

A DRAMATIC END FOR ALLEGED SPY

While On Trial in London, Ends Life.

HE LEFT A NOTE ON A SLATE

Declaring Himself German Soldier, Unwilling to Die On Scaffold.

HE WAS KNOWN IN NEW YORK

London, May 21 (10:14 a. m.).—Anton Kuepferle, who claimed to be an American citizen, who once lived in Brooklyn and who has been on trial charged with giving military information to the enemies of Great Britain, committed suicide last night in Brixton prison. He is reported to have hanged himself.

Kuepferle left a message written on a slate bearing testimony to the fairness of his trial. He confessed he was a soldier, said he wished to die as a soldier and declared he could not bear to mount the scaffold as a spy.

When court opened this morning for the resumption of the trial the Attorney General, Lord Reading, announced the death of the prisoner to the Judges.

"Since the rise of this court last night," said the Attorney General, "this man Kuepferle has committed suicide in Brixton Prison. He was in a special observation cell under practically continuous observation but during one of the short intervals he seized the opportunity of taking his own life."

He had used a silk scarf to commit suicide and he was hanging clear of the floor. Warden Cook cut the scarf and summoned the prison doctor. The man's body was still warm, but he could not be revived.

Warden Cook produced the slate on which the prisoner wrote his message. His communication follows:

"To Whom It May Concern: My name is Kuepferle, and I was born in Rastatt, in Baden, I am a soldier with a rank I do not desire to mention. I can say I have had a fair trial in the United Kingdom, but I am unable longer to stand the strain and I take the law in my own hands. I have fought many a battle, and death is the only savior for me. I would prefer death by shooting, but I do not wish to ascend the scaffold as (here the prisoner drew a Masonic sign), and I hope the Almighty Architect of this universe will lead me in the unknown land. I am not dying as a spy, but as a soldier. I stood my fate as a man, but I cannot be a liar and perjure myself. I ask you kindly that my uncle, Ambrose Droll, of Rastatt, be notified of my death. I desire that all my estate go to him. What I have done was for my country. I express my thanks, and may the Lord bless you all."
Yours, etc.
"KUEPFERLE."

On the other side of the slate the man had written:

"I was born June 11, 1883."

The trial of Anton Kuepferle began Tuesday at the Old Bailey Police Court before Lord Chief Justice Reading and Justices' Avory and Lush. The proceedings were public and the court room was crowded. The charge against the prisoner was that he attempted to communicate to Germany information respecting British warships and military forces. The prosecution was conducted by the Attorney General. Kuepferle pleaded not guilty. The prosecution contended that while he claimed to be a naturalized American citizen he was in reality a German.

Kuepferle was charged with writing a letter to an address in a neutral country in Europe giving valuable facts regarding English military dispositions. It was asserted that while the letter appeared on its face to be an innocent commercial communication, it was found to be interlined with invisible ink with military information written in the German language.

Kuepferle arrived in Liverpool on February 14. He showed a passport signed by Secretary of State William J. Bryan, issued ten days prior to his sailing from New York. In writing the letter which resulted in his arrest, he gave his home address as 1665 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn. He represented himself to be a woolen merchant. From Liverpool he went to Dublin and then to London, where he was arrested February 16.

His hearing was resumed yesterday in Old Bailey, but was in camera—"in the interest of the national safety."

Known In New York.

New York, May 21.—Anton Kuepferle, the alleged German spy who committed suicide in Brixton jail in London to-day, was known in New York as DeFallois. Under that name he was employed as a shipping clerk by the firm of S. Langsdorf & Company, in this city.

"Our books show that DeFallois left us April 14 of last year," said a representative of the firm. "Since then we have heard nothing of him. I remember DeFallois as a powerful fellow who spoke German most of the time, but who professed to be a Swiss. We knew nothing about the man to indicate that he was not all right and our books show that he left us several months before the war started."

DAD AND SIS.

By Dad we mean all the daddies. By Sis we mean all the girls.

Dad and Sis ought to be friends—not merely father and daughter—but chums.

Dad is a good fellow. Of all the lovers that Sis has, none loves her better than Dad. None has done so much for her, or is willing to do more for her than Dad.

Down in the bottom of Dad's heart there is a picture of the girl he courted when he was a young man. That picture is of mother, and Sis probably looks a great deal like Mother used to look, so Dad can't help but love Sis.

Dad is the fellow who brings home the bacon. Dad is the man who prays and hopes for good luck and health to the end, so that he can take care of Mother and Sis.

Down in the bottom of Sister's heart there is the picture of her ideal husband—and very often he looks and acts like Dad.

So Sis ought to get better acquainted with Dad.

Dad and Sis ought to clasp hands and face the world together.

Dad knows many things that Sis ought to know, especially about young men.

Sis can make many of Dad's hard days easier by being his chum.

