

COUNT BONI AND PRINCE HELIE IN A ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE FIGHT

Report That the Prince is Engaged to Marry Anna Gould the Counts Former Wife.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Count Boni de Castellane, from whom his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, recently was divorced, and Prince Helie de Segan, who on several occasions was reported to be engaged to Mme. Gould, had a personal encounter yesterday at the Church of St. Pierre de Chaillot. Beginning inside the church, where Count Boni claims the Prince insulted both him and the sacred edifice, it was resumed at the doorway, where Count Boni, followed by his brother, Count Jean de Castellane, overtook the Prince.

Count Boni spat in his cousin's face. Then came the clash of canes, followed by a rough and tumble fight on the pavement, which ended in the gutter, where the men were finally separated by a big butcher.

All three were marched off to the police station, where they made "explanations."

Some More Particulars. Paris, Jan. 6.—The newspapers of this city to-day publish long accounts of the encounter yesterday between Count Boni de Castellane and the Prince Helie de Segan in the Rue de Chaillot. The two men are cousins.

Count Boni was recently divorced by his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, and Prince Helie is credited with having been attentive to Mme. Gould.

Count Boni is quoted as declaring his cousin to be outside the pale of society, and he reiterates the statement made yesterday that it would be impossible for him to procure acceptable seconds, even if he desired to challenge to a duel.

Prince Helie de Segan, when seen by the Associated Press at noon to-day, was propped up in bed smoking cigarettes. He declared that after conferring with his fencing master and other friends he saw no reason to change his decision not to send a challenge.

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COCTOGENARIAN PREFERS DEATH TO SIGHTLESS LIFE.

Wealthy Retired Merchant of New York Commits Suicide Because of Failing Eyesight—Engaged in Chinese Trade.

New York, Jan. 6.—Surrounded by the paintings which he loved, but which he knew were to be soon nothing but memories because of his fast falling eyesight, Marcus Cosic Caspar, a wealthy retired tea merchant and octogenarian, shot himself this morning in the sitting room of his house at 30 West 33rd street, dying instantly. He was found some time later by his wife, who at first thought him asleep, but when she discovered his body she called for a doctor.

Mr. Caspar, whose age Coroner Harburger got as 85, was once a member of the firm of Howland & Espinwall, whose offices were at 54 South street. They owned many fast clipper ships and did a large business in bringing tea from China. Twenty years ago Mr. Caspar retired with a fortune. Since then he had lived a life of ease, devoting himself to his hobbies, which were driving and painting water colors.

Recently the old man's eyesight began to fail very fast, and about two weeks ago his physician told him that he had cataracts. In addition to this, the circulation in his eyeballs was defective. Apparently Mr. Caspar realized that there was no hope for his eyesight and, according to the family, had become despondent. A few days before his death he seemed pretty near when a man lost his eyesight. Not only was it impossible for him to read, but the pleasure he once had of retouching some of his water colors was also lost to him.

Mr. Caspar passed at the door once and looked in, but seeing her husband still reclining in the chair, she supposed him asleep. A short time afterward she took in a canary to hang in the room, because she thought the singing of the bird would cheer him up. Passing around to the other side of his chair she saw the bullet hole in his right temple, from which the blood was trickling, and realized what had happened. She called one of the servants and sent for her physician. The latter said that Mr. Caspar had died instantly.

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son and 2,681 used revolvers. Besides these, 1,154 used the rope, 974 drowned themselves, 801 cut their throats, 88 threw themselves in front of trains, 40 stabbed themselves, 81 jumped from windows or roofs, 6 blew themselves up with dynamite, and 2 starved themselves to death.

There were fewer lynchings in 1907 than in the last twenty years. The total is 63, as compared with 69 in 1906.

TRANSPANTED KIDNEYS. Doctors Are Now Able to Transfer Vital Organs.

New York, Jan. 6.—Announcement was made yesterday in the official organ of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research of the experiments conducted by Alexis Carrel, of the Institute staff, in the transplantation in man of kidneys from one cat to another, and doctors with whom his efforts were discussed said it was not a far cry to the time when it may be possible to transplant one of the vital organs from an animal's body to that of a human.

Now that it has been shown that the transplantation may be made in animals, it only requires, one of them said, the emergency and the need of such an operation for it to be tried in the more important case.

Ten experiments were conducted by Mr. Carrel at the Rockefeller Institute between February and October of last year, five of which were failures because of unfavorable conditions at the time of the operation. The cats survived the operation in periods varying from three to thirty-six days, and Dr. Carrel said that if it had been possible to permit them to return to their natural life he believed they would have lived their allotted time.

A MOTORIST'S ESCAPE. His Car on Brooklands Track Broke Through the Fence.

