

ARMY FENCERS WIN THREE-WEAPON TITLE

Cadets Add Crown to Epee
Laurels at Intercollegiate
Tourney.

HARVARD FOILS CHAMPION

Beats Yale, 5-4, in Hard-
Fought Battle, Allen Decid-
ing Crimson Triumph.

COLUMBIA SABER VICTOR

Individual Honors Go to Potter,
Yale; Heiss, Army, and Gul-
bransen, Columbia.

COLLEGE FENCING CHAMPIONS.

Individual Winners.
Epee.....Gustave Heiss, Army
Folils.....J. F. Potter, Yale
Saber....H. Gulbransen, Columbia
Team Winners.
3-Weapon..Army | Foils ...Harvard
EpeeArmy | Saber..Columbia

By ARTHUR J. DALEY.

Army blades captured the three-weapon championship of the thirty-eighth annual title tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association at the Hotel Astor yesterday after taking the epee laurels on Friday. The cadets came close to capturing the foils honors as well, but the Navy turned back the Army in a stunning upset that gave the championship to Harvard. Columbia had far less difficulty in its saber competition, the Lions outdistancing the field to score their fourth consecutive triumph with this weapon.

A year ago it was the Navy that cost the cadets the foils title, as Yale won on the same technical system of point scoring that resulted in Harvard's triumph yesterday. Army had the famous Iron Man Trophy virtually won as it faced the less-favored midshipmen in its final match. Navy was out of the race entirely. Harvard and Yale, with one defeat each, were the only two combinations within possible striking distance of the West Pointers. But the Blue and the Crimson had to battle each other with certain elimination for one.

Bouts Closely Fought.

So the traditional old rivals crossed swords yesterday in the final foils contest of the day, while on another strip the ancient Yale-Harvard duel was under way. And Army did not have a chance against the inspired fight of the midshipmen.

The bouts were close and bitterly fought, with long discussions among the judges as to touches, but Navy took the early lead and was never headed, clinching the match at 5 to 3, before winning 5 to 4.

And just in back of this duel Harvard was battling Yale, a tense, gripping struggle that saw Captain John F. Potter of Yale tie the match at 4-all, only to have Dana Allen emerge victorious over Archibald Bushy, Eli junior, in the deciding bout, 5 to 4, and win the match by the same score.

Harvard's victory and Army's setback on the other strip left them both tied in total victories at four each. Then the decision rested with Cadet Charles V. R. Wynne, the newly elected secretary of the association, as to which team had lost the least bouts. And Wynne was forced to decide against his own team by a score of 20 to 18.

First Victory Since 1924.

Thus did Harvard's all-senior team of Captain Henry C. Cassedy, Henry Wesselman and Allen drive to the first Crimson foils triumph since 1924. This feat was all the more satisfactory since it was at the expense of Yale, the 1930 winner.

Harvard not only owed its victory to Navy's defeat of Army but also to its own overwhelming setback of the midshipmen. It was really the Crimson's 7-to-2 conquest of the Annapolis team that counted so heavily in the scoring of total losses, an achievement that was overlooked when it occurred close to midnight on Thursday.

The Columbia saber team of Haakon Gulbransen and John R. Craf clinched its right to the championship in that division by turning back Cornell on touches after they had tied at 2-all. The Lions had 16 against them to 17 for the Ithaca team of Jose and Cristobal Martinez-Zorrilla.

But as the Columbia pair was still receiving congratulations for its victory, the two brothers from Cornell were beaten by City College, a big surprise, and the worry of Gulbransen and Craf was quite needless.

Yale Without a Title.

For the first time in many years Yale was shut out entirely from a team championship, as it lost its foils title to Harvard, its epee to Army and also lost hold of its partial claim to the three-weapon trophy that it had jointly held with the Cadets this year.

To compensate partly for this series of losses, the Eli squad brought back the foils individual crown to New Haven as John F. Potter, Yale captain, breezed through to retain his laurels. Potter kept alive the Yale tradition of having at least one individual champion, a tradition that has been supported in recent years by the successes of Frank Righeimer and Dernel Every.

The Yale star was far and away the class of his field, winning ten bouts and losing only one. This lone setback came by a 5-4 score at the hands of Cadet Glenn Farris of Army.

