

NO EXCUSE FOR DUELING NOW, SAYS DAUDET

Man Who Engaged in Eleven Personal Combats Names It Foolish Practice.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

WASHINGTON—Dueling has been dealt a heavy blow in France, we learn, by the refusal of Leon Daudet, a member of the Chamber of Deputies who fought eleven duels before the war, to accept another challenge. He declares that dueling is a foolish practice, and that there is no excuse for it "since the war."

It seems strange to Americans that in France men still formally fight to the death, as they do also in most of Latin America. It has been more than half a century since a duel of any importance was fought in the United States, and almost a century since the duel here was in its heyday.

We might claim from this that we are a more civilized country than France, but that would be a hard claim to substantiate by any other evidence. It would also be hard to claim much credit for not dueling when we have had so many lynchings, parties and race riots, and in view of the record we have made in Haiti. A malicious critic might say that we have given up the fair fight for the unfair one.

As a matter of fact duels have undoubtedly held a high and recognized place in countries which were by every standard highly civilized, and a study of the subject leaves one not at all sure that combat between man and man, strictly regulated, is a wholly barbarous proceeding. The duel seems to be condemned more and more, not because it is essentially uncivilized, but because it is wasteful of human life, and because it tends, especially in a democracy, to degenerate into a means of legitimizing murder.

REASON FOR DECLINE OF DUELING.
This seems to be the real cause of its decline in this country. Duelling is an aristocratic practice. In theory it is a combat between two peers, regulated by the strictest regard for fairness. But in this country every man is a peer. One man is as good as another in theory, and all had, until a few years ago, the right to bear arms. Hence the duel became a means by which a rascal killed a useful man with a gun could kill a useful man and go free.

Long and interesting is the history of the duel in America, and it makes us realize keenly how much we have changed. A book on dueling, written in 1868 by an Englishman who had travelled extensively in this country, says that "America is the land where life is held cheaper than anywhere else. There duels are off-hand diversions." He goes on to say that the walls and furniture of Washington hotels were scarred by the bullets which excited legislators and politicians had fired at one another.

In a word, fifty years ago we were the most cantankerous, truculent and self-assertive people on earth. All men went armed and were always ready to lay down their lives in defense of their honor, their property and their dignity. In those days you did not even jostle a man on the street without making elaborate apology or else fighting for your life.

Now we are as completely disarmed as medieval peasants. We are driven about like sheep in great herds. We peacefully stand on each other's toes in the subway, while consideration for the stranger is a rare virtue in our midst. There would seem to be just a mite of truth in the statement of an old writer on the subject that "the duel is a sharp but salutary remedy for rude and offensive conduct." He also points out that there is little excuse for any nation which still goes to war to pride itself on the abolition of dueling. "When individuals and nations have learned to treat each other with respect," he thinks both dueling and war may be unnecessary, but he does not think that the one is either any worse or any less necessary than the other.

MEN OF TODAY TRUST THEIR HONOR TO POLICEMEN.
Certainly no good brief can be made out in defense of dueling. Yet it does seem undeniable that when a man renounces all personal prowess and entrusts his safety and honor to policemen, he loses something. The typical good citizen of today, sedentary, sheltered, physically unfit for any kind of encounter, and nervously unable to face disaster, is surely not altogether an admirable figure. He has a hard back with pleasure to tales of men who wielded a wicked sword, shot straight and faced death calmly.

This is not argument in favor of fighting, but it does seem to indicate that civilization has robbed the individual of something valuable. This was what William James had in mind when he said that war might be abolished if we could substitute something else strenuous and dangerous for it. He suggested that our young men be enlisted in armies to go out and conquer the wilderness—to reclaim deserts, explore rivers and forests. That might be a substitute for dueling, too.

The trouble seems to be that the heroic impulse—the will to dare and suffer—is decadent among us. We are too comfortable to fight each other or the wilderness. The man who craves battle and adventure is as much out of place among us as a lion in a barnyard.

PUBLIC OPINION DIVIDED IN COLONIAL TIMES.

Public opinion on duelling was always divided in this country, even in colonial times. There was a feeling that men had a right to settle their differences by combat, but it was also recognized that valuable lives were lost in that way, and much crime committed in the name of honor. The killing of Hamilton by Burr probably gave the duel its first serious setback. Various laws were passed to prevent dueling, and some of them were strange. In New Orleans, a "court of honor" was established for the arbitration of individual differences. This apparently was to do for individuals about what the Hague tribunal tries to do for nations, and it apparently succeeded about as well. A Massachusetts law forbade duelling and provided that the body of the man killed in a duel should be used for dissection. A Mississippi law dealt a body blow to the practice by providing that a man who killed another in a duel must pay his victim's debts!

