

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.

Exactly how many "wives" this professional bigamist has married in the course of his career cannot be stated with certainty, but at least eight were traced after his brief visit to Mexico five years ago, and since then almost every country in the world seems to have contributed to his quota of brides.

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 patriot, Pole who had come here to study English conditions before taking up important work connected with the regeneration of his own country.

He 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 Request 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 Moss, 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 discretion of the trustees whether such sum is to be paid or forfeited.

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 while settling.

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 shoreline 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 oval greens are very playable. Walter Grant was the guide around the Charlottetown course, which, like that at Kingston, borders one side of the lake, they will get the Ottawa and District Championship played at Kingston over which the writer played as the

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.

Canadian Hangs Self In London Police Cell

LONDON, Oct. 14—Arrested in the Strand on suspicion of being concerned in extensive frauds on Barclays Bank, John Hurley, described by the police as an expert young forger, whose operations have been conducted not only in England but on the Continent, was today found hanging in his cell at the Bow street police station. It was clear that he had come to the end of his tether.

MANY NEEDY CASES ARE REPORTED ON

Associated Charities Resumes Meetings After Summer—Mrs. Robertson on Statistics.

The Associated Charities met for the first time since the summer yesterday afternoon and welcomed back Mrs. F. E. Marven, who has been absent from the meetings for nearly a year. W. Slives Fisher, the president, was in the chair and the meeting was held in the Bible Society's rooms with a large attendance. Arrangements were made for holding the annual meeting in the second week in November. S. G. Olive forwarded to the society \$20.35, which was one-quarter of the amount taken in the collections at the Sunday services of Morna-Ketepec and had been voted to be given to the Associated Charities. This gift was acknowledged gratefully.

REPORT HEARD. Miss Grace O. Robertson submitted her statistical report for the summer months, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Applications received (291), Requests for employment (31), Employment was found for (23), Records given (24), Seeking relief (41), Relief was procured for (41), Visits made (875), Clothing was given to (15), Cases investigated (19), Seeking transportation (5).

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Free Trial of Method That Anyone Can Use Without Discomfort or Loss of Time. We have a method for the control of asthma, and we want you to try it at once. No matter whether your case is of long standing or recent development, whether it is present as Chronic Asthma or Hay Fever, you should send for a free trial of our method. No matter in what climate you live, no matter what your age or occupation, if you are troubled with Asthma or Hay Fever, our method should relieve you promptly. We especially want to send it to those apparently hopeless cases, where all forms of inhalers, douches, opium preparations, fumes, "instant smokes," etc., have failed. We want to show everyone that our method is the only one designed to end all difficult breathing, all wheezing, and all those terrible paroxysms.

DONATES \$150 TO FUND FOR MEMORIAL

Duke of Rothsay Chapter Gift Brings Total up to \$2,150.

The Duke of Rothsay chapter at its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon voted \$150 to the chapter special fund for a soldiers' memorial hall to be built in Rothsay. This latest vote of money brought the grand total of the fund to \$2,150 and the members were greatly pleased to learn that the fund was shortly to be further augmented as the staff of Netherwood School has arranged for a dramatic entertainment and ten tables to be laid on Oct. 24 in aid of the memorial hall fund. The forthcoming event is being eagerly looked forward to and promises to be of special interest.

Who is Your Skinny Friend, Ethel?

Tell him to take McCoy's Cod Liver Extract Tablets for a couple of months and get enough good healthy flesh on his bones to look like a real man. Tell him, it's the only way to take those grave-like hollows from his cheeks and neck. Tell him that thousands of thin, puny, pecker, scrawny men all over America have improved their physical health and appearance and bless the day they first heard of these wonderful sugar-coated tablets so full of weight-producing vitamins. Ask for McCoy's Cod Liver Extract Tablets, Wasson's 20 stores, Ross Drug Co., Wm. Hawker & Son, and every druggist worthy of the name sells them—60 tablets—60 cents. Any thin man or woman can put on five pounds of healthy flesh in 30 days or your druggist will willingly refund the purchase price.

Rheumatism

Torturing Pains and Swollen Joints Vanish When Old-time Remedy Is Used, or Money Refunded. Any rheumatic sufferer who has not availed himself of this generous offer should do so at once. If Rheumatism guaranteed prescription for rheumatism in any form, does not give quick and joyful relief, the cost will be returned without any quibbling or red tape. Rheumatism is a dangerous disease, and anyone who has the slightest sign of it should drive it from the system as quickly as possible. It matters not whether you are tortured with pain, crippled with swollen joints or distressed with occasional twinges, Rheuma is guaranteed to end your rheumatic trouble or money back. Rheumatism often affects the heart and causes sudden death. If you have it in the slightest degree get a bottle of Rheuma from Wasson's 20 stores or your favorite druggist today and drive it from your system at once.

700-YEAR-OLD CLOCK. LONDON, Oct. 15—On the Wells Cathedral here is a clock, constructed by a monk from primitive material and with primitive tools, some 700 years ago, but which still is in faultless condition. Besides giving the hour the clock records the quarters of the moon and on the stroke of the hour a group of medieval figures break into life and whirl round until the last chimes die away. According to geologists the United States has more than half of the world's supply of coal.

Attractive Appeal To The People of Saint John and Vicinity Lesser's 9th Anniversary Sale. For 5 Days Only, Starting Friday, October 16, Until October 21. Wonderful Values. Attractive Bargains. Wise Shoppers Act at Once! NO CHARGES EXCHANGES NO REFUNDS. This Week-end marks our 9th Anniversary of business career in Saint John and to show our appreciation to the generous public at large we are not passing this unnoticed. We are making special efforts to show our appreciation of your good will with an anniversary sale. Right in the heart of the cold season coming on you will remember the high class merchandise long after the low price is forgotten. Everything in the store reduced. Never have our efforts been more eager to make this advent our best yet. Ladies' Winter Coats, luxuriously Fur Trimmed and featuring all the newest style trends. One may select a Coat of unusually high character, although the prices be low—Trimmed with Mandel Fitch, Raccoon and Seal, etc., Furs. Compare and look these over. Every Coat a creation of style and newest cloths.