

## COUE PROVES TO CHICAGO CROWD HE 'KNOWS HIS STUFF'

Hecklers Cheer as Paralytic Walks First Time in Year.

### CROWD SURGES TO STAGE

Five Other Cripples Seemingly Talked Back to Health.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Tuesday defeat into victory and a storm of heckling into a thunder of cheering. Dr. Emilie Coue, the French exponent of auto-suggestion, proved to Chicago he could "do his stuff."

The climax which closed his opening lecture must have been the greatest moment of the little doctor's life.

With somewhat uninteresting experiments on a small group of subjects and an address on the general theory revolving around the words, "Day by day, in every way," Coue was about to conclude.

But the audience of several thousand which packed Orchestra Hall looked down and saw on the platform Otto R. Kropf of Milwaukee, a helpless paralytic.

Kropf held two canes. With the aid of these and a person supporting him on each side, he had been able to get to the auditorium and the platform after being bedridden fifteen months. He looked as if he were about to die of despair.

"Help the man with the canes," some one shouted. Others took up the cry.

#### Am No Healer

"I am no healer," cried the bristling Frenchman in a high-pitched voice, "I am no worker of miracles."

"We believe you," shouted his hecklers.

The galleries arose, disgusted and ready to go. Cattails continued.

Coue, making for the wings, stopped suddenly and spoke to the man with the cane. Kropf clutched him and would not let him go.

"How long have you been in this condition?" whispered Coue excitedly.

"I haven't walked for more than a year," the paralytic replied.

By this time the audience had settled down to see what was going to happen. Howling ceased.

"Have you ever tried?" Coue asked.

"Have you ever tried?" Coue asked, again, "have you ever said to yourself, 'I can walk, I will walk?'"

Kropf shook his head.

"Do you understand French? No?"

Well, the phrase "ca passe" means "it is passing." Repeat this to yourself with me—rapidly."

"Ca passe, ca passe, ca passe," the paralytic mumbled.

"Faster! Faster! Like this: Ca passe, capasse, capassecapasse-ca-passe!"

Kropf threw it into high.

"Down in front!" yelled the audience.

"Stand back."

Ushers rushed to the stage to try to push back the throng there.

Cripple Walks

"I do not say this will succeed," the little apothecary from Nancy announced, but if the trouble is physieal it will pass."

Then, laboriously and heavily, Kropf rose to his feet. His canes banged on the platform.

"Come on," shouted Coue, "walk."

The subject took slow, clumsy steps.

"Faster! Faster!"

And in a moment more the man was walking across the stage.

Thereupon the audience threw all restraint to the winds in a great pandemoniac roar. Those in the front seats, some weeping, others clapping and shouting, surged to the platform to grasp Coue's hands.

"Now are you satisfied?" cried Coue at the crowd. The roar doubled as he hurried from the stage.

At a later lecture Coue talked five other cripples back into seeming health.

### SENATOR STARTS FIGHT ON GLARING HEADLIGHTS

Hoosier Motor Association Indorses Proposed Legislation.

Glaring automobile headlights are the target of a bill being drafted by Senator F. H. Van Orman. The measure is sanctioned by the Hoosier Automobile Association.

Creation of the office of State light engineer is asked. Lights would be tested in authorized service stations. Violation would be punishable by a fine of not over \$25, to which might be added jail sentence not exceeding sixty days.

### SURETY COMPANY SUED

Perry Township Board Seeks \$12,000 From Bank's Guarantors.

Omer Green, Sarah Gardner and Walter Meade, the board of finance of Perry Township, Marion County, have filed suit in Circuit Court against the American Surety Company of New York. It was surety for the Beech Grove State Bank. The petition alleges checks for \$12,000 were not honored by the bank's receivers. Attorney's fees of \$2,500 also are sought.

### DISCUSSION ON LUNGS

Medical Societies to Hold Joint Meeting Next Tuesday.

Dr. A. V. Hayes, Chicago, will read a paper on "Diagnosis of Lung Conditions," before the Indianapolis Medical Society and the Indiana Tuberculosis Association at the Hotel Lincoln Tuesday evening. Dr. F. A. Pritchard, Battle Creek, Mich., will discuss tuberculosis.

## DAY WITH ASSEMBLY

### SENATE

These bills were introduced in the Senate Tuesday:

No. 288 (English-Miller)—Designating last Sunday in May as Memorial day for Indiana. Judiciary A.

