

# The Deadly Duel in the State of Virginia.

A LADY THE "UNCONSCIOUS" CAUSE—PAGE McCARTY THE AGGRESSOR—THE HISTORY OF THE TROUBLE—MORDECAI THIRSTS FOR BLOOD—MORDECAI WILL FIGHT—THE COMBAT ARRANGED.

The New York Herald, of the 11th inst., contains a full and interesting account of the late duel, which occurred in Richmond, on the 10th inst., between two prominent gentlemen of that city, and which terminated fatally to one of the principals, as Mordecai died on the evening of the 14th inst. Hear what the Herald says:

The community has been more intensely excited to-day than at any other period since that memorable April day, three years ago, when the Capitol disaster resulted in the sudden hurrying into eternity of some hundred victims. A sanguinary and bloody duel, with the almost assured death of one and the possible permanent injury of the other participant, occurred almost in the city limits, between two prominent young gentlemen, and was alone known to the parties concerned till after its culmination, and then to the Chief of Police too late to prevent the meeting, and to the public not at all till the appearance of the mere mention of the morning dailies. The duel and its attendant circumstances have formed the main staple of conversation in every circle to-day.

## A LADY THE "UNCONSCIOUS" CAUSE OF IT.

As usual in a majority of the disagreements between men, a woman, one of the reigning and most beautiful belles, was unconsciously doubtless to herself, the corner stone on which is erected this superstructure of blood. Among her agencies for social enjoyment Richmond possesses a club of some aristocratic pretensions, constituted mostly of young men who consider themselves, or are considered by others, young bloods. The members of the club meet at a stately mansion on the corner of Third and Franklin streets, and while away their surplus time by billiards, whist, the latest scan mag, and an occasional indulgence in the German dance.

## PAGE McCARTY THE AGGRESSOR.

Among the members of the Richmond Club is a young gentleman of elegant leisure, named Page McCarty. He is of good Virginia lineage; a nephew of the Virginia Congressman McCarty, who, some time in the year 1824, fought a duel with muskets at Bladensburg with Armstrong Mason, his brother-in-law, a United States Senator from this State, which resulted in the immediate death of Mason and the loss of one of McCarty's arms. This ancient duel at the time of its occurrence was remarked as a bloody one. The first proposition to tie their hands together and jump off the Capitol at Washington was rejected and the scarcely less humane one accepted to fight at one pace distance with muskets loaded with an ounce ball and three bu-kshot. As might be expected, Colonel McCarty was never a happy man after that. His hair turned gray in a single night, and he sought to drown remorse in the flowing bowl.

## HISTORY OF THE TROUBLE.

Some time during the latter part of March the Club arranged for a German (waltz) at Virginia Hall, in this city, and among the social notabilities who attended was the reigning belle heretofore alluded to. She and Page McCarty, "had been friends in youth," but a difficulty had arisen, and at the time the German came off they did not speak to or recognize each other. At the social festivities which duly came off one of the masters of ceremonies, either by accident or design, placed the estranged parties *ris-a-ris*, and the lady had either to produce a scene by the cut direct or quietly acquiesce in the arrangement and dance with her former fiance. She chose to dance, and former kind relations were, to all appearances, once more re-established. While the Club members were reveling in the glorious memories of the German the friendly master of ceremonies was doubtless felicitating himself on reuniting two estranged friends. The following ambiguous and unpretentious poetry appeared in the Enquirer on February 5th:

## "THE FIRST FIGURE IN THE GERMAN"—AN EPIGRAM.

We have received for publication the following poem. A loving swain who, doubtless, has been kicked by his sweetheart:

When Mary's queasily form I press,  
In Strauss' latest waltz,  
I would as well her lips enress,  
Although those lips be false.  
For still with fire love tips his dart,  
And kindles up anew (heart,  
The flame which once consumed my  
When those dear lips were true.  
Of form so fair, of faith so faint,  
If truth were only in her,  
Tho' she'd be then the sweetest saint,  
I'd still feel like a sinner.

## MORDECAI THE DEFENDER.

Among the members of the Club was John B. Mordecai, an estimable young lawyer of this city. When the lines appeared they were discussed in the Club, and the suggestion made that they had an individual application. Mordecai, who was present, said with generous impulsiveness that he did not know the author, but if the intent was to ridicule the young lady whom some deemed to be alluded to, the writer was a scoundrel, poltroon and coward. McCarty, who was present, then avowed himself the author, and an impending crisis was then and there only prevented between the two men by the suggestion of the *duel* as the more satisfactory way

of settling the little difficulty which had so unexpectedly arisen. While the arrangements were being carried out for a meeting the police got wind of the affair and arrested the parties, who were, however, discharged, the proof of hostile intent on the part of either being very prudently kept in the background.

