

HEIR TO TITLE AND RICHES VANISHES

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Uncle Is Duke of Abercorn, With No Sons.

BETROTHED TO HIS COUSIN

Remittance Man of Weak Nature Would Have Had Bride With Immense Estate—Strong Suspicion of Foul Play.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special)—The mysterious disappearance of James Hamilton brings to light a remarkable story that involves two titled English families and a woman's pique, because of her fancied belief that her uncle had neglected her.

Young Hamilton is the son of Sir James Hamilton, a Brigadier-General in the British army, who dropped dead in front of Queen Victoria while marching in parade 44 years ago. His uncle, formerly Lord Brooke, is now the Duke of Abercorn, the Countess of Warwick, noted as the most beautiful woman in Great Britain, is Hamilton's aunt.

According to two men who have known young Hamilton for years, he has long been shadowed by mysterious agents. T. Wiedemann and Arthur Game, who knew Hamilton and his history, say that men have been seen following him in Port Townsend, Seattle and even in Dawson, where he spent some time.

There are reasons why Hamilton was not wanted in England, and these intimate friends connect his disappearance with this circumstance. They fear instead of committing suicide that he may have been shanghaied.

Lived on a Remittance.

Hamilton is of a weak and dependent nature. He has lived for years on a \$100 annual remittance sent him by the Duke of Abercorn, and despite the fact that he tried to make a fortune in Alaska, has been largely dependent upon friends to keep him out of trouble. He refused to make any purchases or to undertake any new venture without assistance.

Soon thereafter Mrs. Hamilton and her son James came to this country. Mrs. Hamilton went to her uncle's home in California. She was possessed of some wealth, but unfortunate investments dissipated the money. A quarrel between the woman and the late Mayor Grove resulted in an open breach, and Mrs. Hamilton married Charles Slaughter, her uncle's coachman. He is half Indian.

For two years after that marriage the couple and James Hamilton lived here, taking a flat on Ferry avenue. Young Hamilton was then known as James McCrudden.

Divorces Her Half-Breed Husband.

Eight years ago the three went to Alaska. Slaughter was for a time a steward on one of the boats running out of the Sound, while young Hamilton had a varied career in the North. Finally Mrs. Hamilton-Slaughter obtained a divorce from the half-breed coachman in Dawson, and returned to London.

Young Hamilton was practically penniless when Arthur Game went to his relief in Dawson. Game is an Englishman who is thoroughly familiar with the history of titled English families, and he sympathized with young Hamilton. He paid the young man's passage to Seattle and they were living together here. Hamilton disappeared last week after making an engagement to meet two friends.

Betrothed to Earl's Daughter.

The disappearance of Hamilton is further complicated by the Earl of Abercorn's position. He is an aged man with no sons and one daughter. His estate is estimated to be worth \$300,000. In their youth, young Hamilton and the girl were pledged to each other, and the marriage was sought to keep the title in the family. If Hamilton married the girl the title would descend to his son; otherwise it went outside the family entirely.

A younger brother of Hamilton, the only other in his family, died in China some time ago, whether he was sent because of his bad habits.

Hamilton had told his friends that he would marry the Earl's daughter for family reasons, though his long separation had cooled whatever love might have existed. His two friends here believe his disappearance may have some connection with the fact that he had determined to marry. But that is all speculation, for no clue has been found. He was de-

CRISIS IN NEGOTIATIONS

Norway and Sweden Cannot Make Terms on Disunion.

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 11.—The tone of the Norwegian newspapers indicates that the commissioners of Norway and Sweden, regarding the dissolution of the union, have reported an emphatic, Norway being unable to accept the conditions laid down by Sweden.

LOUBET WELCOMES CHAFFEE

Brilliant Gathering of Foreign Army Officers at Banquet.

GHATEAU BRIENNE, Department of the Aube, France, Sept. 11.—President Loubet arrived on the field of maneuvers today, and was given a notable welcome by the assembled Generals and troops. At Ville Harcourt, President Loubet entertained Lieutenant-General Adna R. Chaffee, Brigadier-General J. Franklin Bell, Brigadier-General William Crozier and their staffs. The Americans were presented to M. Loubet.

