# RAGEDIES AMONG THE SANDHILLS OF INDIANA'S "DARK AND BLOODY GROUND."



War of Game Wardens and Farmers on the Land of the Tolleston Club Shows a Record of Many Conflicts in Which Members of Both Parties Have Been Killed and Wounded.

# LACK OF GAME FOR THE HUNTERS MAY SOON BRING THE CONTEST TO AN END.

ALL FOOD WEIGHED AND ANALYZED

PROBLEM OF LIVING.

Department of Agriculture Makes Dietary Tests.

EATING AT SMALL COST.

Eighteen Cents a Day for Men and Less for Women.

APPETITES NOT STINTED.

Methods by Which the Figures Were Arrived At.

### Reduced to a Science.

two weeks of the investigation th

of animal food. Each mat women were found to require about eight-tenths as much as the men. This would bring the price of the food eaten by each woman per day down to 14½ cents. The meats eaten during the two weeks were usually lean. This the expert regard-ed as a desirable characteristic. The lean meats contained a high percentage of proestigations indicate that Americans as a eat their meat too fat. This rule, or ourse, cannot be applied to every one, since ome palates require fat. Housewives may rofit by many other economical practices of is family. For instance, they ate home-ide bread and cakes, thereby saving sev-al hundred per cent of what would or-narily be spent at the baker's. An investiriculture resulted in showing that the aver age baker in the United States sells fo 216.50 each \$100 worth of materials used i read making. This economical family als onsumed an unusual amount of milk, whic The motto of the family was that the mos most nutritious, in the long run.



STORY OF A MAN WHO WOULD BE KING.

CHICAGO ADDS A CHAPTER TO THE

Comte Toulouse-Lautrec, Adventurer, Siberian Exile, and, According to His Statements, Once Almost King of Bulgaria, Gets Into Trouble with the Russian Consul While on His Way to Seek Fortune in China.

# HE TELLS A ROMANTIC TALE OF INTRIGUE IN WHICH A THRONE WAS AT STAKE.

se two beings should ves to each other un-

Statements Brutally Frank.

these two accomplices.'

" Stambuloff was the Premier of Bulgaria r a man to succeed him. The uld have had the throne himself, Stambuloff was hostile to terests, and as a kingmaker he mee in fawning to the Czar. day, after a little verbal

eer story, told by a queer man-of European intrigue in which a ras at stake, and involving men strate of Methuselah's ex-perience. "'Suppose that, united by an incompar-"'You are of an old family, Count, are

louse in the middle ages. answer. "Then Stambuloff, looking me full in the

face and with an engaging smile, said: "'If we could only get a man like you to occupy the throne of Bulgaria!

Indiana of the ground." the Tolleston club are

men, and are nearly all sful suits might be a ng of the end has come, b may be that the days lack of water the wild fowl ade the sloughs of the little future pass it by for feeding

bloody ground "; the transthis name from the Kentucky of to the northern Indiana of today without reason the marsh, and it is a name given a baptism of blood. Farmers antagonists, the game guardians, up their lives in defending what ht were the legal rights of their No feud in the mountains of western Virginia has arter of a century standing beoun in hand, tramped the half-

that has existed between the ind guardians and the neigh-ints has been of a kind which The record of contention ten years over this patch of aless land includes assaults with-arson, murder, attempted asand mysterious deaths. There loving men about that marshy peace-loving men in Chicago who sorrow in the least if it turn out expected, that the waterfowl will eave the marsh in the lurch, and which have marked the history

#### Long List of Fights.

r to the year 1880 the conflicts between me wardens of the Tolleston club and espassers, while numerous, were

ragedy of the

The court awarded them \$1,600

Question the Club's Title. Many of the residents about the reg

The organization took every precau-to see that no one not a member or

unchallenged. The watchmen for years

ugh a spyglass for poachers on their en

tchmen Frank Witlock and Lawrence

wes the shot scars which he carries with

nvited guest shot mallards,

duty on the marsh the next day.

st the revolver from his hand. Cleary turn killed. This double killing created greater ex citement throughout northern Indiana than all the assaults and mysterious deaths that claim that if the club was rightfully in possession of the property that the members had not a perfect right to keep out trespass-

had gone before. Looker was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. Immediately vendetta declared. great extent the character of a racial nd as results afterward showed Ire bt rather the worst of it. Conroy and had many friends, notwithstanding generally accepted idea that they had responsible for a large share of the vers' domain. As soon as a man with a came within range of the glass the chmen would take their own guns and gging in the years that were gone. Look-had many friends, too, but the danger of ination grew so great that after his ation he left Indiana and went west.

