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CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The three days wonder growing out of the discovery that Nicolai de Reyelan, for years a clerk to Baron Shlippenbach, Russian consul in Chicago, was a woman, a discovery only made after her death in Phoenix, Ariz., was solved yesterday by admissions of the two women with whom she lived as "husband."

The motive for DeReyelan's masquerading which had been kept up for 15 years is mixed. Part of it dates back to an early affair with a girl in Southern Russia, at the first period of her assuming "manhood," and part of the explanation is found in her connection with revolutionary "bunds" in this city and Russia. Mrs. Eugene Bruchulla, De Reyelan's first "wife" and Mrs. Anne De Reyelan, both unbosomed themselves yesterday in explaining the "mystery."

There was no great secret dating back to an "affair" with a nobleman in Russia. The woman, De Reyelan, was of the common class of the southern part. The 11-year old boy, who has been reported as being the real child of the De Reyelan woman, is in reality, as Mrs. Anne De Reyelan has stated, her own child. The boy is the son of Joseph Armstrong, her former husband, and the register of the birth is in the city hall. Armstrong appeared and claimed the fatherhood. The reported "kidnapping" of the boy is a fiction, according to Mrs. De Reyelan.

The idea of posing as a man grew gradually with the De Reyelan girl. Trouble with her parents over a revolution...

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New York's Commerce Reaches the Billion-and-a-half Mark—Galaxies of Musical Stars—Manhattan Fears Depopulation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—One factor in the present stringency of the money market which seems to have been overlooked by the wise ones who don't know how it happened, is the Christmas flow of good American cash to Europe. This year its volume is greater than ever before, and the clerks in the money order department of the postoffice have been working overtime for a month to keep up with the rush. So far more than \$2,000,000 has been added to the Christmas fund of the old countries by relatives and friends here. The Celtic, which sailed on December 12, carried the largest mail ever sent from New York. It consisted of 4,033 sacks, containing \$9,534 registered articles and 4,187 articles in the parcels post. It included money orders which reached a total of \$905,048.68 in 58,853 orders, an average of \$15.50 each. The largest amount, \$279,638, went to Great Britain, Luxemburg got \$125, the smallest sum, while other small amounts went to Egypt and Portugal. To Italy went the second largest sum, \$143,973. Sweden came third with \$88,000, Austria got \$82,000, Hungary \$89,000, Germany \$84,000, Norway \$54,000, Denmark \$13,000, Switzerland \$10,000, France \$9,000, Belgium \$5,000, while the thrifty Dutchmen sent back to the land of the dykes only \$2,000.

The local custom house and appraiser's stores have never had a busier year than that just closing, and the officials predict that the government's revenue for this year will be higher than ever before. Last year the commerce of the city reached the enormous total of \$1,420,823,886, including the exports and imports of both merchandise and bullion. For the first eleven months of the present year the transactions aggregate \$1,271,407,935, and it is expected that the trade movements of the month of December will increase the total to \$1,501,845,957, or \$81,021,871 more than last year. At the custom house it is estimated that on December 31, the duties collected during the year will amount to at least \$200,000,000. Last year the revenue from this source was \$183,752,315, against \$170,270,776 in 1904. These figures show to what an extent New York serves as the clearing house of the foreign trade of the country. In the first eleven months of 1896 the total exports and imports through this port had a value of only \$781,329,551 against more than a billion and a quarter so far this year, in a total of a little more than \$3,000,000,000 for the entire country.

Among other things for the amusement of out of town visitors the entertainment menu this year includes two grand operas, in which the rivalries of the stars are not always confined to the stage. Signora Caruso and Benzi have just concluded a merry war in which they recklessly hurled at each other the figures representing their respective salaries. Considering the number and size of the figures, it is remarkable that no more harm was done. Just now the group which is occasioning the most comment from habitués of Broadway is a galaxy of some eight or ten operatic stars, representing at least five different nationalities, who are all stopping at the Hotel Astor, on Longacre Square. Included in the number are Pol Piancon, Alessandro Benzi, Mme. Emma Eames, Miss Beesie Abbot, Mme. de Cisneros, Renaud, the new baritone; Moritz Rosenthal and Yvette Gullbert. So far no blood has been shed; in fact, in seeming defiance of all traditions to the contrary, these celebrities are dwelling together in the utmost peace and harmony under the same roof, while, as if to fling the gauntlet in the very face of fate, Oscar Hammerstein and Herr Heinrich Conreid, rival managers of this musical constellation, may frequently be seen lurching or dining in the same room.

A new problem is interesting the statisticians who take pleasure in figuring on the growth of New York in population. That is the question of how the city will be affected by the transportation and terminal improvements resulting from the expenditures

of hundreds of millions of dollars now being made by the railroads entering the city. While this will develop the metropolitan area as a whole so that the statisticians predict that New York will pass London as the world's metropolis by 1920, the fact that the greatest of these improvements will facilitate transit to New Jersey, is likely to deprive the city proper of tens of thousands of inhabitants who will be lost to it so far as the census returns will indicate. The completion of four great tunnels under the North River, with the possible addition of the world's greatest bridge spanning it, will result in drawing a tremendous number of New Yorkers to the hills and shores of New Jersey, which will thus be brought into close and direct touch with the metropolis. A writer in the New York Sun predicts that this exodus to the Garden State will be the greatest movement of its kind that has ever occurred. Of course New York's loss will be New Jersey's gain and the distribution of population by its numerous trolley lines will convert the whole northern end of the state into a practically continuous suburban city.

ORDER RESCINDED.

Oil Wells in Indian Territory Opened Pending Further Investigations.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 24.—Indian Inspector George W. Wright yesterday received notice from the Interior Department rescinding the recent order to shut down all oil and gas wells in the Osage nation. The wells, with the exception of three, were closed by Deputy Marshals a few days ago. Investigation followed by the government, it being charged that over 4800 acres had been leased to one company or operator which is against the rules of the Interior Department. The order rescinding the recent order from the Interior Department would indicate that the Department is either convinced that the oil men are operating in good faith or that the department is waiting for more information. The latter is more likely as the Indian inspector is preparing a report on the oil and gas situation in the Osage nation at the request of the Secretary of the Interior.

FEWER JAPANESE.

Japanese Consul. Declares Less are Being Shipped Here.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The exodus of the Japanese laborers from the sugar plantations of Hawaii to the United States is showing a tendency to decrease, said Mr. Matsubara, the new Japanese Vice-consul at San Francisco, yesterday.

"The Japanese Immigration society send the laborers from Japan into Hawaii and these societies, according to Matsubara, are directly interested sending the laborers to the sugar estates, as soon as they arrive. These societies bring powerful pressure to bear upon the Japanese government to compel the coolies to "stay out" and it is becoming apparent that the immigration society are winning their fight.

A complication of female troubles with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Indiana, to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters; and to the amazement of all who knew her; this medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c at Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

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