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324 CONVERTS HIT SAWDUST SUNDAY TRAIL

Business Women's Day Brings First Call From Evangelist For Profession of Faith—16,000 Persons Hear Two Sermons—5,000 Workers Parade—50 Ministers Give Up Seats To Girls—Many Come Forward.

PATERSON, April 15.—Three hundred and twenty-four persons hit the sawdust trail last night in Billy Sunday's Paterson Tabernacle. They responded to the evangelist's call—the first made during the week and a half that he has been holding his revival meetings—amid a scene of religious enthusiasm such as North Jersey has never before witnessed.

More than ten thousand attended the night meeting, two thousand being turned away. It was business women's night, and most of the gathering were working girls and women in Paterson's business offices, stores and factories. A parade of five thousand of them preceded the opening of the services.

Fifty ministers, occupying a special section, surrendered their seats to shop girls at Sunday's request. Several hundred more girls at his suggestion sat in the sawdust in front of the pulpit.

"How many of you men and women believe in Jesus and will accept Him as your Saviour and serve Him the best you know how?" was the question that Sunday fung at the vast throng at the end of his sermon.

Agnes Dejong, the fifteen-year-old daughter of James Dejong, a worker in one of the dye works, herself a trimmer in a shirt factory, who was present with her parents, left their side and was the first to walk up and

shake Sunday's hand. Then others followed singly and in groups, until the number stated, fifty-six of them men, was grouped in front of the pulpit. With one voice they exclaimed: "I accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

16,000 Persons Attend. At both of yesterday's meetings Sunday spoke to more than sixteen thousand persons. Both collections amounted to \$839.51, making the total for the ten days about \$5,500.

The trail hitting took place while the immense choir sang the hymns "Just as I Am," "Why Not Now?" and "Beautiful Zion."

Sunday informed those who shook his hand that they were not joining any particular church, that Protestant or Catholic, their names would be given to the ministers or priests of the churches they might designate. "Billy" Sunday in his sermon said: "If ever I am at a loss to know on what subject to preach, and if I deal with backsliders, I won't go wrong. For in all likelihood a majority of my hearers will be out of proper touch with God and will need someone to sound a warning of their danger."

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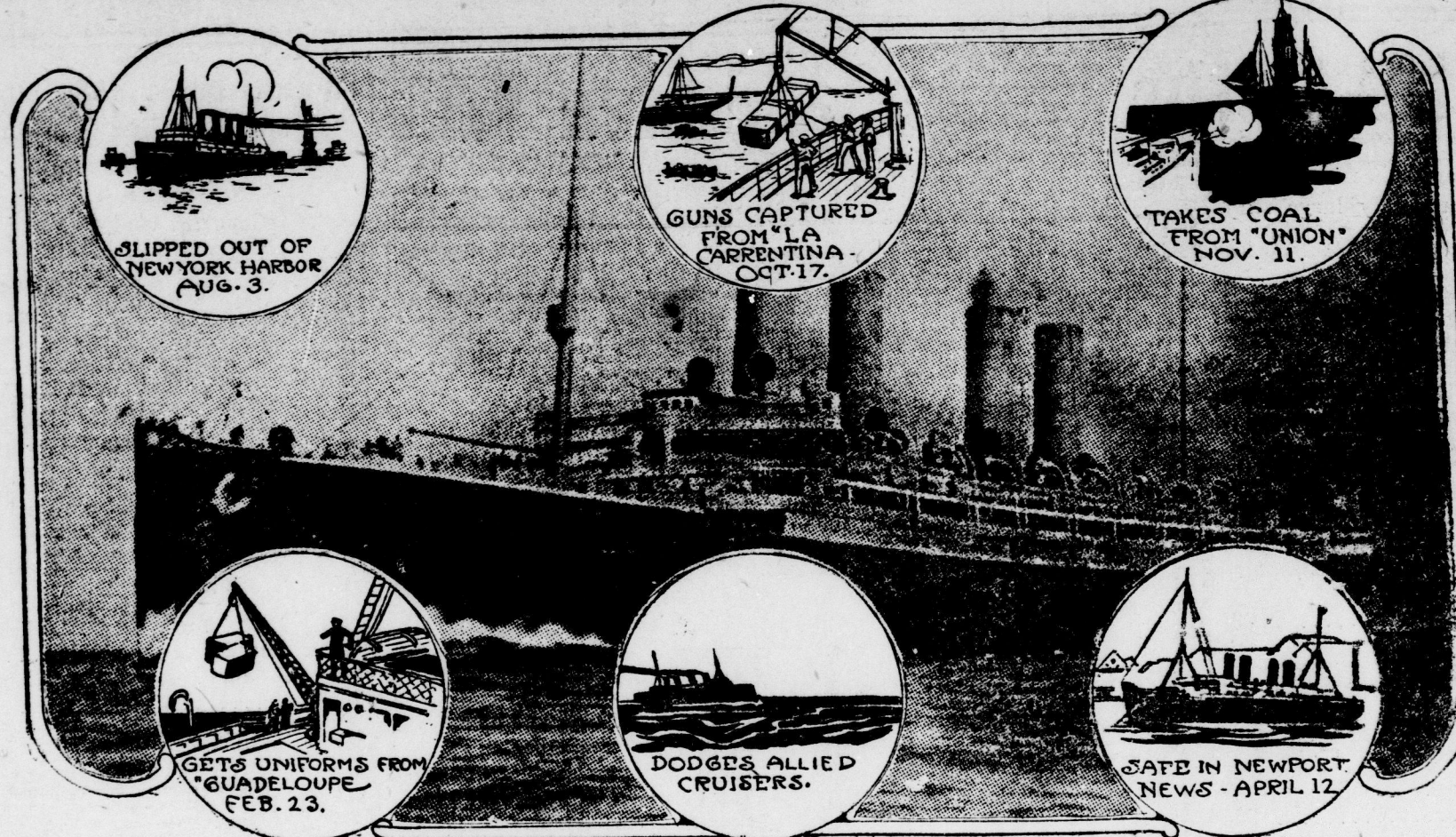
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The Trail of the Raider--How Kronprinz Wilhelm Swept the Seas



