

THE EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, November 23, 1920.

MIXED DECADE.

Mark Twain tells the following incident:
 "Why, Captain, you appear to have a bad cold."
 "Yes, Madam," said the Captain, who is fond of working in his garden, early in the morning, in his shirt sleeves.
 "I suppose I deserve it. I caught it while breaking the seventh commandment last Sunday."
 The party, male and female, started and looked blank, and the lady who brought out the remark, said, as well as a checking fit would let her:
 "Well upon my word, Captain, considering the unusual circumstances of the case, and your present surroundings, it was hardly necessary for you to enter into such full particulars."
 When the innocent Captain got home, he found to his amazement that the seventh commandment does not say: "Thou shalt remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

SINGULAR SUICIDE OF A BOY.—Geo. Henry Starr, a youth of great promise, committed suicide recently under peculiar circumstances. Starr was only fifteen years and seven months old, and had lately exhibited great excitement on religious subjects. On Saturday Starr, accompanied by a friend named Alfred Garraway, remained out until early midnight. On entering the house, Garraway observed that his friend was sad, and invited him to come and sleep in his bed. Starr declined, but told Garraway to come up to his room in half an hour and sleep there. When Garraway went up Starr was already in bed, and prevented him from lighting the gas. At five o'clock in the morning he was awakened by a loud gasping, and jumped out of bed. On the table he found an empty laudanum bottle and the following note:
 "I cannot help it. Ask Garraway to forgive me. I am his friend, but must see what is beyond. All forgive me."
 G. H. STARR.

Garraway immediately raised an alarm, but his friend was dead. Coroner Shriver held an inquest in the course of the day, when a verdict of suicide by laudanum during temporary insanity was returned. It was not ascertained where the boy purchased the laudanum.—N. Y. Post.

SHOOTING OF MEN OF DISTINCTION.—The London Daily Telegraph says the rumor that three French gentlemen of distinction had been shot in Paris appears to be true. One of them is the Viscount de Castelbajac, who was in England last June, and who fired his shot in the International Pigeon Match at Harrington. Another was M. Cartier, one of the "Anglo-manes" of the Paris Jockey Club. The name of the third victim has not reached England. Both M. de Castelbajac and M. Cartier were adherents of the Empire, and we assume that their colleague in misfortune belonged to the Court circle. What their offenses may have been we have no means of knowing; nor do we know as yet whether they were put to death by order of the government or by the people. The latest rumor is to the effect that the victims were at the head of a clique in favor of surrender, and that by means of communications intrusted to a balloon they desired to make known the purpose they had in view. Gen. Trochu is said to have discovered the intrigue, and to have summarily dealt with the originators.

Among the French troops which escaped from the bloody field of Sedan, says the Paris Soir, were the Second Zouaves. But they had to fight their way through the ranks of the foe, and so the vivandiere of the regiment found herself alone, far from the gates of the capitulated city, with a cat—the cherished cat of the regiment. Her sole thought was to regain her male companion. But this appeared impossible, as she, a poor woman, was all alone with her cat in the midst of a ravaged country, occupied by the forces of the enemy. But the "little mother," as the Zouaves called her, tried to make the best of it. She waited till night set in, and, under cover of darkness, succeeded in reaching a little village, carrying her cat under her arm. There she found a good woman who gave her the dress of a peasant woman, which she hastened to put on. On the next day she started for Paris. In traveling the lines of the enemy the "little mother," in order not to excite suspicions, had to sham idiocy; then she played with her cat, which seemed to adapt itself to its role. Several times she escaped death only as it were by a miracle, but at last arrived in Paris. On hearing that she had returned, the officers and privates prepared a real ovation for her.

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