

## FINDING OF LOST CITY BACKS BIBLE

### Conquest of Promised Land by Joshua's Hosts Held to Be Confirmed.

Philadelphia.—Bible students and archeologists here are greatly interested in the reports from Jerusalem that discoveries made in southern Palestine confirm the Book of Joshua in recording the conquest of Kirjath-Sepher.

It was recently reported that excavations on the site of the buried city of Kirjath-Sepher had revealed one of the most complete and well preserved of Canaanite and Israelite-walled cities.

The Sunday School Times of Philadelphia has just made public a cablegram from the Holy Land in which it was stated the Joshua version of the taking of the ancient city was confirmed and the city "fully identified." The cablegram came from the archeologist editor of the Sunday School Times, Dr. Melvin Grove Kyle, who also is president of Xenia Theological Seminary of St. Louis.

**Excavation Started in 1924.**  
The expedition which made the discoveries, in co-operation with the American School of Archeological Research at Jerusalem, set out to excavate Tell Merim, near Hebron, identified in 1924 as the site of Kirjath-Sepher by Director Albright of the American School at Jerusalem. Doctor Albright is director of field operations in the expedition.

Kirjath-Sepher has been undisturbed since Nebuchadnezzar destroyed it 2,500 years ago. But 800 years earlier than that, about 1400 B. C., it was a flourishing city as Joshua led the children of Israel into Canaan and began the conquest of that land.

**May Find Ancient Tablets.**  
The apparent corroboration of early Old Testament history is regarded as one of the greatest archeological discoveries in recent times, and it remains to be seen whether actual tablets of the Pentateuch, brought to Kirjath-Sepher ("Book Town") by the Israelites, may yet be found.

The cablegram received by the Sunday School Times is as follows:

"Joshua 15:13-19 confirmed. Field and springs found. Kirjath-Sepher fully identified. Remarkable finds far exceeding expectations. Walls originally 35 to 40 feet high. Great complicated gateway showing five periods of building, three Canaanite, two Israelite. Gruesome layers of ashes show city burned three times by unknown, about 1700 B. C.; by Orhnel at Conquest of Canaan by Joshua; and by Nebuchadnezzar. Evidence of terrific fighting. Mysterious and unique system of shrines in rooms, probably a Canaanite temple. Remarkable plumbing system."

## Dying Artist Gives Picture as Wedding Gift

Los Angeles, Cal.—Municipal Judge Wood received a bequest from Ivan Kalmykoff, dead Russian artist, in lieu of a marriage fee. It was one of Kalmykoff's paintings, now worth, it is said, several times the amount usually paid for such service.

About a year ago, Kalmykoff and his fiancée appeared before Justice Wood, and explained they wished to wed, but that every cent was needed for other expenses.

"Never mind," said Justice Wood. "I'll marry you, anyhow."

Departing, Kalmykoff assured the magistrate he would repay him in some way, some time, but it was not until recently that Judge Wood heard from him again.

Signurd S'renco, an attorney, appeared in Justice Wood's chambers with the painting and said it was Kalmykoff's dying request that the picture be presented to the jurist.

"He was getting a reputation rapidly when he passed away," said S'renco, "and the prices of his work now are advancing at a rapid rate. The small painting could have been sold for about \$25 at the time of his death, and if you wish to dispose of it now you will get more."

Judge Wood hung it on the wall of his chambers.

## Baby Baroness Proves Surprise to U. S. Agents

New York.—Usually when a baroness crosses the Atlantic to New York, her customs declaration looks like an inventory for a department store.

So when the name of Baroness Madeline Van Boetziar appeared on the passenger list of the liner Veendam, arriving from Rotterdam, the customs inspectors took notice. The baroness could not be found, neither was her manifesto filed. The inspectors told the purser, William Barron, to find the baroness.

A chubby little girl of two years played about him, first on a chair, then on the floor, then fooling with pencils on the table.

"Look after that youngster and find the baroness," he said sharply to a ship steward nearby.

"There she is playing with your pencils," the steward said.

**HOLD EDUCATION CONFERENCE**  
New York City.—The sixth annual educational conference of colored students and teachers was held in this city at the Y. M. C. A. this week. George E. Hall is chairman.

## AD WRONG IDEA; LIFE WAS RUINED

### War Wall Inventor Tasted Height of Success and Depth of Failure.

Toronto, Ont.—In an obscure backwoods village north of here there died the other day a man, who, within the short space of a few months, traveled the long road from the height of success to the depth of condemnation—all because an idea went wrong.