Exploits of the Kronprinz Wilhelm shown in pictures. The former North German Lloyd Liner was an elusive raider of commerce from the time she slipped out of New York harbor until she shipped into Newport News.

slight thing, but my text tells you, and I tell you, that it is a serious offense against God. Many start the voyage of the Christian life under smiling skies and upon smooth waters, but as they sail out of the harbor the sky becomes dark, and the craft of their religion crashes upon the rocks. At first they are careful to obey the commands of God, but after the revival they neglect their duties and finally come to wreck.

"There are several kinds of backsliding. First, there is the careless kind. The invitation is never given at the revival but there are those who will respond to it and for a time will live as Christians should.

Then when the revival is over and the routine of everyday life begins they slip gradually back into their former ways. They are like the groundhog. It is easy to think of things divine when the revival is on and there is inspiration on every side and the hands are marching. The groundhog people then have family prayer and attend to their religious duties faithfully, but when the revival is over they begin to lapse into their old ways.

"I've sometimes thought almost that it might be a Godsend to many a community if typhoid fever or pneumonia or scarlet fever just after a good revival and before the people had a chance to slide back.

"The people aren't satisfied with what God has given them. They nibble at this and that. He has spread before them the bounties of His goodness, but they have billy-goat appetites and must have cards and dancing.

"The second class of backsliders is the class that started soberly and seriously, but not seriously enough. They do not make a complete surrender. If you secure a balloon with one hundred ropes and cut

WON WARM PRAISE FROM SIR J. FRENCH



GENERAL SIR HORACE SMITH-DORRIEN, one of the commanders to whom Sir John French attributes the success of the British forces at Neuve Chapelle. Sir Douglas Haig and General Smith-Dorrien were warmly praised in the dispatches of the commander-in-chief.

PIONEER DOCTOR SERIOUSLY ILL



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you are a backslider—a backslider, sir, and a liar.

Standard and the Man. "If I were to say, 'They tell me you are a rotten old libertine and that you have ruined many innocent girls, that you would crush a woman's virtue as quickly as a snake beneath your feet,' would he say, 'I suppose it is true, but you mustn't set the standard too high for poor human nature?'"

"No, sir. If he were anything of a man at all he would say, 'I demand, sir, that you prove your charges.'"

"But that's not what a man does when you charge him with being a backslider. Not much. The old Methodist or Presbyterian or Baptist or Episcopal backslider stands up and talks about poor human nature, yet to say a man's a backslider is to say that he is a liar. Oh, for a power to come to you and show you what you ought to be!"

"God has marked out the same path for men and for women to follow. Away with the hellish doctrine of a double standard of living in this twentieth century."

"It makes no difference whether the one who sins wears a plug hat or a petticoat."

"Young fellow, your sister has as good a right to live as you have. She has as good a right to walk up the street smoking a cigarette as you have. Your wife has as good a right to line up before a bar and fill up her skin with the hog-gut you do, as you have. She has as good a right to go to the corner grocery in the evening and sit around and put her feet upon the stove and tell smutty stories as you have."

"Don't you think that because you wear whiskers and breeches you are privileged by God. She has as good a right as you have to walk down street with half a plug of tobacco sticking out of her mouth and spitting enough to drown a jackrabbit as you have."

"I wouldn't clean out your old spittoon for you. I'd throw it at your old head. Yes, sir. There is many a fellow looking in my face who, if his wife did what he does, would be whining around the courts for a divorce."