The famous Clifty-Graves duel, in which one Congressman killed another also resulted in a great popular revulsion against dueling. A committee of Congress investigated this fight and recommended the expulsion of Graves from the House. Clifty was challenged, shot and killed for remarks which he made on the floor of the House, and which were perfectly in order. This was in violation of the Constitution of the United States. It further appeared that the whole thing was very nearly a frame-up on Clifty, and there was a plan on foot to murder him in case he was not killed in the duel. These unsavory revelations brought it to the attention of the people that duelling in America had degenerated from a test of skill between gentlemen to a device for the removal of bullies and criminals. Although duelling continued more or less until after the Civil War, it declined from the time of Clifty's death, which was in 1853.

Franklin Student Wins Essay Prize

Special to The Times.
FRANKLIN, Ind., Dec. 8.—Miss Helen Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bailey of this city, has received word that she has won \$100 as the first prize in an essay contest conducted by the Institute of International Education at New York City.

Miss Bailey's essay was in competition with several hundred students representing more than sixty American colleges.

Her essay was on "Shantung—An International Problem," and contained about 5,000 words.

EXPECT MONKEY GLAND TO HELP

(Continued From Page One.)

finding them unavailing the mother decided as a means of protection to the girl to keep her in the cellar.

Krumholz with Drs. Max Thorek and Bernard Klein became interested and volunteered to make an effort to bring the child back to its normal condition. She was placed in an observation ward, where Dr. Krumholz watched her. After two months' care it was decided to transplant a monkey gland.

"The child has complete paralyzation of all extremities, no speech, no mind and is unable to walk," he said. "She has learned to crawl, but only one thing—laugh. The only thing she shows interest in are the trees which stand just outside her window."

The operation, Krumholz said, will take half an hour. If successful it will be necessary to give the girl special attention. "It will require motherhood patience in bringing up the child," he said. "For the next two or three years it will be necessary to handle her as a mother would handle her baby. Of course she will learn faster than a baby, but she must be taught to walk, speak and think."

The operation will be performed by Thorek and Klein. Anesthetics will be used.

Hoosier Newspaper Wins in U. S. Court

A verdict for Henry W. Marshall, owner of the Lafayette Journal-Courier, yesterday was returned by a Federal Court jury which heard the suit of John A. McCarthy, New York broker, for \$125, said to be due him as commission from the publisher. Judge Anderson instructed the jury to find for the defendant. McCarthy held the sum was due him for work he did in helping Marshall buy the Lafayette Journal. Marshall contended that a contract he had with McCarthy was terminated before the actual purchase of the Journal was made.

LOOKS IN GUN; DEAD.

OCOONTO, Wis., Dec. 8.—Clifford Van Laanen, 8, killed himself while playing with a shotgun in his home here. The lad was looking into the barrel of the gun when he accidentally kicked the trigger.

ILLNESS CAUSES MAN TO END LIFE

Note to Wife Shows Concern for Her Welfare.

Illness caused Jasper J. Carlisle, 43, of 1549 Bellefontaine street, to commit suicide late yesterday afternoon by hanging. Carlisle's body was found by his wife when she returned home after an hour's absence.

The body, with a clothes line about the neck, was suspended above the landing about half way up the stairway in his home. Carlisle had been dead only a few minutes when found, the coroner said.

A note addressed to his wife, found on the table, stated:

"I hope No. 1 type will help you. Remember what I told you about the little money I laid away and everything. I just can't stand it. Thanks to all."

Carlisle had been employed as a proof reader by the Bookwater-Bell Printing Company, but for a number of weeks had been unable to work because of his illness. This caused him to be despondent, Mrs. Carlisle said.

The Indianapolis Typographical Union of which Carlisle was a member and to which the note referred, according to its regulations, will pay \$750 to the widow and the international body will pay \$500.

Carlisle is survived by a widow and an infant daughter.

U. S. MAY QUIZ KOKOMO FEAST

Party, Preceding Host's Marriage, Reported to Van Nuys.

Federal authorities may investigate the bacchanalian feast which J. Victor Pinnell of Kokomo is said to have staged at the Kokomo Country Club on Nov. 27. Reports of the affair have been received by United States District Attorney Frederick Van Nuys, who said he could not state whether the affair would be investigated by the grand jury now in session or not. If action is taken it may come close to the election in January session, and is expected to be late in January.

The Pinnell party, according to an account printed in the Kokomo Tribune Monday, preceded the host's marriage as a sort of farewell affair to 100 male friends of Kokomo, Indianapolis, Detroit, Chicago and elsewhere. Intoxicating drinks of high potency are said to have been served and as a result the affair developed into a regular orgy, the Tribune indicated.

Cabaret dancers and singers, imported from Chicago for the occasion, were obliged to leave the clubhouse, and it was necessary to carry a number of the guests home, the Kokomo paper stated. The condition of the clubhouse the morning after was indescribable, it was added.