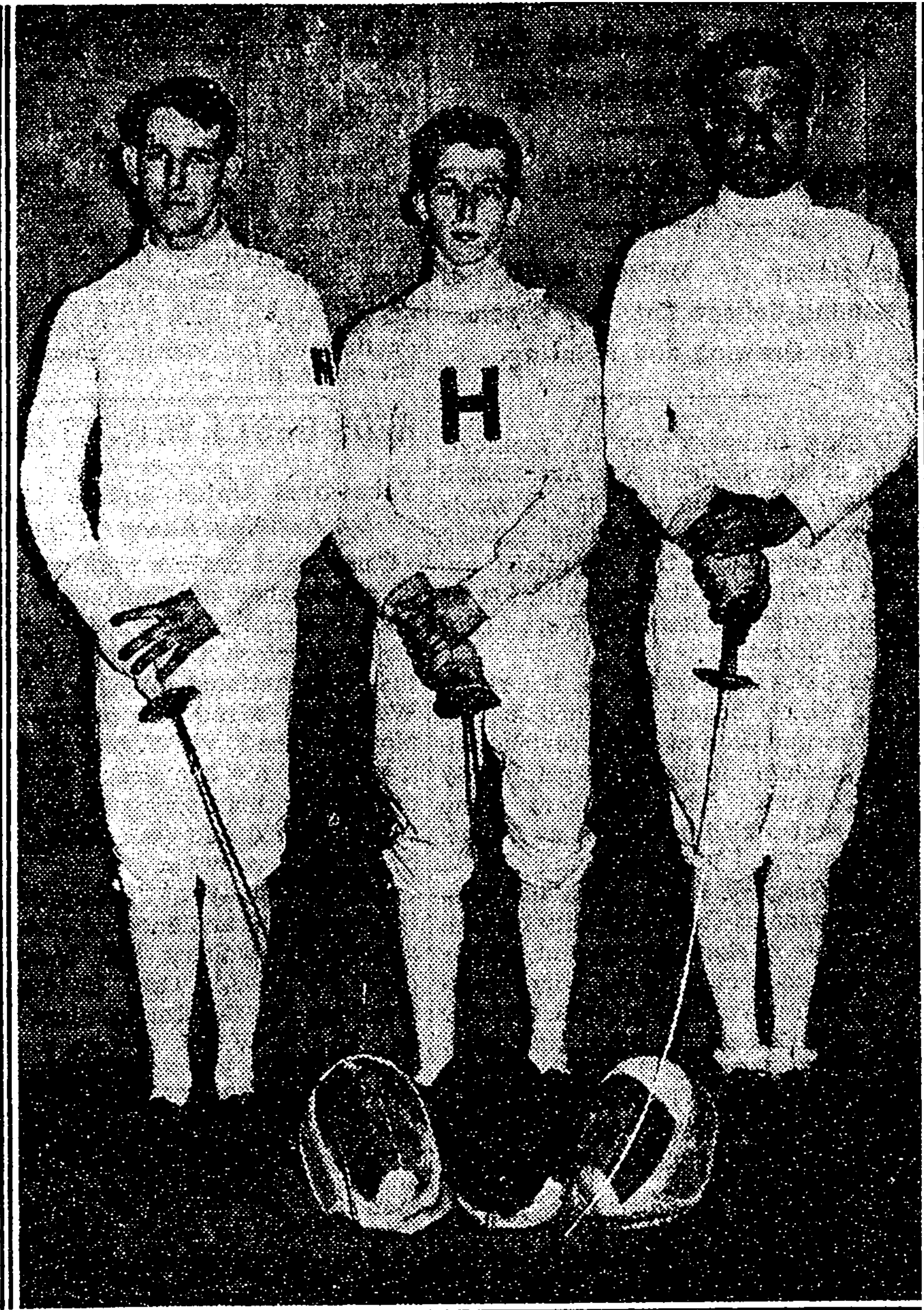
Only three other men were able to give the talented pupil of Bob Grason a battle, Cassedy of Harvard, Midshipman Lee Ellis of the Navy and Cadet Charles R. Murray of Army forcing him to 5-4 scores to win.

