

# ROMANO'S RISE BUT NO QUESTIONED.

## Italian Undersecretary Is Described as a Marquis in the Diplomatic List Issued by the State Department.

## Marquise de Fontenoy Shows That the Official Records at Rome Do Not Sustain His Claims to Nobility.

## Fact Is Interesting in View of the Rumor of the Young Man's Impending Marriage to a Rich American Widow.

It would be interesting to learn to what extent the State Department at Washington considers itself responsible for the information contained in the so-called diplomatic list which it issues for official use at the beginning of each month, with more or less responsibility for the information contained therein.

I am tempted to make this suggestion in consequence of the circumstances that the diplomatic list for December, just to hand, describes the second Secretary of the Italian Embassy as the "Marquis" Camillo Romano, although no mention is made of this title in connection with the young diplomat's name in these pages of the *Almanach de Gotha* for the current year, which are devoted to the enumeration of the foreign representatives at Washington. Moreover, earlier issues of the diplomatic list published in the *Official Gazette*, and registered at the Consulate Heraldica at Rome, which is the equivalent of the Royal College of Heralds in London.

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**His Father Not Titled.**

I am the more interested about the matter, since I know something about the family of the young diplomat, especially of his father, an eminent judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal at Naples, who never dreamt of putting forward any pretensions to the nobility.

There are only two ways in which a title can be acquired from the Italian Crown. One of these is by a royal creation, which is, of course, published in the *Official Gazette*, and registered at the Consulate Heraldica at Rome, which is the equivalent of the Royal College of Heralds in London.

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**Explanation in Order.**

In view of the fact that young Camillo Romano was originally presented to the President and to the State Department as Mr. Romano, or as Cavaliere, which is about the same thing, since any possessor of an European title is, in fact, a cavaliere, the Italian Ambassador should certainly explain by what means his secretary has become a marquis.

On asking for this information especially in view of the rumor of an impending marriage between the young diplomat and a rich American widow, who, after being discredited in business in New York, came to this country, and was even still more unfortunate in business in New York, being now in Germany.

**Count Visone to Wed an American.**

Amongst of Italian noblemen, I hear of the prospective marriage of one of them now in this country and the daughter of a prominent member of the Metropolitan and Union League clubs at New York. In this case there can be no question of the validity of the title, for its bearer, Count Visone, is the son of that popular Italian dignitary and statesman who for so many years was Minister of Home Royal Household to King Humbert at Rome.

His son, young Count Visone, a singularly brilliant man, has been exceedingly unfortunate, having been compelled to leave the diplomatic service of his country under something of a cloud. It was in connection with a check which he drew at the Hunt Club upon the Bledroder Bank at Berlin, for 25,000 francs, and of which he gave 10,000 francs in payment of a debt at cards at the club, retaining the remainder for his private wants. The check was cashed by the treasurer or secretary of the club.

Fortunately one of the members of the House Committee, if I remember correctly, it was Prince Doria-Telesignato, to the Bledroder Bank regarding the check and retained in a room at the Berlin Club, that while Count Visone had an account there the balance did not amount to more than about ten francs.

**Securities in the Papers.**

Count Visone had, meanwhile, gone to Florence with the object, so it is said, of raising a loan there to meet the check on his arrival at Berlin, and on reaching Florence he read in the papers a dispatch to the effect that a young nobleman, accredited to a Northern court, had cashed on the preceding day a check at one of the leading clubs at Rome for a large amount, without having funds at the bank to meet it, and that the Government Committee of the club was considering his expulsion.

On reading this Count Visone lost his head and went to Monte Carlo, where, in an attempt to restore his shattered fortunes, he lost the remainder of the money which he had obtained on the check.

This taken in conjunction with the big debts he had left at Berlin, culminated in his dismissal from the diplomatic service, and in his ceasing to belong to the Hunt Club at Rome. Additional publicity was attracted to the whole affair by the fact that, as soon as the Berlin Club authorities learned of his subsequent departure for the United States, they placed on exhibition in their shop windows, and on sale a number of jeweled watches, snuff boxes, cigarette rings and snuff boxes adorned with royal and imperial monograms and inscriptions.

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# EAT HER OYSTERS, ARREST AWAITING.



Miss Garrie O'Neil, Typewriter, Arrested for Forgery. She came from Providence for a short visit to relatives in New York, but remained to enjoy herself in her own way. She invited a young man, to whom she is engaged to be married, to join her. They were at luncheon together when detectives arrested Miss O'Neil for passing a forged check. The young woman, not dismayed, asked the detectives to wait until she finished her oysters, and then calmly went to jail.

