

## ARMY OFFICERS' MURDEROUS CODE

How European Military Men Preserve Knightly Honor.

### KILL ON SLIGHTEST PRETEXT

For Claiming an Insult—No Redress For the Outraged Civilian—Some Instances.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—At frequent intervals the rest of the civilized world is surprised by news that a German or Austrian or Russian officer has attacked a defenseless civilian with his sword, and either killed or severely wounded him. In the majority of cases a sentence is added to the dispatch, saying that the officer in question has not been arrested and will not be called to account which sends a civilian to the gallows. Or, if an inquiry is ordered, it develops later that no penalty has been inflicted, or that the officer has been sentenced, for the sake of appearances, to detention in a fortress—a form of punishment which inflicts a minimum of inconvenience on the culprit.

Such occurrences, as a rule, attract a good deal of passing attention, but it is not generally known that these attacks committed by officers on unarmed civilians are an essential part of the rampant militarism of the countries of continental Europe, and especially in the three great empires of Europe—Germany, Austria and Russia.

In all three countries the military regulations, drawn up by the respective governments and approved by the Kaiser, the Czar and the Emperor Francis Joseph, distinctly state that officers must make use of their weapons in order to defend their military honor if circumstances render such measures necessary. This regulation in itself does not appear to be particularly mischievous, but for there may conceivably be cases in which an officer would be justified in drawing his sword in self-defense, just as a civilian may have occasion to make use of a revolver or a knife, or a revolver, but the unwritten rules of military etiquette which have grown up around the original written regulations are the cause of the great abuses that take place so often.

Anyone who has spent any length of time in a continental garrison knows that the case, as it is put, is rather understated than exaggerated. Moreover, this caste system is encouraged and fostered by the German and Austrian governments, for the creation of a solid military aristocracy is regarded as an effective barrier to the rising tide of social democracy, which becomes more and more formidable year by year. The German Emperor, modern as he is in many respects, believes in the maintenance of a powerful military hierarchy, and in this respect Francis Joseph, and even the Czar, are not far behind him.

Inspired by such means with an inflated opinion of their own importance in the world, continental officers have acquired distorted and unnatural ideas of what they call their military honor, and they have constructed a code in accordance with these abnormal conceptions of right and wrong. The honor of an officer, in their opinion, is something altogether different from the honor of a civilian, if such a thing can even be said to exist, and consequently, according to their scheme of reasoning, special measures must be taken to protect it from insult.

Continental officers in course of time have taught themselves to believe that they form a class of men as noble as the noblest of the nobles, and as far above earth. They have come to believe in the divine right of the military man to dominate the world, and to trample upon the rights of the civilian as slaves created solely for the purpose of paying the taxes necessary for the support of vast armies, and of course, to provide the human material necessary to keep up the military strength of the world. Frequently it happens that women members of civilian families are regarded by officers as inferior relatives and are treated accordingly. They receive dowries which liberate the hyper-honorable military man from his burden of debts and enable him to live comfortably ever afterwards; and in such cases, the wife has to cut herself off from her inferior civilian relatives and become a member of the dominant military caste.

Apart from the great capitals, where the leveling influences of the age are irresistible, there is not a garrison town in Germany or Austria in which there is not a clear-cut distinction between the military and the civilian classes. The officers have their own exclusive circle of society, composed of men of their own class, with their wives and children, and kept quite aloof from the mere civilians, looking down upon them from the vast height of their alleged military superiority.

**HIS KNIGHTLY HONOR.**  
If an officer's military honor is slighted he either must fight with the offender or chastise him in such a way that blood flows. If an officer is insulted by a civilian, he can always fight a duel, but if his military honor is slighted by a civilian there arises the question whether the

civilian is capable of giving knightly satisfaction, according to the code of dueling etiquette. If the civilian is capable of giving knightly satisfaction, then the officer must chastise him and shed his blood. If an officer is slighted by a civilian incapable of giving knightly satisfaction and fails to chastise the offender he is regarded as disgraced and is bound to put the army with a stain on his honor.

This code of military etiquette is inexorable, and compels officers to use of their weapons against civilians whether they want to or not, for their good name, reputation and career are at stake.

At the moment when the right of the officer on an officer he is almost bound to assume that the civilian is incapable of giving knightly satisfaction, for if he wait to find out and it turns out that a duel cannot be fought with the offender he himself is expelled from the army. A civilian who is engaged in "duel" who is the son of a plebeian parents is held to be incapable of giving satisfaction, and a slighted officer may easily take it for granted that the particular civilian who has insulted him on his toes belongs to one of them.

Lieutenant Ruehling von Ruehlingen was standing in the middle of the Marburg station, talking to two women, when a passing omnibus near him, the driver of which was a Jewish man, swore vigorously at the driver, who replied:

"I called out to you loudly to get out of the way. You should not stand talking in the middle of a busy street." Lieutenant von Ruehlingen regarded this reply as an insult to his "military honor," and, drawing his sword, he made a dash at the driver, and dealt him a blow on his right hand, which cut off three fingers. The driver was removed to the hospital, where the doctors found that he was disabled for life. Under the influence of the storm of public indignation caused by this assault, a court-martial expelled Lieutenant von Ruehlingen from the army, and ordered him to pay his victim a pension for life.