Gustave Heiss of the Army gained the individual epee crown, although he had a narrow escape when he lost to Rockwood Chin, the little Yale swordsman. But the Navy, which had blasted Army hopes for the team

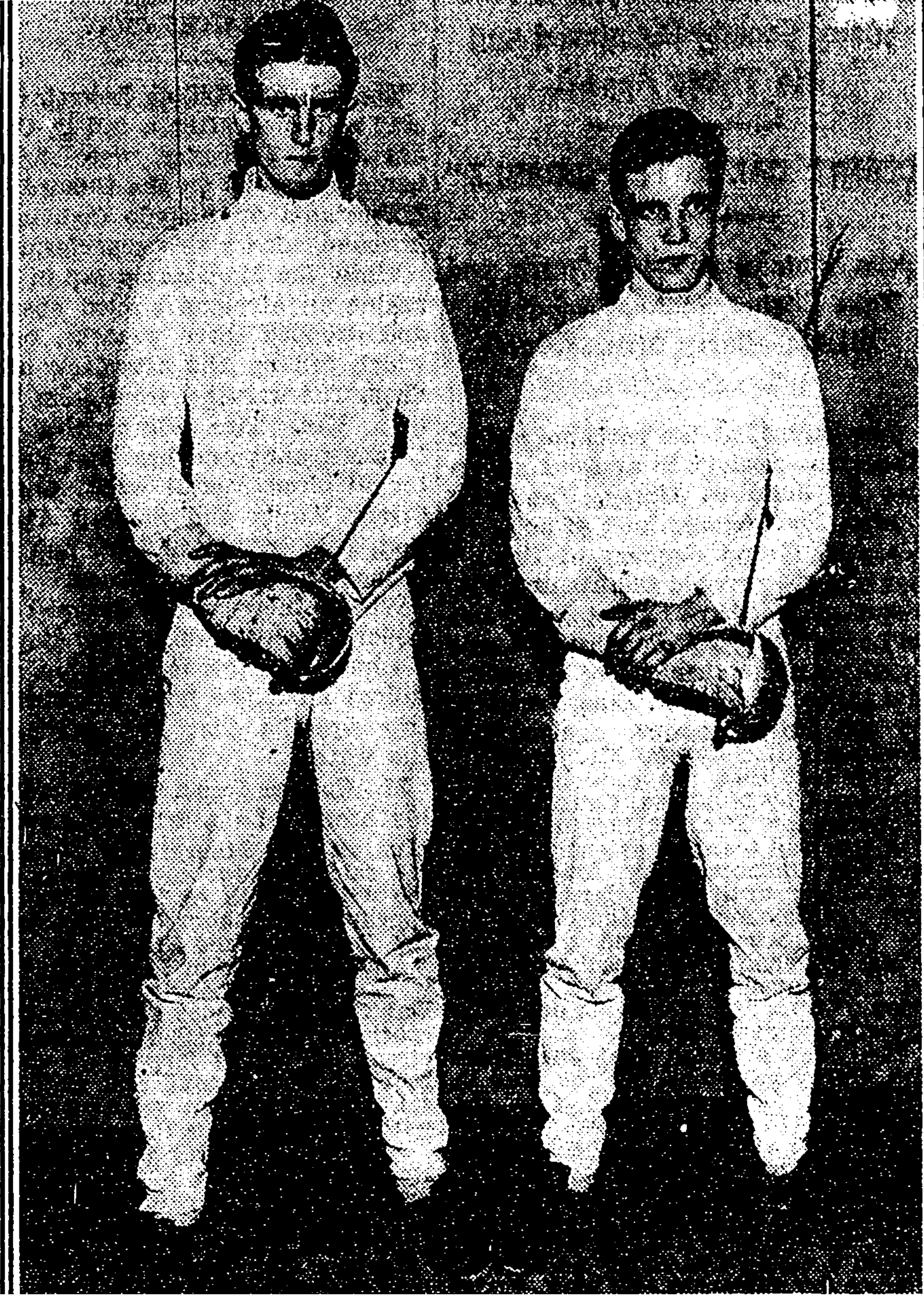
foils title, came through to assure West Point of the individual epee crown.

Richard Steere of the Annapolis combination faced the Chinese student in Chin's last regulation bout and surprised by eliminating the Eli star with a lightning touch. Otherwise Heiss and Chin would have had to fence-off for this title.

In the saber competition Gulbransen, Columbia star, tied with Fred A. Allis of Yale with ten victories and one defeat. The two fenced off for the championship and the Columbia man romped to a victory with a 5-to-1 triumph.



Dana Allen, Henry Cassedy and Henry Wesselman of Harvard, Who Captured the Team Foils Championship.



Champion Saber Team, John Craf and Haakon Gulbransen, Columbia. Gulbransen Also Won the Individual Saber Crown.



Times Wide World Photo.
John F. Potter, Yale, Foils.



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Gustave Heiss, Army, Epee.