

## MUCH MARRIED MAN FOOLED U.S. PRESIDENT

Represented Self as Central Powers' Envoy and Got Away With It

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Posed as Polish Patriot in London—Was Clever at Disguise

BUDAPEST, Oct. 15.—An amazing record of bigamy and fraud has come to light through the arrest here of a man named Desider Velles. He has "married" and robbed women in almost every country in the world. In London he married a wealthy American whom he had met on the continent, and after robbing her of her jewellery and money left her stranded and almost penniless.

### POLE BY BIRTH

Velles is a Pole by birth, and his favorite method of working was to frequent hotels of the best class, scrape acquaintance with wealthy women and ingratiate himself by plausible tales of his position in the world.

It was in this way that he met the American woman whom he "married" in England. He was then passing in the name of Gordon. After the marriage he put up with his wife at one of the London hotels and robbed her of jewels to the value of \$10,000 by pretending that it was necessary to show the jewels to the insurance agent with whom it was proposed to insure them for the journey back to Australia.

Probably Velles's most daring escapade was perpetrated eight years ago in Washington.

### U. S. PRESIDENT FOOLED

He presented himself to President Wilson as a confidential agent of the Central Powers, with authority to lay before the President the terms on which peace was possible.

Velles had all the details worked out and was armed with letters of introduction that seemed in order. He impressed the President and American officials so much that the proposals were actually taken seriously, and Wilson took them away to put before his colleagues. It was not until "Gordon" borrowed a large sum of money and left Washington hurriedly that the fraud was discovered.

It was after this that he came to England, and for a while he was a prominent figure at West End hotels, where he posed as a patriotic Pole who had come here to study English conditions before taking up important work connected with the regeneration of his own country.

It is said that Velles could disguise himself with such skill that even officers who had encountered him before had difficulty in recognizing him on a second meeting.

## MUST CALL WEEKLY TO RECEIVE LEGACY

Strange Bequest Made to Son by English Race Horse Owner, Isaac Moses.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The sum of \$100 a week is left to a son under his father's will provided he calls personally every week at the solicitor's office to receive payment.

Failure to do so may entail the weekly amount being forfeited at the discretion of the trustees. This is the curious condition in the will of Isaac Moses, racehorse owner, who died at Montreux, Switzerland, last January.

In his will, which has just been proved, the gross value of his estate is given as \$523,465. He left, during the lifetime of his widow, \$100 a week to his son, Philip Zachariah, payable to him weekly on his applying personally at the offices of the solicitors to the estate, and if he should fail to call weekly it is to be left to the sole discretion of the trustees whether such sum is to be paid or forfeited.

He also left \$10,000 a year for life to his widow, and sums to his children. The balance of the income during his widow's life is to be applied in paying off any charges on his property, subject to which, he left a further \$100 a week to his son, Philip Zachariah, on the same terms as above.

### Uniform Attire For Teachers.

(Bangor Commercial.) An innovation is promised in the Chicago public schools, as a majority of the teachers have voted in favor of the suggestion of the superintendent that a distinctive dress be worn while on duty. To teachers the proposal has both its merits and its objections. From the financial standpoint it would doubtless be a material boon to the teachers to have uniform dress adopted and would place an end to any endeavor of this or that teacher to be as fashionably attired as others.

In opposition, it will doubtless be said that the adoption of a certain form of dress is an infringement of personal liberties of teachers, and that it would mark an effort to place all teachers in the same mold. Should uniform dress for teachers be adopted in Chicago, the practice will spread, doubtless to many cities, for it is the large places that set the style in education as in in other lines, but the practice will depend upon the wishes of the teachers. It is said in Chicago there is also the proposal of uniform garb for the pupils and such would also have its advantages and the contrary. In the latter case it will be the wishes of the parents that must be considered.

## BITING HIM KILLS SNAKES



Believe it or not, but Julius Jeremy, 62, San Antonio taxidermist, is so poisonous that rattlesnakes die everytime they bite him, and he has been bitten more than 50 times in 20 years. He has no explanation for the phenomenon, but claims the power to tame reptiles, and is able to call them from their dens.

