which is one of the most beautiful homes in this section of the country. He has had the catering, Louis Sherry, here from New York. Sherry says the place is ideal. He will bring with him a number of chefs and servants, and a carload of coddies, which will be served during the two weeks visit of the Episcopalians.

Dalvay will be the stopping place of all the bishops and several prominent laymen as well as Mr. Morgan. Reception For Retiring Commissioners. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 31—Henry B. F. MacFarland and Henry L. West, retiring district commissioners, were given a reception last evening in the municipal building. Citizens presented Mr. West with a \$1,000 silver service and Mr. MacFarland received a \$1,000 law library.

NUMBER DEAD BAD WRECK MAY NEVER BE LEARNED ON NEW YORK CENTRAL RY.

Train Wrecked and Flames Destroy Train and Incinerate The Victims

CAUSE OF WRECK CAR WAS TELESCOPED

Before Noon Five Bodies Had Been Recovered and Three Cars Had Been Consumed—How Many There Were in These Cars Who Were Incinerated It Is Impossible to Say—Four Unknown Bodies Recovered Are Supposed to Be Those of Passengers—Bodies of Two Women Have Been Taken From Burned Sleeper.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31—It may never be known how many persons perished in the wreck of the California special on the Rock Island Railroad at 8:40 o'clock this morning, three miles north of Trenton. At 11 a. m. five bodies had been brought into Trenton. Three cars had been consumed by fire and it was then impossible to say whether the fatalities in these cars would increase the death list only by three or four or by a dozen.

Seven of the injured had been brought to town at that time, among them William Flinn, of Kansas City, agent of the Cudahy Company at that place, whose left shoulder was broken and his head cut. Of the dead only Elman O. P. Lininger, of Trenton, has been identified. He had been scalded in his cab. The four unknown bodies recovered are supposed to be those of passengers. The bodies of two women have been taken from the burned tourist sleeper. There are other bodies in the sleeper and estimates now made place the number of dead at twenty.

Among the injured are: Engineer W. I. Millington, of Trenton, badly scalded about the head; will recover. J. C. Hilders, Anderson, Ind., bruised and several sprains. C. E. Spence, Dallas, Texas, sprained back, serious. Steve Howard, who said he lives in Alabama but would not give the name of his home city for fear his family would become alarmed, sustained a fractured left leg. J. Zorning, Davenport, Ia., left leg broken and head cut.

While running at an extremely high speed the locomotive suddenly left the rails and landed over the right of way fence, fifty feet from the track. All of the cars but one tumbled down the embankment. The two Pullmans that broke away caught fire, and although the trainmen and passengers who had not been injured strove valiantly, the flames made such progress that it was impossible to extricate the occupants.

The scene of the wreck is in the country and there is no means of giving material aid to the injured or fighting the fire with any success. Trenton has sent every available physician and nurse and hundreds of citizens went on foot to the scene of the disaster to succor the unfortunate.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31—The Rock Island's Golden State Limited enroute to Kansas City, was wrecked just outside of Trenton, Mo., this morning. The engine and all the coaches were overturned, two of the coaches catching fire. The fireman was instantly killed by the engine, and the engineer, who was killed, was killed by the engine. There may be, it is feared, as many as twenty dead passengers under the wreckage, but at present all efforts of the survivors are turned toward subduing the flames. The cause of the disaster is unknown. A wrecking train was sent out at once and surgeons and nurses were assembled ready to rush to the spot in a special train, if it should turn out that anyone was hurt. The Golden State Limited is one of the crack trains of the Rock Island running between Chicago and Los Angeles.

MISS VIRGINIA WARDLAW.



Miss Virginia Wardlaw, who is declared to be the most important of the three women suspects, who have been indicted for the murder of Mrs. Percy Sneed, whose body was found in a bath tub in an East Orange house. Miss Wardlaw was admitted that she remained in the house 24 hours after she knew her niece was dead before notifying the police.

MRS. MARY SNEAD COLLAPSED TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 31—Mrs. Mary Sneed, aunt and mother-in-law of one of the three women indicted for the murder of Mrs. Percy Sneed, collapsed in the Essex county jail at Newark today, as the result of long fast and grief with her sister, Mrs. Virginia Wardlaw, who is charged with slaying the young woman.

Mrs. Sneed, with her aged sister, Mrs. Corinne B. Sneed, mother of Mrs. Percy Sneed, arrived in the jail yesterday afternoon from New York, where it was reported they had been indicted for their part in the death of Mrs. Sneed. The two women pleaded that they had been in the room of Mrs. Sneed for several days, but had not seen her for several days. Mrs. Sneed was reported as being ill in the jail today. She constantly begs her brother, Virginia, to be placed in the hospital, and at times becomes hysterical when her requests are refused in the jail authorities.

