



PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

Business at the library is picking up. During the past month the circulation of books has increased over the preceding month by 368. There were also 62 more borrowers last month than the month before. For the month the circulation of books reached the high mark of 2,699.

"RELIGIOUS" SCHOOL NOTHING BUT HAREM MINISTERS REPORT

Declare Second "House of David" Has Been Established in Iowa.

Bloomington, Ill. Nov. 28.—A new "House of David" has been established in Iowa, according to a report of three Mennonite ministers, constituting a committee appointed to investigate Ferguson's activities.

Their report charges Ferguson's "religious college" at Cedar Rapids, Ia., to have been little short of a harem. His followers, the report says, were molested of all their worldly possessions and independence to the benefit of Ferguson who, the ministers say, has accumulated some \$50,000 worth of property and has \$15,000 cash on deposit in Cedar Rapids banks.

The ministers say Ferguson is leading a cult of his own creation patterned after the "House of David" in which he is "the self appointed Moses."

"Ferguson," says the report, "induced a little flock of some 200 simple-minded persons to accept his stern discipline and religious superstitions and stripped them of their possessions and independence."

"He brought his victims from Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa. He insisted that they sell their property and give the proceeds to the Lord."

"Ferguson, as the Lord's agent, insisted that the title to such property be assigned to him."

Charges of gross immorality are also charged in the report. "He posed before his flock as a simple, pure variety of biblical knowledge. He induced whole families to move to Cedar Rapids, where the children could take advantage of the superior Bible training which he taught in his school there. When they came they found no school, but a harem."

"The girls were domiciled in charge of matrons, with whom Ferguson has confessed improper relations. These also extended to some of the girl 'pupils.'"

Robert Palmer, vice president of the Cedar Rapids Savings bank, has been appointed by court to look after the settlement of the affairs of some of Ferguson's alleged victims.

The committee making the report included Rev. William Weaver, Rev. W. S. Shelley and Rev. J. H. King.

PASSION PLAY VILLAGE ANGERED AT AMERICA

Declares Christus Lang and Other Actors Not Treated Right on Trip to United States.

New York, Nov. 27.—Seeds of dissension and suspicions have been sown in the soil of ancient Oberammergau, Bavaria, because of dissatisfaction with the financial results of the visit made to the United States last winter by twelve of the principal actors in the Passion Play, it became known today.

Benedikt Stuckl, as chairman of the Heimatbund, the association into which the 17 hundred inhabitants of the village have been organized, has visited Frank D. Waterman, manufacturer, to complain against the treatment accorded the Passion Players by their American sponsors. He told Waterman, who was one of the first to underwrite the proposal to bring the players here and who went to the village to invite the actors to America, that although 275 thousand dollars had been collected by the American committee, only 10 thousand dollars had been turned over to the villagers.

The citizens of Oberammergau, Stuckl said, were dissatisfied with this amount, and demanded a detailed financial statement from the players. This the actors were unable to furnish, as none had been given them, he related. As a result, William Lechner was deposed as chairman of the Heimatbund and even the venerable Anton Lang, for thirty years the village's leading citizen, the portrayer of the role of Jesus Christ in the play, found himself under suspicion.

Herr Stuckl was finally sent to America to obtain a detailed financial statement, as he said the statement sent to the players by Michael F. Doyle, a Philadelphia lawyer, was not explicit enough.

Waterman said he intends to find out "if there is any justice to the complaints" and that he will call a meeting of the underwriters so that Herr Stuckl may roll them his story. He added that if "I am in any way responsible, I am willing to bear my part."

Waterman explained that the players were brought here by a committee of about thirty men, each of whom put up 1 thousand dollars or more as a guarantee, and that George G. Battle, lawyer, was chairman. Mr. Battle, he said, had appointed an executive committee of three eminent men headed by Ludwig Nissen, who died recently. Some of these on the American committee were John D. Rockefeller, Jr., W. A. Harriman, Arthur C. James and Harley Fiske, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Denies the Assertions. Mr. Battle denied Herr Stuckl's assertions and pointed out that, although a 10 thousand dollar check

was all the cash the Passion Play actors took back with them, they in reality had derived 100 thousand dollars out of their American trip.

At the request of Mr. Battle, Elmore Lefingwell, who acted as secretary of the committee, made public the financial report of the venture. This indicated that the players received 26 thousand dollars before coming to America; 21 thousand dollars while in America; 16 thousand dollars in deposits for future orders for the carvings they were displaying; 3 thousand dollars for outstanding indebtedness; 10 thousand dollars just before they sailed for home, and that in addition they will receive 14 thousand dollars on delivery of uncompleted orders and about 10 thousand dollars from goods to be placed on sale here December 12th.

