

# NICOLAI DE RAYLAN WAS A WOMAN

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. — Positive proof that Nicolai de Raylan, the "man-woman" formerly connected with the Russian consulate in Chicago, who died at Phoenix, Ariz., recently, was a woman, was placed in the hands of the Russian embassy here today in a packet of letters received from the authorities at Phoenix by Baron Schlippenbach, Russian Consul at Chicago.

These letters reveal a pathetic death-bed scene, in which De Raylan begged for her "wife" to attend her after death. Baron Schlippenbach said today, after reading the letters, that he was satisfied personally that the De Raylan of Chicago and the De Raylan who is buried in Phoenix were one and the same person.

According to medical testimony received today, De Raylan carried the deception of her dual personality to the grave. Even the examinations of the physicians to ascertain the extent of the disease which ravaged her lungs failed to reveal her sex. The bones of the upper body, which are usually flat in the case of a man and round in women, were found upon closer examination after death not to have been pronounced either way.