

Funeral of Lord Northcliffe.

TRIBUTE BY FLEET.
—THE VACANT CHAIR.

Before the Westminister Abbey, a gathering so representative of the British Press as that which yesterday, August 18, attended the funeral service of Lord Northcliffe, Fleet-street paid the most impressive tribute ever offered to the memory of a great journalist.

Choir and transepts were occupied by newspaper proprietors, editors, foreign correspondents, and others connected with the London and Provincial Press. The Prince of Wales, represented by General Coker, Mr. Edward Grier, represented Mr. George, and Mr. J. E. Stephens, represented Mr. Winston Churchill. The American Ambassador, Mr. Gregory, sat with the French Ambassador, the Serbian Minister, and the Rumanian Charge d'Affaires. Near them in the choir were many High Commissioners and Agents-General.

IMPRESSIVE VIEW.

The nave was crowded by the public and by members of the staffs of Lord Northcliffe's publications, delegates representing every department of newspaper production. Through the service the great West Door remained open, so that the many thousands who were unable to gain entry to the Abbey were granted a magnificently impressive view of the ceremony as they looked up through the great arch of the nave, the entire length of the church.

Promptly at noon a muffled bell announced the arrival of the funeral cortege. The coffin, covered by a black and gold pall, was borne slowly in procession through the nave, preceded by the choir chanting the opening lines of the Burial Service. The coffin was placed before the High Altar. Brown candles of unbleached wax burned round the coffin. There were eight motor cars lined with wreaths. An exceptionally beautiful tribute from the Daily Mail was in the form of an empty chair composed of copper chrysanthemums. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Westminister and Canon Chaplin, and as it proceeded, in majestic simplicity and beauty of ritual and music many members of the congregation were deeply moved.

The Dead March in Saul concluded the service, the congregation rising with bowed heads. There was a short pause, and as the opening notes of Chopin's "Marche Funèbre" sounded through the silent Abbey the coffin was taken up and borne past the grave of the Unknown Warrior to the great West Door.

HIS BROTHERS.

Lord Northcliffe followed by his brothers, the Hon. Lord Northcliffe, M.P., and Lord Northcliffe's brothers on either side. Among the mourners were many members of the Harmsworth family.

A hushed and reverent crowd of many thousands watched the departure from the Abbey, and at St. Marybone Cemetery, Finchley, where the committal sentences were pronounced by the Bishop of Birmingham, great crowds had assembled. The grave was lined with white flowers and marigolds on a background of evergreens. Lord Northcliffe is buried beside his grandfather, grandmother, and his father, and not far from the Olmstead memorial chapel to the memory of a nephew who was killed in the war. The Bishop of Birmingham was assisted in the service by the Rev. E. G. Bouch, vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. J. Campbell, and the Rev. E. H. Leary. There were affecting scenes as the mourners looked down on the coffin and took their last farewell of a great personality and the foremost journalist of his time.

Unsinkable Ship Attained at Last.

That the unsinkable liner has been attained is the opinion of shipbuilders and marine experts who have made a survey of the two latest additions to the fleet of the United States line, namely, the *St. Paul* and the *St. Lawrence*, President Roosevelt and President Harding.

These two vessels known as the "St. Paul" type, were originally built as transports and built to be torpedoed. Both the President Roosevelt and the President Harding, which are constructed under government supervision, the element of safety was a prime consideration. Both vessels have 15 water tight compartments and shipping men, who have inspected them, declare that if cut in twain, each half of the vessel would float.

Both ships are furnished with the latest devices to insure safety of the passengers. Among the interesting features in the matter of safety devices are the fire indicators. Throughout the ship these indicators are connected with small tubes which register on the bridge. The slightest flame in the vicinity of any of the indicators immediately registers on the bridge and the commander is able to send a force of men to the danger spot. The fire detecting mechanism is so delicate that the lighting of a

pipe close to the indicator registers the fact on the bridge. After it was determined to turn the two superb vessels into passenger carriers no expense was spared in the providing of comfort. The furnishings are the most elaborate possible; in fact, it has been declared by passengers and shipping experts who have visited the vessels that they are more like palatial private yachts than commercial passenger ships.

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Gave the Show Away.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig tells the story of a regiment that was about to be inspected by a certain general.

The latter was very particular that the officers commanding companies should know the names of the men in their units, and also where they came from.

