

BURR'S CHECKERED HISTORY OUTLINED

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Says Great Conspirator Capable of Any Measure Which Would Advance Personal Interests

Aaron Burr, vice-president of the United States, duelist, and later chief conspirator with Spain and England against the peace of his own country, planned to use the Mississippi valley for a base from which to invade Mexico, Dr. Isaac Johlin Cox, professor of history at Northwestern university, told delegates to the recent twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical society.

"Burr was capable of almost any measure that would promise to advance his personal fortune," Dr. Cox said. "In fact, the former vice-president would probably have dared to separate the Mississippi valley states from the Union had the plan been acceptable to Spain and England."

In case Burr failed in his plans to invade Mexico, Dr. Cox said the politician hoped to become representative to Congress from Indiana or Tennessee, or even governor of the Orleans territory. However, Thomas Jefferson refused to support Burr on the grounds that he had lost the confidence of the American people.

Plans Failed

"The wily Burr tried to gold-brick both the Spaniards and the English, promising that he would try to separate the western states from the Union," Dr. Cox said. "But both nations refused to assist and even Burr's associate, Wilkinson, betrayed him to Jefferson, who immediately branded him a traitor."

Burr then became a colonist and settled a land grant in Louisiana, but Dr. Cox said the scheme failed and friends were left to foot the bills.

Dr. James A. James, dean of the graduate school at Northwestern university, addressed the historical delegates on "George Rogers Clark, the Civilian."

Daring and Happiness

Girls of today are more daring, but they also are franker, gayer, healthier, happier and amply more able to take care of themselves, thinks a critic of life writing to the Woman's Home Companion.

CARRIER PIGEONS ARE MAKING SPEED RECORDS

Have Gained Considerably Since Their Use in World War, Says Report

While airplanes, great winged birds of the sea and land, reduce time records and distances between nations, pigeons, and especially carrier pigeons, are fast establishing themselves as the speed makers of the bird family.

Since the end of the World War, says The American Magazine in telling the story of how "Cher Ami," a pigeon, saved the remnant of the Lost Battalion in France, the speed of carrier pigeons has been increased from 1,600 yards a minute to 1,760 yards. "Before the war," says the magazine, "we would have hesitated to fly a pigeon less than two years old for 200 miles. Even today the Europeans would not do this. But in America it is nothing to fly them 300 and 400 miles, and some youngsters have raced 500."

When the position of the Lost Battalion was being shelled by the Allied Artillery one pigeon, "Cher Ami," remained in the basket held by the battalion officer. He hastily wrote "For heaven's sake, stop it!" tied it to Cher Ami's leg and set him in flight. He arrived with a machine gun bullet wound in his breast at Rampont (24 miles away) headquarters, stopped the barrage and 252 men were saved.

This pigeon hero of the war lived nearly a year and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross.

Kitten Hogs

Quickness and strength, says one authority on raising hogs, such as a kitten possesses, is now demanded of porkers.—Farm and Fireside.

Being a Watchmaker

Most boys sooner or later take a watch apart but few of them, says the mellow mechanic, ever make it tick again.—The American Magazine.

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