

"I WANT WIFE, NOT \$25 A WEEK," DUKE ANSWERS HANANS

Accused Says He Borrowed "Stolen" Money and Promised Return to Owner

HE PROPOSED THRICE.

Brother of Heiress Reveals Amazing Career of Nobleman Sued for Annulment.

An astounding story of how the Duke Arturo de Major Durazzo of Italy, gambler and convicted thief, gained the entry to New York's "409" and then wooed and won Miss Elizabeth Frances Hanan, sister of John H. Hanan, millionaire shoe manufacturer, was revealed today by Mr. Hanan, following a suit for the annulment of the marriage, which has been filed in behalf of the Duchess in the Supreme Court at White Plains.

The Duke found today at No. 12 East Forty-fourth street, said the Hanan family's statement concerning the cause of the action did not tell everything.

"For instance," he said, "the Hanan family offered me \$25 a week for life. But what is \$25 to me! What I wanted was a wife."

DUKE'S ANSWER DENIES GUILT FOR THEFT.

The Duke, through his counsel, Elliot Norton of No. 2 Rector street, tomorrow morning will file his answer to the suit. The answer declares he always has been and still is a "respectable, honest, law-abiding and honorable man," and that he did not misrepresent himself before his marriage. He declares he informed the then Miss Hanan of the incident in Paris and that she told him not to wed, since he was not at fault.

The Duke says that on April 11, 1912, he had 2,020 francs (\$46) and securities of high value belonging to "one Cornet" and that "in distress and disorder of mind due to the unhappy condition of a near and dear relative" he took it and sent it to a relative, fully intending to return it.

He denies that he embezzled anything and says he wrote to Cornet asking him what he had done and promising to pay him back as soon

DUCHESS WHO CALLS DUKE A THIEF IN SUIT TO ANNUL MARRIAGE.



DUCHESS DURAZZO

as he was able, and also that a cousin, very prominent in Paris, guaranteed its payment to Cornet. He says he made restitution last March.

He says if he ever was indicted, tried, convicted and sentenced for this it was without his knowledge or appearance in court and that he never was a fugitive from justice. He said he wanted to appeal when the case was dug up in Monaco, but Hanan, his wife's brother, wouldn't let him. He also says Hanan was "largely instrumental" in bringing about the marriage of his sister to the Duke.

The Duke asserts that the Supreme Court of the State of New York has no jurisdiction in the case, and should an annulment be secured by his wife and she remarries she would be guilty of bigamy in the eyes of the law of Italy, of which country, he says, she is now a subject by reason of her marriage. He declares he practiced no fraud upon her and that since she is "middle-aged and not an impressionable girl, she went into the marriage with her eyes open."

Further, the Duke asserts that "because of her advanced age, their relations were not as happy as they should be. He says when he came here in July he was welcomed by his wife and Hanan at Narragansett, and later lived in a New York hotel at Hanan's invitation, and that the separation of himself and the Duchess, "because of her physical disability," was discussed.

He charges that Hanan offered to pay him a weekly allowance if he would consent not to contest the suit, but that he spurned the "bribe."

"It is more than I can believe," said Mr. Hanan today to a reporter for The Evening World at his home, No. 1073 Fifth avenue. "It sounds like fiction. But every incident is bitterly true."

"To me the biggest surprise of all is that this man should have been able to lead a double life in Europe and in New York for several years. When he courted my sister he swore to me that his life had been clean."

"He brought letters from prominent persons in Europe, who vouched for him. He was introduced to me by an Italian nobleman whose name I shall withhold. Then came the courtship of my sister, who, mind you, was not really in love with the Duke."

"It is unprincipled man simply won by his perseverance. She refused

"A HOUSEHOLD PET," HANAN CALLS DUKE.

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him three times. The fourth time he wept, fell on his knees, threatened to destroy himself, and, womanlike, she took him."

It follows that the wedding on Feb. 17 last at St. Thomas's Church and a honeymoon trip in the Mediterranean on the Hanan yacht. In the midst of this bliss the crash came at Monte Carlo on May 5.

ARREST FOR STREET FIGHT BARES CONVICTION.

The Duke was arrested for taking part in a street fight, the charge against him being equivalent to disorderly conduct. Mr. Hanan, who was travelling with the newly married pair, learned from the police that three years before the Duke had been cashier of a hotel in Paris, had disappeared with \$600 in money and some jewels and in his absence, in accordance with French procedure, had been sentenced to three years in prison.

When Mr. Hanan visited the Duke in his cell the millionaire exclaimed: "What did you ever do this for? Why did you lie to me before you won my sister's hand?"

"How could you expect me to spoil my future prospects?" was the Duke's reply, according to Mr. Hanan. Thus the wedding journey was broken up. Previously, Mr. Hanan says, the Duke had treated his wife cruelly on the yacht and she was glad to get rid of him. She came to New York with her brother, Mr. Hanan retained private detectives, who made some amazing discoveries about the life of the Duke.

First, it is said, it was learned that while Durazzo belonged to a noble family, it was a "moth-eaten" one which, back in the thirteenth century, had amounted to something. The Duke's father, it was reported to Mr. Hanan, was an inveterate gambler and died at a gaming table.

