

TALES OF GOTHAM AND OTHER CITIES

Chinatown Tragedy Is Cleared Up



NEW YORK.—Puzzling conditions surrounding the murder of Dr. Frederick Eugene Post, a wealthy dentist of New York city, have been cleared up, revealing a wanton crime. Dr. Post was mortally shot while in a stupefied condition by John Dalton, a youthful criminal with a long record, in the presence of another man and two Chinatown women. Police Commissioner Cropsey has issued circulars for distribution throughout the country, asking for Dalton's arrest on sight.

Information on which Dalton is charged with the crime was given to the police after much persistent questioning by Lulu Smith, 28 years old, a lodger in the Chinatown district.

"I had known Dr. Post pretty well for a long time," she said. "He didn't have to live in Chinatown because he had a good deal of money, but he seemed to like the life there. I knew him well enough to know he

had begun to use morphine like so many of the rest of us, and I knew him well enough not to want to have any other woman coming between him and me.

"Last Thursday I went to see him. I never used to knock at the door, and when I opened it Thursday I surprised him and this May Mansell. They looked foolish. There was a blame good reason for this May Mansell looking foolish, because her fellow, Dalton, is a gunfighter. I ran over to Pell street and found Dalton and his pal, John Rice. I told them what I had seen, and they went back to Dr. Post's house with me. When we got there Dalton and Rice pulled their guns and Dalton shut the door.

"Now," he says to Dr. Post, "I've got you right. I'm going to give it to you now."

"He and Rice jumped on Dr. Post. When they had gotten all the doctor's clothes off they backed him up against a wall and Dalton shoved his revolver against Dr. Post's body and fired. Dr. Post screamed and Dalton fired again. Then he and Rice put their revolvers back in their pockets and walked out." Dr. Post was taken to a New York hospital and died a few hours later.

Hall and Churches for Courting



CHICAGO.—Lady Tennessee Cladlin Cook has become the champion of Chicago lovers, and would introduce a system in the churches whereby young men and women would be enabled to abandon the street corner as the place of meeting and courting, out of sight of unsympathetic parents. She would furnish halls and churches where they might carry on their love-making unmolested, but under the supervision of not only the church, but also of the state.

Lady Cook at heart is a matchmaker, and says she is proud of it. She declares the reason for so many unhappy marriages is that the young men and women have no real chance to become well acquainted before matrimony.

In her apartments at the Congress hotel, surrounded with flowers, books and candy, tributes from her Chicago admirers, Lady Cook told her views on love-making.

"Yes, I am a matchmaker. Why not? I am proud to be one. There is no better work that a person can do than to start the boys and girls on the right path to a happy marriage. What I would like is to open the churches which lie idle all week and there al-

low the young people to meet. They could be furnished with innocent amusements.

"Would it not be better for these young men and girls to meet in a holy place and become acquainted than to be forced to use the street corner as a meeting place? Boys could come from the streets and meet girls who otherwise would be forced to stay at home.

"Some people say that the sexes should be kept apart. I say that it is natural for boys and girls to grow up together to pure man and womanhood, and that this plan will aid in their doing so.

"At these meetings there should be present some older person—he may be a minister or not—who will supervise the whole plan. If this idea were followed, allowing the boys and girls to really know each other, great good would be accomplished, I am sure."

Lady Cook, formerly Tennessee Cladlin, was one of the most famous beauties in this country and among the first to marry a foreign title. In her youth she was the sensation of society in the east on account of her remarkable beauty. Her hand was sought by a multitude of suitors from among her own countrymen, but Lord Cook, an English nobleman of wealth and a prominent leader in society in that country finally won her hand. The marriage occurred in New York and was solemnized on a most elaborate scale.

She Runs Hotel for Good of Town



COUNCIL GROVE, Kan.—Running a hotel for the good of the town is the last word in civic pride and credit for this degree of municipal patriotism belongs to Mrs. Lewis Meade.

Her husband is president of a bank here and amply able to furnish his wife with any money she needs for enjoying life, but she continues to manage the Cottage hotel, much to the satisfaction of her regular boarders and the traveling public.

Twenty years ago Meade sold his hardware business and bought control of a national bank. He and his wife decided they would build a new house and bought a desirable lot on which there was a boarding house, intending to remove the building and erect a modern home.

