

St. Louis, for \$10,000 damages. Claims high steps on car responsible for fall and injury.

Wabash, Ind.—Henry Spatch, 47, conductor, killed by Wabash train.

Madison, Wis.—Michael Quann, director of zoo, says he will have moderate winter because bears, wolves, raccoons, foxes and deer have not taken on their customary fur coats for winter.

Racine, Wis.—Twelve high school girls drew mystic figures on grocery windows with soap. Had to wash them off to escape arrest.

Madison, Wis.—Spider measuring four inches when feet are spread out largest ever seen here. "Dark Dolomedes" specie. Killed. Museum.

Couderay, Wis.—Alex Martin, Indian, broke all hunting records when he killed 3 black bears in 2 days.

#### PROTEST AGAINST THE TRIAL OF MENDEL BEILIS

A resolution protesting against the trial of Mendel Beilis was passed by the Ideal Lodge, No. 287, of the Independent Western Star Order. It follows:

"Whereas, Mendel Beilis, a Jew, is now on trial in Russia for the murder of a Christian boy, Andrew Yushinski; and

"Whereas, The Russian government has deemed it proper to accuse said Beilis of having committed the murder in order to obtain the boy's blood for ritualistic purposes; and

"Whereas, Such alleged use of blood is undeniably and absolutely contrary to the spirit and letter of the Jewish religion and has been so proven by non-Jewish theologians, scientists and historians; and

"Whereas, We, ourselves, being members of the Jewish race, know by precept, example and personal knowledge, that no such ceremony as so-called blood ritual was ever prescribed by our religion; and

"Whereas, Such accusations, absurd and groundless as it may seem

to us, yet amounts to a charge of cannibalism preferred against the entire race of civilized, intelligent and educated men and women; and

"Whereas, Over 6,000,000 Jews now residing in Russia are exposed to public shame and danger by being accused of practicing such unhuman rite as the blood ritual; and

"Whereas, The great number of American citizens of the Jewish religion are greatly distressed and mortified by such attack made on the morality of this faith; and

"Whereas, Even the Antisemitic and conservative press of Russia has abstained from approving the stand of the prosecution in the Beilis case, and has assailed the charge of blood ritual as barbarous, absurd and malicious and accuses the high government authorities responsible for withholding all evidence favorable to the accused; and

"Whereas, The leaders of the Jewish people in Russia from all reports fear that the populace may be incited to fresh outrages and pogroms as a result of the excitement induced by the superstitious and slanderous charge made against said Beilis and by virtue of that against the entire Jewish race; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we members of the Ideal Lodge, No. 287, Independent Western Star Order, in special meeting assembled, do hereby express our indignation and voice our protest against the use of so barbaric an accusation against an industrious and law-abiding race which may result in certain parts of Russia in certain violence of person and destruction of property; and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution be spread on our minutes and official copies thereof be forwarded to the Chicago press, Grand Lodge, I. W. S. O., and Secretary of State of the U. S., to be presented by him through proper channels to the Russian government.

"W. L. Hausman, President.  
"M. Mandelstans, Secretary."