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STORY OF FAMILY LONG SEPARATED

Rev. Gillespie, a Methodist Minister
at One Time in This City
United With Family.

The following strange story of the reuniting of a family of children with their father is taken from the Argus-Leader of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was sent to this city by J. J. Roberts, who was attracted to the story by the reference made to Plattsmouth:

Uniting a family separated for over 28 years, through the medium of a chance acquaintance picked up on a train enroute from Deadwood to Rapid City, was the romantic experience of Edward N. Ritchey, of Huron, recently, his wife being one of the members of the family.

It all came about when Mr. Ritchey, who is engaged in vocational training work with headquarters at Rapid City, accompanied by O. M. Pease, boarded a train at Deadwood for Rapid City and points east. While waiting for the train they made the acquaintance of two young women from Nowlin, S. D., who were traveling on the same train. In the course of the conversation which ensued enroute, one of the girls mentioned an experience which she and the son of the Methodist preacher at Nowlin had recently with a rattlesnake, and incidentally mentioned the young man's name was Gillespie.

Separated Since Childhood

It so happened that Mr. Ritchey's wife's name had been Gillespie, and that she had been trying to locate her father for a number of years, having been separated from him when a child. Upon reaching Philip, Mr. Ritchey called up Mr. Gillespie and discovered that he was the missing father of Mrs. Ritchey. Upon his return trip to Rapid City Mr. Ritchey learned the dramatic story of the family's separation nearly three decades ago, and the almost frantic efforts of the father to locate his children.

The early scenes of the story are laid at Plattsmouth, Neb., where L. F. Gillespie, a struggling young Methodist preacher, was taken critically ill shortly after the death of his wife, which left him with five young children, ranging from 18 months to six years, on his hands. When physicians advised him that he had but a few months at the longest to live, Mr. Gillespie placed his children in an orphanage at Lincoln, Neb. The two girls, Theresa and Jessie, were 18 months old, the three boys ranging from three to six years in age.

The understanding between Mr. Gillespie and the orphanage officials was that the latter were to place the children out in homes, keeping the girls together and putting the boys in the same home; and that in the event of the father's recovery he was not to attempt to communicate with the children until after they had reached their majority.

Mr. Gillespie then left for his former home in Indiana to spend his few remaining days, but after weeks and months in the open, began to regain his health and was finally cured. He subsequently returned to the west, remarried and resumed his ministerial work, but kept an accurate check on the passing years, and when the children became of age, wrote the orphanage for their addresses.

Fire Destroys Records

But to the despair of the father, he discovered that in the meantime the home in which he had placed his children had burned down, and that all the records were destroyed. He had no way of locating his children, and although he advertised for a couple of years in the Omaha, Lincoln and other Nebraska papers, no trace of them could be found, and he finally gave up all hopes.

But Providence was taking a hand in the shaping of that family's affairs. In 1916 and '17 Edward N. Ritchey, of Huron, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ritchey, of this city, attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he was taking the medical course. There he met and fell in love with Theresa Wells, adopted daughter of Levi P. Wells, of Gering, Neb. They were classmates, and became greatly attached to one another, so that when he entered the military service in October, 1917, to give his life, if need be, to the cause of democracy and humanity, his sweetheart took the civil service examinations for admittance into the quartermaster's department, passed them and was sent to Washington, D. C.

About the time that Mr. Ritchey, who had been assigned to the Sanitary Corps of the 89th division, was transferred from Camp Funston to Camp Mills for overseas duty, Miss Wells was transferred from Washington to New York. There they met on June 9, 1918, and motored to the historical town of Hempstead, New York, where they were married by one of Mr. Ritchey's comrades in the Sanitary Corps, a member of the Presbyterian clergy. The ceremony was performed at an old stone church, built in 1720 through a Queen grant. On June 28 the groom sailed overseas, participating with his division in the closing scenes of the great war.

Both Served in War

After the war, Mrs. Ritchey was assigned to the personnel effects branch of the quartermaster department at New York, where she served until that service was completed and the members discharged. Mr. Ritchey entered the University of New York after his return, to complete his medical course, and was later assigned to the federal board of vocational training as instructor, later being sent to Rapid City, to take charge of the work in that district.

