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1775—A British naval force made  
 an unsuccessful attack on Gloucester,  
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 1812—U. S. frigate Essex captured  
 the Alert, the first vessel taken from  
 the British in the war of 1812.  
 1818—Sir Peregrine Maitland ap-  
 pointed Lieutenant Governor of Up-  
 per Canada.  
 1846—Americans under Commodore  
 Stockton and Major Fremont cap-  
 tured Los Angeles.  
 1868—The city of Arequipa, Peru,  
 almost destroyed by an earthquake.  
 1877—Chauncey Rose, founder of  
 Rose Polytechnic Institute, died in  
 Terre Haute, Ind. Born in Wethers-  
 field, Conn., Dec. 24, 1794.  
 1890—First annual convention of  
 letter carriers of the United States  
 held in Boston.  
 1898—Manila surrendered to the  
 American forces after a short land  
 fight and a bombardment by the fleet

# \$140,000 FOR KISS PAID BY A WIDOW

Paris, Aug. 10.—One hundred and  
 forty thousand dollars for a kiss and  
 for a kiss given unwillingly. Such is  
 the price, the largest in history, paid  
 by a young, beautiful and tremen-  
 dously beautiful Parisienne, a widow,  
 for a salute impressed upon her lips  
 by a bogus American banker. But  
 she was blackmailed out of that  
 great sum. Tricked into a comprom-  
 ising situation, she paid \$140,000 for  
 silence to a trio of international  
 swindlers.

This astounding fact was revealed  
 by the arrest of the master black-  
 mailer who, at the moment, calls  
 himself Pierre de Courvailles, but who  
 has many aliases.

Recently he has adopted the title  
 Prince de Sagan, the secondary title  
 of Helie, Duke de Tallyrand, Anna  
 Gould's husband, which he handed  
 over to their son Howard. When he  
 was taken de Courvailles had \$100,-  
 000 in his possession, half a million  
 francs, a great fortune in France.

Another member of the band is

known to the police as Habris. He  
 posed to the Parisian widow as an  
 American millionaire, a banker. In  
 carrying out their plot the third  
 rascal masqueraded as a country  
 policeman.

THEY FLIRT AT A SPA.

Not being in her usual health, the  
 young widow was ordered by her  
 physician to take the cure at Chat-  
 elguyon, a spa in the Department  
 Puy-de-Dome, famous for its mineral  
 waters. There, after a brief flirta-  
 tion, Uabris made hold to introduce  
 himself to the charming widow. He  
 interested her very much with his  
 stories about life in America and  
 took pains to hint as delicately as  
 possible that he was enormously  
 wealthy and of the highest social  
 standing. He became very attentive  
 to the widow, took her to luncheon  
 and dinner, sent her flowers and bon-  
 bons and his attentions did not seem  
 disagreeable to her.

Finally, at dusk one evening, the  
 bogus banker proposed to madame  
 that they take a stroll in the forest,  
 and she consented. Without seeming

to do so, he led her toward a seclud-  
 ed path, a true lovers' lane. Amid  
 romantic surroundings his manner  
 grew more devoted and of a sudden,  
 as if possessed of an irresistible im-  
 pulse, he threw his arms around her  
 and, although she struggled to dis-  
 engage herself, drew her to him and  
 kissed her full on the lips.

At that instant the confederate of  
 Habris, the false policeman, appear-  
 ed as suddenly as a jack-in-the-box  
 from a thicket at the side of the  
 path.

"Aha, it is for just such people as  
 you two that I have been watching,"  
 exclaimed the policeman. "You who  
 bring disgrace upon Chatelguyon by  
 your conduct. Your names—tomor-  
 row you go before the police judge!"  
 and he took a note-book from his  
 pocket.

## WIDOW GIVES UP MONEY.

The widow, now crimson with  
 shame, now pale with fright, almost  
 fainted. She, usually the most dis-  
 creet of women, saw her fair reputa-  
 tion besmirched, saw her friends  
 cutting her. Habris turned to the  
 policeman and they appeared to be in  
 violent altercation when de Courvail-  
 les stroked up. He lifted his hat  
 to Habris, introduced himself as a  
 Paris engineer, and politely inquired  
 if he could be of service. The widow  
 was overwhelmed. Here was another  
 witness of her glaring indiscretion.

With tearful eyes and palpitating  
 heart, she stood aside while the three  
 parleyed. Finally de Courvailles and  
 Habris told her they had bought the  
 policeman's silence but at a tremen-  
 dous price—\$80,000.

"Of course I shall pay the money,  
 madame," said Habris. "It was my  
 fault, for which I beg pardon on my  
 knees. You bewitched me. But I  
 cannot get \$80,000 until I reach New  
 York. Meantime this fellow may  
 talk and—"

"Let him come to my hotel and I  
 will give him my check," cried the  
 widow, almost joyfully.

Having handed over the check, the

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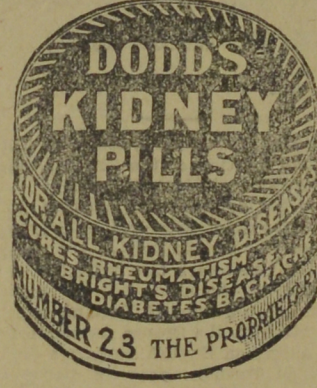
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 to affect a number of New England  
 very seriously more seriously in fact  
 than it will New York which is the  
 largest centre in the United States  
 for the distribution of anthracite.

## OUTLAW ON TRIAL

Wytheville, Aug. 14.—The case of  
 Lriel Allen, one of the gang of out-  
 laws alleged to have committed the  
 Carroll County Couthouse murders  
 at Hillsville last March was called  
 for trial today. The indictment upon  
 which he is to be tried charges him  
 with the murder of the Common-  
 wealth's attorney William M. Foster,  
 one of the five persons killed in the  
 court-room tragedy. Friel Allen is the  
 third of the Allen clan to be tried for  
 murders. Floyd Allen and his son  
 Claude Allen, have been tried and  
 convicted of first degree murder.



widow hastened to Paris. But the  
 blackmailers, finding her such easy  
 prey, determined to extort more  
 money from her. In a day or two  
 Habris and the policeman visited  
 her.

"This man has just called on me,"  
 said Habris. "He says his con-  
 science hurts him for taking a bribe  
 and he wishes to return the money.  
 He will press the charge of disorderly  
 conduct against us; we must return  
 to Chatelguyon and appear in court."

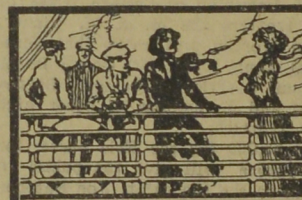
## MORE MONEY QUIETS HIM.

"Will more money keep him quiet?"  
 faltered the widow.  
 The men went into a corner and  
 whispered.

"Yes, madame," said Habris, at  
 last, "he reluctantly consents to be  
 silent for \$60,000 more."

The widow drew her check for  
 \$60,000 and with it the policeman  
 departed.

"I sail for America tomorrow,  
 madame," said Habris, making his  
 farewells. "The instant I reach New  
 York I shall send you \$140,000."  
 The next day she received a tele-  
 gram from Habris in Havre. It told  
 her in effect that he had changed his  
 mind, that she had tempted him and  
 must pay for it. The veil fell from  
 the widow's eyes; Habris' dastardly  
 action convinced her that swindlers  
 had duped her. She went to her  
 legal adviser, he informed the police  
 and de Courvailles was arrested with  
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