

BASELON BARRON PISTOL

Bill to Be Introduced in Congress to Make Gun Carrying a Felony in District of Columbia, as Sample Law for States.

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Washington, Dec. 15.—A pistol shot rings out and the light of brilliant genius is extinguished, a commonwealth is deluged with bitterness, and an issue, nation wide in scope, is accentuated.

It is to protect the District of Columbia from such tragic occurrences that Congressman James W. Sims of the Eighth district of Tennessee proposes to urge during the coming session of congress a bill to make it felonious to carry concealed weapons. One motive in framing the proposed law is to offer to the states a model for like legislation, according to the custom, more or less prevalent in later years. This was the motive when President Roosevelt began agitation for the enactment of the model child labor law for the district.

Three presidents of this republic have been assassinated, two of them in the national capital, and all by means of the concealed pistol. It was Mr. Simeon's commission, proposed measure. Here congregate, perhaps, the most distinguished company of high officials to be found in any capital of the world—the president, his cabinet members, justices of the supreme court, the foreign diplomatic corps, the army and navy officers, active and retired, senators and representatives of the United States, and more and more each year. It is a tragedy that is treated either by social and political and business advantages.

It is essential, not only that an impulse be given to the states to enact similar legislation, but as well that adequate protection be provided against the insidious dangers that attend every day from the custom of carrying weapons concealed on the person.

Misdemeanor Penalties Not Enough.
Mr. Sims advocates the severe penalties for the violation of a felony on the ground that experience has taught that mere misdemeanor punishment has not generally been sufficient to discourage the reprehensible practice.

It is his design to include, in the prohibition of his measure, bowie knives, daggers, and he hopes that it will act as an impetus in the several states for the adoption of laws to prevent the present increase in weapon tragedies, which, he says, have even been enacted in larger numbers year by year by women avengers.

At the present time every state has laws against carrying concealed weapons, but in most instances the statute makes it merely a misdemeanor. Tennessee, it appears, has been an advance guard in this respect, and has enacted a felony to carry a bowie knife in that state.

Proponents of the movement aver that pistol carrying after all is only a relic of barbarism, a custom descending from the age when every man carried a knife to himself, and must protect himself against his every fellow. For it is regarded as proper in these days of modernized warfare, that every citizen of law, to provide against individual vengeance for real or fancied wrongs, and save to the state its function of administering punishment.

Statistics of Direful Consequences.

The federal census reports admit the inaccuracy of the figures appertaining to deaths from pistol shooting. The inaccuracy, however, is admitted to be in that the statistics give less than the actual number of year multiple. From reliable sources, however, facts have been obtained which illustrate the deplorable results which flow from carrying concealed weapons, especially pistols.

During 1907, there were 10,673 suicides of which death was the result of poison in 2317 instances, and by pistols in 2681, making the pistol rank next in the drug and poison statistics in the hands of the self-destroyer. According to these figures, the pistol was utilized in about 37 per cent of the suicidal tragedies.

Another authority gives the number of firearm suicide cases in the year 1906 as 493, and the startling fact is made that in that year deaths from accidental shooting numbered 88.

Statistical experts estimate that at least 10 accidental or designed wounds are inflicted by shooting for each death in the drug and poison statistics, and that the approximately 10,000 deaths, suicidal and accidental, caused by gunshot, were that year multiplied by 100,000 injuries, more or less serious.

One of the phases of this grave matter is the large sacrifice of life by those foolish persons who "didn't" know when it was loaded, or those who handle firearms carelessly and without expert knowledge of their nature.

Mere Awkwardness Figures.

Probably none will deny that scarcely one in a thousand is sufficiently skilled to safely carry or use pistols or revolvers. In the army and navy the utmost caution is exercised in forwarding against accidents from firearms. Trained watch over the surplus weapons, and only men of experience are permitted to drill the common soldiers or sailors in their target practice.

Apart from the use to which pistols are put by the military branches of the government and the need of such weapons by peace officers and men in isolated regions who must defend themselves against wild beasts, it will not be seriously questioned when the assertion is made that the pistol has absolutely no value except for target practice—the value not especially levitating the weapon to a position of a great public necessity, and by no means investing it with the importance essential to apologizing for its extensive sale and use.

One of the purposes of the reform proposed is to inhibit the sale of firearms, except under restrictions to be imposed, with the desire of making it impossible that the man who carries the practice of carrying weapons concealed in his pockets or in belts.

