

Phoenix, Ariz., May 28.—The body of Nicolai de Raylan, whose sex has been the subject of dispute and litigation since last December, was exhumed yesterday afternoon and taken to an undertaker's parlor, where the facts of the disinterment were made known upon the arrival late today of Baron von Schlippenbach, the Russian consul at Chicago, accompanied by Samuel J. Schaeffer, attorney for Mrs. Anna D. Raylan.

The body was in a fine state of preservation and the face was entirely unchanged. When the white casket was opened the body was seen attired in a woman's white robe.

It had been previously announced

that the body would be exhumed on Thursday, but this date was anticipated by two days, it is said, to avoid publicity. Michael Feinberg representing Public Administrator Reddick, of Chicago, was present throughout the proceedings and expressed satisfaction.

Baron von Schlippenbach, after viewing the body a moment, said:

"This is the body of Nicolai de Raylan, who was for 12 years my secretary."

Mr. Schaeffer has not yet seen the body.

The result of the inquest established beyond a doubt the identity of the corpse as the body of deRaylan and that the person in question was a female.