

# A MAN IN LIFETIME A WOMAN IN DEATH

## The Startling Disclosure Made Last Night In an Undertaker's Morgue

**N. Raylan Supposed Former Russian Vice-Consul and Son of a Russian Admiral Dies In a Phoenix Hotel and is Identified as a Woman.**

Death last night laid bare the remarkable secret of N. De Raylan. The husband of a woman whose letters and photographs he had cherished, turns out to the astonished eyes of an undertaker to be a woman. His physician, who had accompanied him in his quest of health, believing him to have been a Russian vice-consul and the son of a Russian admiral, a gentleman of wealth and education, dazed by the transformation. The "wife" of De Raylan notified by telegraph.

Death, that strange mystery last night opened another mystery hardly less strange and more startling.

About the middle of October there arrived in Phoenix a man who passed as N. De Raylan. He was well along with consumption and was accompanied by Dr. Rowe a Chicago physician of past middle age. The doctor found quarters for himself and his patient at the

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Union hotel on West Washington street. De Raylan was evidently a man of wealth and culture. He said he had been assistant Russian vice consul at Chicago and had served with the American forces through the war with Spain. He had numerous medals which he said had been given him in connection with that service and also a special letter of commendation from President McKinley.

He frequently showed Dr. Rowe the photograph of his wife Mrs. Anna De Raylan, a singularly handsome and voluptuous woman who wrote him with regularity. He often spoke of his son whom the doctor understood to be nearly grown.

De Raylan died last night and the doctor instructed Mohn & Driscoll to take charge of the body. He also sent a telegram to Mrs. Anna De Raylan informing her of the death of her husband and asking her if she would come.

Mr. Mohn went out to the Union to make arrangements for the transfer of the body to the morgue. The doctor was there and Mr. Mohn remarked to him that the face looked young for one who had passed through so much. The body was brought in and Mr. Driscoll began preparations for the embalming. He too was struck by the peculiarly young and feminine appearance of the

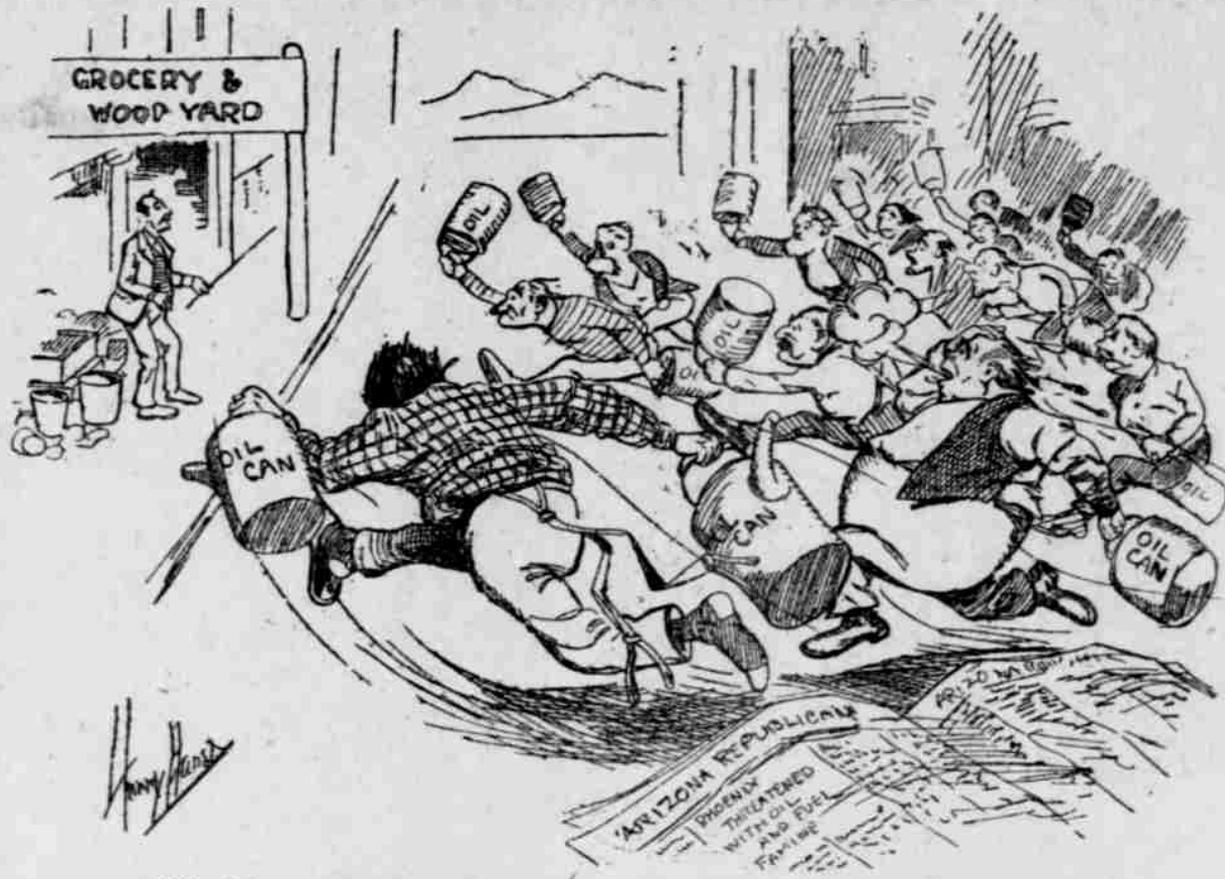
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face and when he stripped the breast bare he was further struck by its appearance. A further examination showed him that his subject was a woman. The masquerade had been carried to the last possible and unnecessary detail.