TROTSKY FACING ATTACKS OF TWO SOVIET LEADERS

Career of War Minister Is Surveyed in Voluminous Reports; He Keeps Discreet Silence.

Moscow Nov. 27.—The full text of the reports of Leo Kamenoff and M. Stalin, attacking War Minister Trotsky, have just been published. These reports, heretofore, have been confined to the inner circle of the communists party.

Trotsky's career, prior to the 1917 revolution and during and after the bolshevik coup d'etat, is carefully surveyed in 40 columns of printed matter.

Trotsky Is Silent. Both Kamenoff and Stalin, the soviet leaders, strive to show that Trotsky always has acted as a "menshevik" and now has departed from pure bolshevism and party idealism.

Kamenoff explains that the central committee of the party was compelled to inaugurate a campaign against Trotsky because his recent book, "Lessons of the 1917 Revolution," was being published under the ostensible protection of the communist party, and coming from a member of the party's political bureau, which directs the work of the communist international, the book creates a danger for the party.

It cannot, therefore, Kamenoff says, be allowed to pass unchallenged. If no exception is taken to the book, he added, it might be accepted as a manual for young communists and members of the communist international.

The whole campaign has been introduced, it is said, to avoid renewed dissension within the communist ranks. Unlike last year's controversy, however, when Trotsky found support in many quarters, especially among the young communists and military cadets, the war minister this time is almost deserted. There are few even of his avowed outspoken supporters who dare take up his defense, in view of the all-powerful elements in the communist party which are arrayed against him.

Numerous resolutions are coming in daily from the provincial branches of the communist party, pledging the fullest support to the central committee's attitude toward Trotsky. Following his tactics of last year, the war minister maintains a discreet silence.

Few Friends Left. He has not yet uttered a single word, neither in speeches or in the press, and there are indications that he does not even attend to the ordinary routine of business in his office. The executive work of the council is now directed by M. Frunze, Trotsky's assistant.

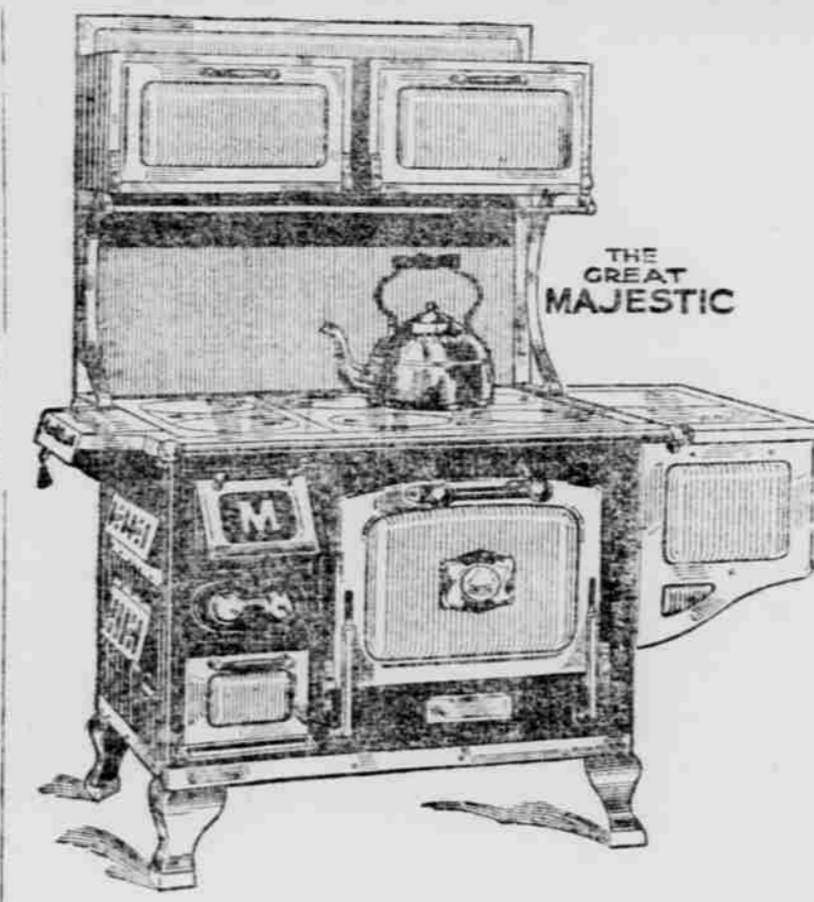
Political observers seem to think that Trotsky's adversaries have scored a complete victory over the war chief, but they believe that the party leaders will not attempt to depose him altogether, and that a measure undoubtedly would produce a profound reaction among the rank and file of the army, who regard their leader very highly. Also deep resentment could be looked for among certain sections of the population, which consider the war minister the most able member of the present government.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY BARS LA FOLLETTE AND BROOKHART

Frazier and Ladd Also Forbidden Attendance at G. O. P. Conferences in Future.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, who bolted his party to become the independent candidate for president, and who long has been a thorn in the side of the republican senate organization, virtually was read out of the party today at a conference of senate republicans.