The house was full of boarders when they came into possession and

all were told to find other places. Two of them begged so hard to be allowed to remain that Mrs. Meade yielded and she has been in the business ever since.

By allowing the two boarders to remain she was barred from making serious objections to others and they kept "edging" in until Mrs. Meade decided to repair the old house for a hotel and build an addition to it. Since then other additions have been built and the whole house nicely furnished like a home. There is no office, no cigar counter and none of the hotel air about the place, features which make it a novel attraction to the traveling man.

"I can't tell you whether it pays to run a hotel," said Banker Meade, when asked about the profits of "The Cottage," "because if there are any profits they go to Mrs. Meade and if there is a deficit it comes to me. The deficits, however, do not come often. What we like about this hotel business that we were forced into is that we are able to furnish a comfortable home for strangers who come here and that is profit enough so long as Mrs. Meade likes to run the place and she seems to enjoy it."

Like Miracles to Mountain Folk



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Mountaineers regard as miracles the hookworm cures recently performed in Tennessee. The state has four field workers out and they have discovered about 1,000 cases since last July.

These field workers do not treat cases unless there is no other physician available. The plan is for the field worker to travel through the country calling upon such persons as are reported suffering from a prolonged period. He explains his mission and asks permission to make the hookworm investigation. If a diagnosis

shows the hookworm disease, he calls in the family physician and gives him the data obtained and consults with him as to treatment. Dr. Olin West of Nashville says:

"In middle Tennessee a little boy who had been fat on his back for three years walked six miles to see a field doctor and walked home again the same afternoon. This was within a month after his first treatment."

A woman who had been doctored for years for heart trouble was treated for hookworm and a complete recovery followed.

"We are literally taking them out of their beds," says Dr. West, "and many cases are reported of men bedridden for several years who are now able to work."

While this hookworm campaign is on the field workers are making reports on general sanitation, tuberculosis and typhoid fever.

GOD'S PITY FOR THE HEATHEN

Sunday School Lesson for April 30, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Jonah 3:1-11. Memory Verse II.—GOLDEN TEXT—"I will be therefore, and teach all nations."—Matt. 28:19.

TIME—Jeroboam II, king of Israel, in whose time Jonah prophesied, reigned (Becher) B. C. 822-782. (Hastings) B. C. 804-782. Amos and Hosea were contemporary prophets.

PLACE—Gath-hepher, north of Nazareth in Galilee, the Mediterranean Sea, Joppa, and Nineveh.

KING—Jeroboam II, attained supremacy over all the peoples from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates. "The writer of the book of Jonah has presented accurately the values of the historical situation. It was the unknown disasters in Assyria, just after Hamman-nirad had broken the power of Damascus, that rendered the successes of Jeroboam possible."

Jonah was unquestionably a historical personage. He lived in the reign of Jeroboam II, king of Israel, in whose time Amos's work was accomplished. According to 2 Kings 14:25, he prophesied the recovery from Syria of the lost border possessions of Israel. He is said to have belonged to Gath-hepher, a town of Zebulun, and his grave is still shown in the vicinity of Nazareth. Gath-hepher was about an hour's walk north of Nazareth. Jonah was therefore a prophet of Galilee. Jewish legend said that he was the son of the widow of Sarepta, whom Elijah had restored to life, and also that he was the youth whom Elisha had sent to anoint Jehu, king of Israel.

This little biography begins with the announcement that God asked a man to do something for him. It is significant that other Bible writers (Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Micah) begin the story of their lives at the same point. Our acquaintance with Paul begins with his summons to duty, and the apostles were not known until Christ bade them follow him. Jonah's call was to go to Nineveh, the greatest and wickedest city in the world, and threaten it with doom from Jehovah.

How did Jonah answer his missionary call? By running away. He fled from the presence of the Lord, as if God were, in his mind, only a local divinity, ruling over Israel, but unable to see the fugitive if he fled far enough beyond his territory. Jonah should have asked himself, "If the God of Israel sees what is going on at distant Nineveh, and is concerned about it, is it to be supposed that his unfaithful servant will escape his notice, like some defaulting apprentice lad, who hopes to elude his master's notice by running away to sea?"

Jonah jumps on board a vessel bound for the most remote place known to the ancient world, Tarsus, that is Tartessus, on the Guadalquivir in Spain. God interfered with Jonah's plans by sending one of those sudden, treacherous storms so frequent on the Mediterranean, a storm so fierce that even the skillful Phoenician sailors were compelled to throw out their cargo, and were filled with terror.