"Man has cut out for his own use a pathway below that marked out by God, but he insists that his wife keep to the old and higher one. God has not one plan, sir, for you and another for her."

"The hog wallow for men—a fountain of purity for women! Geese pools of filth and rot for men and fountains of purity for women! That doctrine crawled out of hell!"

"Backsliding implies that you have had some Christian experience. You can't backslide unless you have been at a least part way up. If you have backslid, you may get back, but there will be a loss. You might have been using the same energy in getting higher. We are never quite the same after we have yielded to temptation, but we can come back with what we have, and humbly try it over again."

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BAPTISTS OF PARIS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Ladies' Auxiliary of Y. M. C. A. Elect New Officers.

PARIS, April 15.—The annual meeting of the Baptist Church was held last night. The reports of the various organizations showed the church to be in good condition. The following officers were elected: Church clerk, N. M. Clump; assistant clerk, Miss P. Shaw; treasurer, Gilbert Pickering; financial secretary, Harry Morgan; missionary financial secretary, Thomas Mack; Sunday school superintendent, Wm. Kohl; assistant, E. O. Apps.

A license to preach was granted C. E. Winders.

Salmon Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, held a stocking social at their regular meeting, which was a decided success. Bro. Thomas Evans, the pastor, Paris Oddfellow, occupied the chair.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., at their council meeting, elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Mitchell; first vice-president, Mrs. Lilley; second vice-president, Mrs. Muma; secretary, Mrs. Sudden; assistant, Mrs. W. B. Clark; treasurer, Mrs. James Sinclair; pantry committee, the executive.

HAS SEEDED 22 ACRES. FLORENCE, April 15.—The beautiful weather which followed Sunday's rain has caused much advance in the seeding. One farmer has finished 22 acres. The fall wheat in this vicinity is looking great and has come through in good condition notwithstanding the severe frosts. It is thought the recent rain will prove a sufficient benefit to the clover fields. The roads are again in perfect condition and autos make frequent trips in and out of our town and everything has put on the real springtime appearance.

KRON PRINZ HAS ACCIDENT. NEWPORT NEWS, Vt., April 15.—The tentative date for the German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm to go into drydock for examination by a naval board to determine what repairs will be necessary to make her seaworthy was postponed today until next Monday. An accident to her machinery made it impossible for her to weigh anchor. Mechanics now are at work on the machinery.

FUNERAL OF WM. HUSTON. FLORENCE, April 15.—The funeral of William T. Huston took place today. Rev. Mr. Kitley conducted the service. A large number of Oddfellows, of which order Mr. Huston was a member, attended.

Mr. Huston was 83 years of age. His son, Fred, of Bellefleur, Sask., was at the bedside when the end came.

The funeral of Mrs. Hill was held Wednesday at St. Matthew's Church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, preached the sermon and conducted the service at the graveside in the cemetery here.

TORONTO COAL MAN DEAD. TORONTO, April 15.—Patrick Burns, one of the oldest coal and wood dealers in Canada, founder in 1856, and president since then of P. Burns & Company, Limited, died today. He was 78 years of age, and a native of Parnamagh, Ireland.

SECRET OF CROAKING FROGS OF BENZONIA

Advertiser Correspondent With a Wonderful Gift For "Whoopers," Says Frogs Were Kept Alive All Winter by Rabbit Skins.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Benzonian, Ont., April 15.—The secret of the Benzonian frogs has been explained. During the entire winter, which has been severe in Benzie County, the people of Benzonian have been hearing frogs croaking. Even in the fiercest blizzards, with the snow piling ten feet deep in the sand ridges and the lakes frozen solid, the "blat" of the old frogs and the chirrup of smaller ones have been heard.

Just before Christmas, Fred Wallace, who lives near Beulah, was walking home after a trip to Travers City. The snow was two feet deep, and a thermometer near zero, and a gale blowing. He heard the frogs croaking. When he told of it his reputation for sobriety suffered a severe shock. Later George Lucas heard them.

By the middle of January a score of persons claimed they heard frogs

But the neighbors laughed at them so much everyone quit hearing frogs save the elect. It was worth a man's reputation to admit he ever heard a bullfrog's croak.

Last week, Bill Davis, who has been one of the loudest scoffers, went to look for his cow. Passing along the edge of a swamp he saw something moving in the snowbank and threw a stick at it. His aim was good. He picked it up. It had fur, but croaked. Bill dropped it and jumped. Then a big bullfrog jumped out of the fur and hopped off onto the snow, turned over, shivered a few times and expired.

Bill hunted around and stirred up 14 more frogs, each one with a heavy fur coat.

It is believed that during the fall rabbits were skinned by hunters and the skins thrown near the swamp, and that the frogs crawled into them and kept warm and comfortable all winter.

Red Cross Work Right Among the Trenches



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