

## REPORTS BRITON SLAIN IN ATHENS

Rome Paper Says Colonel Fought With Italian Occupation Troops.

ROME, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—The newspaper *Resto Del Carlino* reported today in a dispatch from Athens that an unnamed British lieutenant colonel had been killed on the streets of Athens after a gun battle with Italian occupation troops.

The troops were reported to have found him in a house where he had been concealed since the Germans captured Athens.

The colonel, it was said, wounded two Italian soldiers, and fled down the principal street, exchanging shots with the soldiers until he was killed by an Italian officer.

A total of three soldiers and three civilians were wounded in the fight, it was said.

## New Playboy King Has Broadway Buzzing With His Once-a-Month Parties

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NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Tommy Manville seems about to lose his playboy title to young rival. His name is Michael Mordkin, Jr.

Mr. Mordkin, an industrial designer by profession, is a handsome young man possessed of a slim figure and a youthful face sprinkled with a dash of moustache.

He has a small apartment in Manhattan's West Fifties; enough friends to populate the State of Rhode Island and supply the casts for a decade of musical comedies; lots of money—and two press agents.

Once each month Mr. Mordkin Jr., shakes all these assets together by throwing himself a party. And what a party!

Into his small, green-carpeted, dropped living room drop some 400 or 500 friends to sample his hospitality and liquor.

Those who come early, say, about 6 p. m., and are so uninitiated as to move far from the front door may not be able to push their way out through the eventually amassed wall of pulchritude until, say, 8 o'clock the next morning. Mr. Mord-

kin's parties seldom fold up before had just washed her hair "and couldn't do a thing with it."

The writer found himself sitting next to Miss Cleo Manning, Mr. Mordkin's choice for the Girl of 1941 With the Brightest Future in Movies!

Miss Manning has not had an entirely colorless past. Just a few moments ago she was kissed by Clark Gable in his new film—only to have the scene end up on the cutting room floor, deleted.

"There's no beginning to a Gable kiss," Miss Manning sighed. "All of a sudden, it's just happening."

### \$2 CARROTS CAUSE ARREST OF GUARDS

VICHY, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—Paris newspapers reported today that a number of gendarmes at the Drancy concentration camp have been arrested on charge of exploitation of Jews confined there.

The gendarmes were charged with selling cigarettes at 125 francs (about \$2.50) apiece, onions at 40 francs (80 cents) apiece and carrots at 100 francs (\$2) a bunch.

"You just relax and go ooooh! He really puts his heart into his work. I've never been kissed like that before or since."

"How did it happen? Well, a man says, 'Mr. Gable, this is the little girl you're going to kiss now.' And Clark says 'How do you do?' Then smack! Ooooh!"

The writer took refuge from an impulse to show up Gable's technique by throwing himself upon the mercies of a blond young lady who whispered above the roar of conversation: "Say, do you know who this guy Mordkin is?"

"Ah ha! So this mob of guests is not entirely the 'lots of friends' whom Mr. Mordkin 'likes to entertain.' What about it, one of you two press agents?"

"Look, wise guy," the press agents said in unison, "don't be a dope. Figure it out for yourself. Mr. Mordkin knows every show girl and beauty in New York and he likes to entertain them."

"But he likes some publicity now and then, too. Why should he hide his light under a bushel? He's building a reputation."



Michael Mordkin, Jr.

## FAMED FRENCH CLOWN IS DEAD

Romain Mouton Crossed Niagara on Shoulders of Equilibrist Blondin.

VICHY, France, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—Romain Mouton, 61, French clown who crossed Niagara Falls on a tight rope in 1859 on the shoulders of the great equilibrist, Blondin, has died in poverty at St. Brieuc, it was made known today.

Blondin—Jean Francois Gravelet—astonished the world when in 1859 he had a tight rope stretched across Niagara Falls for 1100 feet, 100 feet above the swirling waters and went across.

He went across blindfolded, in a seat, trundling a wheelbarrow, and on stilts, and he stopped in the middle of the stretch once to make and eat an omelet.

It was on Aug. 10, 1859, that he crossed with Mouton on his shoulders, while 50,000 persons watched, horrified, as twice the wind rose and nearly blew him off the rope.

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