FOR OR AGAINST LIFE AFTER DEATH

Spiritualists and Opponents Fight Battle in Sunday World.

Spiritualism, fostered thru the war until it now is one of the hottest arguments of modern times, is a subject with a world-wide appeal to human nature. Can the dead communicate with the living? might be called the question of the day. Some who went to scoff remained to believe, while others are still skeptical. It is a moot point.

Great men have argued pro and con for years and the strongest of the partisans have been two men long in the public eye—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sir Oliver Lodge. When they take a stand in favor of the question at issue, skeptics are convinced. But with Rupert Hughes and Sinclair Lewis against, scoffers become stubborn in their opinion that there is no such thing as a life after death. Others have taken a neutral stand and say, perhaps. Given the men, the debate waxes hot. But it speaks for itself.

The Toronto Sunday World is giving its readers a chance to take part themselves in what is perhaps the most interesting argument of the times. In view of the widespread interest, this paper is beginning the publication of an unusual group of articles. All deal with some phase of what for lack of a better term has come to be called spiritualism. Roughly, they range themselves into three groups: For, against, neutral. Thus the series—there will be eight articles—will be in effect a debate. The articles will be well illustrated and will be the work of the well known authors, Conan Doyle, Sir Oliver Lodge, James H. Hyslop, Ph.D., LL.D., for; Rupert Hughes, Sinclair Lewis, against; and Booth Tarkington, Harvey O'Higgins and Ollah Toph, neutral.

The scope of the articles is explained in the following introduction to the first article of the series, which is by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle:

Unsolved Problem.

"Since the great war the peoples of the world have turned with a quickening interest and an almost insatiable curiosity to the eternal and unsolved problem of the ages—after death, what?

"You—all of us—have a deep-rooted and instinctive human longing for light on the subject. Call it an intensification of spiritualism, occultism, mysticism, psychic phenomena, what not, the fact remains that man today as never before is reaching out, groping as it were, in an endeavor to break down the barrier separating this, the finite world, and what we have come to call the world beyond.

"Only a few years ago the persons chiefly concerned with such a subject or in any event those conspicuously identified with it in general public knowledge were professional mediums, fortune tellers, clairvoyants, tricksters and stage performers. But that order has changed. Today, some of the world's best intellects are giving serious and scientific consideration to the matter.

"Some of them believe that they have found the answer; they are convinced not only that proof of life after death has been scientifically adduced, but of the ability of the departed to communicate with the living. Others remain skeptical, yet wavering towards conversion. Still others are scoffers, obdurate and unconvinced."

The publication of the first of these articles is scheduled for an early date. The announcement means that what will be perhaps the most exciting problem given publicity thru the press will be featured in the columns of The Sunday World.

NO DOMINION SHOOT FOR CRACK RIFLEMEN

Colonel Birdwhistle, of the Dominion Rifle Association, has officially intimated to Lieut.-Colonel Huggins, secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association, that the federal organization will not hold any Dominion shoot-ing matches in Ottawa this year. He further asks Colonel Huggins to get his association to make an aggregate match of the 200, 500 and 600 yards shooting and call it the Ottawa aggregate. The Ontario executive will then make a selection of 30 or 40 of the highest scores and send them to the Dominion Association for use in choosing next year's Bisley team.

BRINGING BACK BODY OF JOHN M. RADCLIFFE

The body of John McCallum Radcliffe, who was drowned whilst on a week's vacation at Bala, is being brought back to Toronto. The deceased man was only 22 years of age. He was the son of the late Lachlar Radcliffe of Toronto, and nephew of William Radcliffe, Selby Apartments, Sherbourne street. Prior to his enlistment with the Kingston Battery four and a half years ago, he was in the mail order department of the T. Eaton Company.

He returned from overseas two months ago. No particulars of the drowning have yet been received. He was well known locally, having been born here.

Lawrence Park Purchasers Dispute Property Assessments

The court of revision yesterday reserved decision in a number of assessment appeals by purchasers of Lawrence Park property. It was claimed that they bought the properties at the auction sale at a price far below the assessment. It was also asserted that the lack of improvements on Yonge street and transportation facilities, especially for motor cars, would make it impractical for the owners to build.

"Chu Chin Chow."

