

HUMBERTS BORROWED 12 MILLIONS ON STRENGTH OF A MYTHICAL WILL

French Gang Bounced Bankers for Twenty Years With Story of a Fortune Left by an Imaginary New York Millionaire—Captured in Madrid.

Madrid, Dec. 20.—Mme. Therese Humbert, her husband, her daughter, Eva, her brother, Romain d'Aurignac, and her sister, Marie d'Aurignac, the notorious swindlers for whom the French police have been looking all over the world, have been arrested here.

The French Ambassador to Spain has been informed that the prisoners are at his disposal. Spanish officials had noticed that a French family was living quietly in the house at 33 Calle Ferraz. They saw no one except the charwoman. They bought and cooked their own provisions, which were always of the best quality.

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The family, it was learned, arrived direct from Paris on May 9. They never received letters at their lodgings, but frequently went to the general postoffice to see the mail. The daughter, Eva, was ill all the time.

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The Humberts attempted to escape by the windows, but the gangster, who had been posted at all possible exits, stopped them. When the party was arrested Eva Humbert was seized with a fit of hysteria. Mme. Humbert embraced her daughter and her sister Marie, and a broken voice cried hysterically: "For the love of God, do not separate me from my daughter!"

In the drawer of a table a packet was found which contained jewels of the value of 10,000 francs. Romain d'Aurignac said afterwards that they were all tranquil and hoped they would receive justice at the hands of the French authorities.

The Humberts and d'Aurignacs declared they were the victims of a most infamous proceeding. They uttered threats against certain French personages.

SENATION IN PARIS. Paris, Dec. 20.—The announcement of the arrest of the Humberts and d'Aurignacs in Madrid caused a great sensation in the Palace of Justice. The judges suspended the sitting for the purpose of verifying the report. The judges, lawyers and litigants lost all interest in their own particular affairs while discussing an event which was apparently due solely to the work of the Spanish police. It will probably be two weeks before the extradition formalities can be completed and the swindlers brought to Paris for trial.

The widow Humbert, the mother of Frederic, who was present at the hearing of the arrests, exclaimed: "Oh, God, my martyrdom must continue." The widow added that she had lived all the time in terror of her wife, Therese.

M. Vallé, the Minister of Justice, said to-day that he felt the greatest satisfaction over the arrest of the Humbert gang. He said the matter of extraditing them would be a very simple act. The indictment had been forwarded to Madrid this evening and it was expected that the prisoners would be in Paris in ten days.

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