Mrs. Ritchey is at present attending the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, where she is taking

work in sociology. There her father found her the other day on the first leg of his journey to get acquainted with his children. From there he went to Winner, S. D., to visit his two surviving sons—one of the boys dying at the orphanage at Lincoln. The boys are Arthur and Raymond McEachron, and are farming near Winner, S. D. The other daughter is now Mrs. Jessie Harold, of Gering, Neb.

"It is nothing more or less than Divine Providence answering my prayers," said Rev. Mr. Gillespie on his visit at the D. E. Ritchey home here. "I never ceased to pray for my children and never really gave up hope of meeting them, even when confronted with the news that the records of the orphanage had been destroyed by fire. It pays to pray and have faith in God."

TRIUMPH FOR MIGHTY TIGER

Tammany Victorious in New York
City Election—Mayor Hylan
is Far in Lead of Others.

New York, Nov. 8.—Mayor John F. Hylan, democrat, was re-elected today by a plurality, estimated from returns from nearly half of the city's 2,709 election districts, of approximately 400,000 over his republican opponent, Henry G. Curran. The vote in 1,310 districts, was: Hylan, 349,567; Curran, 152,923, and Jacob Panken, socialist, 2,529.

It was also conceded by their opponents that the democrats had made a clean sweep of the other important municipal offices, electing their candidates for comptroller and president of the board of aldermen and the five borough presidents.

Republican state headquarters estimated that Townsend Scudder, democrat candidate for associate judge of the court of appeals, a state wide office, would carry New York City by 291,000 over W. S. Andrews, republican incumbent.

"I am delighted over the outcome," Mayor Hylan said. "The returns received indicate my election by a tremendous plurality. This shows the confidence the citizens placed in me and that they took no stock in the stories about me."

The Vote Nearly Complete

The vote, with 89 districts out of 709 missing, was: Hylan, 665,770; Curran, republican, running on a coalition ticket, 296,989, and Jacob Panken, socialist, 75,733. If Hylan's ratio of gain is maintained his plurality will be about 413,000.

Mayor Hylan swung into office with him the democratic candidates for city comptroller, president of the board of aldermen and the five borough presidencies. The ticket elected was:

Mayor—John F. Hylan.
Comptroller—Charles L. Craig.
President of the board of aldermen—Murray Hulbert.

President of borough of Manhattan—Julius Miller.

President of the borough of Brooklyn—Edward F. Diegelmann.

President of the borough of Bronx—Henry Bruckner.

President of the borough of Queens—Maurice E. Connolly.

President of borough of Richmond—Matthew J. Cahill.

Mayor Hylan's plurality over John Purroy Mitchell, fusion candidate, in 1917, was 158,446.

Women voted in a municipal election here for the first time. Of the total of 1,263,940 voters 447,015 were women.

The socialist vote for mayor was lighter than of 1917 when Morris Hillquit polled 144,973 votes.

In the state wide contest for associate judge of appeals, the vote in New York City with 339 districts missing, was: William S. Andrews, republican, incumbent, 323,548; Townsend Scudder, democrat, 55,952; Hezekiah D. Wilcox, socialist, 90,523. Hylan carried all five boros.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 8.—The republican majority in the New York assembly will be continued in 1922 as the result of today's voting. With only one district out of the sixty-two assembly districts in New York City reporting and with five districts in other parts of the state missing, the figures showed seventy-nine republicans, or three more than the constitutional majority of the lower house, have been elected.

ALL SERVICE MEN ARE EXTENDED INVITATION

Urged to Attend the Armistice Observance, Both at High School and Musicales and Dance.

On the evening of Friday, November 11th, the American Legion post of this city will hold a short observance of the Armistice day, commencing with the presentation of the state certificates to the Cass county men who served in the world war and which have been sent here for distribution through the medium of the Legion post. These exercises will be held at the auditorium of the high school at 7:30. The meeting there will be presided over by A. H. Duxbury, past post commander, and the prayer will be delivered by Rev. John Calvert of the Methodist church. Mrs. E. H. Westcott will give one of her pleasing vocal numbers at this service and the address preparatory to the presentation of the certificates will be made by Hon. R. B. Windham, one of the boys of '61. It is desired that all those whose names have appeared in the published list of certificate recipients be present.

