Young American Heiress and Her Italian Admirer, the Duke of the Abruzzi - Title an Embarrassment.



WHEN ex-Sena-tor Henry Gassaway Daheard of the proposed match between his granddaughter, Katherine Elkins, and the Duke of the Abruzzi, he is said to have declared to his

STEPHEN B. ELKINS. Stephen B. Elkins, son-in-law, Senator the young lady's father, "Stephen, I am not much for dukes, but if Katherine loves him and wants him the old man is with her, and if it is money that is needed she can count on me for every dollar in the pile."

As there are reputed to be some 60,-000,000 of those dollars in the "pile," the promise of the former Democratic candidate for vice president meant considerable. But Miss Elkins' father has a pretty good "pile" of his own. When the report was published that the Duke of the Abruzzi was to wed the handsome West Virginia heiress and that in order to increase the social prestige of her family the Italian king would confer upon her father an order of nobility, it elicited the comment that Senator Elkins is already a richer man and more influential figure in politics than almost any Italian duke who could be named.

The belief was expressed that Mr. Elkins was unlikely to regard an inferior Italian title as something which could add to the dignity and honor he already enjoys as a senator of the United States. Even if he did covet such a title there is a constitutional prohibition against his accepting one so long as he retains his present office, and the idea that he would give that up in order to accept from the hands





KATHERINE ELKINS AND THE DUKE OF THE ABRUZZI.

of the Italian ruler a rather empty sort of honor is regarded as improbable. He was secretary of war in President Harrison's administration, was first chosen to the senate in 1895 and has five years, more of his present term to serve. Some years ago he was talked of as a presidential possibility. The senator is in his sixty-seventh year. He owns or controls coal mines, banks, lumber lands and several railroads.

Miss Elkins is a high spirited girl, brilliant and original and a great lover of horses, dogs and outdoor life. She is one of the most daring cross country riders of the Chevy Chase and Virginia Hunt clubs. It is predicted by her friends that if she becomes the wife of the duke she will not content herself with the gayeties of the Italian court or of her husband's ducal palace, but will join him in quests for adventure, such as those which have made him famous in the world of learning as an explorer and scientist. She and the duke have been good friends for several years. She has been much in Italy, and it has been hinted that the duke caused his own appointment as commander of the Italian warship that visited the Jamestown exposition in order that he might pursue his wooing. The possibility of a match between the young people has interested Americans, especially because the duke not only stands close to the Italian throne and in line of succession to it, but also because he is no worthless scion of a royal house. He has proved his courage and endurance in his various trips as an explorer to the arctic regions and the wilds of Africa and demonstrated his ability and brains by his writings and researches as a scientist. The duke, or, to give him his full title, Prince Luigui Amedeo of Savoy-Aosta, is quite democratic in his manners. Miss Elkins has always expressed aversion to international alliances, and her friends say she would not marry the duke if she were not in love with him and that the matter of his title has been an embarrassment to the match instead of a help to its consummation.

PRINCE HELIE DE SAGAN.

Cousin of Boni de Castellane Who Would Wed Anna Gould.

Prince Helie de Sagan, whose visit, to this country is reputed to have been made with a view to pursuing a quest for the heart and hand of Mme. Anna Gould, got himself very much talked about not long since when the Count Boni de Castellane and he had a personal encounter. There were, in fact, two such encounters, one on the steps of a church after the funeral of a relative of the two men, who are cousins, and another on the street after the prince had been calling on the former wife of the count. The prince took the matter into court and won, but he gained along with his victory considerable notoriety of an unpleasant



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Since his arrival in this country he has declared that he regarded the affair with Count Boni as a thing of the past and that their close relationship made it impossible to eradicate all friendship.

The Count Boni de Castellane and his cousin the prince were formerly great friends, and it was the latter who organized the famous fete in the Bois de Boulogne which cost such a fabulous sum and with which the Castellanes as bride and groom made their bow to Parisian society. The prince is a tall, well dressed man of rather distinguished appearance, with iron gray hair, a long fron gray mustache and a closely cropped imperial. He is forty-eight years old and visited this country once before about twentyeight years ago.

GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT.