Named with him in a formal resolution, barring him from further conferences of republicans of the senate and from appointment to committee vacancies that may arise in the future, were Senators Ladd and Frazier of North Dakota and Brookhart of Iowa. These three men have been the principal supporters of the Wisconsin senator in fighting administration plans.

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ative John M. Nelson of Wisconsin, who was La Follette's campaign manager, and other house insurgents identified with the La Follette congressional bloc.

Immediately upon the announcement of the action of the senate republicans against Senator La Follette, there was general speculation as to whether the democratic senate organization would follow a similar course with respect to Senator Wheeler of Montana, who was the running mate of the Wisconsin senator in the presidential campaign. Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, is absent from Washington, but some of his chief lieutenants indicated that they expected no such action by the democrats.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE AT COLUBUS BEGINS. Four Hundred High School Boys From Sixty Towns Attending Sessions.

Columbus, Neb., Nov. 28.—More than 400 Nebraska high school boys gathered in Columbus today for the opening session of the three-day state-wide older boys Y. M. C. A. conference. More than sixty cities and towns are represented. Omaha's delegation is the largest, with forty boys in attendance. The afternoon sessions, with Eldred Larson, president, Oakland, Neb., presiding, were followed this evening by the annual banquet.

Saturday and Sunday will see the session in full swing, led by the boys of the state and Y. M. C. A. workers. Among the speakers are: the Rev. W. P. McCormick, pastor of the Storm Lake, Ia., Presbyterian church. Saturday's program includes a leaders' meeting, with C. C. Sheldon of Columbus and H. P. Demand, discussion leaders; and addresses by the Rev. W. P. McCormick of Omaha and Lincoln section conference, E. E. Micklewright, H. P. Demand, J. Moore, Noah Burkhard, the Rev. E. L. Gessinger, the Rev. J. M. Hinds, Professor I. F. Witte, the Rev. W. H. Jackson, E. J. Husted, and Charles A. Street.

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TURKEY DAY GAME AT NEBRASKA CITY LOST BY PLATTERS

Nebraska City Wins Contest by Score of 7 to 6 in Hard Fought Battle.

Yesterday afternoon the Plattsmouth high school football team closed the season at Nebraska City when they dropped the final contest to Nebraska City high by the score of 7 to 6 and in addition to the loss of the game suffered the severe injury of their football and basketball star, Joe Krejci, who had his left knee cap dislocated and which permanently removed from the game in the second quarter of the game.

The battle opened with Plattsmouth making a great showing against their opponents and with all of the line and backfield working toward victory and this was continued until the loss of Krejci at quarter was keenly felt by his teammates, but despite this handicap the team made a great fight and the contest covered Gorder, Buttery and Hartford with real glory in the manner in which they drove and fought the purple and gold in their own territory.

The first half of the game ended with no score and both teams going good. In third quarter both Nebraska City and Plattsmouth registered and the Nebraska City team making their extra point were able to annex the victory.

When the Plattsmouth team secured their score, Buttery, Gorder and Hartford were used in line smashes and in which they proved consistent ground gainers and were able to force the ball gradually to the goal of their opponents and Gorder, intercepting a pass from Nebraska City carried the ball to within a few inches of the goal line and from there a line plunge carried the ball over, Gorder scoring.

Nebraska City was able to intercept a pass from Plattsmouth when the locals were within a short distance of the purple and gold goal, and before the Osage was downed he had covered sixty-five yards and was near the Plattsmouth goal line.

Nebraska City scored on two well placed passes that gave them the goal and also the additional point that was the winning point of the game.

Just before the touchdown was made Plattsmouth held the Nebraska City team on the one-foot line for four downs, but Gorder's punt went out of bounds on the 20-yard line, leaving the purple and gold within

easy striking distance of the Plattsmouth goal line. The game was witnessed by quite a number from this city who drove down and returned somewhat disappointed in the loss of a struggle that should have been credited to the locals.

Henry Herold, Jr., of Oklahoma City, who is here for a few days visit with his parents, was a passenger on the early Burlington train today for Omaha to enjoy the sights of the Nebraska metropolises.

Advertising will pay you. Poultry Wanted! Wednesday, Dec. 3rd Plattsmouth, Nebraska. A car load of live poultry wanted to be delivered at poultry car near the Burlington freight house, Plattsmouth WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3rd, one day only, for which we will pay the following—

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