The musicale and dancing party at the Eagles hall will include a very choice musical program with numbers by Mrs. Christine Coughlin, Mrs. Roy Cole on the piano, John Theodore Regan of Omaha, on the violin and vocal selections by Mrs. Edna Marshall Eaton and Don C. York.

Following the program dancing will be enjoyed by the members of the party and refreshments served during the evening. There will be a small admission of 50c charged at the Eagles hall for the gentlemen to assist in the expenses of the occasion.

All service men of the community are urged to attend both of these meetings by the committee in charge.

AMERICA GUIDING HAND AT MEETING

England and Japan Have Programs to Submit to Arms Parley at Washington Soon.

Washington, Nov. 8.—With the arms limitation conference only four days away, a war-tired world looked today toward America for guidance.

Though the English, Japanese and other conferees have their own plans—and in some cases axes to grind—they have peeked these, waiting upon America to lead the way. Until the United States has spoken at the horseshoe table in Continental hall these plans will remain pocketed.

All the principal delegates are here now, with the exception of Arthur Balfour, Great Britain.

Unlike the Versailles conference, no outstanding leader now stands forth in the arms parley.

No foreign statesman yet reaching the United States has received the tumultuous acclaim that greeted former President Wilson when he went to Paris to make peace.

Have Programs Ready

Although other nations are waiting on the United States to take the lead, it is understood here Great Britain and Japan have programs to announce as soon as America's program is revealed.

England is willing to have a navy no larger than America's, if the word of its first lord of the admiralty, the Lord Lee of Fareham, spoke last March, still holds good. Its plan will undoubtedly follow that line, for Lord Lee is a delegate.

Within the privacy of non-official meetings, some of the slate for the coming meeting is being written. America, Japan, England are credited with being agreed on certain procedures which hitherwise would merely consume time within the conference proper.

George W. Snyder was a business visitor in Omaha today for a few hours, going to that city on the early morning Burlington train.

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SERVED TIME FOR HIS FRIEND.

Leavenworth, Kas., Nov. 7.—H. W. Haley, serving a sentence of six months in the army disciplinary barracks for the man who saved his life on the battlefield of France, was released today by order of the war department. Haley's life was saved on the front by T. W. Jones, a comrade. When Jones was tried for desertion and sentenced to six months imprisonment, Haley substituted for Jones. Haley told officials at the prison he took the place of the man to whom he owed his life in payment of a "soldier debt."

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The ladies of the St. John's parish will give a card party, supper and dance at the Knights of Columbus hall on Wednesday evening, November 16th. Tables will be prepared for bridge, whist and high five and worth while prizes will be given. General admission 50c. d&w

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Attorney C. H. Taylor of Omaha was here today for a few hours looking after some business matters of importance.

BLAIR FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYS HERE SUNDAY

That the American Legion football team will have a hard fight on their hands Sunday in the game with the team from Blair is very much apparent. In the game three weeks ago at Blair the locals were defeated by a very close score. Blair comes here Sunday determined to repeat the performance while the motto of the Legion team is "They shall not pass." And we believe they will back it up by consistent playing.

One thing is certain, victory is not easily won without support. And Plattsmouth cannot expect to have a winning baseball, football or basketball aggregation, unless we back it up with our support. College teams have hopelessly crushed more powerful players than themselves as they were cheered on to victory by their loyal admirers. From the standpoint of morale as well as finance, it is important that Plattsmouth fans attend the Blair game here Sunday and help the home team win with their cheers.

The Blair team comes at heavy expense and is one of the best in the state.

Charles Gerlach of near Manley was in the city today attending to some matters at the court house.

CRISIS IS PREDICTED IN INDIA WITHIN SIX WEEKS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 6.—A crisis in India within six weeks was predicted today by S. N. Ghose, director of the commission to promote self-government in India, who explained developments were expected to "mark the end of the year in which Mahatma Gandhi asked in which to try the non-co-operative plan."

In preparation for the proclamation of independence which will be issued next month, he said volunteers have been enrolled until "more than 1,000,000, nearly half of them seasoned soldiers, have been recruited."

ADDITIONS TO SCHOOL

One of the important changes made in the course of study in the eighth grade of the city school is the introduction in the junior high of the manual training and domestic science departments which have heretofore been confined to the high school. This will give the young people a start in these two important branches of the modern school system before they enter the high school and will be found to be very important factors in the courses of training.

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