# Cool Miss O'Neil, a Typewriter, Wanted for Passing a Forged Check, Put Off Detectives While She Finished Luncheon.

Life rushed along pretty rapidly for Carrie O'Neil from the day that she arrived at the house of her cousin, Mr. John F. Welton, a retired business man of Richmond Hills, in September, until last night, when she found herself a prisoner in the Ralph avenue police station, charged with grand larceny, in attempting to pass a forged check upon the People's Bank, of Brooklyn.

The young man who was with her when she was arrested, Walter G. Hazard, and who accompanied her to the police station, was there locked up as a suspicious person. Miss O'Neil is a stenographer. She is twenty-two years old and good looking. She is tall and slight and wore a well-fitting suit of black when she was arrested by Detectives Becker and Mitchell, of the Ralph avenue police station. They found her in a restaurant on Sixth avenue, near Thirteenth street, where she and Hazard had just ordered luncheon.

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# WHITNEY SWINDICATE TO BUILD THEATRE.

## Will Replace Philadelphia Academy with an Opera House.

## PLAN A FINE BUILDING. Expect It to Equal Any Structure of the Kind in the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—P. A. B. Widener, William L. Elkens and William C. Whitney, of New York, have purchased a controlling interest in the old Academy of Music, and are going to erect upon the site a handsome opera house. These well-known capitalists purchased from George Fales Baker, son of Alfred G. Baker, the stock held by the Baker estate, which has controlled the historic building.

For the present, it is understood that a public announcement of the purchase is to be avoided.

The plans of the syndicate contemplate the speedy razing of the old Academy and the erection of a magnificent academy and opera house, which shall equal if not surpass anything of its kind in the United States.

Messrs. Widener, Elkens and Whitney have seized upon an amusement enterprise which has been growing in possibilities and in value for the last five years. An endorsement of their business acumen is to be found in the words of G. Holde Norris, who has been trying through a general subscription to obtain the amount which the syndicate's enterprise now brings about.

Mr. Norris said he was rejoiced to hear that the change from which Philadelphia and Philadelphia's light confidently came on reaping so much benefit had come to pass.

The old house of entertainment, at Broad and Locust streets, is historical. Many of the greatest lights in the musical and dramatic world have achieved arduous triumphs there, and for years the most important local social affairs have been held in the building.

# THERON A. DOREMUS STILL MISSING FROM HIS HOME.

## Family Has Learned Nothing Since the Finding of the Note on a Steamer.



On last Wednesday night he left a note on the South steamer *Maline*, saying that he would commit suicide. His family in Montclair, N. J., has not heard from him since. He lived in Montclair for twenty-five years, and was a man of exemplary habits.

The disappearance of Theron A. Doremus caused abundant discussion in Montclair, N. J., yesterday. He was fifty-nine years old and had lived there twenty-five years. His business was in excellent condition. His family life was happy. His family is suffering from suspense. The members find some hope from the fact that three years ago, a son of Mr. Doremus left a note on a steamer saying he had drowned himself, and then surprised the family by appearing two weeks later.

Amsey Doremus, of Jamaica, L. I., the elder son of the missing man, conferred with the New York police yesterday. He urged that no effort be spared to ascertain if Mr. Doremus is alive.

The Stoughton line steamer *Maline*, on which Mr. Doremus left the note on Wednesday night, returned to New York yesterday. It was reported that the "drowned" man, who was not thought Mr. Doremus jumped off the boat.

# LILLIAN RUSSELL SPENDS LAVISHLY AT P. W. L. FAIR.

## "Biff" Ellison and Eleanor Mayo Also Attractions at the Waldorf Bazaar.

Miss Lillian Russell caused a sensation at the Professional Women's League fair at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday by buying almost everything in sight. She took dolls and parasols and china and candy and sovereign spoons and invariably refused to accept change. It was reported that the prima donna must have spent at least \$800.

"Biff" Ellison spent money liberally, and Eleanor Mayo, Mrs. Elverson, of Philadelphia, was an attractive visitor to the fair. The fair will close to-night.

# "GREEK SLAVE" CHORUS PAID AFTER AN ULTIMATUM.

## William Winterfield, "Angel" of the Show, Had to Hustle for Money.

The light business done at the theatres during the past week, which is usual before the holidays, came very near bringing Fred C. Whitney's thirty-thousand-dollar production of "The Greek Slave" to a halt. Whitney had gone on to town, leaving the "backbone" of the English opera to look out for his own investment. Being a business man of means, but unacquainted with affairs theatrical, he used the receipts of the house to pay the principals in the cast, leaving the large chorus to shift for themselves.

It crystallized into a decided protest to the effect that if the "ghost" did not walk to the extent that the entire sum was to be paid, the chorus would not stay after the performance last night.