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TRIBES FIGHTING IN MOROCCO

American Minister Finds Mountains Unsafe Abode.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The following cablegram has been received at the State Department from American Minister Gummere, dated at Tangier, today:

"The tribes are fighting in the immediate neighborhood of Tangier, the Angera vs. Raisuli tribe. The government is undecided in its position and the situation is entirely uncomfortable. A joint protest is being made by the diplomat to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Have been informed that the mountains are unsafe and am returning to Tangier immediately."

PEACE HOPELESS IN HUNGARY

Emperor Abandons Universal Suffrage Scheme to Break Opposition.

VIENNA, Sept. 11.—All hope of peace between the crown and the united opposition in the Hungarian Diet seems to have come to an end. It is understood that Emperor Francis Joseph, who at first was apparently inclined to acquiescence in the plan of the Hungarian Ministers for the granting of universal suffrage as one way of bringing about the defeat of the united opposition, has been induced to change his mind by the Austrian Ministers, who feared the effect on public conditions in Austria, if universal suffrage should be granted to the Hungarian people.

Government Wins Spanish Election.

MADRID, Sept. 11.—The result of the legislative elections held yesterday, are not yet definite. Republican gains are indicated. The monarchists have carried Madrid and Valencia. The elections assure the government an important majority in the next Cortes. The results are 140 Ministerialists elected, 64 Conservatives, 23 Republicans, 4 Independents and three Carlists. There were many election receipts, during one of which a girl was killed.

More Money to Buy Out Landlords.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Walter Hume Long, Chief Secretary for Ireland, announced that the treasury has agreed to provide additional funds amounting to \$100,000 before the end of the year, together with such an amount of stock during the year 1906 as will produce \$200,000 cash to facilitate the operations of the Irish land act, and to remedy the recent stoppage of sales of land through inability to advance the purchase money owing to lack of funds.

German Discount Rate Raised.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was raised from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent today. The controlling reason was the comparative weakness of the status of the bank, owing to the heavy demands of industry and trade and to speculation on the bourse.

Killed in Climbing Himalayas.

BERNE, Switzerland, Sept. 11.—A telegram was received today from the Swiss expedition which is attempting to reach the summit of the Western Himalayas, saying that Lieutenant Bache has been crushed by an avalanche, and that the expedition is returning.

Stranded Cruiser Floated.

SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, Sept. 11.—The German protected cruiser *Adler*, which ran on the Kent rocks, 12 miles from here, has been refloated. She sustained but little damage.

Special Police for Barcelona.

MADRID, Sept. 11.—A cabinet meeting held yesterday authorized the Minister of the Interior to organize a body of special police for the supervision of anarchists in Barcelona.

COMPACT TERMS NOT OPERATIVE

Northern Pacific Preparing to Build on the River's North Bank.

IS NO LONGER A SECRET

When Line of Steamers Were Acquired It Was Done Through an Eastern Banking House for Obvious Reasons.

Gentlemen's agreements have been waived to the winds and evidence is abundant that the Northern Pacific broke away from its time-honored agreement between that company and the O. R. & N. concerning division of Northwest territory when the Columbia River & Northern Railway and Regulator line of steamers were acquired by the Northern. Secrecy was maintained then as to the actual purchaser, the deal having been consummated through an Eastern banking house, because affairs had not reached the point where publicity was to be desired.

Breaking of Compact.

While both were secretly violating terms of the compact that prevented the Northern from invading Columbia River territory and prevented the Harriman lines from extending to Puget Sound or elsewhere not already traversed by tracks of the system in Washington, and was successful in completely preventing development of Western and Central Oregon, each continued, and still continues, in the pretense of religiously observing the agreement.

Had announcement been made several months ago that the Northern Pacific had entered into competition in the river traffic of the Columbia it would have been possible for the Harriman lines to demand immediate surrender of the boats or their discontinuance in the traffic. However, so long as the directing hand remains concealed, all of the suspicions that may exist are groundless as a basis of action.

Just now, many months after the purchase, the necessity of the boats and the railway from Leje to Golden-dale become apparent—the railway as a link in the connection between the main line at Kennewick and the boats to carry supplies to the different sections in which construction will be prosecuted along the great waterway.

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WOMAN ACCUSES OLD GOVERNOR

Mrs. Lawrence Revives Claim Against Herrick on Behalf of Her Son.

