

OMAR "SERVICE" A HOCH PARTY

The Pas "Herald" Devotes a Little Space to Exposing the New Religion

PRETTY GOOD "SPIRIT" Proceedings are Postponed Until Another Consignment Comes Along

THE PAS, Man., Aug. 16.—By Canadian Press.—This northern city is enjoying an interesting summer. "With a prehistoric animal, an oil boom, and a new religion to wrestle with The Pas is kept rather busy figuring it all out," says The Pas Herald, of which G. E. Rice is publisher, in an editorial. The Herald proceeds to devote some attention to the Cult of Omar church, which came to an abrupt end when statements were given circulation that the new organization had been brought about so that disciples of the Persian poet might secure in interesting quantities the wine of which Omar sang; and the writer of the editorial purports to describe a meeting of the Cult.

"The Cult of Omar," the editorial says, "was exposed and destroyed as we thought it would be. Instead of being a world wide organization seeking the truth of life we find the bully outfit rolling more than a combination of thirsty gents looking for a government permit to buy two gallons of alcohol per month under the guise of the sacrament. The expose was brought about by Rev. Steeples of The Kettle, who was roped into it while on a visit to The Pas, dressed as a prospector.

"We attended one of the devotional services of the cult, and as we recall events that transpired before the knockout, a two gallon crock of port wine was lying in the centre of a wide table, around which were seated the seekers after the truth of life. 'It's a bit weak,' said somebody, whereupon a twelve-ounce bottle of alcohol was dumped into it. 'Still a little shy for our sacrament,' reported the expert, and another twelve-ounce bottle was dug up and dumped in. This seemed to put the right tone into the stuff and everybody settled back for worship.

"Several sacraments were taken when we thought it about time the services should commence. We timidly asked somebody when the devotional service would begin. 'Shurr, ishies all over, have a drink,' he sleepily replied. It came as a shock to our confiding nature to realize we were in the very heart of a fine old-time booze party and nearly everybody was lit up. We remember very little more of what took place after this but our eyes were open to the sinister purpose of this sect, whose main object was to inebriate the old Persian rascal and hold a weekly party under the guise of religious worship.

In the same issue of The Herald is a letter signed "Church Managing Committee of the True Faith" which denounces vigorously "the misconception abroad that our members are nothing but a gang of hooch hounds, whose sole aim in life is to drink the maximum amount of liquor in the minimum amount of time." The letter declares the views of the Cult to be so broad that not even total abstainers are denied membership, and it concludes:

"The Cult of Omar has not been disrupted, as has been stated. True, services have been temporarily suspended, pending the arrival of a special consignment of Spirit of Omar; but, once this arrives, services will be renewed, we hope with added zest. Some of our weak-kneed brethren have left us, irked away by the threats of our enemies and false and libellous reports published about us; but others remain staunch and true to the cause. No doubt as soon as the new cargo of Spirit of Omar arrives, the erring ones will come sneaking back to the fold, and such is our generosity that we will welcome them back to the true faith with open arms and without reproach, providing, of course, they delve deeply to induce the flow of the spirit."

TOO WORRIED

Sir W. Robertson Nicoll suspects Hon. Arthur Meighen of "almost too heavy a realization of the gravity of human affairs." One does get that impression of him now and then. But not only is he young but as a premier new.—Toronto Star.

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SOME ODD TALES OFF THE WIRES

That "Hon" that was terrorizing Bound Brook, N.J., is no more. It turned out to be a savage mastiff, which was shot after having bitten several persons.

As a graphic illustration of the value of foreign currency one may note that an Austrian was recently sentenced to a fine of 30,000 crowns or ten days in jail.

An 18-year-old resident of Emporia, Kas., won a wager by drinking twenty-four bottles of a certain soft drink in 57 minutes. The story does not state whether the amount of the wager was sufficient to cover the hospital expenses.

