

"HOLY GHOSTS" TO TAKE NEGROES TO AFRICA FOR COLONY

Mystery Ship Curityba, Which Has Arrived in Portland, is to Leave For Gold Coast With Sanford Converts

Says a Portland, Me., despatch—The mystery which surrounded the coming of the Cuban steamer Curityba to Portland is cleared. The ship arrived in this port with 22 negroes and seven white men. While "Chief" Sam (Alfred Charles Sam), a negro of the African gold coast, had not arrived, it is known that he plans to take a large number of African negroes to Africa and there establish a colony in the land of their ancestors "to escape persecution and worship God in peace."

"Chief" Sam is a convert to the Holy Ghost and Us Society, having been converted some years ago when the Rev. Frank W. Sanford visited the African Gold Coast. While the stockholders in the Akim Trading Co. Limited are religiously affiliated with the famous Maine religious organization it is claimed that the followers of Sanford are not interested financially in "Chief" Sam's movement.

It was learned that the Curityba came to Portland through the efforts of a local man and because the followers of "Chief" Sam had believed that they had not been fairly dealt with in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The ship will be thoroughly overhauled and fitted here for the trip to the African coast and while she may take all the converts on board here it is probable that she will take others from southern ports.

The letter received by a Portland man interested in the coast business stated that the Curityba would take 1,000 passengers when she sailed from Portland, but this statement is doubted as the Curityba is only a 1,400 ton ship.

Capt. L. S. McKennie, who was in command of the Curityba on the trip from New York to Portland, came ashore soon after her arrival and entered the ship as arriving at the customs house. He said that the ship had come to Portland light and was not taking out any cargo from there, but he refused to answer several questions asked by customs officials and had evidently left instructions to those on board to "keep their mouths shut" as a reporter was refused permission to go on board the Curityba and a dozen negroes, who appeared on deck and peered over the rail of the vessel said that the interviewer would have to see the captain for any information regarding the ship or those on board.

Formerly on Barracouts

Capt. McKennie, formerly commanded the Holy Ghost and Us Society Steam yacht Barracouts, which is now at anchor in the upper harbor. Shortly after the Curityba had dropped her mud hook off the Eastern Promenade two small boats from the Holy Ghost and Us Society proceeded down the harbor and men from the Sanford yachts boarded the new arrival. Later Capt. McKennie was brought ashore in the Sanfordite's power boat and called at the custom house.

The man left in charge of the boat bringing Captain McKennie ashore refused to give out any information and would not even admit that he had brought the captain ashore.

At any rate all those on board the Curityba have cultivated the Holy Ghost's ability to retain a sphinxlike silence when asked for information.

Captain McKennie said that he completed his contract by bringing the Curityba to Portland, but further than saying that there were twenty two negroes and seventy white men on board, and that the ship came to Portland light and would not take out cargo he refused to make any comment to customs officers. He did, however, admit that the ship had been bought by the Akim Trading Company for about \$60,000.

The twenty-two negroes and seven white men on board the ship came to Portland as the crew and it is reported that others will come to Portland by rail and join the vessel here for the trip to Africa.

"Billy" Sunday, Gospel League Star, Opens Revival Campaign in New York



"Billy" Sunday, baseball evangelist, invited to New York to draw a crowd for the evangelistic committee at its opening at Carnegie Hall, certainly delivered the goods. As far as bringing his slang battery with him is concerned "he was there with bells."

One naturally drops into slang in recording the coming of the evangelist to the diamond. There were three thousand church members there, who had vaguely heard some of the expressions which the speaker used and some of them no doubt looked up others in the slang dictionary after they went home. The Rev. William Sabath and "Billy" Sunday played hide and seek all through the sermon. He took a text from Matthew, being the words "it is I," and he kept it to his indignity.

His discourse was devoted principally to pointing out to church members their general sloth and lack of zeal in extending the membership. The hitting average of some of the professors of religion was very low, in his opinion.

No evangelist ever came to New York with a more rapid delivery than did "Billy" Sunday. The words of his address at times telescoped as they went over the home plate. In a given space of time he can get by with more words than the minute that customary. If there had been many baseball fans present he would have won the hearts of all of them by that opening sentence of his, to the effect that he had not faced a crowd in New York for twenty years and that was when he played once at the Polo Ground.

A Harsh Blow.

It was too much. Every Sunday old Adams, who blew the organ, would continue blowing after the music had stopped, thereby producing most undesirable sounds.

Time and again had the organist taken him to task for it.

"Right, mister," had been old Adams' invariable reply. "I forgot, you know."

One Sunday the organist could stand it no longer.

The congregation had been set tittering by the old man's forgetfulness, and during the sermon the organist seized the opportunity to write him a note on the matter, and handed it to a choir boy to deliver.

Misunderstanding the whispered directions, the lad handed the note to the vicar, who astoundedly read the following:—

"Will you stop when I tell you? People come here to listen to my music, not to your horrible noise."

Cross and White May Meet

(FROM T. B. ANDERSON'S)

Milwaukee, March 18.—Leach Cross, a New York lightweight, is very anxious to meet Charley White, a Chicago aspirant to the lightweight crown, to decide which one is entitled to first chance at the championship. There has been a great deal of rivalry between them in a quiet way and somehow it seems to be a hard matter to get them together. Both are of Hebrew descent. According to the New York dentist the Chicago lad can have a decision any time he wants to place his name to a set of articles either over the ten pound or twenty round route, but Leach would prefer ten rounds at the present time, as he considers that will be enough to demonstrate to Charley that he is boss.

Nate Lewis, who manages White, is just as anxious to take on the New York boy, but objects to the weight question. Lewis wants the weight to be 128 pounds at three o'clock or even ringside, while Cross insists upon 138 pounds ringside. If they can get together regarding weight, the chances are that they will meet before summer time.

Pal Brown, a Minnesota lightweight, who made such a sensational showing in Australia, made the same mistake that many others have made—entering into

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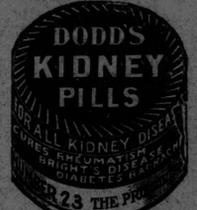
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THE MORNING TUB

It seems rather strange in these days that a doctor should make a definite pronouncement against bathing, says the Westminster Gazette. But in the American Journal Health and Culture we find Dr. Elmer Lee, who is well known in America, writing seriously against the morning tub:—"Bathing is an acquired habit, unnecessary and even harmful. Cold or hot water showers or sprays, and any form of immersion, will be injurious in the end. Man is an air animal, not a water-beast. A bathtub is an enemy in the house. It is expensive and adds to the toil of women. Bathing begets false security against disease, weakens and injures the skin, extracts bodily energy and magnetism, and entails on society a needless habit. All of which sounds very dreadful, but not the least convincing. As a matter of fact bathing is not absolutely necessary to health. The Lapplanders and Eskimoes, who do as little washing as possible, are healthy and strong. On the other hand, the Japanese, who, like ourselves, are fanatical for the bath, boil themselves daily, yet have exceptional strength and endurance. Frequent hot baths seem to do them no harm. An American writer suggests that one objection to the hot bath would be overcome if people would make a practice of always oiling the body thoroughly after the bath. This has, of course, been the practice in the east for thousands of years, and the Greeks and the Romans followed it. But it does not sound very pleasant, and the average man who followed it would certainly jump into his bath again, after the experiment."

Miss Rose Peterson was found wandering in New York city suffering from loss of memory, and when she was identified and her husband claimed her she explained that she had periodical attacks which always came when the moon was full.



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