It is proposed that such a sale a misdemeanor in the District of Columbia, as it is now in Tennessee and other states.

The Old Time Duel.

Students of sociology have wondered at the tenacity with which the pistol has clung to the latter-day civilization in a day of men of standing engaged in duels. One former president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, dignified the custom, and everyone informed of his character will concede that it was the practice of the day and not the weakness of the man which made such a thing possible.

Incidents innumerable might be cited from the pages of the world's history, and in this country, too, have been instances of the use of the pistol by citizens of eminence. It has seemed to be the rule in many cases that men of highest personal honor have believed they were forced to recognize the pistol as an accessory to their safety, because they knew others had resorted to carrying such weapons and thus from the instinct of self-preservation, laid on one the duty of doing likewise.

Thus it has transpired that the world

JOHNSON TO DIE; WARNING GIVEN

Idleness, Unthrift, Dissipation, Breed Murderers, Says Judge McBride.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 15.—Judge T. A. McBride yesterday afternoon passed sentence of death upon Walter Montgomery Johnson, who Saturday evening was convicted of the murder of Elmer Perdue. The court heard the motion of Johnson's attorneys for a new trial, which was denied.

The court decreed that Johnson shall be remanded to the Washington county jail for a period not longer than 30 days, when he will be conveyed to Salem, where, on Friday, February 6, he shall be hanged.

Judge McBride was visibly affected, and stated from the bench that he had been called upon seven times to pass the death sentence within the past two years, and that in all cases the cause of the crime had been either idleness, unthrift or dissipation. He enlarged upon this, and said that this should be a lesson to every young man just entering into manhood's estate.

The courtroom was crowded to hear the sentence, as Johnson was well known as a boy to hundreds of Washington county citizens.

WHITE SLAVE TRADE INVESTIGATION WIDENS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Dec. 15.—The federal investigation of the traffic in Japanese women imported for immoral purposes will be under way for six months and disclosures in the case against the four Japanese who are under bonds to appear before the federal grand jury may be only preliminary to the facts which will be brought out against persons of greater prominence when the investigation is finished.

It is expected that the grand jury that will meet at Tacoma in February will be able to develop some of the phases of the network with which the federal authorities are surrounding the case, and some information is expected from the testimony of Captain T. R. Gawley, who was charged with complicity in importing Japanese women, but was discharged several days ago.

G. A. Miller, government agent detailed from Washington to work on the case, ran into suspicious conditions while searching for evidence against the four accused Japanese and Captain Gawley. He stopped so long enough to prepare his case against those under arrest and at once took the trail of the new developments, which, it is claimed, is leading into channels of which Captain Gawley can know nothing.

has been robbed of the services of genius and useful lives have been lost off because laws have not been enacted and enforced rigidly to obviate such dangers.

George D. Prentice's Grande.

One of the most celebrated duellists against pistol duelling was uttered by the late George D. Prentice, the celebrated editor of the Louisville Journal in 1854. Mr. Prentice had taken strong ground against the practice. His language, as always when he wrote, teemed with brilliant phrases and acerbities with flashes of the thought of genius.

About that time, exception was taken to his statements on mooted questions by a citizen of Arkansas, who demanded that Prentice retract. This the editor refused to do. Demand for retraction was refused, with threats against the writer if he persisted in his refusal. When Prentice again stated his intention not to withdraw his remarks, he was challenged to battle "on the field of honor," as the phrase of the day ran. This worthy to be accepted as the last of today's reformers of the class herein referred to, was his reply: "I am no believer in the duelling code, and I am not so cowardly as to stand in dread of any imputation on my courage."

Bring Public Opinion to Bear.

Inasmuch as duelling was possible by reason of the prevalence of pistol carrying and familiar use, such utilization of that weapon happily decreased gradually, until in these days in this country the duel has become a thing of memory. It is believed that further agitation and enactment will do but little to prevent the practice, and that the best way to prevent the practice is to bring public opinion to bear.

Congressmen, who those who have pledged to assist him in urging his anti-weapon law this winter believe that certain recent occurrences will stimulate thought on the subject, and that it is possible for the proposed law to be adopted by congress.

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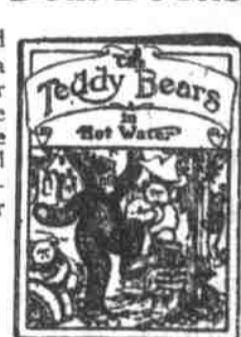
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