The Kokomo Ministerial Association adopted resolutions denouncing the affair and calling on the authorities to take action. The Kokomo police have made no public move and it has been hinted to Federal officials that their activities may come in for investigation.

STUDENT IS RECOVERING.

Special to The Times.
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—Hilda Varney, sophomore in De Pauw University, who was shot Saturday night by William P. Sackett of this city, who said he was trying to frighten burglars from his garage, is reported to be rapidly recovering. She is resting at the Kappa house, where she was taken immediately after the shooting. No legal action has been taken, but the matter is being handled by F. S. Hamilton, who has talked to all persons concerned, except Miss Varney.

Ex-U. S. Army Officer Says High Germans Held Big Jobs Here

Admits He Was One of Many Boche Spies Holding Commissions in America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Army officials today investigated the wedded tale of John Willers, 36, former army captain who, after his arrest on a charge of desertion, declared he was a German spy and had enlisted for the purpose of betraying his American comrades in France.

Willers was arrested after he had been recognized by Hugh J. Hannigan, former lieutenant in the 48th Infantry in which Willers was a captain, and was paid shortly after the armistice was signed. Willers absconded with \$6,000 in company funds from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

After admitting his identity Willers is said to have declared that he was one of 300 German imperial cadets who came to this country in 1914 to act as spies. He said it was their purpose to win army commissions and in case the United States declared war on Germany to lead their comrades into traps on the front.

"I have nothing to regret," Willers was quoted as saying. "I only did what I thought was right. I should have done and I am only sorry that I was unable to get across and fulfill my purpose of leading my regiment into the trenches and then see that it was slaughtered."

"You would be surprised to know how many high German officials held jobs in Washington during the war."

Indianapolis Shrine Off Today for Kokomo

Three hundred Shriners, headed by Elmer P. Gay, potentate, will leave at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon on a special train over the L. E. & W. Railroad, to be the guests of the Mystic Shrine Club at Kokomo. The program prepared by the members of the Kokomo chapter for its members, their wives and children includes a banquet, reception, stunt entertainment, children's party and a dance.

In the local party are Elias J. Jacoby, past imperial potentate, and past potentates of the Murat temple, Chalmers Brown, Denton F. Billingsley and Leon T. Leach. The Indianapolis visitors will be met at the depot by a delegation from the Mystic Shrine Club and will parade through the streets.

CASCARETS

"They Work while you Sleep"

Tackle your work tomorrow as hard as a four-pound black bass hits the bait. Take Cascarets tonight to move the stagnant bile, the poisons and waste from liver and bowels, absolutely ending sick headache, biliousness, constipation, salivator, colds, upset stomach, bad breath. No griping—no inconvenience. Children love Cascarets too. 10, 25, 50 cents.—Advertisement.

NO JOY FOLLOWS AWARD OF WAGES

Stockyards Workers Are Said to Be Dissatisfied.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Officials of the Stockyards Labor Council here have called a meeting for Monday to discuss the wage award made to stockyards workers throughout the country yesterday by Judge Samuel Alschuler, appointed mediator in wage disputes between the packers and their employees. The members of the stockyards unions are said to be generally dissatisfied with the award.

Except for the retroactive 5 per cent bonus granted the men, amounting to an award of approximately \$4,000,000, Judge Alschuler denied practically all of the demands the workers have contended for during a hearing that has taken up ten weeks. Demands for a permanent increase were denied because, Judge Alschuler declared, the peak of living costs has been reached and prices may be expected to decline.

"I was believed today, will accept without protest the award of a retroactive 5 per cent increase in wages for the period of July 5 last to Dec. 5 and will arrange for prompt payment of the sums due employees through this award."

WOMAN CHOSEN FOR JURY.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 8.—In an effort to obtain a jury to hear the case of Frank McDonald, charged with having murdered Amanda Rayce at Clinton more than a year ago, Mrs. Marian D. Runyon, wife of a Terre Haute lumber dealer, was accepted during the examination of the third venire. Mrs. Runyon is the first woman ever drawn for jury service here and although her name got into the jury box by mistake, she is entitled to serve under the new suffrage laws.

Chicago Cops to Use Gas in Crime Drive

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Instead of unlimbering the "old gas" and showering criminals who resist arrest with bullets, Chicago police in the future will thrust forth a steel shield and advance upon their quarry behind a wave of poison gas.

City Chemist Frederick O. Toney and Chief of Police Fitzmaurice are perfecting plans for the use of gas in the local crime drive. The gas will be designed to render criminals powerless rather than kill and will be used only where desperate men are threatening the lives of policemen.

Officers using the gas will be protected by a heavy steel shield.

LOWRY FAVORS CONFERENCE

Would Have Discussion of Taxpayers' League Proposal.

