

THE INTEREST OF SCIENTISTS

In the Case of Nicolai De Raylan

Dr. Young of Johns Hopkins Hospital Asks for Report On Autopsy.

The necessity for taking precautions against the despoiling of the grave of De Raylan was forced upon the attention of the authorities yesterday. Coroner Burnett received a letter from Dr. Hugh H. Young of Baltimore, professor of genito-urinary surgery in Johns Hopkins hospital, desiring a full report of the findings of the autopsy on De Raylan. Dr. Young who is one of the foremost men of the country in his profession said that the case had aroused the greatest interest in the profession, there by reason of the fact that a similar case had been presented in the hospital, that of a woman who had simulated a man.

The coroner turned the letter over to Dr. Palmer who had conducted the autopsy and who will inform Dr. Young that the autopsy revealed no abnormality whatever; that anatomically, De Raylan was a perfect woman.

It is desired by the authorities that the greatest publicity be given this fact, lest the body be removed by an agent of some medical college in some part of the country.

The coroner also received a letter from Dr. F. C. Weber of Chicago enclosing a story of the death of De Raylan. The doctor said that he thought he knew him. He had seen him about the Russian consulate and had often marked his feminine appearance. He said that De Raylan called on him some time ago in regard to his health and was advised by the doctor to go to Colorado. He said that De Raylan afterward told him that he had applied to the consul general at New York for leave of absence but that it had been denied.

Dr. Weber is not sure of the name of De Raylan but he thinks that is the name. He said that any rate he seemed to be the moving spirit about the consulate. He had been told that he had two wives who were living on the pickings from the consulate.

The doctor said that there was one man in Chicago who could no doubt, if he would, lay the life of De Raylan bare. This man pretends to be a Russian noble and calls himself Prince Engalitcheff. It is commonly reported that he is spurious and that his mother was a concert singer. He is supposed to have known De Raylan from childhood and is believed to be the only person in America possessed of such knowledge. This man by the way appears to have escaped the notice of the excited reporters of Chicago who are engaged in the solution of the mystery.

Another letter received by the coroner was from Consul Kaskovich of the imperial service at San Francisco. He refers to De Raylan as Nicolai Constantinovich which he interprets in parenthesis to be "the son of Constantine." The consul pretends to know nothing of his life or record and writes the coroner only for information concerning his estate here in order that the rights of any Russian heirs may be protected.

Whatever developments now take place may be expected to be uncovered in Chicago, though it is possible that when the effects of De Raylan here are examined something will be brought to light.

So far little headway has been made in Chicago. The reported confession of the "wives" yesterday, though the confession may be genuine really adds nothing to what was already known, further than to show that the last wife was not deceived. A former dispatch from Chicago stated that it had been proved that De Raylan was a government agent set to spy upon the revolutionary societies. The dispatch of yesterday shows that he was a revolutionary agent set upon the Russian government. No one could believe that in either case De Raylan would have taken her "wives," upon whom she must necessarily have had a very slight hold, into her confidence in a matter of so much importance as her relation either with the revolutionary societies or with the imperial government.

The rest of yesterday's dispatches only tell again what Charles Tanner had said had been understood about the life and love affairs of De Raylan in Russia as far back as when he knew "him" in Chicago.

Tanner by the way left last night for Tucson. He was not certain that he would return to Phoenix. That would depend upon his ability to be of any further service here to the Russian consulate in Chicago.