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SCANDAL IN INNER RING

Wife of French Count Refuses to Pay for Present Bought for Pretty Actress.

SHE WILL DIVORCE HER FLIRT

Learns of the Count's Infatuation and Stops Payment, Whereupon Jeweler Seeks Vainly for Necklace.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Tribune relates the following interesting escapade of a French count:

A matrimonial scandal in the inner ring of diplomatic life in Paris, in which another pearl necklace plays a prominent role, has been hushed up as quickly as it burst upon the public. The details, so far as they are known, place in a somewhat melodramatic light those dazzling marriages to which we have become accustomed, where American millions are wedded to the needy sprigs of European nobility. A great many jokes have from time to time been cut at the expense of the parties contracting such unions, but while they are perhaps foreign to the spirit of the customs of English speaking countries, where the marriage of choice is supposed to prevail, they vary in no whit from the time honored system in France. Here, "no money, no marriage" may be said to be the law for the female sex, with the qualification, however, that family influence or position has also commercial value and is regarded as an asset which may fairly be accepted as a substitute for hard cash. In the ranks of the army each grade has its fixed price, and a man can only obtain permission to marry provided the bride-elect is able to bring the sum laid down in the service rules as adequate to the would-be bridegroom's rank. Recently, the governor of a military college here, who saw with regret his most promising young officers entering the married state, announced that none of the remaining staff would be permitted to marry for a less dowry than 1,000,000 francs, and the statement, though it raised a smile, was regarded as a legitimate expression of quasi paternal authority and regard. Statistics go to prove that these marriages of convenience are fully as successful as the American or British marriage of choice, divorces being less frequent here than in either of those countries. The aforesaid marriages of American millionairesses with the European nobility have certainly not proved to be exceptions to this rule, and the sensation caused by the recent disclosures has been proportionately greater.

In the story which has startled the American colony here, and given a most unpleasant shock to a certain embassy, the most curious feature is the action of the woman who is the offended party. The Comtesse de X. comes from a well known family of Americans of wealth, and is the wife of an attaché at the embassy of an important European power. The Comte de X. brought nothing to the establishment but the numerous quarters of his shield, being entirely dependent on his wife for money. So sure, however, does he appear to have been of her readiness to meet any bills which might be presented in his name that he recently ordered from a jeweler in the Rue de la Paix a fine pearl necklace valued at 46,000 francs, to be sent in the count's name to a beautiful actress in whose cause he fought a duel a few days ago. Unluckily, some indiscreet friend informed the countess of both duel and necklace, and, without considering what might be diplomatic etiquette under such trying domestic circumstances, the outraged wife repaired to the jeweler. Clearly explaining her husband's financial position, she recommended to the jeweler to endeavor to get back the pearls for which she did not intend to pay, adding that she was about to institute divorce proceedings, and that, as her money was strictly settled on herself, the count would be unable to touch a penny from henceforth. The jeweler hastened to place the matter in the hands of the police, who, armed with a search warrant, went to the apartment of the Parisian star to take back the necklace forthwith. Mlle. L. had, however, not waited for this move. The pearls were not to be found, and no trace of them has as yet been obtained by the distracted tradesman.

Hereupon, like a bolt from the blue, there came to the unsuspecting count a summons from the police court to answer to a charge of obtaining goods

on false pretenses. He was, of course, able to refute this by explaining the circumstances, and was immediately released, with a request to hold himself in readiness to appear when called upon again. It is not surprising that his wife's methods have seriously hurt the feelings of the attaché, and he has withdrawn from Paris for the moment, retiring in dudgeon to the banks of the Loire, where he occupies one of the finest of the historical chateaux with which Touraine is dotted. The sequel is to come, for, though proceedings have, for the moment, been dropped, the divorce will probably not be long in coming. Meantime, the count's position in his embassy is seriously endangered, scandals being looked upon with great disfavor in such high places. The actress comes off best in the affair, for she holds the pearls.

Law's Delay in Germany.

A recent consular report from Berlin contains some instructive data upon the law's delay in Kaiser Wilhelm's empire. The consul has this to say:

"The highest judicial authority of the German empire is vested in the Reichsgericht, a federal supreme court established pursuant to the law of April 11, 1877, as one of the institutions resulting from the creation of the new empire, or federation of states, after the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. The accumulation of business in the court is such that appeals cannot reach a hearing short of from nine to twelve months, and this condition is declared by both laity and the legal profession to be intolerable. Thus it would appear as if the people of this country are seemingly quick to deplore those partial delays of justice involved in the delays thereof which the citizens of the United States have endured more or less patiently for many years. The steady accumulation of business in this court and a consequent falling behind in its efforts to dispose of such increase has led to renewed propositions for the relief of such congestion, one or more of which will with certainty be ultimately enacted into national law. The first suggestion made was for a further increase in the number of judges and of the subdivisions of the court, but it is urged that the practical limit in that regard has already been reached, if not overstepped. Seemingly, the most practical suggestion, and that which is likely to prevail in the end, is a limitation of the right to appeal in all cases of mere money judgments to those in which the amount involved exceeds, say, 3,000 marks (\$714), by which limitation, it is reliably estimated, fully 90 per cent of the appeals now sued out in such causes will fall away. It is proposed to raise this limit if occasion should arise. As a matter of abstract principle the latter suggestion is opposed, because it would tend to make this tribunal "the rich man's court," from the portals of which the man of small means would henceforth be turned away, and because the importance to the individual of a legal controversy should not be gauged by a mere resort to marks and pfennigs. The whole object is being so thoroughly discussed, both in the legal magazines of Germany and in conventions of lawyers, that as soon as the divergent views shall have been crystallized into definite propositions action can be looked for from the Reichstag."

JAPS ARE PATRIOTIC.

Will Subscribe Another \$15,000 for Their Country's Aid.

Portland Telegram: A patriotism which never seems to wane has prompted the Japanese of Oregon to start another war fund for their country after having already sent over \$15,000 to their home government. There are only 1,100 odd Japanese in this state, yet they have sent an average of nearly \$15 each to Tokio through the local war fund committee, of which

S. Han, a prominent Japanese contractor, is president, and which in turn passed it over to Vice Consul T. Alba, the mikado's local representative. The new fund, which is was decided should be started immediately after all of the first had been sent to Tokio, now amounts to \$1,000, and the contributions are steadily coming in.

This morning it was stated that if a third fund should be needed the Japanese of this state would be willing to contribute to it, and it is possible that as long as the war in the far east lasts the Japanese of this state will send money to their government to enable it to carry on a fight against the Bear.

The fund now being amassed will probably reach a total of \$15,000 or \$20,000 before turned over to Vice Consul Alba. If it does, the Japanese of this state will have a record of having contributed to the war an average of nearly \$30 or \$25 per man.

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