One of the very few shows not affected by the actors' strike in New York city is "Chu Chin Chow," which opened at the Century Theatre, and was described by the New York critics as bigger and grander than ever. The second costume edition of "Chu Chin Chow" will be the exhibition attraction at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, coming direct from New York to Toronto in its own special train. Seats for all performances will be placed on sale next Tuesday morning at the theatre box office. Mail orders are being received now. Positively no telephone orders will be received for this engagement.

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PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

"Nothing But Lies."

Never was there a comedy produced in New York that enjoyed a better reputation as a mirth provoker than William Collier's latest and most successful comedy of business life, "Nothing But Lies." This is the comedy which Edward H. Robins and his Players will present all next week, commencing Monday evening, as the farewell performance of the present Robins season at the Royal Alexandra. "Nothing But Lies" is the sequel to that other William Collier comedy, "Nothing But Truth," and, like its predecessor, is a well-told story surrounding the lives of certain well-to-do business men. Seats are on sale today at the theatre box office for all performances of "Nothing But Lies," and the matinees will be as usual, Wednesday and Saturday. The Wednesday matinee will be the last popular Robins matinee of the season.

People Still Want "Mickey."

Mickey has taken the city by storm. There still continues a demand that taxes the capacity of the Grand Opera House at every performance, and notwithstanding the fact that it is now completing the eleventh week, a further extension of the engagement has been found necessary. Commencing with a matinee on Monday, this remarkable picture will enter upon its twelfth week, and will have played to nearly 300,000 people. The engagement can be classed as one of the few big events in the history of the atricals for the year, for in only a very few cities of the United States can such a record be equalled. The engagement speaks volumes for the merit of the offering, and to say that you have not seen "Mickey" is to acknowledge missing the best photoplay of the times. During the stay of "Mickey" at the Grand, a matinee will be given every day.

The Bill at Shea's.

A bill in which novelty and comedy prevail has been arranged for Shea's Theatre next week, headed by "The Girlies' Club," a musical tabloid with a cast of twenty singing and dancing girls. The special feature of the bill will be Emerson and Baldwin in their laugh-provoking sketch, "So This Is Paris." The pair juggle everything that is possible to juggle. Florrie Millership and Alfred Gerrard are well known here and their offering, "A Musical Comedy Review," can be depended upon to provide high class entertainment. Mason and Gwynne in "The South of Today," have an amusing character conglomeration. An artistic treat is an impressive posing act, while Finley and Hill have a bright vaudeville novelty. Chic and Chiclets in "A Bit of Fun on Wheels," and a Harold Lloyd comedy complete the bill.

At the Hippodrome.

Pretty Peggy Hyland, the versatile William Fox star, will head the bill at Shea's Hippodrome in the newest comedy-dramatic production, "Miss Adventure." It tells the story of the peculiar and thrilling developments which marked the career of a maiden bound for San Francisco. The boat on which she is crossing the ocean is seized by mutineers, she is nailed in a cask, rescued by smugglers, adopted by a sea captain, marooned on an island and finally when her true identity is learned, she falls into a vast fortune. The action is fast and the interest is cumulative. A number of high class vaudeville acts have been chosen to surround the picture, while a Harold Lloyd comedy and a "Lucky 13" Sunshine comedy are among the laugh-provoking features of an excellent bill.

At Loew's Next Week.

Charles Ray has a unique art of making his admirers laugh at the awkward ways of the country youth and at the same time winning sympathy for the boy who is made the butt of jokes by his thoughtless associates. No story in which he has ever appeared affords greater opportunity to the develoment of this characterization than "Hay Foot, Straw Foot," which will be shown at Loew's Theatre and Winder Garden next week. Little Lord Robert, the diminutive comedian, and his company of midgets presenting a characteristic playlet, "In Toyland," head the vaudeville. Little Lord Robert is twenty-four inches in height and weighs twenty pounds. The Gypsy Sextet, introducing "Whirlwind Frolics in a Gypsy Camp", Gorman Bros., in Odds and Ends from Songdom; Francis and Hackett, in a popular musical playlet; Murphy and Klein, musical laughmakers; Hanlon and Arthur, eccentric comedy cyclists; Loew's British-Canadian Weekly, and the "Mutt and Jeff" animated cartoons complete the bill.