Mr. Winterfield then hustled around and got the money.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—Favorable symptoms which appeared this morning in the condition of the Rev. Dwight L. Moody continue. The great evangelist passed a quiet and restful day.

# EARTH'S SHADOW TO DARKEN THE MOON.

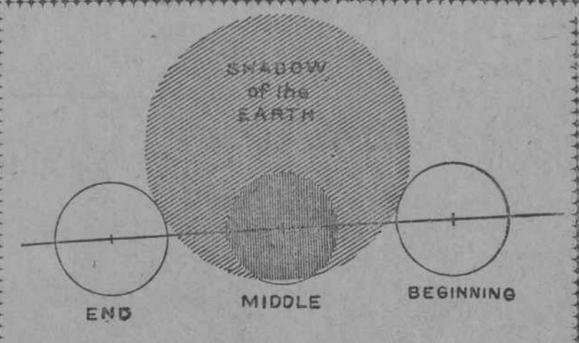


Diagram of To-night's Lunar Eclipse. DRAWN FOR THE JOURNAL BY PROF. R.W. PRENTISS OF RUTGERS COLLEGE

## Diagram of To-night's Lunar Eclipse.

TO-NIGHT'S eclipse of the moon will complete a series of five eclipses for the year 1899, three of the sun and two of the moon. The eclipse will be wholly or partially visible throughout the whole of North America. The next total eclipse of the moon to be seen in this part of the world will not take place until October 30, 1902, but there will be a partial eclipse on June 12, 1900.

The almost total eclipse to-night will be a time very convenient for observation, coming as it does in the early hours of evening. Should the night be clear the spectacle presented by the heavens during its progress will be one of unusual interest and beauty.

The moon will be situated in the midst of the most brilliant of winter constellations. As its light wanes the smaller stars will shine out.

While the moon will rise full to-night, in less than an hour the giant ball of light will begin to empty itself in a curious way, and by 8:30 p. m. scarcely a vestige of it will be seen.

If the eclipse should be a dark one, in which the eclipsed portion of the moon totally disappears, only a slender crescent of light will be visible at 8:30. Should it be a light one, the contrast between the peculiarly colored disc of the moon and the bright edge will be extremely striking. The kind of eclipse in this respect depends upon the atmospheric conditions.

# MET MAN WHO HAD SWORN TO KILL HIM WAS KNOCKED DOWN AND SHOT TWICE IN BOWERY DIVE.

While the cracked piano in the annex of the Oregon saloon, at No. 85 Bowery, was being merrily rattled by the "professor" last night, James Russell, a watchman, of No. 19 Main street, Brooklyn, entered the place and sat down at a table. His eyes were blackened and his lips swollen.

The habits of the place exchanged winks, "Guess there's been a fight somewhere," facetiously remarked one. Russell drank his beer in silence.

A few minutes later another man entered the room, followed by nine or ten companions. At sight of the first man Russell turned pale and tried to leave the place.

"I've got you now," yelled the stranger, and he sprang at Russell, followed by some of his friends. There was a short sharp fight. Russell was knocked down and put up his hands as though to protect his face from further injury.

"I told you I'd kill you," shouted his assailant, "and I'll do it." He pulled a revolver and fired two shots at the prostrate man.

Russell lay in a pool of blood when the stranger and his friends ran on. The suddenly sobered drinkers were struggling to get out of the street, but Detective Harris, of the Eldridge street station, had heard the shots, and hastily gathered reinforcements, blocked the passage and held the men and women prisoners. An ambulance from Government Hospital arrived, and the surgeon pronounced that Russell had been shot in the right eye. He regained consciousness at the hospital and said that the man who had shot him, had known to him only as "Buck." He had had a fight with "Buck" in Essex street on Thursday night and had been badly beaten. He described "Buck" as thirty years of age, five feet nine inches in height and of sallow complexion. Before he could give more details he became unconscious again. The doctors have little hope for his recovery.

# WATER FAMINE FEARED IN BRONX BOROUG.

## Said to Be Only Nineteen Feet Six Inches of Water Where There Should Be Thirty-four Feet.

A water famine menaces the Borough of the Bronx if there is not a heavy fall of rain very soon to fill the reservoir at Kensico. The daily consumption of water is about 20,000,000 gallons.

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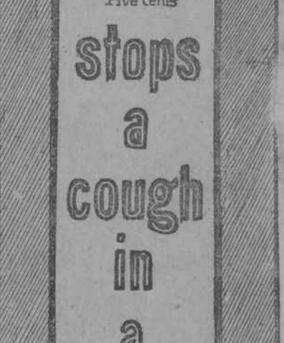
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