The man was Murray Compton, farmer and inventor, who had his one big chance while a captain of infantry in the Canadian expedition force and went to a premature grave with the curses of hundreds of dying Canadian soldiers ringing in his ears.

For Murray Compton was the originator of "China Wall," that stupendous blunder which was designed to save the lives of soldiers but which became a trap in which many hundreds were killed.

Compton's battalion was doing duty in the Ypres sector in the spring of 1916. From the ramparts, in Ypres city, to the front line the soldiers were exposed to a withering shell and machine-gun fire while going to and from the line. The distance was somewhat more than a mile, but ration and working parties, as well as battalions going into or coming out of the line, suffered terribly.

The troops had the choice of two routes; the one up Menin road, which was a veritable deathtrap, and the other through Zillebek village. Most of them chose the latter route, for it accorded slight protection.

**Chinese Wall Recalled.**  
While leading his company in and out of the line Compton became horrified at the number of casualties and his inventive brain sought some method of reducing the loss of life. Suddenly he was confronted with a mental picture of the great wall of China, which for centuries had kept out enemies of the yellow men.

Compton was practical enough to realize that time prevented the erection of a wall which would correspond with the original.

He submitted his rough idea to his colonel, who approved it and sent it to brigade headquarters. From there it went to division and then corps headquarters. Here it was turned over to the commanding officer of the engineers, whose approval hastened construction.

Night after night, for many weeks, weary working parties filled sandbags which were pounded into the form of huge bricks and laid end to end to form a great wall. Weeks of ceaseless activity saw the task completed without interruption from the enemy.

**Casualties Much Reduced.**  
The wall stood for weeks, the admiration of every soldier who found protection behind its friendly shadow. Casualties were reduced to a minimum and Compton was showered with honors. He was mentioned in dispatches and decorated with the military cross.

Come the 2nd of June, that fateful day when the German high command concentrated everything on a terrific drive, which was calculated to drive a wedge in the British lines and open up a route to the channel ports.

The bombardment was the worst experienced by any troops up to that period. Trenches were obliterated, men killed by hundreds, while wave after wave of German infantry was thrown into the attack in an endeavor to break the Canadian line. Telegraph communication with the rear was impossible and several runners were killed before word could be relayed back to Ypres to "send reinforcements."

**Germans Bombard Wall.**  
Battalion after battalion was hurried up from rest camps in motor lorries, dumped off in Ypres and then started up the line. As soon as German observation balloons and planes observed troops being concentrated in the rear, they signaled the German artillery and the barrage was turned on the China wall.

Thousands of men had congregated behind this wall, awaiting darkness before being thrown into the breach. In five minutes the bombardment reduced the wall to a mass of twisted and torn sandbags and practically every man behind it had been killed or wounded.

In spite of this great disaster the front-line troops held on grimly. For two days and nights they withstood the incomparable inferno before fresh troops relieved them. But the way to the sea had been blocked.

Ironically, Compton was commanding a company of reserves which had taken refuge behind his creation when the German bombardment began. By another strange twist of fate he was one of the few men who were permitted to escape being killed or wounded.

**Escapes Without Wounds.**  
A merciful command relieved Compton of his duties and his name was posted on the casualty list as "wounded." Some of his own men who saw him going out of the line for the last time said he did not show a scratch. But his nerve was broken and his great plan had crashed.

He was mustered out of the army and sent back to Canada. He went back to his farm, but his neighbors saw a mighty change. His eyes were wild and vacant and he kept mumbling to himself.

"They didn't know the reason till he died."

## NATIONAL NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION ADOPTS PROGRAM

Philadelphia, Pa.—(By the A. N. P.)—The keynote address of T. Thomas Fortune, dean of Negro journalism; a discussion of advertising led by Prince L. Edwoods, advertising manager of the Philadelphia Tribune; an effort to secure secrecy in the transmission of news to more than 500 newspapers; the best methods in Negro journalism, and ways and means of impressing the Negro public with the fact that the Negro press is their best weapon in furthering its interests, were the principal features of the annual convention of the National Press Association, just held in this city.

There were 80 representatives of newspapers present. The opening session of the convention was held in Bethel church, and the other sessions in the southwest branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

## WHITES OUTNUMBER NEGROES

Columbia, S. C.—According to figures published in the state of this city, the white population of South Carolina in 1925 exceeded the colored for the first time in 15 years. The figures as furnished by the bureau of vital statistics of South Carolina are 897,897 whites and 881,587 Negroes.