Star Reopens

There are always those who make their greatest criticism of a burlesque show from the vocal standpoint. These will find I. H. Herk's "Sliding" Billy Watson Show, which will be seen all next week at the Star Theatre, particularly rich in its singing talent. Forrest Nelson is a robust tenor with a wonderful voice, Sadie Banks is a prima donna who is beautiful and possessed of a most pleasing voice. Gladys Bijou, the ingenue, and Myrtle Andrews, the soubrette, both have good voices and there is a chorus which can sing as few burlesque choruses have ever been known to sing.

Billy Arlington at Gayety

The grand opening of the Gayety Theatre for the season, on Monday, will be marked by the appearance of Billy Arlington, the justly famous tramp comedian, in the leading role with "The Golden Crook." Never was fun-maker more eagerly welcomed than he will be. Upholding the highest standard in burlesque productions, this show comes with new laurels won and with new fields to conquer. The scenic effects are magnificent, the music excellent—including the Pall Mall Trio—the mirth is jovial and wholesome and the entire spectacle one of splendor.

At Allen Theatre.

Wallace Reid, in his latest production, "The Love Burglar," is drawing capacity houses at the Allen this week. Mr. Reid takes the part of a young clubman. He's the "white black sheep" of his family. He was the best thief of time in his set until he turned his talent for larceny to the stealing of a girl's heart. He believes the girl to be a crook, member of an underworld set—nothing at all like the fluffy-fluffy creatures that had been his companions in dinner-coat days.

An idea! Be a crook too! Not so easy, you say? Remember that he was a thief of time! Perhaps he's versatile. Anyway, you may be sure he get's the girl. But you ought to see how! It's a corking good picture. "The Simple Life," a new Semon comedy; Canadian National Weekly, Outing Chester, Pictorial Life, British Weekly and overture, "The Red Mill," by the incomparable Allen Orchestra, Luigi Romanelli directing, completes this week's bill. Coming next week, D. W. Griffith's masterpicture, "True Heart Susie," with beautiful Lillian Gish.

Fine Play at the Strand

There are certain photoplays which stand out in a class by themselves. They leave an indelible impression on the minds of all who see them. Such a photoplay is "Choosing a Wife," which forms the feature at the Strand Theatre all this week, and which is proving a veritable magnet of attraction at that theatre so favored by lovers of all that is best in the silent drama. "Choosing a Wife" is unique alike in the volume and the quality of its interest and appeal, and in the high standard of its presentation. Young and old, men and women, young men and girls, all find in it much that is not merely valuable, but vital, to the due conduct of life. It is a drama that none should miss. It handles the delicate subject of matrimony with refreshing frankness and from many an angle. It affords much food for thought and is very far from one-sided in its viewpoint. The the photoplay is of such high calibre, the ordinary prices are prevailing all this week at the Strand.

Viola Dana at Regent

Delightfully real in all her motion picture successes and remembered by Regent patrons particularly for her part in the recent play, "Some Bride," Viola Dana, the irresistible, will be seen next week in "The Microbe," as human a story as has been put into film this year. "The Microbe" will arouse interest at once. It will be appreciated beyond measure. It is from the story by Henry Altimus, published in Ainslee's Magazine. Some realistic night scenes photographed in the Chinatown section of Los Angeles are interesting features. There is a strong love story and many adventures that are quite out of the ordinary. The Screen Magazine, Topics of the day, a selected comedy and the Regenette, together with the famous Regent orchestra make a program worth while.

At the Madison

Mary MacLaren, the "American Beauty" of the screen, will be seen at the Madison Theatre today and for the balance of this week in "The Petal on the Current," a photoplay of tremendous power and pathos. Beautiful Mary MacLaren achieves a striking success in this strongly dramatic vehicle.

Judge R. D. Gunn Chosen As Niagara Conciliator

Fred Bancroft and W. H. Moore, representing the men employed by the Toronto Electric Power Company, of Niagara Falls, and the company itself, yesterday agreed upon Judge R. D. Gunn, of Ottawa, as chairman of the board of conciliation to arbitrate the wage and other demands of the employees.

SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario and Lady Hendrie have issued invitations to a garden party at government house on Tuesday the 26th inst., from four to six o'clock, to have the honor of meeting His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

His worship the mayor entertained at luncheon yesterday at the King Edward in honor of Councillor James Willock, J.P., deputy-lieutenant of Glasgow, and Mrs. Willock.

Lord Charles Cavendish has returned in the Metogama from England, where he has been at Eton.

General Sir William Otter, K.C.M.C., is in town from Ottawa, for a few days.

General Sir Arthur Currie and Lady Currie have sailed for Canada by the Caronia.