BLACKMAIL IS SUSPECTED

Chicago Detectives Await Woman's Arrival to Arrest Her—Herrick Denounces Woman, Johnson Turns Her Down.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—(Special)—A sensation that is shaking political and social centers in Chicago is keeping a score of detectives constantly moving and threatening to drag prominent men of National importance into its vortex. Mrs. Lawrence, wife of the late Governor of Ohio, has been identified and complicated today by the locating of Mrs. Minnie Lee Ivers Lawrence, supposed to be the mysterious "Helen Butler" of Cincinnati, and accused of attempting to blackmail Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, and other men of National prominence. Mrs. Lawrence was found in Columbus, O., and the fact that she was in the capital of Ohio lends color to the theory, in the opinion of Chicago detectives, that she has revived her claims in behalf of the boy she calls her son, and has been conferring with political enemies of Herrick.

Lawyer Suspects Blackmail.

At Columbus, Mrs. Lawrence passed all the morning in conference with Judge Uriah Sloan, and left in the afternoon for Chicago. She was accompanied by the boy in question, a lad apparently about 9 years old. She admitted that she was Mrs. Lawrence, and that she was here to see her lawyers. Mr. Sloan said that she has been required to clear up certain facts for him in regard to the matter, in order that he may feel sure she is not a blackmailer. If she does this, he will take the case. Otherwise he will drop it. Both Superintendent Schumacher, of the Pinkerton, and the attorneys for Mr. Herrick have conferred with Mr. Sloan in an effort to have him refuse to take the case. Chicago detectives, acting in behalf of Mr. Herrick, are said to await the arrival in Chicago of Mrs. Lawrence for the purpose of arresting her. They say that they have not come across the "Helen Butler" name in connection with the Herrick affair.

Herrick Denounces Woman.

"All I have to say is that this is one of those low, cowardly, underhanded things that are aimed at a man and backed by certain parties who have certain purposes in view," said Mr. Herrick. "I heard this was coming and have met it. The statement in Chicago issued by the Pinkerton agency covers the case. That's all I have to say."

In addition to the name of Mr. Herrick, those of Orrin W. Potter, of Chicago, and Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, O., have been involved in the case. The woman's former husband was Frank Ivers, a mechanic who gained an interest in the steel mill at South Chicago, and it was for this interest that Potter is said to have paid \$13,000 to the woman as her share.

E. B. Potter today denied authoritatively all rumor connecting the name of his father, Orrin W. Potter, with that of Mrs. Lawrence.

Deneen Was Tackled Too.

When the "Helen Butler" case first began to appear in print, a Chicago paper, for political reasons, sought to connect the name of Governor Deneen with it. The Governor is said to have given the editor a statement that fairly burned up the telephone wires and supplemented it by a visit in person, at which he made it very clear that he had no connection with the case in any form and would make it extremely disastrous for any paper mixing its name with the scandal.

Freighthandlers Want More Pay.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Freighthandlers sent a request to 22 railroads today for a conference with the company's manager by 10 A. M. Wednesday at which they expect to submit demands for a wage increase of approximately 10 per cent. If the request is refused, the plan of the labor leaders is to submit to a referendum vote immediately the question of a general strike of union freighthandlers.

Anglo-Japanese Treaty Yet Secret.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Further delay has occurred in the publication of the text of the Anglo-Japanese treaty. The impression prevails that the delay is due to a request of the Japanese.

MEXICO KILLS LOTTERIES

Government Stops All Gambling and Sets Good Example.

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Sept. 11.—State officials here say that word has been sent out from the City of Mexico that all lotteries in the republic must be suppressed. The suppression will follow the expiration of the franchises held by the *Loteria de Beneficencia*. This franchise was granted for 25 years, and has a year yet to run. The federal government will set an example by suppressing the national lottery, which is under government control, and the states which conduct lotteries will, it is claimed, follow suit. The lotteries conducted by private concerns will be given a certain period in which to close up their business. The action will be in line with the efforts of the Mexican government to suppress gambling in every form.

No More Gambling in Capital.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 11.—The federal district authorities continue their war against gamblers, foreign and native, and since the last of August gamblers have been unable to secure licenses. The police break up clandestine gambling as fast as discovered. Many gamblers boasted they would open up again in Tacubaya, a prominent suburb of this city, but they found that the authorities were ready to arrest them. One proposition is to establish in one of the interior states a great gambling concern modeled after Monte Carlo, but it is improbable that this will be allowed.

Steam Engineers' Convention.

TORONTO, Sept. 11.—The ninth annual convention of the International Union of Steam Engineers opened here today. About 300 delegates are present. San Francisco wants the next convention.