EXCELSIOR NOW FREE FROM DANGER

New York, Dec. 31—Two days ago the Excelsior, a passenger ship which departed for Mexico, was reported to be in danger. The Southern Pacific passenger steamer Excelsior was driven off the coast by a heavy north wind from the Diamond Shoals light, off Cape Hatteras, N. C., as expected here late this afternoon. The Commerce reported it was about 200 miles south of Sandy Hook early today, stating that the boat stood by the Excelsior until she was rescued. The Excelsior was damaged. The Excelsior left New York, N. Y., on Thursday with a large passenger list.

JOINT CONVENTION OF CIVIC FEDERATION

Washington, Dec. 31—Plans are being perfected for the joint convention of the National Civic Federation and the conference of governors, which is to be held in Washington on January 17 to 20. Seth Low, president of the federation; Alton B. Parker, chairman of the committee on program, and R. M. Eastley, chairman of the executive council, are co-sponsors. Gov. Governor Hughes, of New York, Governor Fort, of New Jersey, and Governor Weeks, of Connecticut, on arrangements for the joint sessions of the two bodies. President Taft will deliver the opening address to the federation.

SENOR CREEL STATEMENT AMBIGUOUS

Diplomats are Wondering Just What the Mexican Representative Meant

ESTRADA IS MASTER

If Mexico Has Officially Recognized Madriz As President of Nicaragua This Government Has Received No Notice of It—Situation in Nicaragua is Directly Opposite to What Senator Creel Said It Was—Policy of the State Department Still is Simply to Await Events—Senator Corea Will be Received.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 31—If Mexico has officially recognized Madriz as president of Nicaragua this government has no official notice of it.

In the public statement issued by Senator Creel here yesterday he said that "the election of Jose Madriz as provisional president of Nicaragua was a happy event, because it prevented anarchy, a second revolution and further complications with the United States."

The state department refuses to comment on this ambiguous statement, and diplomats are wondering just what Senator Creel meant, for the situation in Nicaragua is directly opposite to the inference in the announcement that all is now happily adjusted in the Central American republic. Estrada is reliably reported to have troops within a few days' march of Managua, and when they arrive at the capital the Madriz government must inevitably fall. It is known here that Madriz cannot get together any troops to oppose the revolutionary army, and Estrada is evidently master of the country. It only remains for him to march to Managua.

The state department is also without official confirmation of the report that several of the Central American republics have recognized the Madriz government, and the locations of these governments here are also in the dark concerning this report.

It is known that the policy of the state department in regard to the Nicaraguan situation is to simply await events. The Estrada and Madriz factions will be left to fight it out, though the department would prefer that Estrada become president, for at the beginning of the revolution an extended moral support to him. The state department today is without any important advices from Nicaragua.

Silvador Castrillo, the Estradan envoy in Washington, has heard nothing from the Estrada government since yesterday. He said today that he expected to receive advices by Sunday at the latest that Estrada's troops were in Managua. Vice-consul Caldera called the state department today from Managua that military preparations are being continued and that the Madriz government is attempting to negotiate a loan from Managua merchants and bankers. The state department today announced that if Senator Corea, special envoy of the Madriz government of Nicaragua to Washington, who is now on his way here, presents credentials to the department, he will be received in the same unofficial manner as Dr. Castrillo, the Estrada envoy. Jose Otáñez, United States consul at Managua, left Washington last night for Salina Cruz, Mex., on his way to Managua. Commander Shipley, of the Des Moines, called the state department today from Bluefields, that 1,000 boxes of bread are being cooked daily on the prairie for the destitute Nicaraguans, and the stores are being landed in Bluefields. Law Which Ballinger Violated. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 31—The law which is charged Secretary Ballinger violated after his retirement from the office of the commissioner of general land office was placed on the statute books by congress, June 1, 1882. The statute makes it unlawful for any officer, clerk, or employee in any government department to act as counsel, attorney, or agent in any claim against the government which was pending in any of the departments while so employed.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Saturday. For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair and warmer tonight and Saturday. For North Carolina: Fair, warmer tonight, temperature about freezing; Saturday fair and warmer; light to moderate south winds. WEATHER CONDITIONS. The main force of the cold wave has been expended and the weather is now moderating rapidly in connection with a large disturbance that is overspreading the western and central districts. The temperature has risen thirty degrees over the middle Mississippi Valley during the past twenty-four hours. Increasing cloudiness is reported over the central-southern and western states. Snow is falling in Wyoming and Utah and rain prevails in Nevada and California. The weather will be fair and warmer in this vicinity tonight and Saturday. The milder period indicated will probably continue several days. L. A. DENSON, Section Director.