The Hon. Sir George Perley has returned to Ottawa from a fishing trip on the Gatineau.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gooch entertained a party at the week-end, at their country house, Cedarwyld, Peninsular Park, Lake Simcoe. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coleman and their son, the Misses Dorothy, Elizabeth and Catharine Edwards, Chicago; Captain D. A. Mitchell, Guelph; Mr. Hal Breuls, Mr. Eric Fleming, Lieutenant and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gooch.

General and Mrs. Fotheringham and Miss Ruth Fotheringham are at Woodington, Muskoka.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edmund Jones are at Windermere for the summer.

Councillor James Willock, J.P., deputy-lieutenant of the city of Glasgow, and Mrs. Willock have arrived in town from Scotland, and are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Crookston, Gerrard street, for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howland are at the Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ryrie are at the Elgin House, Muskoka.

Sir A. L. Sifton, Sir Herbert and Lady Maxwell, Sir Frank and Lady Bowden, and Sir Charles Hobhouse are among the passengers on the Megantic, which left on August 9.

The Right Rev. I. O. Stringer, Bishop of the Yukon, who has been overseas for a year has returned to Canada.

Col. John Cooper has returned from New York and is at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, for a few days.

Mrs. A. C. Foy and Miss Foy are spending the season in Niagara. Miss Foy has been recently appointed secretary of the Niagara Golf Club; a position she filled very acceptably last year.

Mrs. T. C. Irving and Captain and Mrs. Lumsden Cummings, are at the Caledon Club for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Allison and their children, who have been spending a few weeks in Barrie, will be home at the end of the week.

Mrs. G. T. Pendrith, Keele street, gave a dinner party on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Clarke, of College street, and her friends, Miss Bedard and Mr. Polson, Trinidad, West Indies.

Miss Nellie Nill and Miss Grace Garde left for Caesarea, Lake Scugog, last week, where they will spend the rest of the summer. Their little niece, Nona Romilly, accompanied them.

MILES—MEASURES

A very pretty house wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Almond, 558 Palmerston ave., Toronto, on Saturday, when Ralph Leonard Miles and Mildred Elsie Measures were united in holy wedlock, the Rev. Thomas Green, M.A. B.D., of Dunnville, Ont., officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Clarke and also by her sister, Miss Mabel Measures. Ernest Miles, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Master Harold Measures, brother of the bride, made a handsome page. The bride was married in her traveling suit of blue serge and picture hat and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Her bridesmaid wore a pretty dress of moss green silk and Miss Mabel Measures was attired in a grey silk crepe de chene dress trimmed with pink satin. The happy couple left on a two weeks' honeymoon to Detroit and other points, after which they will reside at 183 Laughton avenue, Toronto.

POLICE UNINSTRUCTED RE PRINCE'S VISIT

Arrangements for the coming visit of the Prince of Wales are going merrily along from the government seat in the parliament buildings, but so far the matter of officially notifying the police department of the share that body is to have in the festivities has been overlooked.

On former occasions when persons of note have visited this city it has been customary for the police to be reviewed, but in this instance not only has the chief not been approached on that score, but he has not been given any instructions as to the extra patrolling of the streets or anything pertaining to the constabulary.

In speaking on the subject Deputy Chief Dickson said: "I know nothing officially of the coming visit of the prince. All that I do know I have read in the newspapers."

Col. Alexander Fraser has evidently forgotten one of the essentials. However, there are still twelve days' leeway.

NORTHWEST LIBERALS ELECT DELEGATES

A meeting of the Northwest Toronto Liberal Association was held last night at 510 West Bloor street. J. Dunbar was in the chair. The object of the meeting was for the purpose of electing ten delegates to the Toronto Liberal provincial election committee. After considerable discussion the following were elected: E. Wolfe, J. F. Uffen, G. Roach, J. Dunbar, L. A. Kearney, N. C. Cochrane, G. A. Martin, W. A. Parrot, A. Manley and W. J. O'Neill.

A resolution was also passed authorizing the calling by the association of a convention of all Liberals of the division within six weeks from date for the purpose of selecting the Liberal candidates to contest the seats for the provincial house.

GERMANS AND FILTH FILL CONSTANTINOPLE

"Saucy German officers, half decent Austrians and filth," is the description of Constantinople a few hours after the cessation of hostilities, given by Capt. Woodman of Hongkong, who passed thru Toronto yesterday.