**KILLED A MERCHANT.**  
A few weeks later, however, when the general public had forgotten the incident, a military officer was pardoned, and reinstated in his former rank. Thereupon, although a wealthy man, he again drew his sword, and, paying the pension to the disabled driver, who was reduced to destitution and beggary, he sent the driver to the hospital, where the doctors found that he was disabled for life.

The victim of this outrage, a highly respected architect of Trieste fell unconscious to the ground, and was removed to Marburg Infirmary, where he lay for many weeks in a precarious condition, until he died from the effects of the injuries inflicted on him by the officer. The officer was permitted to continue his journey, and the opera Ring in Vienna, when it was marked full, whereupon the conductor very politely requested him to get off again, saying:

"Herr major, I cannot take more than five seats on this train, and you are a civilian. If you do not get off, I shall be dismissed for negligence." The major, regarding this as a slight to his military honor, drew his sword and killed the conductor, exclaiming:

"That for your insolence, you rhinoceros!"

Having killed the man the major quietly got off the bus and walked away unmolested. Nothing ever happened to him, and he is now a highly respected colonel in the Austrian army.

**AN ELECTRICAL STORM**  
Does Much Damage to Fruit and Grain Crops.

Brougham, Ont., Sept. 5.—During a severe thunderstorm yesterday afternoon the barns and outbuildings of J. H. Taylor, three miles north of here, were struck by lightning and totally destroyed. The crop of 150 acres was burned together with some implements; slightly injured.

Winchester, Ont., Sept. 5.—There was a severe electrical storm in this vicinity about 4 p.m. yesterday, accompanied by hail. The barns and outbuildings belonging to George A. Pettapiece, 1½ miles east of here, were struck by lightning, and with the entire season's crop of hay and grain were totally destroyed. Loss partly covered by insurance.

**BLACK WATER FEVER**  
Investigation To Be Made of Epidemic in Cuba.

Havana, Sept. 4.—The stories in regard to the peculiar disease which has broken out at Daiquiri, the point in Santiago Province, at which the American troops landed in 1898, have aroused a great deal of interest. Dr. Finlay, the chief sanitary officer in Cuba, says that during the past year there have been five deaths at Daiquiri from acute malaria, which is known as black water fever. Three deaths were reported during July. No report has been received for August. Dr. Finlay has telegraphed to the sanitary officer of Santiago to report on the matter.

Dr. Finlay says he has known of similar cases in Havana of this disease, a disease diagnosed as yellow fever at first, but subsequently it was found to be the black water complaint.

Dr. Hulterus, of the Marine Hospital service, will leave for Santiago to investigate the cases there, and report to Surgeon-General Wyman, who wrote to Dr. Finlay.

## CRITICS HARD ON LANDSDOWNE

London Press Has Scathing Comment On War Office Exposure—Foreigner's Ideas.

London, Sept. 5.—The condition of affairs exposed to the war commission in their report continues to be the subject of scathing criticism in the press. One foreign attaché is reported as saying: "We knew it was bad, but not as bad as the report would indicate."

Lord Lansdowne is severely censured in some quarters and his resignation demanded from the war office management. What is being done to effect reforms is the serious question the nation is asking. The report says that as the war office is lacking in organization and is rotten, the army can never be sound.

The London Times concludes that a real scientific preparation for war we must have unless we are to repeat our South African disaster, a experience of bungling and incapacity. The condition of unpreparedness against an emergency is leading to the rejection of the English people, but they had no idea the condition of affairs was as disgraceful as the commission shows they were.

### FOUR CONVICTS SHOT

While Attempting to Escape—Two Will Die.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 5.—Four convicts were shot at Pratt Mills Prison early yesterday morning in an attempt to escape, and two will probably die. All are white, and were serving terms ranging from two to twenty years. They had secured a quantity of dynamite and blew an opening in one end of the prison. J. H. Emery, serving twenty years, was the only one to escape.

### BANK OF ENGLAND RATE

German Demand For Gold Sends It To Four Per Cent.

London, Sept. 5.—The Times this morning says the raising of the bank rate from 3 to 4 per cent generally was a surprise. It is attributed to the sudden and sharp demand, which has sprung up in Germany for gold combined with the necessity not only to defend the home market, but for payments amounting to £2,000,000 to be remitted to the continent on account of the Netherlands Railway purchase.

### A STARVING CLERGY

A Sensational Statement by Archdeacon Sinclair.

London, Sept. 5.—Archdeacon Sinclair has created a sensation in writing in a church paper, when he said the greater number of the clergy of the Church of England have not enough to eat and drink. Hundreds are clothed in second-hand garments sent by the charitable societies. Many have no fuel. Leaving out curates, more than 7,000 "incumbents" families receive less than £20 a year. Their wives are on perpetual struggle to keep alive and remain free of debt.

### SUITORS FORSAKE HER

Because of Accident—She Sues For Damages.