## C. M. E. SCHOOLS GIVEN \$700,000 IN FOUR YEARS

Nashville, Tenn.—(By the A. N. P.)—According to Dr. J. W. Perry, home mission secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, that denomination directly and indirectly has contributed and secured for the educational program of the Colored Methodist Church nearly \$700,000 in the last four years.

Among the principal items in this budget have been the erection and equipment of a building for Texas college at Tyler, at a cost of \$125,000; another with its equipment costing \$100,000 at Haygood college, Arkansas; a building worth \$40,000 at Boley, Oklahoma, and one worth \$100,000 at the Industrial Institute, Holly Springs, Miss.; a dormitory worth \$60,000 and a \$50,000 domestic science building at Paine college, Augusta, Ga.; and the projection of a \$125,000 science building for Lane college at Jackson, Tennessee, besides \$30,000 in endowment for the same institution.

## NEGRO BAND LEADS KLAN

Elvidere, N. J.—A parade of 500 Ku Klux Klansmen in this city Saturday afternoon was led by a colored band, transported from Dover. Klan speakers blamed the present trouble in Mexico on the Catholics' meddling with political affairs.

## WOMEN BOOTLEGGERS USE CORSET CONVEYORS

Atlanta, Ga.—Prohibition agents who swooped down upon a group of picnickers near here and found several of the women wearing corsets which were equipped to carry 12 pint bottles.

## CLEVELAND OFFICIAL ASSURES N. A. A. C. P. DR. GARVIN WILL BE PROTECTED

New York City.—In response to a letter from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Edwin D. Barry, director of the department of public safety in Cleveland, has written giving assurance that "every possible protection" will be given to Dr. Charles H. Garvin, who has been threatened with death if he does not vacate his house, which has been the object of two bombing attacks.

"We are mindful," writes Director Barry, "of the fact that Doctor Garvin is a citizen of the United States and is entitled to his constitutional rights and it is our plain duty to see that he is given every possible protection. You may rest assured that Dr. Garvin will not be neglected."

## NEGRO SCIENTISTS TO BE FETED BY WHITE EDUCATORS

Los Angeles, Cal.—Preparations are being made here, according to the white press, to show great honor to Prof. Geo. W. Carver, dean of the science department of Tuskegee institute.

## WILLS MAY FIGHT MALONEY

Boston, Mass.—(By the A. N. P.)—Dane rumor has it that a fight between Harry Wills, leading contender for a chance at Jack Dempsey's crown, and Jim Maloney, a local heavyweight will probably be held at New York City on Boyles' Thirty Acres, on Labor Day. The bout is reported under the consideration of Tex Rickard, the promoter.

## A COMMITTEE OF WOMEN, LED BY MRS. E. WASHINGTON RHODES, WIFE OF THE EDITOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE, STAGED A LARGE PARTY AT THE STRAND THEATRE WHICH WAS VERY LARGELY ATTENDED.

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**N. W. Ware, Attorney PROBATE NOTICE**

In the Matter of the Estate of Henry Peter Joseph, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 3rd day of September, 1926, and on the 3rd day of November, 1926, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 31st day of July, 1926.  
BRYCE CRAWFORD  
County Judge.

**H. J. Pinkett, Attorney.**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

In the Matter of the Estate of George H. Berkley, Deceased.

To all persons interested in the estate of George H. Berkley, deceased:

On the 21st day of July, 1926, Lula Berkley Williams, widow of George H. Berkley, deceased, filed her petition in the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, praying for an order dispensing with general administration. That said deceased, George H. Berkley, died in the city of Omaha on the 20th day of February, 1923, at which time he was a resident of Douglas County, Nebraska; that at the time of his death he had an interest through purchase on land contract in and to Lot 16, Block 1, Clarendon's Addition to the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

That the said Lula Berkley Williams in said petition set forth the following prayer: Wherefore, the petitioner prays that general administration may be dispensed with; that a decree may be entered herein fixing the time of death of George H. Berkley; naming the heirs-at-law of the said George H. Berkley and their degree of kinship to the deceased and the right of descent of the real property belonging to said deceased; that due and legal notice be given of the time and place of hearing on said petition, and that, thereupon, at the time fixed in said notice a hearing may be had and a decree of heirship entered, and that the petitioner may have such other and further relief as to the court may seem right and just.

That a hearing will be had on said petition before Honorable Bryce Crawford, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, in the County Court House, Omaha, Nebraska, at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M., August 25th, 1926, unless continued by order of the court to determine whether or not the prayer of the petition shall be granted.

**BRYCE CRAWFORD**  
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