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FARMERS SHOULD RAISE SNAKES AS PROTECTION

Every farmer and every poultry raiser should keep a few snakes as a protection to his crops and poultry, says Allen S. Williams, secretary of the International Herpetological Society in a statement just issued. Williams is a traveler and a lecturer and snakes are his hobby. He has collected reptiles in every part of the western hemisphere. "The idea is simple," Williams says. "Rats, weasels and other rodents destroy crops and are the natural enemies of domestic fowls. Snakes are the natural enemies of rodents. Keep a few snakes to kill off the young rodents and in time your crops and chickens will be safe. To the cereal crops alone in the United States rodents cause an annual loss of \$100,000,000. If snakes had even half a chance the loss to farmers and poultry raisers would be reduced to practically nothing. There are a dozen varieties which could accomplish the work and are non-poisonous."

A Rising Market.

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"Well," he said, abstractedly, "he is quoted at 80, but there is every prospect that he will reach par and possibly be at a premium."

The man with a cool million always gets a warm reception.

DISCOVERS LOST ART OF HEALING

Episcopal Priest Claims To Perform Miracles

BEFORE ALTAR OF HIS CHURCH

In Los Angeles—Buried Mystery Volumes Reveal Ancient Secret.

RECTOR'S WIFE ASSISTS WORK

(By Gertrude M. Price.)

Los Angeles, Cal., May 22.—"The most powerful unused force in this world to-day, greater than electricity, or even gravitation, is the power of prayer."—The Rev. Baker P. Lee.

Rivaling the miraculous cures of Lourdes in France or St. Anne de Beauprey in Quebec, and reviving an ancient rite of the Church of England, the Rev. Baker P. Lee, pastor of fashionable Christ Church of this city, declares that hundreds of the halt, the lame and the blind are being healed of their ills by the laying on of hands and anointment with sacred oils, which he administers.

This is the first time in the history of America that a healing service has been introduced into an Episcopal church. It was brought back from England by Dr. Lee and his wife, who, on their recent trip abroad, discovered it in a leaflet among many church publications in a large London publishing house.

"This ceremony of healing is nothing new," said the Rev. Baker P. Lee. "It is merely a revival of an ancient custom of the church and it will be found in the very latest revised prayer book."

"To any student of church history and of the New Testament, it is unnecessary to explain its origin, custom and efficaciousness through the centuries of the Christian era. We are told to preach and heal that 'greater things than these shall ye do because I go unto My Father.' Again, 'All power is given Me in heaven and earth.' And the distinct authority for the service of anointing with oil and laying on of hands is given in St. James v. 14—'Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.'"

"Please make it clearly understood," emphasized the divine, "that I am not effecting the cures, but that the rite of the laying on of hands and anointment with the sacred oils is being done by me, as a priest of the church, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. 'The cry of the world to-day, in spite of a seeming materialism and worship of the golden calf, is for healing, not only bodily healing, but deeper still, that spiritual peace, poise and power that only comes from God's presence in the soul. The Universal Holy Catholic Church of Christ including every branch that names His name, must answer the cry of the starving millions. They are asking for food and we feed them on painted vlands. 'A priest of the church has no more right to withhold the anointment of oil and the healing of sick, to people who come for it, than he has the sacrament. 'The age of miracles has never passed. Never was there greater evidence than in the scientific and mechanical miracles that we see all about us. The wireless telegraph is but the commercialism of a spiritual fact, that when our hearts and minds are in tune with the great wireless love and power of God, we can give and receive the message that will answer every need. 'I have believed in divine healing forty years. Indeed, I have applied it with marked success, privately and sporadically, only because of the seeming unbelief of the church. But now, as an humble priest of God's Holy Catholic Church, I feel that this apostolic gift of healing should be practiced and used in every parish. 'I believe that we have relighted a candle that will not be again extinguished. Dr. Lee's wife objects to discussing her part in the remarkable work her husband is doing for the benefit of humanity because women of the Episcopal Church never push themselves forward. Mrs. Lee spoke hesitatingly when questioned. She stated, however, that she and her husband were together when they found the ancient and almost forgotten rite of healing, while on a recent trip to England. 'We were looking over books and publications in a well known house,' she said, 'when we chanced upon the leaflet

containing it. We had always been interested in this subject and were glad to go into it further.

"Hundreds of people are attending the healing services which are held at Christ Church here Sunday evenings and Tuesday afternoons. My husband is also called upon to anoint people privately, in the church and in the rectory.

"People have asked whether he is against the doctors. Certainly not. This is what he answers to such questions: 'Do I believe in doctors, nurses and hospitals? I certainly do, as one of the greatest and grandest agencies for good in all the world. But I also feel that science and faith should go hand in hand, lighting the Eucharist candles upon the altar of Christ.' "One of the cures made was upon the wife of a doctor. And now doctors are calling in my husband to administer the anointment and laying on of hands at some of the best known hospitals in the city. "The secret of healing," concluded Mrs. Lee, "is the taking of Christ into the soul. As we substitute His love for our hate; His peace for our unrest, so we substitute His perfect body for our imperfect body."

The rector's wife, though retired, is taking a great interest in the healing services and devoting much of her time to aid, in whatever way possible those who come seeking help through the administering of the ancient rite.

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