

## RICHEST MAN IN AUSTRIA IS OF ANCIENT FAMILY

Liechtenstein Clan Won Its Lands by Valorous Deeds at Arms.

This is one of a series of articles on the world's richest men.

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VIENNA, March 25.—Although Austria, once an empire, is a republic today, one of its richest men is a 78-year-old blueblood, whose first title of nobility dates back 100 years before even the parents of Columbus were born.

He is Franz II, sovereign prince and ruler of the House von und zu Liechtenstein, duke of Troppau and Jaegerndorf, Count zu Riedberg; and, as such, is the ruler of the little independent and sovereign state between Switzerland and Austria known as the principality of Liechtenstein.

In his own right Prince von und zu Liechtenstein is one of Austria's richest inhabitants, and if to this inherited wealth is added that of Franz' wife, his fortune is easily the largest in the country.

Not Austrian Citizen

He is not an Austrian citizen, but considers himself at home in Austria, and before the war was a member of the Austrian house of lords.

He succeeded to the family title and wealth in 1929 upon the death of his 89-year-old brother, Johann, who died after establishing a European record reign of seventy-one years.

Franz's chief wealth is in land; that of his wife is in industrial and banking shares.

The Liechtensteins obtained their fortune with the sword and through royal and imperial grants given them in return for valorous services rendered to the emperors of the old German empire of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; the Gutmanns got their wealth through business.

Ancestor Was Troubadour

The first of Franz's family to become prominent and rich was a Styrian troubadour, or wandering minstrel who later became Ulrich von Liechtenstein; the first of his wife's family to achieve power and recognition was David (later "Ritter von" or Knight) Gutman, the son of a Vienna coal and scrap iron dealer.

Franz's ancestors concentrated their energies on the amassing and exploitation of huge estates; his wife's grandfather, David, though his activities are little known because he worked without publicity, built up what might be described as Europe's first vertical trust.

Ruins Still Stand

The first estate obtained by a Liechtenstein is one near Moedling, Austria, on which now stands many ruins of the castles which Ulrich built and one reconstructed castle which, in addition to its intrinsic worth, is the most highly prized ancestral inheritance of the Liechtensteins today. Other estates in Austria are those of Jagendorf, Troppau and Felsberg—all centering around beautiful old castles and ruins of other castles.

The Liechtenstein principality is owned by the ruling family as no king owns his kingdom. Land, castles, and factories are the Liechtenstein's private possessions. Practically every citizen is in the service of the prince, and no one pays any taxes.

Yet other estates of the Liechtensteins, which together cover many square miles, are situated in Czechoslovakia. Large blocks of these estates, however, have been confiscated as a land reform measure. Litigation concerning them is still in progress.

MAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

Complications From Suicide Attempt Cause Death After Week.

Complications following his attempt to commit suicide by slashing his throat with a razor, resulted in the death of John Samby, 44, of Chicago, at city hospital Tuesday night.

Samby was found March 17 in an alley in the rear of 439 South Addison street. His throat was slashed and the open razor lay beside him. Samby was despondent because of lack of employment and the serious illness of his wife.

## Rich Man Weds



## LOCAL PROGRAM AIMS TOPIC OF FARM LEADERS

Session Opening Today  
First in History of State Bureau.

Indiana farm bureau leaders opened a three-day conference at Indianapolis today under auspices of

the social and educational department of the organization. State-wide interest is being shown in the development of plans for better monthly township programs for the coming year.

W. H. Settle, Indianapolis, president of the state organization, opened the conference this morning with an address outlining the purposes of the state-wide sessions. Mrs. Charles W. \_\_\_\_\_, state chairman of the social and educational committee, discussed the value of planned programs. A demonstration of program building followed where in the county chairman, agricultural agent, health representative, 4-H club leader, local economics president and city luncheon club head had a part. M. S. Vindor, Chicago, secretary-treasurer, American Farm

Bureau Federation, discussed "programs from a nation's viewpoint."

Publicity in farm bureau work will occupy the Thursday morning session to be discussed by Ray D. Everson, Indianapolis; T. R. Johnston, Purdue university; E. J. Hancock, Greensburg; Mrs. R. L. McNeal, Russiaville, and James R. Moore, Hoosier Farmer editor.

"How to Select and Prepare Farm Bureau Talks" will be the subject of a discussion by M. C. Townsend,

state director of organization, and "Child Health Projects" will be discussed by Ada D. Schweitzer.

At the evening session, L. A. Pittenger, president of Ball State Teacher's college, Muncie, will address the conference on "No Substitute for Individual Responsibility."