The "Russian Lion" and His Match

With Frank Gotch. George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," whose match with Frank Gotch, the champion American wrestler, is attracting attention in the sporting world, has no Russian blood in his veins, though he was born in the czar's domains. His father is a Gernan and his mother a Swede. He firs saw the light in Riga in 1877, and he received a good education-in fact, intended to become a civil engineer-but his extraordinary strength attracted



TRICKS ON THE MAT.

attention, and he was advised to take up wrestling as a profession. Soon after reaching this country for his match with Gotch, Hackenschmidt

called on President Roosevelt. "If I were not president of the United States, I should like to be George Hackenschmidt," said Mr. Roosevelt, holding out his hand and giving the Russian Lion a grip that made his eyes

"Ah," said the wrestler, not to be outdone in politeness, "and if I were not Hackenschmidt I should like to be president of the United States."

A Great Mistake. "Pa," said Johnny, "what is a law-

"There isn't any such thing, Johnny,"

replied papa, who had been involved in considerable litigation in his time. "But this book says that somebody was a great lawgiver," persisted the

"Then it's a mistake," replied the father cynically. "Law is never given.
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very high figures."

emperor awarded mm the decoration of the third class of the Order of the Rising Sun. He next rendered important service as a member of the conference which during the years from

Interesting Career of the "American Dictator of Korea," Who Was Shot In San Francisco by Koreans.

HE assassination of Durham W. Stevens in San Francisco by Koreans indicates that Japan orient thus prepared him for the imhas troubles to settle near at portant part he was to play when in home without looking for any in this 1904 he was appointed foreign adcountry. Mr. Stevens attributed the assault upon him in his hotel by four Koreans and the attack next day in of his empire. It was in part to prewhich he was shot to the work of student agitators in and about San Fran. Japan went to war against the former cisco because of his association with power. In conformity with this policy the Japanese in their exercise of a protectorate over Korea. Resentment an agreement with that of Korea proof the fact that such a protectorate is viding that it should engage as its exercised by Japan and belief that the financial adviser a Japanese subject American diplomat was to some exaffairs led them to make the attempt to end his life. *

The story of how Mr. Stevens came to be invested with power that caused him to be known as the American dictator of Korea is an interesting one. He was born in 1854 in Washington and educated there and at Oberlin college, Oberlin, O., where he graduated in 1871. He studied law and was admitted to the Washington bar. International law especially interested him. and this caused him to leave the practice of law and take up diplomacy as a profession. In 1873 President Grant appointed him secretary of the American legation at Tokyo.

In 1883 he returned to the United States to become counselor and secretary in English of the Japanese legation at Washington. Mr. Stevens' success in Washington led to his assignment to a place in the Japanese for-

THE LATE DURHAM WHITE STEVENS.

eign office, and in 1884 he accompanied a Japanese embassy to Korea to set-

tle difficulties which had arisen between that country and China and Japan. Upon his return to Tokyo the

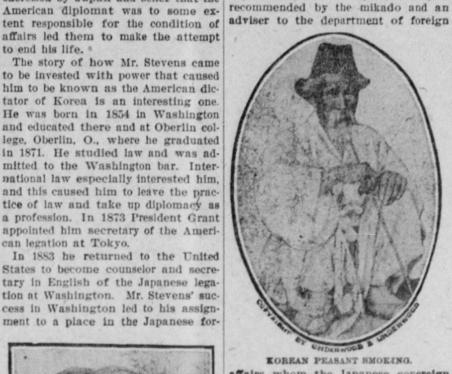
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1885 to 1887 revised the treaties be-

tween Japan and foreign powers. He

returned to Washington as honorary

counselor of the Japanese legation, but

when war broke out between Japan

and China he again rendered impor-

tant service to the mikado, for which

that monarch bestowed upon him the

decoration of the second class of the

Sacred Treasure and later that of the

second class of the Order of the Ris-

ing Sun. His varied experience in the

viser to the emperor of Korea, who

had become only nominally the ruler

vent Russia from seizing Korea that

the Japanese government entered into

affairs whom the Japanese sovereign Sould recommend. Mr. Stevens was nominated to the latter post.

Mr. Stevens came to this country on leave of absence and was leaving San Francisco for Washington when attacked. The result of a Japanese protectorate in Korea, he maintained, has proved very beneficial to that country...

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