London, Jan. 6.—After breaking the world's speed record for fifty miles, and attempting to lower the 100 miles record in a spectacular race against time in a six cylinder car on the Brooklands track this afternoon, H. C. Cyon, the well-known racer, escaped death in the most remarkable motor accident known. While the car was speeding at the rate of 84 miles an hour the tire on the rear wheel loosened and wrapped itself about the rim, giving the car the jumping power of a kangaroo, and in an instant the machine, driven forward by the powerful engine, was gyrating in the air and making a more dizzy plunge at each contact with the track, while the driver clung to his seat.

Presently the machine gave three violent zigzag plunges, cleared the high parapet guarding the track, and, breaking through the iron fence, landed in a mass of scrap iron on the public motor road outside. Mr. Cyon was picked up unconscious, but was later found to be not seriously injured.

PROVINCE GETS \$24,000. Result of Court's Decision in Woodruff Estate Litigation.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Province will collect \$24,000 more in succession duties from the estate of the late Samuel D. Woodruff, of St. Catharines, if another appeal is not entered in the action brought by the Attorney-General against the executors. The litigation was commenced by the Provincial Department to recover the taxes on properties valued at \$460,000 given away, and \$213,000 transferred to his children and grandchildren during his life. Chief Justice Falconbridge gave judgment against the Government, but the Court of Appeal reversed the decision, and allowed the collection of duties on the sum of \$460,000.

WORKING UP A WAR SCARE. Paris Matn Professes to See Danger in U. S.—Japanese Situation.

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The Matin regards the coincidence of those two facts as highly suggestive, and expresses the opinion that Japan intends to press for a diplomatic explanation before the fleet reaches the Pacific. This paper asserts the situation is almost analogous to that which existed before the Russo-Japanese war.

CALL IT MILITARY DUTY. The Petition of Mennonites Against Flags on Schools.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—The petition of the Mennonites, asking for exemption from the law which requires the Union Jack to be flown over the schools, was made public to-day. They base their claims on letters addressed to their leaders in 1873, before they left Russia, by John Lowe, Deputy Minister of Education. These letters guaranteed that no military duties of any kind would be required of them. The Mennonites are bitterly opposed to the public schools under any conditions, and their prejudice is only strengthened by the presence of the flag.

OFFERS TO MARRY SUFFRAGETTE. A Farmer at a British Meeting Creates a Sensation.

London, Jan. 6.—While the notorious Suffragette, Mrs. Pankhurst, was conducting a meeting at Newton Abbot, Devonshire, a farmer in the audience stood up and publicly offered to marry her. Mrs. Pankhurst replied, freely, that she was not there to answer personal questions. The farmer retorted he thought as she was a widow a husband would be useful to her.

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The lecturer pointed out that in a children's medical ward and practically all the children had some physical defect, and among these children with defects the mortality was apt to be higher in the case of the girls than of the boys.

From this it was deduced that, while the female sex apparently approaches closer to normality than the male, yet, when abnormalities are found equally in the two sexes, the less vitality of the girl will cause her to break down under any added strain sooner than the boy.

Dr. Warner said that, whereas the male sex supplied the great majority of criminals, yet in the number of murders complicated by lunacy women greatly exceeded the men, even leaving out entirely cases of infanticide. Among incorrigible criminals who had been convicted ten times or over women were more than twice as numerous as men.

SOLD BABY CARRIAGE CHEAP. Woman Who Wanted Theatre Ticket Has Now No Husband.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 6.—Divorced because she sold a baby carriage for a dollar to buy herself a theatre ticket is the plight of Mrs. Randolph Bartz, jun. In his petition her husband alleged his wife was extravagant in her tastes, and lacking in thrift and providence. Whenever she wanted a new dress she would dispose of some article of furniture, usually at a fraction of its value. When the woman came home carrying the baby the husband vowed he would stand it no longer.

SECOND OFFICER TO BLAME. Finding of the Board in the Mount Temple Disaster.

Halifax, Jan. 6.—Decision in the Mount Temple disaster, which was forwarded to the department at Ottawa on Monday, was given out to-day. It exonerates the captain and places the blame on the second officer.

In the case of the steamship Kildonan, lost at Brazil Rock, Cape Sable, the decision of the commissioner and nautical assessors completely exonerates the captain and officers of the Kildonan of all blame.

REAL LAST WORDS OF A KING. Repeats His Wife's Words That God's Mercy is Great.

Stockholm, Jan. 6.—When King Oscar last became conscious, so it is said now that he is buried, he turned to those of his family and said, "God bless you, Queen Sophia, replying said, "God will help you. His mercy is great."

The dying King repeated after his wife the words, "His mercy is great," and added, "Thank Jesus."

These were the last words of King Oscar.

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The most seriously injured was Dr. Roberts, of Evansville, Ind., who was a guest at a hotel.

All the men were mounted and wore white caps, false beards and masks. Except for the firing at those who appeared on the streets, there was little shooting.

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