When the regiment was drawn up on parade, and before the arrival of the inspecting officer, the captain of one company addressed his men as follows:—

"Now, men, as you know, I am away a good deal, and I do not know all your names, or where each one of you belongs to, but whatever I tell the general, mind, no contradiction!" The general at length arrived, and as he passed down the lines he stopped before a man, and said to the captain: "This is a smart-looking fellow. What is his name?"

"Jones, sir."

"Where does he come from?"

"Devon, sir."

"Ah, I'm a Devonshire man myself. Fine country, Devon; is it not, Private Jones?" said the general.

Private Jones look startled for a moment, and then replied, heartily: "Bedad, an' there ain't a foiner country in the world, yer honour!"

Cruel to Cats—Fined \$50.

The Massachusetts S.P.C.A. will prosecute owners of cats who abandon, or fail to provide for their animals, under Sec. 77, Chap. 272 of the General Laws. In the District Court at Cambridge, one Edward Bushman was convicted recently of unnece-

sarily failing to provide proper food and drink for his cats. Bushman went away on a four days' vacation, leaving a mother cat and three kittens locked up in his home. The cries of the kittens reached the ears of neighbors, who notified the Society. Officer Enos obtained a search warrant and entered the house. He found the mother cat dead and the kittens dying of starvation. Kittens were removed to the Animal Hospital and their heartless owner summoned into court the next day. He was found guilty and fined \$50. The Massachusetts S.P.C.A. issues a

public warning against the criminal offense of abandoning a cat.

League Football, St. George's Field, this Friday evening, at 8.15 sharp. CADETS vs. B.I.S. Admission 10c.; Ladies and boys free; Grandstand 10c. extra.

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Where Trees Have Ghosts.

AND THE PEOPLE HATE TWINS.

Amongst the Kikuyu, a people of the Bantu race dwelling in British East Africa, there is a widespread belief that twins are unlucky.

If a person who is a twin crosses a river he or she must stoop down and fill the mouth with water and, facing downstream, spit it out into the river, saying, according to their own, "May I not begot (or bear) twins as my father (or mother) did."

The above curious piece of information is contained in a new book by C. W. Hobley, entitled "Bantu Beliefs and Magic." The author adds that there are very few adult twins amongst the Kikuyu, owing to the fact that twin babies are usually suffocated at birth, or directly afterwards.

Some people think that the Kikuyu are the descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel.

Be this as it may, it is certain that many of their beliefs and tribal ceremonies bear a remarkable resemblance to some of those recorded in the Old Testament.

Mustn't Annoy the Spirits.

Thus, they believe in one supreme god, and in the survival of the soul after death. They practise circumcision, sacrifice rams, and carry out exactly the curious Hebrew custom of the scapegoat, in which a goat, after having the sins of the people transferred to it by the priest, is driven forth into the wilderness and suffered to escape.

The Kikuyu are spiritualists to a man. They will tell in quite a matter-of-fact way of having met and conversed with friends and relatives long since dead.

Sometimes a human spirit will come and call in a peculiar voice outside a village, at night. The people believe that it is hungry, and next day sacrifice a ram.

This is in accordance with the prevalent belief that the spirits must not be ignored, for are they not their own kith and kin? And if they were neglected—well, what more natural than that they should be angry, and visit their displeasure upon their children?

A Curse on the Land.

The Kikuyu, however, go a good deal farther than our spiritualists. They believe that what corresponds to a soul in man is implanted in all things—trees, for example.

Because of this the Kikuyu people, when clearing a forest to make a cultivated field, leave one large and conspicuous tree near the centre of the clearing. Such a tree is believed to collect the spirits from all the other trees which have been cut down, and these tree-spirits, not being entirely disposed of, and realising that clearings must be made, are not angry and do not vent their spite upon the people.

Another custom is that which consists in a dying person putting a solemn curse on land belonging to him, with the object of preventing it from passing out of the family. In this the author sees the first rude beginnings of our principal of entail, by which an estate is limited in descent to a particular heir or heirs.

The Kikuyu greatly appreciated Mr. Hobley's interest in their customs, and even urged him to become one of their recognised elders, that he might be told of things they were compelled to withhold from the uninitiated.

During Dr. Jones' absence his surgery at Avondale will be attended every Wednesday. Parties desiring the visiting Doctor to call at their homes will please have their calls in before noon on that day.—Aug 22, 21, 1922.

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