

MYSTERIOUS PAPER SIGNED BY DE RAYLAN

A Report in Chicago That It was Presented to Her in the Unconsciousness Which Preceded Death.

A telegram was received from the Chicago Chronicle yesterday saying that it had been understood there that the "wife" of De Raylan still insisting that her "husband" was a man and still contending that there had been a substitution for "his" body had arranged to have the body exhumed. Inquiry made of Mohn & Driscoll yesterday evening brought out that nothing had been heard there of any purpose to take up the body. The firm has not been in communication either with Mrs. De Raylan or any body in her interest.

It was also stated in the Chronicle telegram that there was a report in Chicago that on the afternoon before the death of De Raylan, while unconscious, she signed some kind of a paper at the instance of somebody.

Dr. Rowe, the physician of De Raylan, who returned yesterday morning from Los Angeles was asked about the mysterious paper. He said that De Raylan signed no paper that afternoon and that at no time had she signed, so far as he knew any other papers than those of her usual correspondence with her "wife" and the Russian-American bureau. As a matter of fact she was not unconscious on the afternoon before her death which occurred about seven o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Rowe left last night for his home at Canon City, Colorado, but other developments in connection with the disposition of that part of the estate of De Raylan here will probably bring him back. He has a claim against the estate of \$980 for professional services.

The following is the text of the last will of De Raylan, made public at Chicago last Friday:

The last will and testament of me, Nicolai de Raylan, of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, who, being of sound mind and memory, but mindful of the uncertainty of life and conscious that while we may we ought to prepare for death, for the purpose of arranging my personal affairs and disposing of my property, do make and declare the following as my last will and testament, that is to say:

1. Out of my personal property I hereby direct that all of my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid.

2. All household furniture and clothing and personal property, now contained in the house where I now live, being No. 29 South California avenue, Chicago, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Anna de Raylan (nee Davidson).

3. To my said wife, Anna, I give and devise one-third of all the real estate of which I may die possessed, the remaining two-thirds of all of the real estate of which I may die possessed I give and bequeath to the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, in trust, nevertheless, for my son, Harry George de Raylan, to be held by said trustee, until my said son shall attain the age of twenty-seven years. And I hereby give and bequeath said remaining two-thirds to my said son upon his attaining the said age of twenty-seven years.

4. I hereby appoint the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank as trustee, and give and bequeath to my said trustee all the money now on deposit in the bank of the said Illinois Trust & Savings Bank to my credit at the time of my death; one account being under the name of Nicolai Konstantinovich, and one other account being under the name of N. De Raylan, and a third account carried by me under the name of my son, Harry George de Raylan.

And I also give and bequeath to my said trustee, all the money to my credit at the time of my death, in the bank of H. Claussenius & Co., of 95 Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois. And I hereby direct that my said trustee shall first purchase a suitable lot for a residence, to be occupied by my said wife and my said son, while my said wife Anna shall remain my widow. And I hereby direct that my said trustee shall build upon said lot a suitable residence for my said wife and son, the whole price of the said lot and residence not to exceed the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

The legal title to the said house and lot, it is my wish, shall be retained by the said Illinois Trust & Savings Bank until my said son shall attain to the age of twenty-seven years, then the said house and lot be conveyed to my said son, Harry George de Raylan. I give, devise and bequeath the said house and lot to my said son Harry George de Raylan, upon his attaining the age of twenty-seven years, and I hereby direct my said trustee to convey to him the legal title to the same upon his attaining the age of twenty-seven years. I hereby direct that so long as my said wife, Anna de Raylan, shall remain my widow, she shall have the use and occupation of said residence so constructed by my said trustee, until my said son shall arrive at the age of twenty-seven years.

5. And I hereby direct that the said Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, as such trustee, shall keep all the rest and residue of said money invested, with good security, and, either from the proceeds thereof or from the principal, pay for the education of my beloved son, Harry George de Raylan. It is my wish that my beloved son, Harry George de Raylan, shall receive an education at some American university equal in rank to some of the state universities, such as the University of Chicago.

And I give and bequeath all the residue of said moneys, after the education of my said son, as above directed, to my said son; the remainder, however, to be held by my said trustee until my said son shall have attained the age of twenty-seven years, at which time it is my wish that my said trustee shall pay to my said son the said remainder, together with the proceeds thereof, to be his own property absolutely.

6. I give and bequeath unto my said son, Harry George de Raylan, all my interest and proceeds of any and all Russian lottery tickets of which I may die possessed.

7. All the personal property, including the typewriters, deeds, office furniture, files, etc., and the good will of the business heretofore conducted by me at room 761, 56 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill., under the name of the Russian Legal Bureau, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Anna de Raylan,

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8. I desire and direct that my funeral shall be private, with only such formal services as my religion requires.

9. It is my wish that my beloved wife, Anna de Raylan, shall wash and dress my body after death and that my beloved son, Harry George, shall comb my hair. And it is my wish that I be buried in my uniform of the Chicago Hussars.

10. I give and bequeath to the Russian Orthodox Church, to which I belong, the sum of \$100, for the purpose of beautifying the image of Saint Nicolas.

11. All money found in the safe of Baron Schlippenbach, belonging to me at the time of my death, the same being in several envelopes and boxes, I give and bequeath one-half of the whole to Baron Schlippenbach for his own personal use; and the other half of the same I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife for her own use.

In witness whereof I, the said Nicolai de Raylan, have hereunto subscribed my name this twelfth day of April, A. D. 1906.

NICOLAI DE RAYLAN.

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