watchmen wolfd jake there own guns and clubs and start for the intruder. Shortly after the assault on Norris and Dale Charles Slidell had something more than an interview with Gamekeepers Con-roy and Cleary. Slidell was taken home in a wagon and did not leave his house again for awk checking or only other diversion for a pplied the torch to valuable property be nging to Looker's father. Ended in Kansas City. duck shooting or any other diversion for a twelvemonth. Cleary and Conroy were or The slayer of Conroy and Cleary went to Kansas City. He was followed there by a

orother of Conroy. They met one day face o face. Conroy drew a revolver and fired boint blank at the man who had killed his In January, 1893, Arthur Morton was found ead in the vicinity of the Tolleston marsh, e had been the vicilm of violence, but the He missed his aim and pull the trigger again he lay de source. At this time public attention was sharply directed to the series of troubles which seemed to beset this shooting place assassination and had killed his third Coroner's jury exonerated him fro me. Just where he is now is not k It has become a fixed habit to lay blame nor is it likely that he cares that it should

for every crime which occurs within miles of our swamp at the door of the ol house. This is our property. All we is that people should keep off." It was just one year to a week prior to the twise joint of a \$5,000 verdict to Farmer Prott that the trouble occurred which made it possible for him to secure this sum in dam-ages. That trouble was in fact a pitched bat-tie between four wardens of the Toileston club's marsh on the one side and half a All we ask Called It Revenge. The farmers round and about said at the en muskrat hunting farmers on the

is no longer a question of the shooting Tolleston club members do not like or beating of trespassers as trespassers, but it is a question of beating or shooting by the gamekeepers of any residents of this vicinto have the muskråts which abound on their premises killed. There is a belief among wheresoever the warden them unarmed. It is a question simply here is any scientific basis for this belief is a It must not be supposed for an instant that on for savants.

At any rate, there were orders at the Tol leston marsh to prevent the spearing of the fur-bearing creatures. Muskrat skins are worth 15 cents each, hence the hunt. The farmers, armed with muskrat spears and in of the game wardens occasionally blinds for the purpose of shooting hing beside ducks. Human game war ome instances shotguns, met the forces of he enemy, headed by Superintendent Kunert. The keepers were Frank Witlock, Barnum Witlock, Alfred Taylor, and John Blackburn. Before actual hostilities were spicy remarks were interchanged he farmers, among other things, said the soon rat spears and shotguns were the head; Alvin Bothwell, a muskra

A few months prior to this shooting State missioner La Sarre rowed up the Calu-River, cast an anchor, and began to was in a similar condition; and Frank Costick had a bullet from a Wincheste time that Costick would die. He eventually prevent his getting about as severe eling as ever fell to the lot of mortal recovered. It would seem that neither side could ge trouble, and even since this whole shooting and stabbing

corporation had a right to prevent ing therein. There are those who mite under the end of the club's dam, which insists rests upon his land. The dynamite s exploded. The net result has been no and it seems probable that in place of scurry-ing flocks of ducks and geese the whitedark and bloody ground '

## Had All They Wished.

Efforts were made to purchase food con aining the maximum of nourishment and on as much as he desired. As a result over 6 per cent of all the food purchased was aten. Economy could not be brought down o a much finer point. A few years ago a York newspaper made a great hit by ishing a series of articles explaining a family of four might board comfort. on 25 cents per person per day spent fo The professor's family lately stud and 14% cents per woman per day ubtless reduce this limit to a much been said that there is but one great

arkness, and that is ignorance. This cloud f darkness seems to have enveloped every nan and woman, as far as his knowledge of ooking is concerned, until lately, isewife's real problem the most and best nutriment for y. What does she know about the ood and muscle, bone and brain ner husband earns an income of about \$500 \$300 of it would average family of that | way conomists now say that it is ex-t to pay more than one-fifth of one's At this rate there would be

Those classed as "medium " are uck and round of beef, fresh codting. The government dietarians made a careful study of the eating nd found that he always eats less than he craves.

mbroglio growing out European nations to carve up the Aslati country. Savine's course in been such as to bring him in he Russian Consul, and a lively row is in "Savine is a forger," says the Russian

Consul, " and ought to be glad he is not in

If I am a forger, why don't you have me extradited?" retorts Savine, and follows up this question with another full of sugges-tion. "Is it because the charge of forgery is the same as that made against me eleven is the same as that made against me eleven years ago, when I was seeking the Sultan's aid in obtaining the Bulgarian throne? On that occasion I was kidnaped from Con-stantinople by Russian agents, conveyed on a warship to St. Petersburg, and finally exiled to Siberia as a dangerous political offender. The charge upon which I was taken into custody was forgery, but it was rever brought into court. It served its purpose, however, in getting me out of Turkey, and thus removing opposition to the Czar's plans for disposing of Bulgaria. If you have a similar course in view now haps the American courts may have a

voize in the matter." Thus it comes that a political intrigue, begun in Europe nearly a dozen years ago, has been transferred to Chicago, and in-terest is rekindled in the stirring events which, in 1886-'87, threatened to bring on a war between Russia and the other continental powers. As a leading man ese events, the main character about they centered, the story of the Comte de Toulouse-Lautrec as here given in his own words is one of uncommon interest, and it may be well to add it is strongly supported by documents which he exhibits.