He states that terrible as was the condition of the British prisoners, that of the unfortunate Serbians was much worse. He could not recall any words which would enable him to describe the condition in which the British found the Serbian prisoners, but totaled everything into one word "awful!"

The members of the sultan's palace, who were supposed to be in command of the political side of the shattered Turkish empire, were "all in the air" regarding the future turn of events, according to Captain Woodman, but he describes the conditions of the more humble members of the race as one of true repentence for entering the war. He is very anxious to get back to his home in Hongkong, and had the unique experience of passing two British regiments on the homeward trek going toward the east to Hongkong, while he was racing them for the eastern stronghold of the empire via a western route.

ERIC ARMOUR BACK.

Major Eric N. Armour, courts martial officer, Canadian corps, who has lately returned from overseas, has resumed his legal practice at 712 Excelsior Life Building.

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PIONEER RESIDENT CALLED BY DEATH

James Gordon, a native of Leeds, Yorkshire, who has lived continuously in Toronto for 65 years, died yesterday in his home, 92 Belmont street, at the ripe age of 87 years. In the old days of volunteer firemen, Mr. Gordon was a captain of the Yonge street firehall. By trade the late Mr. Jordan was a whitesmith, and for many years past has been employed by the T. G. Wright Company. An example of his craftsmanship is left for all time in the iron railing of Queen's Park. Surviving Mr. Gordon are his widow, four daughters, Mrs. Albert Britnell, Mrs. F. F. Appleton, Mrs. Charles Tyler, and Miss Annie Gordon, and a son Robert Gordon.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS

According to the will of the late George Morris Reynolds, a varnish manufacturer, who died in Toronto last July, his widow, Mrs. Rachael D. Reynolds, 122 Geoffrey street, has been named sole beneficiary and executrix. The deceased gentleman left $1,553 in the bank, $2,257 in book debts, a motor valued at $800, stock in trade $1,900 and an equity of $3,400 in 122 Geoffrey street.

Miss Mary Mahoney who died on July 4, left no will, but she possessed $780 in cash, and the property at 217 Parliament street, valued at $5,000. The heirs are the deceased's sister, Mrs. Ellen Phillip of Toronto, her brothers Thomas, John and William, a niece, five nephews and two grand nieces.

Two other wills filed for probate are those of John Palmer who left $3,705, and Alfred W. Kurtz who died worth $2,200.

AIRPLANE CONTINUES FLIGHT

Paris, Aug. 13.—A passenger carrying airplane, a sister craft of the Goliath which flew to Morocco on Monday, left here today for Copenhagen, an airline distance of about 450 miles. The machine carried two pilots, several passengers and French and Danish records. A stop near Amsterdam was planned.

BELL FOR CROSSING.

The city will make application for an order from the railway board, providing for the placing of a warning bell at the railway crossing in Riverdale Park. Parks Commissioner Chambers will also report on the erection of a foot bridge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices of future events, not intended to raise money, 2c per word, minimum 50c; if held to raise money solely for patriotic, church or charitable purposes, 1c per word, minimum $1.00; if held to raise money for any other than these purposes, 5c per word, minimum $2.50.

Report on Salary Increases Ready in Three Weeks' Time

Finance Commissioner Bradshaw told the board of control yesterday, in reply to a question on the subject, that he expected his report on proposed increases in salaries for civic employes would be ready in two or three weeks.

PAVEMENT TENDERS.

The board of control yesterday opened tenders for a number of pavements and sidewalks, the cost of which will be in the neighborhood of $150,000. The roadways were for the following streets: Front, Grosvenor, York, Elm, Monrach road, Pendrith avenue, Cawthra avenue, Heintzman avenue, Exeter avenue, Silverthorn avenue, Silver Birch avenue and Drayton avenue.

UNREGISTERED DOCTOR FINED.

Dr. Howard Armstrong Abraham was fined $100 and costs in the police court yesterday for signing his name to requisitions for liquor without being a registered medical practitioner. He is a graduate of medicine, but has not been registered.

According to evidence submitted by the crown, Dr. Abraham had issued 1,125 requisitions for liquor between May 1 and June 12, the orders being issued at the rate of about sixteen per day. The defence explained that the doctor had been attached to a military hospital and had on many occasions not charged for the requisitions which he issued to soldiers, and he thought he had an honest right to issue them.

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