

THIEF PRINTS HIS MEMOIRS.

Tells Extraordinary Story of Crime.

George Manolescu Makes Swindling an Art.

Berlin, Sept. 11.—Criminals generally are very common place persons. Monarchs of crime, as a rule, exist only in magazines. George Manolescu is an exception. If there is truth in half the stories that he tells of himself in the autobiography published here, he should have attracted the attention of Sherlock Holmes.

Manolescu is a Roumanian of good family. He began his career of crime, after deserting from a ship at Constantinople, by robbing a Turkish spy in the pay of a foreign government, of incriminating papers, which he afterwards made the man purchase at a heavy price.

From Constantinople, he went to Monte Carlo, that happy hunting ground for the cosmopolitan rogue, and there his excellent manners and decent breeding helped him to become intimate with society people and in eight months on the Riviera and at Baden, by one fraud and another, he cleared \$150,000.

Then he made for Paris, where he defrauded a confiding firm of jewelers of \$35,000 worth of jewelry.

PRINCE LAHOVARY.

In the Tyrol, Manolescu married a lady belonging to a distinguished German family, with whom he lived happily for nearly two years. His wife, however, learning the manner of man she was living with, obtained a divorce.

Manolescu, then, having discovered that the last male member of the Lahovary family, a noble Hungarian house, had mysteriously disappeared, adopted the family crest and coat of arms, calling himself Prince Lahovary.

In this style he travelled through Brazil, Chili and the United States, where he lived in splendor, and succeeded in swindling hosts of wealthy people of more than \$200,000 in jewels, share certificates and other property.

In New York he drugged a Jewish "receiver" while playing cards with him, and robbed him of \$150,000 worth of jewels, with which he escaped to Europe.

This coup Manolescu declares is to be his last. He has determined, he

says, to return to his parents and become a respectable citizen. Manolescu has a personality and an obvious sense of humor. Altogether he has suffered eight years' imprisonment in London, Paris, Germany, Italy and Switzerland, and he has even found prison amusing.

In writing of his life in the jail at Lucerne he expresses his agreeable surprise at finding that the adjoining cells were occupied by female criminals undergoing light sentences, with whom he managed to carry on long conversations.

PRINCE OF PADUA.

In London, where he masqueraded as Prince of Padua, and was always accompanied by a secretary and a valet, Manolescu says he was received into the best clubs and obtained a reputation both as a sportsman and as a reckless gambler.

"My expenses were terribly high," he writes, "and in order to be able to continue my luxurious mode of life another good coup became necessary."

"I walked into one of the most expensive hotels in London, Grand Hotel, Old Bond Street (2) and entered an elegant room on the first floor. On a table I found a crocodile leather handbag, with the key in the lock. I made myself at home, and, having bolted the door, I opened the bag, and to my great satisfaction, I found it filled with valuable jewelry."

"Naturally, I filled my pockets, carefully, however, so that they would not bulge out too much, and left some articles of less value in the bag and made my way coolly down the stairs of the hotel and into the street."

This exploit, however, eventually landed Manolescu in jail, as he had been followed by a groom and valet, who handed him over to a detective at the Cafe Monice.

It is a pity that this humane document should be marred by palpable inaccuracies such as a description of the "Hotel Royal" at Yokohama, with 400 rooms; the "Grand Hotel," Old Bond Street, London, and the "Hotel Imperial" San Francisco, all of which appear to exist only in the author's lively imagination.

HUNDREDS KILLED; TOWNS DESTROYED.

Terrible Earthquakes Felt in Southern Italy--Worst Ever Experienced.

Scenes of Indescribable Terror in Many Villages.

Rome, Sept. 8.—All Italy is suffering from terrible depression because of the news from the south, where one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced occurred today. Although the earthquake was felt all over Calabria and to a certain extent in Sicily, the worst news comes from Pizzo and Monteleone, and from eighteen villages, which are said to have been destroyed. According to the latest news received 370 persons have been killed and a great number injured. It is yet even impossible to estimate the property losses.

The shock was felt at 2.55 a. m., lasting for eighteen seconds at Messina, and soon thereafter was felt at Matanzaro, Reggio, Monteleone, Stefania, Piscioppo, Tripami, Zannaro, Cessaniti, Maida, Olivadi and other points.

Scenes of indescribable terror ensued. Women arose from their sleep, rushed, half clothed, into the street, screaming with fear, carrying their babies and dragging along other children and calling on the Madonna and the saints for help. The men escaped into the open with their families and calling upon their favorite saints for protection. The cafes were taken by assault by the strangely garbed crowd, but as daylight broke without a repetition of the earthquake the crowd gradually melted away. At eight o'clock the streets had almost assumed their normal appearance, except in the ruined villages, where the inhabitants were homeless.

The general confusion was added to by the dreadful cries from the jails, where the prisoners were beside themselves with fright, and in some cases

mutinied, but, fortunately, all were kept within bounds. Troops, engineers and doctors have been hurried to the scenes of disaster to assist in the work of rescue and salvage. The minister of the interior sent \$4,000 for the relief of the destitute, and Minister of Public Works Farreris left for Calabria this evening.

Messina, Sicily, Sept. 8.—An earthquake shock at 2.43 this morning caused great excitement. The population fled from their houses. The amount of damage done has not been determined. There was no loss of life.