You can't tear stairways out of apartment houses and get away with it. A Brooklyn, N.Y., woman has been subpoenaed to explain why she adopted this unusual method of ridding herself of tenants whom she found undesirable.

Two Hartford, Conn., insurance companies are prepared to write policies covering loss of life or injuries received in golf, liability through causing the death or injuries of another or destruction by fire of golf equipment up to \$50.

"Yes" is the only word which can be uttered by a Fox Lake, Ill., woman, whose case is puzzling psychopathic experts. She

STEAM FOR AIRSHIPS THE LATEST INVENTION

Former Naval Officer Steps Forward With Something Really New Under the Sun

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Invention of a system of steam propulsion for airships is claimed by Captain W. P. Durnall, who was a British naval officer during the war and up to a year ago staff captain in the Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer's department of the Royal Air Force. It is maintained that the new system will function at altitudes hitherto unattainable with the ordinary type of internal combustion engine.

The invention is said to do away completely with the ordinary boiler, the steam being generated by means of internal-combustion power or heat energy. The superheated steam heat energy is supplied to special steam motors which are reversible and can be controlled from a central control station.

Only heavy oil is used as fuel and it is claimed that the driving machinery can be safely placed inside the frame of the airship instead of in separate gondolas outside, thus bringing about a great reduction in air resistance and consequently reducing the power required for propulsion. The engines or "steam motors," as Captain Durnall calls them, are of the double-acting type requiring no flywheels.

Tara's tax rate has been set at 40 mills on the dollar, 10 mills higher than last year.

Pumpkins on the market Saturday at Chatham were earliest in many years.

John M. Kolbourn, prominent Owen Sound citizen, died in his 80th year.

BRITISH FIRMS LOOK TO CANADA

See With Some Perturbation Increase of U. S. Capital Coming to Canada

THE EMPIRE PRODUCERS Mr. B. H. Morgan, chairman of that Body is Now in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 16.—Establishment in Canada soon of many branches of large British industries was predicted by B. H. Morgan, chairman of the British Empire Producers' organization, in a recent address before members of the Gyro Club.

"The purpose of my visit is twofold," Mr. Morgan declared, "first to get in touch with agricultural and other Canadian organizations concerned with the production of foodstuffs and raw materials, with a view to discussing the best measures to be taken to market their products in the United Kingdom, to a greater extent than in the past.

"The second object of my visit is to ascertain the growth of United States capital and influence in the manufacturing industry of Canada," Mr. Morgan continued. "In Toronto, twenty-four United States factories were established last year, and only two British," he stated.

"Britain realizes that Canada soon will be a leading factor in the industrial and commercial development of the world, and it is desirable that growing industries should be inaugurated at the beginning by British methods."

At the Movies

MANY NOTED PLAYERS PORTRAY ROLES IN "HELD BY THE ENEMY."

A delightful drama of love, hate, human emotions, with a slight sprinkling of martial scenes, is "Held by the Enemy," the Paramount-Artcraft picturization of William Gillette's famous play, which was shown at Griffin's last night. The big audience frequently attested its appreciation of the photography by applause.

There is just enough of the Civil War flavor about "Held by the Enemy" to make it thoroughly reliable. The story has to do with Rachael Hayne, a beautiful young Southern girl, who is supposedly a widow who lives with her family in an old manor which is in possession of the Federal troops commanded by Colonel Prescott. That officer loves Rachael and he is about to avow his reciprocated love, when Captain Hayne, the husband, turns up. Hayne escapes after being sentenced to death and after being wounded is recaptured. From this moment in the picture the action of the story moves fast. Jack Holt as Colonel Prescott gives a finished performance while the Rachael of Miss Ayres is artistic. Prominent among the large supporting cast is Wanda Hawley, Lewis Stone, Lillian Leigh-ton and Robert Brower.

GOOD IDEA.