Mr. Driscoll covered the body and sought Dr. Rowe whom he found in the office of the Union. He called him aside and questioned him about his late patient. Mr. Driscoll soon convinced himself that the doctor had been no party either by consent or knowledge to this strange deception. In the first place the putting of the body into the hands of an undertaker was certain to disclose it. Whereas if it were to be kept up, the doctor could himself have put the body into a coffin and could have complied with all required regulations for the burial of the body in a local cemetery.

In reply to Mr. Driscoll's questions the doctor said that he had frequently examined De Raylan as to his chest and had found nothing to arouse his suspicion as to the sex of his patient. He recalled however that De Raylan had been rather more sensitive than male patients usually are.

When Mr. Driscoll finally asked him if he knew that De Raylan was a woman he moved about as if dazed by the inquiry. He recovered and said that he had never had the slightest suspicion that his patient was not what he seemed. He had been with him a great deal in their rooms, in traveling and on the street. There had never been a move by him which could have raised a doubt as to his sex, not even

a thought. They had visited barber shops together for De Raylan shaved regularly and frequently.

The doctor agreed with Mr. Driscoll that no further steps should be taken toward the sending of the body away until there could be an investigation of the strange affair and that the authorities should be notified. Marshal Kinney was sent for but there was nothing to be done by him further than to acknowledge that he had cognizance of the case. The body was then embalmed and is being held pending other developments.

There are several elements in this case which classify it with all those strange cases of women who have passed for years as men and who have had wives who aided them in their deception. How long De Raylan may have held himself out to be a woman is yet a matter of conjecture. Dr. Rowe met him in Chicago as doctors ordinarily meet patients and that far back therefore he was known as a man. That was about six months ago.

De Raylan was as communicative as well bred and educated gentleman ever become, and he bestowed upon the doctor those confidences which patients believe belong to their medical advisers. He told the doctor freely about his life in Russia and in this country. He spoke of his wife often and treasured her photographs and her letters. He manifested a father's pride in his son and cherished his photograph.

He had an album filled with photographs of friends and relatives in this country and Russia. There were in the collection several pictures of himself taken at various ages and there was one of a little Russian girl he told the doctor was long ago "his little sweetheart."

On the face of the evidence which now appears it is thought that De Raylan actually served in the Spanish war for there are those medals which are known to have been issued in the circumstances in which De Raylan said he had received his. At present there is an inclination to believe that President McKinley actually wrote a letter of thanks and commendation to a gallant soldier of the name of De Raylan and that the dead girl in the morgue was he.

It would have been thought that De Raylan would not carry this deception into the very hour and article of death. Dr. Rowe believes that a disclosure

would have been made only her death came a few days earlier than it had been expected. The doctor said she knew she could not live and day before yesterday she said she desired to make a will. The will was not made. It may be imagined that in such a document the truth would have been told.

Among the effects of De Raylan was a great deal of valuable jewelry, a diamond ring among it being worth many hundred dollars.

The outward clothing of De Raylan was such as any gentleman might wear. It was plain but the selection of it showed an educated taste. In the elegant bath robes and fine under clothing the woman was slightly disclosed.

The answer to the telegram sent by Dr. Rowe to Mrs. Anna De Raylan last night ought to shed some light on this remarkable affair.

## THE FATE OF HICKS STILL IN THE BALANCE

The Rescue of the Entombed Miner No Nearer Than It Seemed Two Days Ago.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 18.—The rescue party at Edison camp tonight is working in loose dirt and decomposed granite but a few feet from Hicks, the buried miner, but despite their proximity to him the chances for his delivery are as far removed as they seemed two days ago. Engineers offer no hope of a rescue inside of twelve hours and probably twenty-four may be necessary.

The substance in which the rescuers are working is debris from the fallen tunnel and yields to the touch as readily as sand. There is an overpowering fear that at the last minute a false jar will release the rock which threatens Hicks and cheat the rescuers of the victory for which they have labored so long. The miners are now directly above Hicks but will cross the tunnel over his head and attempt to reach him from behind.

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