

"ADAM GOD" CAPTURED IN KANSAS

Had a Nice Farm in Oklahoma and Was Doing Well When He Was "Called."

A special from Kansas City under date of December 11 says: The Lord was either not with us, or was on a vacation. Now I know my faith was wrong; that I was mistaken."

That is the statement of James Sharp, better known as "Adam God," who was captured in Kansas late yesterday. It was Sharp who last Tuesday led his followers into a battle with the police that has already resulted in five deaths. "A. J. Selzor, aged seventy-two, an innocent bystander, who was wounded by a stray bullet, is the last victim to die. Selzor died at the hospital at midnight last night.

It is a penitent and humble prophet that sits in his cell in the police station here with the responsibility of five deaths upon him, but he insists that he was misguided and acted in good faith.

"Honestly, captain," he said to Officer Whitsett, "I believed that we were doing right and that it was God's will. When the bullets commenced to hit me then I had a revelation. I am glad to be back and am willing to stand for anything that God wills, it is terrible, terrible. I had a nice farm in Oklahoma and was doing well when I believed I was called," he continued. "Now I have no money, my children have left me and I have murdered innocent men. I'm up a stump, brother. But it was all the fault of the faith, I saw it all as soon as that bullet hit me.

"I expect to be killed," added Sharp in answer to a question. "I don't care how quickly it comes. I only want to write a letter to my followers and tell them that the faith was wrong."

Sharp professed to have received a revelation from God to preach and he said that he believed that the Lord would protect him and his flock from harm at the hands of their enemies, in which manner he spoke to the police. The band had gone armed ever since they fought with the Canadian police a year ago.

Sharp told the police that he tried to kill himself immediately after the fight but could not get the cartridges into the chamber of the revolver.

"If you wanted to die all you had to do was to walk out into the street," said Captain Whitsett.

"Yes, but when I found the gun would not work it strengthened my faith a little and I thought the Lord wanted me to escape," was the "prophet's" answer.

In Tuesday's fight Sharp was wounded in both hands while a third bullet passed through his hat brim and another through his coat lapel.

When her husband was captured and she was told that he had been wounded, Mrs. Sharp, who also is in jail, said: "Then there is little left for me to pin my faith to."

Interest in the Kansas City tragedy continues to be great in that city. The capture of John Sharp, the "Elijah III," of the crazy band has intensified the feeling in that city. Sharp is confined to a cell at police headquarters and from a description of his condition as printed in the papers he appears to be anything but a leader of men. His eyes were swollen and red from weeping, his arms twitch from the shooting pains of his wounds, and his whole appearance is that of a man bereft of all hope. His last vestige of faith is gone and he now stands before the world as an arrant coward. He realizes that he has to face the terrible charge of murder and it has taken all the nerve away from him. When a reporter went to see him he was told to stand up in his cell and come closer but he cringed and hung back.

"What kind of a night did you have?" he was asked.

"What kind of a night would you expect me to have with this pain?" he whined.

"Do you mean physical pain, or does you conscience trouble you?"

"Both, brother, I couldn't sleep."

"Why did you run away after the shooting?"

Was a Gambler in Oklahoma.

"I tried to surrender to a bartender in Blanchon's saloon, but he wouldn't take me. So I ran away. If I could have loaded my revolver again I would have shot myself. I wanted to die and prayed that I might."

"Did God or your faith tell you that you should die?"

"I lost faith and believed it was better to die."

Asked if he had ever been a gambler, Sharp admitted that he was interested in a poker game in Oklahoma. "Jack" Clayton, he said, was his partner. It was customary for the pair to rent a room in a city, and when the police found it they would rent a room in another part of the city or move to another place. He denied that he was ever engaged in bootlegging, but persons who knew him there insisted that he was.

His Two Boys Left Him.

"All this happened" he said "before I got the faith."

He was asked about his trouble with the mounted police in Canada.

"That's were my little boy, Lee, fell," he said.

"There was no shooting there, how did he fall?"

"He fell from the faith and left."

"How old was Lee?"

"He was 14 years old."

"Ever heard from him since that time?"

"No, sir."

"Did you have other children?"

"One other boy named Harry."

"How old is he and where is he now?"

"He's about 18. I heard once that he was in Wyoming. I haven't seen or heard from him in five years."

Cried for His Children.

Then Sharp began to cry again.

"Brother," he said, sobbing, "I used to think so much of Harry that I cried every time I thought that he would some time marry and leave me. He left home about five years ago when I joined the faith."

"Would you like to see Harry and Lee now?"

"It wouldn't do any good. I won't be permitted to live much longer. Still, I'd like to see them. I'd like to tell them something."

"Would you tell them to take revolvers, kill policemen and innocent men who never harmed them?"

Reconciled to the Law of Man, Now.

"No, brother, no sir. I see my belief was wrong. I'd tell them that they must obey the laws of man as well as God. I want to leave a letter for the other members of the faith. I desire to tell them that there is nothing in it."

"Did you ever think or worry about your children when you were in the faith?"

"Not very often."

"But the minute you get in trouble you want them?"

"I want to tell them to do what is right. And to think that I led those poor little Pratt children into such a mess as this." Again Sharp sobbed and wept.

"I want to have this over with. Whatever they do I want it done quickly."

With these words Sharp sank on the iron pallet, placed his bandaged hands before his face and cried.

The unfortunate Mrs. Pratt and her children yesterday visited their dead, gazing upon the remains of their father and the little girl. Every vestige of hope of which had remained with them that they might return to life has vanished and the woman is now prostrated with grief. The poor woman says "All I care to do now, is to do what is right and the best for my children. I must place my faith in God and have Him direct me right."