St. Paul, Sept. 5.—Because she was unable to get married, despite the fact that before last April she had dozens of admirers and suitors, Rosa Adams, 29, has begun suit against the St. Joseph's Hospital Society for \$10,000 damages. She alleges that by reason of a fall in an elevator shaft at the hospital she has lost the use of one arm, has the other arm crippled, and now is so deformed that she is ineligible for a proper marriage, and that her suitors have forsaken her.

### GIRL HANGS HERSELF

Father Objected to Love Letter From Boy Friend.

Lebanon, Ill., Sept. 5.—Elsie Duckett, a 16-year-old girl, hanged herself because her father, a stern, austere farmer, scolded her for receiving a letter from a neighboring boy, which closed with the following couplet:

"As long as the vine runs round the stump  
I'll be your darling sugar lump."

William Croffley, the lad who wrote the letter, was one of the pallbearers at the funeral. He coolly waited until he was asked to carry the coffin, and then, overcome with grief that the harmless lines should have brought about the death of his playmate.

### HAD SWORN TO DIE

Member of New York Suicide Club Takes His Life.

Derby, Conn., Sept. 3.—Whether or not solemn oaths bound Bernard Bernabucci to destroy himself he took his life most calmly and deliberately. Bernabucci was 40 years old, he was in good health and he had employment. There seemed to be no reason why he should end his existence. Wednesday night he told his roommate, Joseph Esposito, that he was one of a suicide club whose meeting place is in Catharine street, New York.

"I have been elected to die," he said to Esposito. "I have sworn not to try to escape my fate at the appointed time. Indeed, if I should die before I do not kill myself they of the club would kill me."

The doomed man went to the line of the Naugatuck Railroad Thursday morning, he tried to throw himself under a passing locomotive, but it whizzed by him. Arising, he explained to those around that he had stumbled and fallen. He coolly waited until a fast passenger train approached, then dived at the flying engine, fell under its wheels and was killed.

At electric machine which is intended to produce rain in times of drought is being constructed in Paris by a municipal engineer.

## A LONG DEBATE ON RAILWAY BILL

The Government and Opposition Forces Compromise On Clause Two.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The sitting of the House of Commons that began at 11 a.m. Thursday did not end till midnight tonight. During the intervening hours the Conservatives talked with opposition, No Government and no intermission. The whole thing portended a speech. The whole thing portended a speech. The whole thing portended a speech.

Clause two of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway bill was under discussion. The Government insisted that clause two must be passed. The Opposition was willing to pass clauses three, four and five if the Government would allow clause two to stand.

About 11 o'clock a conference of some duration took place between Mr. E. D. Monk, on behalf of the Opposition, and Sir William Mulock, Messrs. Fielding and Fitzpatrick. As a result an entente cordiale was arrived at after half an hour's discussion.

After Mr. Broder and Mr. Blair had spoken, Mr. Monk rose and suggested that as clause two was literally "of no account" it might be well to allow the clause to stand over, and to proceed with some of the less contentious clauses.

Sir William Mulock thought this a very reasonable proposition. The House agreed to it.

Sir William Mulock then rose and remarked that as the House had done very good work, he thought the committee might rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

This was done, and Mr. Fielding moved the adjournment of the House. Sir Monk asked that the business would be taken up on Monday.

Mr. Fielding could not say, but as there were several resolutions and motions on the notice which had been standing for some days, the government would feel at liberty to take up any with which they were ready to proceed.

Mr. Monk found this quite satisfactory.

The House adjourned at the withering hour of midnight.

In the Senate, Senator Forke moved the third reading of the bill respecting the jurisdiction of the exchequer court as to railways debt.

Sensor Kerr (Toronto) moved to amend the bill by restricting its operation to first liens and mortgages. This was carried, and the bill as amended read a third time.

Sensor Kerr moved concurrence in the report of the committee on the Canadian Transportation Bill. The report was concurred in, and Senator Landrekin gave notice that on the third reading he would move to give the shipping bill priority and to give the bill as originally drafted.

Sensor Kerr moved the second reading of the Toronto and Hamilton Railway bill, which was carried, and the Senate adjourned to the 22nd inst.

**Exhibition Profits.**  
London, Sept. 5.—At a meeting of the Glasgow corporation it was reported that the late exhibition, at which Canada was handsomely represented, made a profit of £34,000, exclusive of £7,000 spent on improvements.

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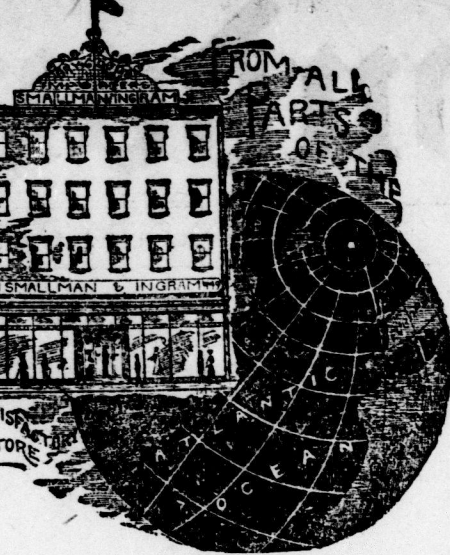
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