The fact that the Duke had been convicted of a crime furnished grounds in this State for an annulment suit. While such action was being considered the Duke wrote to every member of the Hanan family and in one of his missives demanded \$50,000. His communications were ignored and the suit was begun.

THREATENED WITH DEPORTATION, DUKE VANISHES.

At the same time Mr. Hanan, armed with documents to prove many startling things about the Duke's early life, and with the letter demanding \$50,000, was preparing to take two steps. One was to submit the \$50,000 demand to the District Attorney and the other was to have the Duke deported as an undesirable alien. But the Duke did not wait for such action. He disappeared from New York.

Before moving away from these parts, however, his Grace filed an answer to the Duchess's suit. It was an answer that caused Mr. Hanan to grit his teeth and regret he had not taken steps to have the Duke deported.

"This thing ought to be spread all over the United States," said Mr. Hanan today. "It is the strongest sermon against marriage between American girls and foreigners that can be preached. Why, mind you, I took every precaution to look up this 'royal flush' of a Duke long before giving my consent to the marriage. Here is the way it all came about:

"As I said, an Italian nobleman introduced the Duke to me three years ago. I met him afterward in Rome and Naples. In October, 1911, I was somewhat surprised when the Duke came to me and asked for the privilege of addressing my sister. He told me he had corresponded with my sister for a year and that he wanted to marry her."

"He seemed then to be all right. He had presented letters to prominent persons in New York and they had received him socially. The names of those persons I shall not reveal. It is not my intention to try this affair in the papers, but I want certain publicity given as a warning to other American women."

"Well, I told the Duke the question of marriage was a very serious one, and added, 'If you will answer certain questions I will consider the matter.'"

"He said he welcomed questioning. I had him investigated—thoroughly, as I supposed. The results were satisfactory to me. And yet at the time the investigation was being made he was under sentence as a thief."

"Satisfied he came of a good family, I summoned the Duke, told him what my inquiries had shown and asked him if his record was clean. He assured me it was."

"Now during all this time my sister was not in love with the Duke. I am sure of that, because when I told her of his coming to me and asking permission to court her, she did not seem favorably impressed. He pressed his suit until January, 1914, and then she finally accepted him."

FOUR RACING BALLOONS IN PITTSFIELD EVENT; AUTOS GIVE PURSUIT

"Dancing Doll" as "King" of the Flyers Sets Pace in Novel Air-Road Race.

(Special to The Evening World.) PITTSFIELD, Mass., Oct. 2.—Just before the national balloon race was started here at 12:24 P. M. to-day the sun, which was hidden all the morning by a gray bank of clouds, burst through and beamed on the four swaying air crafts at the Aero Club park. From the grand stand society of the Berkshires watched the balloons take flight.

A great throng surrounded the park and cheered lustily as the Dancing Doll, 3,600 cubic feet capacity, with Leo Stevens as pilot and Gordon Bruce of New York as passenger, was released.

In the Lecureuil, which was the second to get away, was Dr. Jerome Kingsbury of New York as pilot and William Richardson of Brattleboro, Vt., as passenger. The C. U. U. was then sent off with Robert Golden of Philadelphia and S. Welsh of that city in charge. Alan R. Hawley, President of the Aero Club of America, was in the North Adams balloon, which was the last to start.

A feature of the event was the pursuit of the king balloons by automobiles, for which Cortland F. Bishop, Vice-President of the Aero Club of America, offered a silver cup. A dozen big cars gave chase. The one to reach the Dancing Doll first when it descended was to get the cup.

Two of the four balloons landed in Worthington about 2 o'clock. The distance covered was about twenty miles, air line.

The third balloon landed shortly after at Cumington.

DROUGHT AFFECTS MINING.

Reading Coal Company Hampered by Lack of Water.

READING, Pa., Oct. 2.—The Philadelphia Reading Coal & Iron Company is experiencing difficulty in operating its anthracite collieries owing to the prolonged drought in Central Pennsylvania. There has been little rain in forty-two days and it has been many years since the shortage of water was so serious.

In Pennsylvania the water supply is so low that there is not sufficient to supply the Reading's locomotives. In other places water is being hauled from streams to keep collieries in operation.

CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN MARKET.

Wheat steady. Offerings were not large. Short foreign crops and war news militated against aggressive selling. Prices advanced after a slight setback. Heavy exports are reported. Closed strong 1/4 to 3/8 cents advance.

Corn steady. Unfavorable weather checked selling pressure. Closed half cent higher.

insisted that the Duke waive all property rights, which he did with seeming willingness.

"My wife, with a woman's intuition, opposed the match. She argued against it with my sister, who listened and three times refused the Duke when he proposed. At last she accepted him. No, it was not because of any wish to become a member of the nobility—my sister is of too true and simple a nature for that."

"I really believe she accepted the Duke because she pitied him. He argued with her, he wept, he tore his hair and made threats against himself. Such actions led her to believe he really loved her. So she accepted him."