## INDIANA LEGION SESSION TO BE HELD IN AUGUST

Anderson Already Preparing for Annual State Convention.

By Times Special  
ANDERSON, Ind., March 25.—A rumor here that Gary instead of

Anderson was being considered for the 1931 convention of the Indiana Department of the American Legion was declared groundless by Ollie Davis, state adjutant, while here to confer with officers of George Hockett post on plans for the meeting.

The dates of Aug. 22 to 25 will stand for the state gathering this year unless there is a change in the dates of the national convention which will be held at Detroit.

Davis was accompanied to Anderson by Frank Henley, department auditor, and Frank White, editor of the Hoosier Legionnaires. They conferred with Ray Estle, chairman of the 1931 convention committee; W. A. Siler, commander of the local post; W. O. Nelson and R. E. Hunter.

"A survey was made of the hous-

ing situation in Anderson convinces me that there will be ample room for all visiting Legionnaires and their families," Davis said. "All visiting bands and drum corps will be housed on army cots in the armory, high school gymnasium and other such available places."

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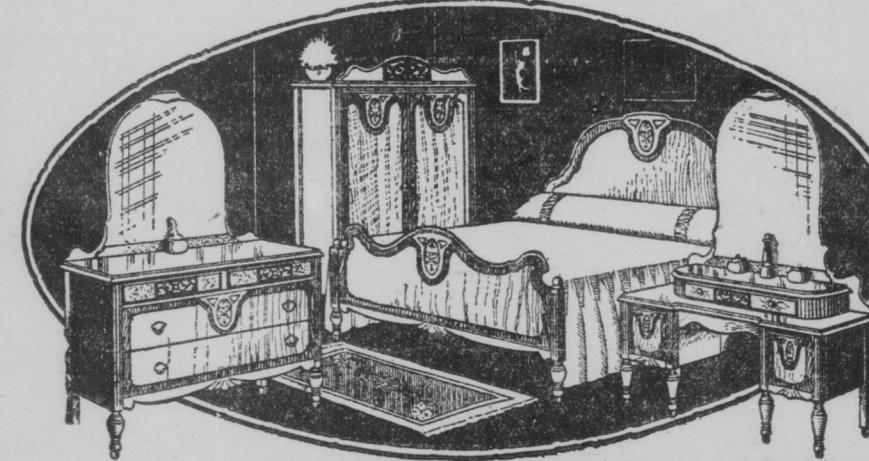
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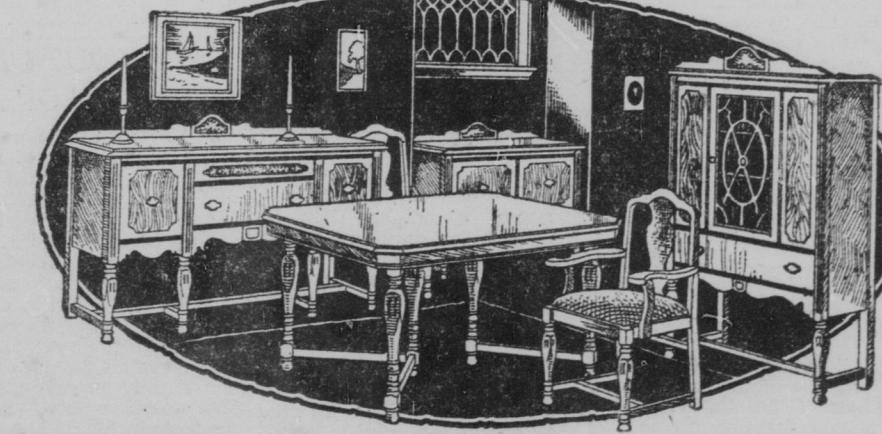
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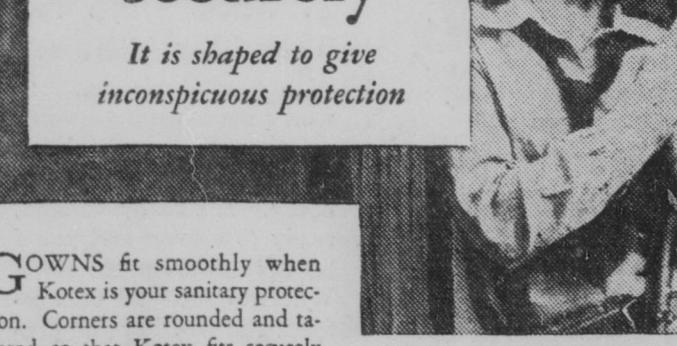
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