#### Tells His Own Story.

"My family name is Savine. I was born in Seredinskoye, Russia, on Jan. 6, 1855, and christened Nicholas Ercsmus Savine. My father was Erastus Sergius de Savine, a General in the imperial Russian army. My mother was of the French family of Tour was of the French family Lautrec, the last of the race th dates the Bourbons, and is known to all ake a study of French genealogy le Comte de Toulouse-Lautrec camo om my uncle, who died without male school and obtained a com Lieutenant in the Imperial Guard, is capacity I served, taking a promine rt in the siege of Plevna in 1877, unt After this I was a marked man is still at work against me. This much by

of Plevna I was seriousl lled 'conspicuous gallantry in action.' decoration, priceless to me above all sugar, rice, and potatoes. Foods as "cheap" are canned corned establishing beyond question my identity establishing beyond question my id I managed to secrete and now retain.

If you will take up that entrancing work

'Bulgaria is the place for you, Comte. Take my advice and go there at once.' "'Easier said than done,' I replied. 'I to waste, and wouldn't know

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"Don Carlos then went on to explain that the Bulgarians were hard up financially, and suggested that I should go to Stambuloff and assure him I could get a loan from Bleichroder of Berlin and other German and French bankers. This seemed feasible, as I had carried on some big deals with the Bleichroders and enjoyed their confidence to the full. I might not be able to borrow on my percent document but as the second ny personal account, but as the representa-ive of a government it would be different. Up to this time nothing had been said to me a me 25,000 francs, and with this and money I had of my own I set out with ine for Sofia. What a woman Madeline I believe now it was her witchery that ambulat to me for sofia to me for soft and that my footsteps were decord by mined that my anced me 25,000 francs, and with this and

mbuloff to make me a formal tender of the kingdom.

### Used a French Passport.

After my trouble with the Russian uthorities I traveled under a French pass-ort to avoid interference. I tried to reach iofla unannounced but found to my chagrin hat my coming had been heralded. Word ad reached there that the Comte Toulouse Lautree and his handsome companion were going to help the government out of the al slough into which it had fallen Intancial slough into which it had tailen, and we were received with much pomp and hearty welcome. Was it Don Carlos' work? Who knows? There is more than one way of paving the road to a throne. "Inside of twenty-four hours a formal meeting with Stambuloff was arranged and the Premier met me with great cordiality.

and knew nd in the most effective manner. Russia,' he said, 'is not friendly to

discussed the financial What followed was and stunning surprise to me. Russian authorities say differ v Stambuloff and whatever was

Staggered by the Idea.

Staggered by the idea. "I was staggered by the suggestion. If fairly took my breath away. When I re-gained composure it was to say: "But Bulgaria has Stambuloff." "The Premier frowned and replied: "The Premier frowned and replied: "The Premier frowned and replied: "The Standard and replied: "The Premier frowned and replied: "Impossible. We must have a figure-head. We must have a reigning Prince. If you were King of Bulgaria you would have but little sway. Your officers would be chosen for you and your would have to pledge but little sway. Your officers would be chosen for you, and you would have to pledge yourself to this course.'

"The prospect flattered me. What cared infinite benefit to bk. "The prospect flattered me. What cared I who ran the government so long as I be-came King? What cared I for the details drudgery of government so long as I here met Don Carlos of mother's cousin. Prince tenberg had then abdicated Stambuloff said Russia would oppose selection of an avowed enemy like myself. Alone and unaided he would not dare make the attempt. With but a single ally he would be courageous. Whom could we get? Stam-buloff suggested Turkey, saying he would answer for the non-interference of the rest

of Europe. "'If the Sultan of Turkey looks with favor upon the project you can be crowned King of Bulgaria." "These were Stambuloff's final words, and "These were Stambuloff's final words, and

with them ringing in my ears I started for Constantinople, taking Madeline with methe Madeline who was to be my Queen when I ascended the throne. When we reached Turkey the correspondents were on hand to

nrkey the correspondences were on name to iterview the Comte de Toulouse-Laurrec, spirant to the throne of Bulgaria. Who ut them on the scent? We had moved uietly, my talk with Stambuloff was per-orce of a confidential nature, and yet here rere newspaper representatives primed with Il the essential facts. It was an embarrass-

ing situation

Met the Grand Vizier.

"My first official meeting with the Turk-ish dignitaries was with the Grand Vizier. He was exceedingly kind and brought about a direct audience with the Sultan. We dis-cussed the Bulgarian matter for some time, and on dismissing me the Sultan arranged for another meeting the next day, at which the subject was to be gone over in detail That was the last I saw of the Turkish ruler

itles. Reaching Constantinople, my audi-ence with the Sultan forced action on the en told that papers, said to have arge when I was landed in Russia here, they convicted me of ninilism ent me to Siberia for five years. This one, so the Czar himself said, to allow ingly ambition to cool off. It was a cruel

I remained in Siberia three years, workas a railway contractor on the Trans-erian road, and making some money, ally, I was able to escape, and eventually nade my way to America. When I re-ned liberty it was to find that Madeline s dead, Stambuloff had been assassinated, a German Prince occupied the Bulgarian

Now there is another opportunity for adn obnoxious man. If I am a crin he Russian Consul in Chicago alleg