"Soon after the marriage, the Duke began showing himself for what he really was. He treated his bride cruelly. He tried to get money from her, but she gave him no more than enough to live on—and so it might be said he existed as a sort of household pet. As to sums of money—bah! She was too sensible for that."

"Come next the incident of Monte Carlo. I broke the news to my sister. She pitied the Duke. She said it would be out of the question to live with him longer as his wife. But she was willing and anxious to make a settlement on him—willing and anxious till he began making demands and threats."

WAR REVENUE BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Presented to Senate With Only One Change Made in Caucus Revision.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Final consideration of the war revenue bill began in the Senate to-day when the measure, as perfected by the Democratic Senate caucus, was reported favorably by the Finance Committee. At a brief session the committee had discussed the bill generally and by a party vote ordered a favorable report.

Only one change was made in the bill and this will be proposed as an amendment to the tax on cigarette manufacturers. Under the amendment manufacturers making up to 25,000,000 cigarettes a year will pay \$24 tax; those manufacturing from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 \$48 and those manufacturing more than 50,000,000 \$96.

The committee left to a sub-committee the dispute over the tax on domestic wines, and if a compromise between Pacific Coast and Central States' wine-growers is reached it will be presented in the form of an amendment to the bill.

A flood of petitions protesting against the stamp tax on proprietary medicines as adopted by the committee was presented to the Senate by Senators Townsend, Chamberlain and Burton.

Chairman Simmons of the Finance Committee expressed the opinion that the Senate would pass the bill before the end of next week and clear the way for adjournment of Congress.

OFFICIAL PRIMARY RETURNS GIVE GLYNN MAJORITY OF 107,385

Whitman's Plurality Was 58,121 and Davenport's 4,277; Gerard Had 69,936.

ALBANY, Oct. 2.—The official votes polled by the heads of tickets in the recent primaries to-day were made public by Secretary of State May. They follow:

Table with columns for Candidate, Party, and Votes. Includes names like Glynn, Whitman, Davenport, Gerard, Wadsworth, Lockwood, Schoenck, Sidway, Heacock, and Schoenck's plurality.

Secretary of State... 167,128  
May, Dem. ... 167,128  
Newburg, Dem. ... 16,251

Comptroller... 158,509  
Sohmer, Dem. ... 158,509  
Davidson, Dem. ... 53,077

Glynn's majority ... 107,385  
Whitman, Rep. ... 58,121  
Hudman, Rep. ... 61,953  
Hedges, Rep. ... 49,012

Whitman's plurality ... 58,121  
Davenport, Prog. ... 4,277  
Sulzer, Prog. ... 14,266

Gerard's plurality ... 69,936  
Wadsworth, Rep. ... 75,586  
Caider, Rep. ... 82,695  
Hill, Rep. ... 37,102

Wadsworth's plurality ... 7,065  
Lockwood, Dem. ... 108,189  
Schoenck, Dem. ... 57,365  
Elics, Dem. ... 57,365

Lockwood's majority ... 108,189  
Schoenck, Rep. ... 75,586  
Sidway, Rep. ... 67,348  
Heacock, Rep. ... 65,303

Schoenck's plurality ... 10,233

Williams, Rep. ... 158,509  
O'Brien, Rep. ... 53,077

Williams's majority ... 158,509  
Associate Judge Court of Appeals, Seabury, Dem. ... 158,509  
Cartelle, Dem. ... 53,077

Seabury's majority ... 73,674  
Emory A. Chase, Rep.—No tabulation; unopposed.

The successful candidates on the Democratic ticket for delegates-at-large to the Constitutional Convention were: Martin W. Littleton, O'Grady Herrick, M. J. O'Brien, Edgar M. Cullen, John A. Dix, Samuel J. Gumpers, Michael F. McGoldrick, Jacob Ruppert Jr., William C. Osborn, William F. McCombe, James M. Lynch, Samuel Untermyer, Calvin J. Huson, Robert J. Van Cortlandt, John F. Murtagh. They ran in the foregoing order, Littleton heading the list with 160,565 votes and Murtagh polling 99,838.

The Republican candidate for delegates-at-large, headed by Senator Elihu Root, was unopposed.

EIGHT BURIED IN WRECKAGE.  
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Two rapid transit work cars loaded with sand, descending Park street hill this afternoon, tipped over, burying eight men beneath the debris. Three have been taken out dead.

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Equal to much of the so-called best. Try it and be convinced: lb.

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East View Brand Eggs, 37c

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Rich whole milk with ALL the cream

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Richest Condensed, in full sized cans, each

Kirkman's Borax Soap, 7 cakes, 25c  
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Lowell Indoor Clothes Line & Reel 25c  
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At All 35 James Butler Inc. Meat Markets  
City Dressed Sirloin Steak, lb. 20c  
Choice Chuck Steaks, Lean and juicy, lb. 16c  
Boston Pot Roast, Boneless, lb. 16c  
Spring Lamb Chops, Rib or Loin, lb. 20c  
Spring Lamb, Short Forequarter, lb. 15c  
Fresh Country Sausages, Very fine, lb. 18c  
Milk Fed Roasting Chicken, lb. 24c

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Rich, full-bodied, well-matured wines; half gallon

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