## OPPOSING MAGAZINES OF HATE.

Since then the parties have been in a state of armed neutrality—opposing powder magazines—ready to explode on the application of the proper fire but both retaining their membership in the Club. A week since, when the lordly tenement corner of Franklin and Third streets was filled with the gay and festive youths who gave eclat to the proceedings of the Club and illustrate the German, McCarty, with a friend, occupied one of the billiard tables. The game seemed suddenly to lose its interest to McCarty, and his conversation turned on personal difficulties and their proper mode of adjustment. He alluded to the exploits of his relatives in the duelling line, his own lost opportunity of the same sort, and declared a similar state of affairs with him would be followed by a different result. At this juncture, unfortunately, Mr. Mordecai entered the room, and took a seat near the table on which the science of billiards was not just then being illustrated in a very brilliant manner.

## MORDECAI TAKES TO THE "MANLY."

On seeing Mordecai seat himself, McCarty, instead of confining his remarks to his companion, if he did not mean to initiate a difficulty, raised his voice, and, looking at Mordecai, added to the personality of his previous remarks to such a degree that the gentleman was obliged to take notice of them. He seemed finally to comprehend that insult was intended him, and, rising, he approached McCarty and said: "Are those remarks intended for me, sir?"

Looking him in the face, with affected contempt, McCarty drawled out: "And who are you, sir?"

Mordecai replied: "I am a gentleman, sir."

McCarty directly rejoined (long drawn): "Ah!"

If he had intended, he did not have the chance to further intensify any feeling he may have entertained towards Mordecai, for that individual STRUCK OUT VIGOROUSLY FROM THE SHOULDER,

and McCarty "went to grass" with the celerity of a cannon ball on its descending grade. Mr. McCarty thereafter resisted to the extent of his capacity, but the result was that Mordecai inflicted on him quite a heavy chastisement.—They were parted by friends and Mr. McCarty conveyed to his lodgings, where he was compelled from his injuries to remain in bed for several days.

## MCCARTY THIRSTS FOR BLOOD.

Meanwhile an emergent note from him summoned to this city Colonel Wm. B. Tabb, formerly of Amelia, but now of Charleston, West Virginia. To the Colonel, who is *au fait* in such matters, McCarty imparted his sorrows and desire for revenge. His accommodating friend supplied the necessary *cartel* inviting Mordecai to the field of honor, which duly received McCarty's signature and was dispatched in accordance with the code.

## MORDECAI WILL FIGHT.

Mordecai, on its reception, took the affair very coolly, announced his willingness to respond in any way, and suggested the name of a friend, through whom he would thereafter receive missives on the subject. His friend and Colonel Tabb seemed to have meant business from the start, for the seconds, surgeons, weapons, time, place, etc., were named with commendable celerity, and with a quietness and secrecy truly admirable.

## THE COMBAT ARRANGED.

The combat, as arranged, was to take place at 6 o'clock, Friday evening, near the line of the York River Railroad, and not far from Blakey's mill pond, in the neighborhood of Oakwood Cemetery; weapons, navy revolvers, distance, ten paces. Two of the leading surgeons of the city were engaged to do any carving consequent on the affair, or extract any villainous lead that might effect a lodgment in the bodies of the belligerents. These were Prof. Hunter McGuire, late Stonewall Jackson's medical director, and Prof. J. S. D. Cullen, late medical director of Longstreet's army corps.—Not to implicate these gentlemen unnecessarily in the result of the pending battle, it was arranged that they should be posted some distance from the field of battle and advance only on a given signal.

## COMBATANTS AND NON-COMBATANTS ON THE GROUND.

The friends who went forth with McCarty to seek the bubble reputation, even at the cannon's mouth, were Calvin B. Tabb and John S. Meridith. Those who performed similar service for Mordecai were Messrs. William L. Royall and W. Retnigg. The pending affair had been kept so entirely *sub-rosa* that the parties had no difficulty in keeping the scene of action un molested. If they were seen it only seemed that they were taking an evening airing. The men were promptly on the ground at a few minutes before 6 o'clock, and directly the carriages stopped all who had official connection with the ceremonies incident to the occasion proceeded to perform their allotted share of the evening's work.

## MEASURING THE DISTANCE.

The traditional ten paces were duly measured off and the principals placed in position. It may seem singular, but these two gentlemen, who were about to attempt to take each other's life, bowed to each other with stately grace. The weapons having been examined and loaded, were handed to the parties.—

The clear voice of one of the seconds was next heard, saying:

"Gentleman, are you ready?"

The briefest pause; then "One, two, three," were slowly counted.