No. 290 (Clemon-Dehner)—Designating Indiana Court, Forty-First Judicial Circuit Organization of courts.

No. 291 (Cunningham)—Authorizing threshers to retain grain or seed threshed by them until bills are paid. Agriculture.

No. 292 (Hartzell)—Authorizing oil companies to lease and contracts for oil and other mineral substances. Mines and mining.

No. 293 (Hartzell)—Providing for fees and salaries.

No. 294 (Hartzell)—Providing that majority of property owners in cities and towns of fifth class may be effective in remonstrance against public improvement instead of 80 per cent. Cities and Towns.

No. 295 (Crosby)—Providing for assessment of real estate in 1924 and 1928.

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No. 296 (Lindley)—Fixing fees and salaries of constables.

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No. 298 (Hartzell)—Providing for fees and salaries.

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These bills passed the Senate Tuesday:

No. 226 (Dunn)—Legalizing bond issue for Morgan County hospital at Martinsville.

No. 227 (Daily)—Amending statutes to provide for irrevocable beneficiary provision in insurance policies.

No. 228 (Hartzell)—Providing that any bond issue for improvement by municipal corporations disallowed by State board of taxation may be declared valid upon facts proven.

No. 229 (Lindley)—Legalizing bond issue for electric lights in town of Ringman.

No. 230 (Hartzell)—Legalizing bond issue for electric lights in town of Ringman.

No. 231 (Hartzell)—Amending statutes to provide for incorporation of Wayne Township, Allen County.

No. 232 (Nichols)—Clarifying laws relating to incorporation of townships.

No. 233 (Lindley)—Authorizing county commissioners to change specifications on contracts for separation of grades without permission of State tax board.

### HOUSE

The following Senate bill was indefinitely postponed by the House:

No. 70 (Adams)—Provided for county highway superintendent to be in charge of highway.

The following House bills were indefinitely postponed:

No. 63 (Scott)—Placed road construction in hands of county officials.

No. 200 (Hartzell)—Allowing referendum on township roads.

No. 210 (Livingston)—Altered taxation of county roads.

No. 225 (Hull)—Abolished miners' examination and licensing board.

No. 234 (Hartzell)—Created tax board of power of examining records of taxpayers.

The following House bills were withdrawn by their authors:

No. 245 (Levener-Murden)—Re-established State board of education.

No. 299 (Hartzell)—Provided for terms of all trustees to begin Jan. 1, immediately after election.

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## WOMAN PASTOR SAYS DIVORCE BILL NOT RIGID ENOUGH

### Greater Use of Separation Clause Would Help Measure, She Declares.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The ultimate destruction of the American home, unless nation-wide steps are taken to curb the divorce evil, was predicted today by Dr. Lennis Rhodes, ordained minister and assistant pastor of the Second Baptist Church here.

"The divorce question is the greatest problem the nation faces today," Miss Rhodes said. "Timorous legislators and a quiescent public have failed to help the situation."

The proposed Capper bill, written by Mrs. Esther Franklin White of Indianapolis, does not go far enough in its restrictions of grounds for divorce. A greater use of the separation clause would improve the measure.

"Infidelity without collusion and incurable insanity should be the only grounds for divorce."

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## 'Anti' Legislator Tells of Renowned Generals

Representative Thomas B. Brown of Mt. Vernon, in spite of being quoted frequently as a consistent "anti," is decidedly "pro" in one particular. He is a "pro-Posey County man" to the limit.

"Posey County," says Brown, "was the only county in the United States that contributed three brigadier-generals in the Civil War. I knew 'em all."

"Now there was Brig. Gen. Alvin P. Hovey," continued the venerable gentleman from Posey, as he stroked his beard. Hovey began life as a boot-black. When he was working later in a brickyard, his ambition won the interest of Judge Pitcher, another Posey County man, who saw that he received an appointment to West Point. Hovey won his spurs at the Battle of Champion Hill, near Vicksburg, and after serving a term as Governor of Indiana, was chosen for the South American consular service.

Abraham Lincoln was another individual who came to the attention of Judge Pitcher. It was of Pitcher that Lincoln once borrowed a law book.

The cover of the book, soiled in the rain, caused Lincoln to offer to pull all the weeds out of Pitcher's garden to pay for the damage—an oft-quoted story of Lincoln's Indiana experiences.

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