## NATIVES DROWNED DURING BAPTISM

Police Search Congo and Rhodesia For Prophet—Whites Are Anxious.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Oct. 15.—For weeks the police have scoured the Congo forests and the Rhodesian bush for the notorious native "prophet" Mwanalela, or the "Son of God," who drowned 70 natives in baptismal ceremonies. Ten police were shot in trying to capture him.

It is reported that a native, supposed to be Mwanalela, was arrested on the bank of the Mapula River, near the scene of the baptisms. At an identification parade at Elizabethville he was recognized as the "prophet" by the other natives.

Another message says that Mwanalela has been arrested near Broken Hill, Rhodesia, but is too ill to be moved.

Travellers state that he has been preaching his fanatical doctrines among the natives, causing considerable anxiety to white settlers. Many natives, firmly believing that the world is coming to an end, have been refusing to plough the lands, plant food, or undertake labor of any kind.

### GRENFELL MISSION.

Mrs. Walter A. Harrison called a meeting of the Grenfell Mission yesterday afternoon at her home when the members discussed the coming tea and sale for the work of the mission, which is to be held on Friday, Oct. 23, in St. John's (Stone) Parish Hall. Those who met with Mrs. Harrison were Mrs. A. L. Fleming, second vice-president; Miss Stella Payson, secretary; and the conveners from each church as follows: Mrs. J. E. Angelvine, United Church, (Methodist); Mrs. Harold C. Schofield, Anglican and Mrs. Hugh Reynolds, Baptist.

Monroe was the last president to wear knee breeches.

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## Maritime Courses Praised

R. H. Parsons, special correspondent of the Montreal Star accompanying Right Hon. Arthur Meighen during his tour of the Maritimes, contributes in the golf column on his return an article about the golf courses down east. The article follows: "A correspondent who, during the turmoil of the election campaign was able to get in a few games of golf while touring the Maritime Provinces and Ontario, writes enthusiastically of some of the courses he visited. He was particularly impressed with the beauty of the situation of the 18-hole course at Kingston, over which he played with the general Dr. Austin, chairman of the handicap committee. The links are situated close to the lakeshore, and the stranger the wonderful scenery obtainable from every tee almost puts one off his game. The fairways and greens are excellent, and the members have lengthened one or two of the holes, they will get the Ottawa and District Championship played at Kingston instead of always at the capital. Certainly no prettier spot could be chosen for it.

"Another delightful course is that at Saint John, N. B., where under the guidance of Walter Golding, the Riverside Golf Links were visited and played over. The course is situated on high ground overlooking the river, and the verdant islands and timbered shore is as picturesque as can be imagined. This is a nine-hole course, but half dozen new ones are being laid out. At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, one is torn between the beauties of the club golf course, with its water hazards and sweeping fairways, and the course at the Beech Grove Hotel, for both are on the edge of the Atlantic and offer wonderful scenic attractions, while the golf greens are very playable. Walter Grant was the guide around the Charlottetown course, which, like that at Kingston, borders one side of the "The nine-hole course at Moncton, over which the writer played as the

guest of Fraser Dixon, is somewhat on the narrow side, necessitating a very straight ball, and is a sporty course, while at New Glasgow, where Mr. and Mrs. W. Ross were the hosts, there are some tricky holes, that bring out the best there is in the bag. In each place the attention given the course is evident from their condition, making it particular a pleasure to play in September, after experiencing the dried-up condition of the courses around Montreal during the month of August."

## Snake Is Found In Bottle of Stout

LONDON, Oct. 15.—An extraordinary story of a snake in a bottle of stout is reported from Folkestone. A man bought a bottle of stout for supper. After drinking half a glass, he was starting to pour some more when the head of a snake appeared suddenly at the opening of the bottle. The bottle and its contents were taken to a sanitary inspector, who extracted a grass snake sixteen inches long. The reptile was curled up inside the bottle, which was sealed when purchased.

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40 Coats—Suedene, fur collars, cuffs and some fur bottoms. Lesser's 9th Anniversary Sale Price \$32.50

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7 only, Lucelle Fox Fur Stoles. Values to \$47.50. Lesser's 9th Anniversary Sale Price—\$26.95

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