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In the PUBLIC EYE

"SCOTTY'S" MINE IS A MYTH

"Death Valley Scotty" told a Los Angeles grand jury the other day that the president of a life insurance company had grubstaked him for years, and that a New York mining engineer put up the \$10,000 which Scotty paid for the special train in which the Death Valley man made his spectacular trip across the continent several years ago.

Scotty also testified that he had tried to persuade the officers of the Death Valley Scotty Gold Mining and Developing company to locate a few mining claims in Death Valley, in order to give the mining scheme the appearance of genuineness, but alleged that they refused to do so, saying it was unnecessary.

Scotty told the grand jury that his "hole in the ground down in Death Valley" is a myth, which has been used for years to fill the pockets of the promoters.

With the exception of F. C. Goodwin, the secretary of the company, and its treasurer, Goldworthy, the officers of the mining concern, have apparently dropped from sight.

Scotty's confession contained this other bit of interesting history:

He never located a mine, either in the Panamint range, the Funeral mountains, or anywhere else; he never owned a mine, was not a miner, his only role was to make a big splash, to advertise himself as the spectacular and unbridled spendthrift while all the time cunning schemers were formulating plans upon which they should profit by this show.

And all Scotty got, he says, was an amount of money that could not be dignified by a loftier title than a "hand out."

Scotty said the most he ever had at one time was \$3,000, and that the rellow complexioned roll he carried was upholstered with one-dollar bills.



MAJOR-GEN. LEONARD WOOD



A word just at the present moment might not be out of place concerning Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, U. S. A., who is also, as everyone knows, an M. D. A writer has called him "One result of the Spanish war." Major General Wood is a New Hampshire man, and he was born in Winchester in that state just 52 years ago. And he is also a Harvard man with his two degrees of M. D. and LL. D. He was an assistant surgeon stationed in Washington when Mr. Roosevelt was assistant secretary of the navy. They rode together and they were both crack shots, and the best of friends. It is said that the Rough Riders was the inspiration of the then Dr. Wood, and that at the breaking out of the Spanish war such a regiment of men who knew how to ride and how to shoot—plainsmen and cowboys—was organized. And in it were mustered a number of New York clubmen of fashion, who were fond of outdoor sports. The only son of the

late Nicholas Fish, the late "Ham" Fish, who was killed in the charge at San Juan Hill, was in this regiment. The story is historic. After the war Dr. Wood was made governor general of Cuba and became a brigadier general in 1901. Two years later he was made major-general by President Roosevelt. After that came his experience in the Philippines, then followed his appointment as commander of the department of the east, and then chief of the general staff.

MR. CHUNG, CHINA'S MINISTER

Greatly to the surprise of the diplomatic prophets, Dr. Wu Ting-fang was not sent as minister from the Chinese republic to Washington, but Mr. Chung Mun Yew, the former Chinese co-swain of Yale, appeared as the first minister of the new republic. No explanation was forthcoming as to why the change had been made, and although Dr. Wu and his charming wife are missed, yet Mr. Chung is well known at the capital, and has many friends in the state department and among the diplomatic corps. He comes to this country with an established record at Yale, for he was a member of the winning boat crew that fluttered the magic blue pennant. It is also said that he was never far behind upon that popular American game that has something to do with holding a "full hand"—for poker is one of the classics at Yale. He absorbed American ideas at college and was very popular among his classmates. He is a delightful conversationalist, and speaks with very little, if any, accent. In 1908 Mr. Chung officially visited the United States as special ambassador from China to thank this country for the return of the Boxer indemnity fund. With the same keen interest in American affairs that characterized the popular Dr. Wu, the new Minister Chung is already a favorite. He tells the story of his country's transition from empire to republic in fragmentary conversation that thrills with the interest of a real romance. Mr. Chung feels that the great future of his country is now dawning, and he declares that it all began with a few Chinese boys who found their way to American schools and began to dream of an Oriental republic.



RENE BAZIN SUBMITS A RECIPE



Rene Bazin never cared for the superman nor even for the overcivilized type of man. He never used the word eugenics. Science and matter are to him negligible factors when they are not supplemented by culture and the spirit.

In these days, when every one is greatly concerned with anthropoculture, Bazin had to come forth with his little recipe for breeding good human specimens.

"The man whom tomorrow will demand," he said in a recent address, "is the thorough and fearless man, the man who will do his work well and for whom life will have no terrors. The training of this man will require the same methods as the training of a Christian, for if there ever is a superman he will be a Christian. If there is a nobility whose ranks are open to all it is the nobility of Christianity, which assures perfect equality to every soul in every field of endeavor

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