

ROMANCE BEHIND DE RAYLAN CASE

**Mad Infatuation for Russian Nobleman May Be One of the
Affair's Secrets.**

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Chicago, Dec. 22.—A secret love story which caused her to flee her native country, a mad infatuation for a Russian nobleman, may be behind the mystery revealed by the death at Phoenix, Ariz., of Nicholai de Raylan, who has by a coroner's jury been declared to have been a woman.

The full story behind the masculine disguise assumed by the Russian consulate clerk will probably be related in the probate court.

In the last will made by De Raylan reference is made to a 13-year-old boy living at the home of "Mrs." Anna de Raylan, 592 California avenue, Chicago, as "My beloved son." Baron Schlippenbach, Russian consul to Chicago, is remembered in the will, which contains eleven provisions, the last of which, relating to the Russian consul, is as follows:

"Of all money found in the safe of Baron Schlippenbach, belonging to me at the time of my death, the same being in several envelopes and boxes, I give and bequeath one-half to Baron Schlippenbach for his own personal use, and the other half I give and bequeath to my beloved wife for her own use."

In the will De Raylan planned to carry the secret of sex to the grave, the ninth provision being as follows:

"It is my wish that my beloved wife, Anna de Raylan, shall wash and dress my body after death and that my beloved son, Harry George, shall comb my hair. And it is my wish that I be buried in my uniform of the Chicago Hussars."

Between sobs the woman who posed as De Raylan's wife is reported to have declared:

"Whether Nicolai de Raylan was a man or a woman, I love him."