

ESCAPE HORRORS OF BOLSHEVISM

Canadian Mining Engineer and Wife Tell of Days of Terror in Nikolaievsk.

MANY TIMES NEAR DEATH

Americans and British in Siberian Mining Camps Have Miraculous Escapes From Massacre—Rescued by Chinese Gunboat.

Seattle, Wash.—With harrowing experiences and tales of terror, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barker of Vancouver, B. C., arrived here, after three years amid the Bolsheviks of eastern Russia...

was operating dredges under penalty of being shot for disobedience if he refused. On May 18 it was planned to massacre the entire Barker family...

Jailed for Wearing Collar. The Reds continued their reign of merciless terror. Ghiloff and his wife fled with each other in their diabolical plots and cruelty...

Mr. and Mrs. Barker set sail for Vladivostok in the latter part of March, 1917. They arrived in Nikolaievsk in June of the same year...

Nikolaievsk is a far cry from Petrograd, so the overthrow of the czar made little difference in the daily life at the mining camp on the Amur.

In March last an arrangement was concluded between the Japanese garrison and the Reds, whereby the latter were to hand over their arms for one day...

Next day the enraged Reds began their work of vengeance. Streets were strewn with bodies of slain Japanese.

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China Is to Have New Money Plan

Foreign Banks in the Republic Heretofore in Control of Her Currency. MAKE PROFITS IN EXCHANGE

Charge Commissions Whenever the Coins of One City Are Changed for Those of Another—American's Interesting Experience.

New York.—The new currency system that is to be introduced in China in the near future will make a considerable difference to the foreign banks, mostly British, which have had control of the money circulated in the country for the last 50 years.

SAVING AN OLD TREE

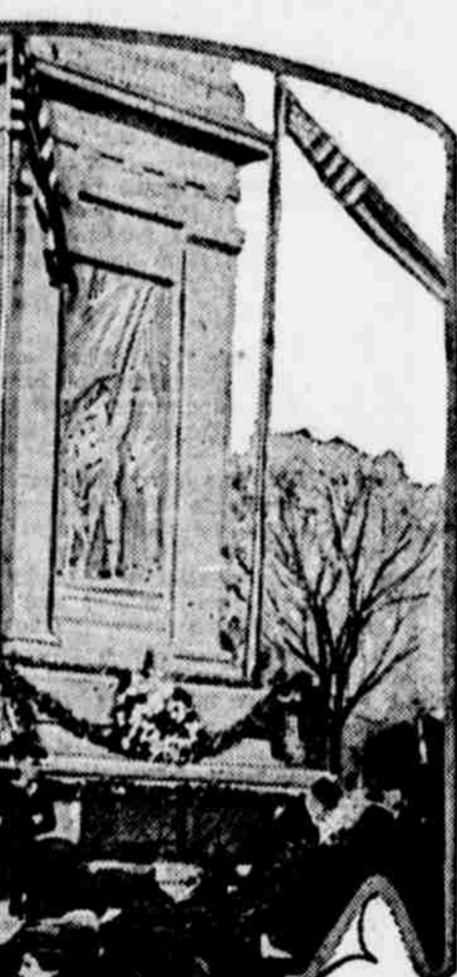


One of the only two Japanese acacia trees in the United States, both located in the White House grounds, is "sick" from rot at the ripe old age of forty-five years.

valled upon Ghiloff to release his prisoner. Lives Threatened Many Times. Time and again thereafter Mr. Barker said their lives were threatened.

At this junction the commander of a Chinese gunboat, which had been icebound in the Amur river during the winter demanded that the foreigners be delivered to him.

John Paul Jones Statue Unveiled



Assistant Secretary of the Navy Gordon Woodbury speaking at the unveiling of a tablet on the John Paul Jones statue, Potomac park, Washington.

Fish Seven Inches Deep on Shore After High Tide

Scituate, Mass.—Residents of the South Shore caught large quantities of fish without net, line or bait when thousands of spawning and smelts were left by the tide on the beaches after immense schools had been driven ashore by larger fish.

