

BIG SWINDLER MAKES ESCAPE

Impostor Passes Himself off as
Colonel John D. Hewitt,
of West Virginia.

VALUABLE PAPERS STOLEN

With These Bunco Man Manages
to Cash Checks and Lead
High Life Until Detected
and Then Disappears.

New York, May 3.—By representing himself as Colonel John D. Hewitt, president of the Buckeye Coal and Coke Company of Bramwell, W. Va., director of the bank of Bramwell, a swindler has been operating in New York for two months, having drafts on Colonel Hewitt's bank cashed and passed by that institution through New York bankers. Colonel Hewitt died more than six months ago.

The papers whereby the impostor was able to open an account for \$10,000 with a large stock exchange house, negotiating for the purchase of a \$50,000 residence in Brooklyn, live in a first class hotel and enjoy himself generally, were stolen by the man from Colonel Hewitt at Atlantic City, where the West Virginian was endeavoring to recover his health.

When the swindler began to use his document here he first visited the brokers and showed them a letter of credit on a Philadelphia bank made out to Colonel Hewitt. The bank reported it all right and cashed a draft for \$10,000 which was placed to the impostor's credit. He did not operate in stocks, however, and only drew occasionally on the account for a few dollars. Several weeks passed and the man continued about town, negotiat-

ing for yachts, houses, etc., but spending little money.

Suddenly the Philadelphia bank discovered its error through Colonel Hewitt's son, and notified the brokers. They informed their client and demanded an explanation. He quickly disappeared and the bank recovered its money.

The impostor is said to have used the same means elsewhere to secure financial standing, but whether he failed to take full advantage of the opportunity as he did here is not known.

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HERBERT SPENCER LETTERS APPEAR FOR FIRST TIME

Publication by Friends of Late Scientist
Intended to Set Right Unthinking
and Carping Critics.

New York, May 3.—In the Independent of May 5 will appear the first of three installments of unpublished letters of the late Herbert Spencer, with an introduction by George L. Rees. The letters were written to the late James A. Skilton and Dr. Lewis G. Jones, formerly president of the Brooklyn Ethical Association, who were among Spencer's closest American friends. Among the letters are the following:

"September 7, 1891. Dear Dr. Jones: I see they have been carrying on a discussion in the open court concerning my agnostic views considered as either materialistic or anti-materialistic. I do not propose to take any notice of the matter myself nor do I suggest that you should do so to any considerable extent; but it might not be amiss to quote at length a passage from the close of 'Psychology. I think the division entitled 'Physical Synthesis,' which puts more fully and clearly than any other passage the view I take, and disposes more completely of the misinterpretations. I have not the book with me here but you may, I think, easily identify the passage. It begins with a kind of apostrophe to the spiritualist, showing how crude and coarse is his conception and how much more refined is the conception which affiliates spirit not upon any form of matter, but upon a form of motion. And then the passage goes on to point out that not even this refinement is the one conceived by me. The passage continues by showing (using algebraic symbols) that it is impossible either to interpret matter in terms of spirit or spirit on terms of matter, but that the problem is to the human intelligence insoluble so long as there exists the antithesis of subject and object and that the ultimate power underlying both cannot be presented under either form.

"The passage is a long one, but it might not be amiss to quote it in full and to point what is the cause of the confusion in the minds of my opponents. At the same time that I assert that matter and motion as they exist in themselves cannot be matter and motion as we know, they persist in importing into their own and into my thought the ordinary conceptions of matter, and thus showing how absurd is the incongruity when consciousness is supposed to emerge from them. If they would keep ever before them the fact which I perpetually assert that matter and motion as existing in themselves cannot be matter and motion as we think them, we then could see that no such incongruity existed as we suppose. But they will constantly import their own gross ideal of matter and motion into the midst of my view and then debit me with the incongruity. I think a letter quoting the passage I have

quoted and making this final explanation may be useful.

"New York, March 12, 1902.—Dear Dr. James—I have just received from Mrs. Bisbee of Dorchester, Mass., a letter with enclosures concerning her work and I have replied as follows:

"In efforts toward ethical culture there is constantly overlooked the one effort more important than all others—the effort to suppress militancy. Abundant proof exists that with war come all the vices and with peace come all the virtues. Make this the primary thesis of all your teaching and you will do more than in any other way."

"I send you this copied letter with the view of suggesting that you should make this truth the primary thesis of your teachings. The suppression of international antagonism is the one reform which will bring all other moral reforms.

"February 2, 1895: Dear Mrs. Kilton—In one respect you have misread my books or misunderstood an essential thing contained in them. You believe that the course of things in society is to be changed by teaching. I do not believe any such thing. Everywhere I have contended, and I contend still, that feelings not ideas, determine social results—that everything depends not upon intellect, but upon character and character is not to be changed in a day or in a generation.

"When I was leaving America, in 1882, I was unawares interviewed on board the vessel just before we started. The interviewer asked me what I thought of the triumph over 'bosses' which had just been achieved. I expressed my belief that it was only a flash in the pan and that the old state of things would after a time return. It has, as you know, returned. The recent disclosures have shown that the condition of things in New York had again become as bad as it was before.

"You think that I have got some message and assurance of it might stave off impending evils. I have but one message, be honest! regard the equitable claims of others while maintaining your own. The disregard of all save personal interests is the underlying cause of your present state and of impending disasters. As I said years ago apropos of American affairs a fatal trait in your society is the admiration of smart men and I believe I said or implied that a people among whom there is an admiration for smart men will come to grief. If you think that a healthier ideal can be established in American society by teaching, I entirely disagree with you. Under your present condition, man could not be got to listen."

A GREAT SENSATION.
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OLOF ANDERSON.
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LIFE CRUSHED OUT BY AUTO

Awful Death of Young Man While
Sweetheart Tries in Vain
to Save Him.

PERISHES BEFORE HER EYES

Heavy Machine Turns Over on
Occupants But Young Ladies
Manage to Escape; White
Companion Succumbs.

Chicago, May 2.—While his fiancée and another young woman vainly tried to lift the heavy vehicle, H. S. Ringl of Chicago Heights has been crushed to death in the mire of a ditch beneath his overturned automobile.

The accident occurred in the North Chicago road, nearly a mile from the village of Chicago Heights. The occupants of the automobile besides Mr. Ringl, were Miss Florence Bornholdt, his fiancée, and Miss Elizabeth Canedy. On approaching the village Mr. Ringl attempted to turn out to pass a farmer's wagon. The heavy machine swerved into a ditch at the roadside and the occupants were thrown from their seats. Miss Bornholdt was severely injured by striking the further bank of the ditch, but Miss Canedy escaped uninjured. When Miss Bornholdt regained consciousness the young women began a search for their companion and saw him struggling in the water and mire beneath the overturned machine. They attempted to move the automobile, but their efforts were unavailing, and Mr. Ringl's head sank beneath the water. The farmer failed to stop when the accident occurred and Miss Canedy and her companion walked nearly a mile to summon assistance. Mr. Ringl was superintendent of the American Foundry and Machinery Company, Chicago Heights.

Irish Society to Meet.

New York, May 2.—The first annual meeting of the Irish Industrial Society of America, organized to assist in the industrial development of Ireland, has just been held here. A report made by President Gillespie showed progress during 1897.

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