Jonah calls upon the sailors to throw him into the sea—to purchase their peace by his sacrifice. That call is the finest thing in the picture. It is the real miracle. It marks the enlargement of the man. But the honest fellows were loath to take him at his word, and the poor rowers pined the long sweeps more earnestly than ever. Even when obliged at last to throw Jonah overboard, they did it with a prayer to Jehovah. And at once the sea was calm.

How long was Jonah in the great fish? Three days and three nights, which, according to the Jewish mode of reckoning, might, as in the case of our Lord's stay in the tomb, have been only one entire day and parts of the day preceding and the day following.

It is striking to notice the change in Jonah as soon as he ceased to run away from his duty and became obedient to God's command. What was the command? The first repeated: "Go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim what I have you proclaim, the doom of their sins."

Then God prepared a gourd. This book is full of this word prepared. We are told that the Lord prepared a great fish, a gourd, a worm, and a sultry east wind. This gourd was most likely the bottle-gourd, often planted to grow over trellis-work. It is thought by some to have been the palma christi, or castor-oil plant, which still grows to a great size in the Jordan valley. It is so-called because it is a five-leaved plant, one leaf of which outspread was thought to represent the hand of Christ.

Next in the acted parable came a worm, destroying the gourd, and the sirocco, driving its hot blast down upon the sweltering prophet. Then, by a wonderfully true touch of human nature, Jonah transfers his pity for himself, as an ill-used prophet, to the gourd which likewise had been hardy treated.

The divine question, "Should not I have pity?" remains unanswered. Above the stir and din and wickedness the divine compassion is still brooding. The argument is very fine. On the gourd Jonah had spent neither labor nor strength. How much more should God, of whose goodness man's highest virtue is but the faintest shadow, pity and spare the helpless and ignorant works of his own hands who now fill the streets of Nineveh with pathetic appeals for forgiveness! God's pity extends to the little children, that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand, and even to the cattle. There is no finer close in the whole realm of literature than this ending. God's love is broader than the measures of mankind.

THE PRICE OF LAND INCREASING

THE "BACK TO THE LAND" CRY IS EFFECTIVE.

Traveling through the state of Iowa the other day, and Iowa is no exception to the story about to be related, the writer was shown a farm that was offered three years ago for \$250 an acre. That appeared to be a high figure for land upon which the owner depended upon the crops of corn, hogs and cattle that could be raised upon it. But it wasn't. A few weeks since the farm changed hands at \$325 an acre. Over in Illinois, down in Indiana, up in Wisconsin, across the line in Minnesota, the same experience was met with. And then attention is directed to Canada, which has been the Mecca of so many hundred thousand Americans during the past few years. Not only in Eastern Canada has the price of lands increased, but in Western Canada, during the past few weeks, farm lands have increased from three to five dollars an acre, with the prospect of a similar advance during the next three months. The reason for this is very apparent, and in a few words it may be pointed out that the lands are worth a great deal more than the present prices. The Northwestern Agriculturist of Minneapolis, a paper that was one of the first of the American farm papers to discover the real merits of the lands of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, says: "The reciprocity schedule would encourage American farmers to move to Canada, where the virgin soil will produce greater crops of grain with less labor than can be produced in our own farms in the Northwest. The result will be to enhance land values in Canada." This paper is afraid land values in Canada will be enhanced at the expense of land values in the United States. In face of the fact that land values in the United States are increasing the reasoning scarcely holds. The reason for the advance in value of Canadian lands is partly accounted for from the fact, admitted by this paper, that Canada's virgin soil will produce "greater crops of grain with less labor." But that is not the only reason. During the past twelve months 320,000 people have made Canada their home and these are mostly of the farming class. They want farms, and the demand as well as the wealth of the soil is regulating the price. A study of the increase in the acreage of land put under crop last year, which can be had from any Canadian government representative, will prove the point, that the demand is increasing at a greater ratio than even the most sanguine would have predicted.

Symptoms Were There.

"Your husband might have a little solid food directly he begins to mend," said the doctor. "But how am I to tell?" inquired the anxious wife.

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In Demand.

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Van Albert—Associated Gas, I guess.

Roderick—H'm! I thought perhaps it meant "American Girl Preferred."

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