While Mayor Charles W. Jewett said today that he had nothing to say in reply to the statement issued by the "Taxpayers' League" in which the whole-sale expenditure of public moneys for extensive construction programs at the present time was declared, James H. Lowry, superintendent of parks, said he favors calling a conference of all city department heads to consider the problem. Mr. Lowry said he would put such a proposal before Mayor Jewett.

The city park department was among those criticized for its proposed construction program by the "Taxpayers' League." The department has not definitely decided upon any building program. Despite this, Mr. Lowry said he would like to see the city department heads get together and agree upon a general program which, while not so extensive as to constitute unwarranted expenditure of public moneys, would be of sufficient extent to provide employment.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Grove's LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets. The genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove. 30c.—Advertisement.

School Teacher Dies at Crawfordsville

Special to The Times.
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—The funeral of Miss Martha E. Coons was held today, the services being conducted by the Rev. M. H. Appleby of the First Methodist Church.

Miss Coons was a teacher in the local schools for more than thirty-five years. She did not resume her teaching duties this year on account of illness.

Two brothers, Wallace E. Coons, managing editor of the Crawfordsville Review, and Albert L. Coons of Waynetown, and four sisters, Mrs. G. M. Henderson, Mrs. J. B. Stinner of Indianapolis, Mrs. R. C. Ross of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. James E. Evans of Crawfordsville, survive.

CHARGED WITH AUTO THEFT.
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 8.—Robert Arnold, 17, of Walkerton, was arrested by the sheriff here Tuesday on a charge of grand larceny. Arnold is accused of the theft of an automobile.

THE BASEMENT STORE

A prior to Christmas sale that brings almost unbelievable value-giving

DRESSES for Women and Misses

On Sale Tomorrow at

\$9.98

That Were Intended to Sell for \$15, \$18.50, \$20 and \$25

Dresses for street, for office, for afternoon and general wear.

The Colors—

- Navy
- French Blue
- Brown
- Pekin
- Seal Brown
- Black
- Fawn
- Burgandy etc.

The Materials—

- French Serge
- Velour
- Taffeta
- Tricotine
- Satin
- George e Crepe etc.

They are made in new and charming ways—coatee, overdrape, straight line, etc. They are beaded, braided and embroidered. Dresses for young women and mature women. Up to \$25 qualities. Sale price \$9.98

Sale of Five Hundred Flannelette Kimonos For Women and Misses

Very Special \$1.98 At

This price is ABOUT HALF what they were intended to sell for.

Not often will you find flannelette kimonos as good as these except for a far higher price. A recent purchase was to our advantage and we are prompt in passing the savings we made on to you. They are pretty and becoming kimonos in all the wanted colors and styles. Very special \$1.98

One Thousand Aprons for Women and Misses

On Sale At 98c

Many pleasing styles from which to choose

When you note the materials and how excellently the garments are made you will realize that their price should be far higher. But the Basement Store's only interest is VALUE GIVING—and that accounts for these amazing values. Pretty empire models with fancy pockets and trimmed with ric rac braid. Light or dark colors. Special....98c

A Joyous Place Is Toyland

—and it's joy is keenest in the morning hours! Forenoons, Toyland is at its best—stocks are orderly, in their places, aisles are unobstructed—shopping can be done leisurely with utmost dispatch.

DRUMS, nicely lithographed, \$5.98 and by degrees down to39c

SPELLING BLOCKS, in attractive boxes, (No phone orders), 50c quality29c

FLYING AEROPLANES, rubber motors, \$3.98, and by degrees down to98c

CHILD'S FOLDING DESKS, special\$1.98

SIMPLEX TYPEWRITERS, two sizes, \$3.00 and\$1.50

OULIA BOARDS, the fascinating fortune teller.....98c

PARCHESI, an old favorite game98c

THE Wm. H. BLOCK CO.

THE BASEMENT STORE

The Place to Buy

Men's Trousers

Is in The Basement Store

For These Very Good Reasons—

THIS IS THE PLACE FOR ASSORTMENTS—So many thousands of pairs here that it is an easy matter to match one's coat and vest.

THIS IS THE PLACE FOR GOOD MERCHANDISE—All our pants are carried in The Basement Store—from the lowest priced that are worthy to the very finest.

THIS IS THE PLACE FOR VALUES—It has been demonstrated so many hundreds of times that The Basement Store clearly leads in value giving—that no one can doubt it.

Men's Corduroy Trousers \$5.00 quality

Narrow wale, closely woven; most desirable shade; \$5.00 quality, sale price.....\$2.98

\$2.98

Men's Trousers \$7.50 and \$8.50 qualities

\$4.95

Of all wool, fine quality flannels, blue and brown; all-wool cassimeres, in plain colors and fancy mixtures; extra heavy weight all-wool work trousers, smooth, hard finish trousers for unusual service; \$7.50 and \$8.50 qualities\$4.95

The Wm. H. BLOCK CO.