## FIRST SHOTS.

Just before the last word was uttered an almost simultaneous report was heard. As the smoke cleared away both parties were seen standing unhurt, and immediately the voice of McCarty was heard demanding a second fire. This demand precluded any interference looking to a settlement on the part of the friends, and preparations were at once made for the

## SECOND FIRE.

When the pistols exploded this time both parties were seen to lurch forward and fall heavily on their faces. The signal was given and the surgeons approached as fast as they could. An examination disclosed the fact that both parties were seriously wounded—Mordecai, perhaps, fatally—wounded. A conical ball had entered McCarty's hip, a round ball had penetrated the abdominal cavity of Mordecai.

## JUSTICE TOO SLOW.

While the seconds and friends were devising ways to convey the parties from the field of honor, a different scene might have been witnessed a half-mile away, viz: the Chief of Police, John Poe, urging a foaming steed in quest of the duelists over fences and ditches at fox-chase speed. He came up just as the surgeons had placed their patients in comfortable positions.—He ordered the seconds to consider themselves under arrest, and report and give bail for their appearance before the Police Justice, after performing the necessary offices for the wounded men.

This he did. McCarty was conveyed to his mother's house in this city. Mordecai was taken to the residence of his cousin, Colonel E. T. D. Myers.

## BLOOD TO THE LAST.

A person present relates that while both men were lying on the ground Mordecai was heard to say: "He can have another fire if he wants it." Of course, in their situation, another fire or anything else but stimulants was out of the question.

Mordecai is a rising young lawyer here, nephew of Colonel John B. Young, a prominent lawyer, and personally popular with all.

McCarty is not so well known, but is also esteemed by those who enjoy his acquaintance.

## THE YOUNG LADY

who was the primary but innocent cause of this useless effusion of blood is, of course, in the deepest distress, and has the sympathy of thousands of friends. She is a blonde, and has been for several years past the leading belle at the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs—no less lovely in mind than she is in person, and the queen of many hearts.

The Herald correspondent, in endeavoring to obtain the above information, was beset with innumerable difficulties. Nobody knew anything about the bloody duel but the participants, and they of course were unwilling to tell what they knew. Besides this, your correspondent was called upon by a number of gentleman who requested him to suppress in part the causes which led to the meeting; but duty was paramount to every other consideration, and I telegraph the fullest details, which are correct and exact in every particular. The object of the Herald being to tell truth without fear or favor I have, in accordance with my instructions, done so in the present instance with impartiality.

Physicians all admit that Quinine only effects a temporary suspension of the attacks of Fever and Ague, unless its use is accompanied by a reliable anti-bilious Medicine.

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A colored philosopher thus unburdened himself on one of women's weaknesses: "Jim, de men don't make such fools of demselves about women its do women do about the men. If women look at de moon, dey see a man in it. If dey hear a mouse nibbling, its a man; and dey all look under de bed de last thing at night to find a man. Why, I neber look under my bed to find a woman, does you?"

IN EVERYBODY'S MOUTH.—Praise and Sozodant.—Greatest luxury of modern times—beautifies and preserves the teeth. The repulsive breath is rendered as fragrant as a rose, and coldness by friends, or in business, will now be no longer noticed. Spalding's Glue mends broken toys.

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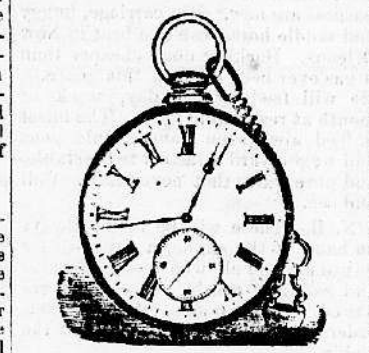
# NEW THIS DAY.

## TEMPERATURE

Date.	Morn.	Noon.	Night.
20.	73°	60°	68°
21.	72°	84°	76°
22.	75°	85°	78°
23.	76°	88°	82°
24.	78°	80°	75° Rain.
25.	78°	90°	82° Rain.
26.	76°	75°	80° Rain.

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May 28, 1873-1f.

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JULIUS LEVIN, J. J. FERGUSON.

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Oct. 16-1y.

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May 21, 1873. A. COCKERILLE.

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ON OR ABOUT THE 30th DAY OF MAY, a SMALL BAY PONY—Male, rouchel (a little grown,) spur marks on side. I will give \$10 for the recovery of the Pony, and \$50 for the thief.

May 28-2f. J. W. PRESCOTT.

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# MISCELLANEOUS.

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THOS. J. HOUGH, Proprietor. May 7, 1873-3m.

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## A CALL

OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE LOUISIANA CENTRAL STEM RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Central Stem Railroad Company, passed at Cheneyville on the 7th inst., directing the President of the Board to call a meeting of all the stockholders; I therefore, in accordance with said resolution, request all the stockholders of said Company to assemble at its domicile, in the Town of Alexandria, on the 17th day of JUNE next, for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors, and the transaction of such business as may be brought before them.

GEORGE W. STAFFORD, President. May 14-1m.

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