The autopsy was performed upon the brain of Louis Pratt "Adam God" and the brain was found to be absolutely normal. The surgeons who performed the autopsy pronounced Pratt as sane at all times. This makes the case one of extraordinary peculiarity and puts an entirely new aspect upon it.

A POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED.

Henry Ross and Miss Irena Nutzman Married at Lincoln.

The marriage of the young couple whose names appear above was announced Wednesday.

The event, while it was anticipated by their friends, came as a surprise to many of them. It was a very quiet affair the young couple went to Lincoln where the ceremony was performed, and they immediately took the B. & M. for a trip through the western part of the state.

The young couple who have plighted their troth and agree to share life's sunshine and storms, need no introduction. They were both born near here. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Fred L. Nutzman, one of the largest land owners in Otoe county. She has always taken a prominent part in the social life of the neighborhood and has a host of friends.

The groom is the oldest son of Christian Ross, one of our wealthy Cass county farmers. A steady industrious young man of many splendid traits of character, who holds the confidence of everyone.

They will make their home on the farm east of the Mumm school house and will be "at home" after February 28.—Nebraska Register.

Henry Sands, Jeff Brendel, Rex Young and Ray Chrisweiser are all in the city today from Murray, taking the examination for rural mail carriers out of Murray. Wm. Nix one of the present carriers out of Murray has resigned and the examination is for the purpose of selecting a successor to him.

FINELY ENTERTAINED

The Past Chiefs of the Degree of Honor at the Home of Mrs. Steimker.

From Saturday's Daily.
The last meeting of the Past Chief's Association of the Degree of Honor for the year was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. H. Steimker. Long noted for her generous hospitality Mrs. Steimker outdid herself and those who had good fortune to be her guests at the close of the afternoon voted her the most successful of all who had entertained them during the past year.

Mrs. Steimker's delightful home had been handsomely decorated for the occasion and when the guests had assembled in the early afternoon, their generous hostess had left nothing undone to insure them a splendid time. The meeting convened at 2:30 and the regular business was speedily transacted. After this came the luncheon—a magnificent three course affair, all the handiwork of the charming hostess. Those who have never had the luck to be the guest of Mrs. Steimker must fail to appreciate the royal feast she set before her guests.

Those who were present included Mrs. Leesley, president, Mrs. Alice Ramgo, treasurer; Mrs. E. H. Booth, Mrs. D. B. Smith, Mrs. Val Burkel, Mrs. J. G. Vanhorn, Mrs. Geo. Dodge, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans, Mrs. C. S. Forbes, Mrs. Martha Petersen, Mrs. Wm. Hassler, Mrs. L. B. Egenberger, Miss Anna Egenberger, Mrs. Homer McKay, Mrs. Bertha Petersen.

Our Own Fault.

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A Good Time Enjoyed.

From Saturday's Daily.
The Redmen last night held an enthusiastic meeting at Coates' hall. The attendance of the brothers was large and several candidates were initiated. After the initiation a social session of the lodge was had, there being refreshments served and a general good time participated in. The local camp of Red men has been in a flourishing condition for some time past and really seems to be on the verge of a big boom. This organization is composed of some of the real live ones of the city and their meetings are always a source of enjoyment. It is probable there will be other initiations at the next meeting when the officers recently chosen will be installed.

Is Some Steer.

O. W. Perley, who makes his home in Omaha, but who has been feeding and shipping cattle to this market ever since the opening of the yards, has the distinction of having sold this week the largest steer ever seen here. It weighed 3,200 pounds, and at \$9.40 per hundred brought \$300.80, the highest price ever paid for a beef steer on this market. This steer was five years old and apparently a high grade Short Horn.—The Omaha Stockman.

MORE PROMOTIONS.

L. B. Lyman to Succeed C. B. Rodgers on the Wymore Branch.

In speaking of the several changes made recently on the Burlington system the State Journal says:

"L. B. Lyman will succeed C. B. Rodgers as superintendent of the Burlington at Wymore.

"Wm. Weidenhamer will succeed Mr. Lyman as superintendent at Sterling.

"No appointment has been made to fill the vacancy of trainmaster on the McCook division made by the promotion of Mr. Weidenhamer.

"L. B. Lyman is a Lincoln man-boy his friends call him. He is still young, in the early thirties. His parents live here. He grew up here and began railroad work here under Superintendent Bignell. He is a telegraph operator; for a time was a trick dispatcher; then went into the freight train service and worked up to the position of conductor. While a conductor he was made an inspector of transportation for the Nebraska district, working under General Superintendent Byram. Then he was sent to Sheridan as a trainmaster, and from Sheridan he went to Sterling as superintendent. From Sterling he goes to Wymore, one of the difficult positions to manage, because of the annual and sometimes semi-annual flood troubles. The division has many branch lines, no big yards, some rather heavy grades. It has been well managed in the past and railroad men say that Mr. Lyman is going against a rather hard proposition but they expect to see him make good there as he has always made good in the past.

"C. B. Rodgers, who is being relieved at Wymore takes the position of general manager of the Gulf Coast Line in Texas in a short time. It is understood that he goes to the Texas road in response to an offer that looks big to his railroad friends."

E. E. Marr, who has very acceptably filled the position of agent for the Missouri Pacific railroad here for the past two years, has been given the station at Falls City, leaving for his new duties Monday night. He will move his family to Falls City as soon as he can obtain a suitable house. Mr. Marr did not like to leave Elmwood, but as the change is in the line of promotion and carries with it nearly a third more salary than here, he felt that he could not afford to let the chance go by. We wish him success in his new field of labor.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

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