It is proposed that a series of pageants and fetes similar to that at Penetanguishene last week be held at various points along the Trent Canal next summer to commemorate Champlain's expedition through this district from Lake Huron to Lake Ontario three hundred years ago. That is a good idea. We need more reminders of what is distinctively Canadian in our history.—Toronto Globe.

STEAMER LIFTS VOICE IN AGONY AFTER HER CREW WERE ALL SAFE!

VANCOUVER, B. C. Aug. 16.

—A dramatic story of the breaking-up of the steamer Canadian Exporter was told by her officers and crew when they arrived here. The vessel went on Willapa bar on a Sunday and it proved impossible to get her off. On Monday the crew was taken off. Tuesday morning they looked at the bulk as she stood up above the breakers. Captain Logan of the Underwriters' Association, said: "I think she is breaking up."

Then an uncanny thing happened. The Exporter lifted her voice in her death agony and bellowed her pain over the waves. Again and again the plume of the white steam bel-

lowed from the whistle and the deserted ship announced her distress. East windblasted each hoarse cry of the swell lifted her bows and stern, then dropped them when the waters receded. With each drop the ship heeled, and as the break was between the stack and bridge the bending of the hull tightened the whistles cord and the siren sounded.

Owing to the rough water it was impossible to board the Exporter before 1 p.m. She had broken, and was lying at an angle of thirty degrees. When the salvage outfit left her, after having recovered all the salvage rigging excepting one anchor, she was in two pieces, bow to stern.

ST. JOHN, N.B., KEEPS GREEN MEMORY AND RESTING PLACE OF LOYALIST SETTLERS THERE

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 16.—On the slope of a little hill, in the heart of the city of St. John, is the resting place of many of the Loyalist settlers of the southern part of New Brunswick. Once the cemetery was on the outskirts of what became known in later years as St. John, but now it is only a block from the biggest business houses of the place. Then it was a cemetery only, now it has been converted into a well kept park where each day finds hundreds of living resting beneath the shade of its old poplars and chestnuts. Monuments are crumbling, the inscriptions are gone from some, and conditions of life are changing, but each generation views with its predecessors in respect for the heroic deed of the Loyalist era.

It was on May 18, 1875—the year the American Revolution was ended—that the first of those who loved Britain more than comfort in the United States arrived in St. John. At that time it is estimated that the entire white population of the "Province of Nova Scotia," which embraced the present New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was about 800 in all.

Of the morning of the arrival of the newcomers an old writer says:

"Shrubs, stunted trees, marshes and rocks greet the vision. Here and there on a narrow path or clearing there is the log cabin of the lonely settler. It is a May morning. A vel comes up the harbor and takes her moorings at Navy Island. Other vessels follow in her wake. The fog comes up the Bay and covers land and sea with its watery embrace. It lifts. The bright sun shines down upon the land and the sea. There are twenty vessels in the harbor. There is unusual activity aboard them all. From every vessel, in small boats, men of every age, of strong arm, of stout purpose, are coming to the shore. There is the old continental dress. There is the well worn flintlock which the long war has taught them well how to handle. There is the music of life and the drums. They have come from many a battlefield. They have left their cultivated fields and their homes of comfort, their churches and the tombs of their ancestors. They are exiles. Their houses and their lands have been confiscated. This was all because they feared God, loved the brotherhood and honored the King."

Such was the beginning of Loyalist life in the St. John region. They were given land under the English flag and at once began the task of rebuilding their fortunes in the new and strange land.

LET 'EM WORK, THEY LAKE IT!

MOOSE Jaw, Sask., Aug. 16.—Farmettes to the fore! Three of them attired in overalls, flannel shirts, high boots, etc., arrived here recently. They are Miss Madge Simpson, Miss Doris Horn and Miss Ann Guesk, graduates of the Angus Experimental Farm of British Columbia. "What do you do?" they were asked. "Harrowing, stooking, binding, breaking, plowing and riding on any kind of a horse" was the answer. "We love the work and wouldn't live in a city, they declared."

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ERECTING NEW PAVILION.

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