Monteleone, Di Calabria, Italy, Sept. 8.—The latest details obtainable concerning the damage caused in this district by the earthquake shows that at Stefania houses have been entirely destroyed, and it is estimated that a hundred persons have been killed. At Piscioppo all the houses were destroyed and fifty people lost their lives. At Monteleone many houses were destroyed and seven persons were killed.

At San Gregorio, according to estimates, 65 people lost their lives. The village of Zannaro is destroyed entirely. At Mileto 11 are dead and 200 are injured. At Cessaniti almost all the houses are destroyed. The number of dead and wounded is not known. The villages of Brattio, Sanfo, Sanicostantino and Conidoni are completely destroyed. The number of victims in these places exceeds fifty. At Spilniga one person was killed. At Santo Nobrio there are numerous victims. Almost all the houses in these places which have not already collapsed threaten to fall in ruins.

At night, and the twenty men on board huddled in the cabins and momentarily expected the end. Morning brought hope in the sight of men on shore, but no boat could live through the breakers and no swimmer could reach the shore. A happy thought came to the captain, and with a quickly made kite a cord was carried by the wind to shore. Next a line and then a hawser reached the land, and over this the men went ashore.

The report of the court was signed by the British Consul at Talcahuano and others, and praised the pluck and energy of the master and crew, while expressing regret at the loss of the seventeen men.

When a bachelor says he isn't lonesome the women never believe him, and when he says he is the married men think he is lying.

OYAMA ASKS ARMISTICE.

Sent Flag of Truce to Russian Commander on Battle field--Russian Soldiers Rejoice.

Godzydani, Manchuria, Sept. 9.—(Saturday).—At 1 o'clock this afternoon a Japanese commissioner bearing a white flag and escorted by fifty soldiers arrived at a post near the railway and handed to the Russian officers, who went to meet him, a letter from Field Marshal Oyama to General Linvitch congratulating him on the conclusion of peace and begging him to appoint Russian plenipotentiaries to arrange an armistice.

Field Marshal Oyama appointed General Tukushima as plenipotentiary for his side, the letter announced, and he suggested Chakhedza as the meeting place.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS GLAD.

Gunshua Pass, Manchuria, Sept. 9.—Since news was received that the peace negotiations at Portsmouth were approaching a conclusion, the correspondent of the Associated Press has made a survey of all the Russian positions from Mongolia to headquarters. His object in part was to ascertain the extent to which the effort making for peace were viewed by the army keeping in a state of preparedness for a battle until the receipt by General Linvitch of the telegram from Emperor Nicholas, declaring that the treaty had been signed, and that his majesty accepted the conditions of the armistice. This telegram was officially published in the army newspaper on Sept. 6, and the outlines of the peace conditions were printed in the same publication today.

The result of those notifications, according to the observations of the correspondent, was to bring to the officers a heavy sense of military decorum, while the soldiers in many places, with the consent and through the generosity of the officers, engaged in feasting and other forms of celebration. It may be said that to the great majority of the officers and men so far informed, the news that the war is at an end, is most welcome.

Thousands are daily drinking to the health of President Roosevelt. Everywhere the soldiers expressed their joy by singing late into the night at intervals cheering for President Roosevelt.

The cessation of hostilities was preceded only by unimportant reconnaissances involving small parties of scouts. Care has been taken to prevent further loss of life.

It is reported that General Linvitch will leave soon. The general staff is engaged in plans for changing the commanders throughout the army, preparatory to evacuation.

Among the soldiers generally there is a feeling of apprehension regarding the internal affairs of Russia and many of them have expressed a desire to remain in Manchuria indefinitely.

The Russian army in complying with the conditions of peace surrenders two complete positions with field works of vast extent, and even more intricate than those at Liaoyang, besides positions of great strength protecting its communica-

tions, but notwithstanding this, the correspondent found among both officers and men a generally prevailing sense of the remarkable fairness of the conditions by which the terrible contest had been brought to a close.

The advocates of further fighting, however, seemed to be convinced that the flower of the Japanese army had gone leaving old reservists only and inferior recruits, while the constant strengthening of the Russians with young recruits gave them a balance of power which would have enabled them not only to fight one more great battle, but to enforce peace thereafter.

Since the reception of the Emperor's testimony to the bravery and self-sacrifice of the soldiers, and his declaration of the final acceptance of the peace terms, the army has become obediently passive. All peace news except that direct from the ministers of the emperor, is placed at the end of the despatches printed in the army publication and is given as little prominence as possible.

ENVOYS DENY SECRET TREATY

New York, Sept. 10.—Baron Komura is ill in his apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, and the social engagements of the Japanese envoys were either cancelled or indefinitely postponed. Mr. Sato, spokesman for the Japanese party, said Baron Komura became suddenly ill Saturday night, and Dr. Wm. B. Pritchard was called in attendance. The Baron

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is suffering from intestinal trouble. While the illness is not regarded as serious, Baron Komura has been told that he must rest for a few days.

The Japanese envoys were to have been the guests of General Stewart L. Woodford at dinner Sunday night and were to have visited Governor's Island on Monday and dined with General Fred. D. Grant. Both engagements were cancelled. The Japanese have planned to leave New York next Thursday for Seattle, whence they will sail direct for home.

Mr. Sato added the denial of the

Japanese envoys to that of the Russians made recently, that a secret treaty of peace had been agreed upon by the emperors of Japan and Russia.

If the wife who calls the doctor to see her sick husband would talk less of her own ailments the case would not seem such a hard one to the M. D.

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