World's Fattest Woman Dies

Bristol, Eng.—Lucy Moore, 43 years old, reputed to be the heaviest woman in the world, died of cancer here.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

The annual state corn show will be held by the Nebraska Crop Growers' Association in Lincoln during the week of Organized Agriculture, January 3 to 7.

Of the forty-six states co-operating with the United States department of agriculture in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign, Nebraska stands second in point of progress made the first year.

Bitling Norman, post of Beatrice American Legion, cleared \$300 on the production, "Ching Chong," presented last week at the Gilbert theater.

Hogs sold for a lower price at the Omaha stock yards last week than at any time since January 15, 1917.

A subscription amounting to several hundred dollars has been raised for Henry Utsh of Columbus, whose home and contents was destroyed by fire last week.

An agricultural inspection bureau, connected with the state agricultural department at Lincoln, probably will be started in Omaha January 1.

St. Mary's hospital at Columbus is to have a fireproof addition, to cost \$200,000. When completed, it will have accommodations for 200 patients.

Milo Steenlik of Crete, was fatally injured when he attempted to drive his auto around another, running into a buggy and forcing the tongue entirely through his body.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carey, of Beatrice, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in the presence of their seven children, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

It is estimated that there are still about 1,000 tons of sugar beets in the fields about Gibbon yet to be dug and hauled.

Theo. M. Osterman, of Central City, state representative, is claiming a record yield of corn this year.

The new Lutheran hospital in South Beatrice, was dedicated last week. The building cost about \$140,000, and is said to be one of the finest of the kind in the state.

The Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce has asked the county commissioners to purchase bloodhounds to be used in emergency in tracking criminals.

Counterfeit \$10 bank notes of a crude sort are in circulation over the state and authorities have issued a warning to be on the lookout for them.

The quarries on the Platte river, near Louisville, operated by the Kiewit brothers of Omaha, have practically shut down for the winter.

Twelve young men and one young woman passed examination and were admitted to practice at the bar of Nebraska, at Lincoln last week.

A special election to decide the location of the county seat in Thomas county, Thedford won over Seneca, 512 to 300.

A short course in poultry management will be given by the college of agriculture at Lincoln January 10 to 15 inclusive.

Nebraska ranks comparatively low in the milk producing states, but stands fourth in butter output.

A Ladies' Auxiliary to the American Legion Post has been organized at Columbus.

Dr. T. H. Line has been appointed pension surgeon at Central City.

Fremont has organized a Kiwanis club with over fifty members.

Olaf Olson, Lincoln's new fire chief, appointed to take the place of Chief Sommer, killed in an automobile accident while going to a fire a couple of months ago, arrived from the Panama zone, where he has been connected with the fire department at Cristobal.

Preparation of a complete state budget embracing all departments, institutions and enterprises of the state of Nebraska, as well as public and semi-public activities supported by it in whole or in part, has been commenced by Finance Secretary P. F. Gross, as provided for by the code law and the amended constitution.

Victor Stamm of Hoskins, lost his life when a horse he was riding ran away. Young Stamm was thrown, his foot caught in a stirrup, and he was dragged to death.

Hubbell is incorporating a community association to look after the recreation, amusement and anything pertaining to the public welfare of Hubbell and community.

Official Count On State Ballot

Following is the official canvass of the vote cast in Nebraska at the recent election:

Table listing candidates and their vote counts for various offices including President, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, etc.

NON-PARTISAN

Table listing names and counts for non-partisan candidates.

Leo Rutjen of Tilden, had the distinction last Tuesday of receiving the highest price paid anywhere in the United States that day for a load of hogs at the Omaha market.

Neb. live stock men, who will meet at Lincoln during the week of Organized Agriculture, are planning a practical and interesting program, according to Secretary M. B. Posson of the Nebraska Improved Live Stock Breeders' association.

A bandit killed at Fremont last week, following the hold-up of the College Book store and a gun battle with the police, has been identified as Earnest A. Guest, a deserter from Troop I, 15th Cavalry of Ft. Russell at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Nathaniel Vandorn died at Stromsburg, November 20, within fourteen days of what would have been his hundredth birthday. He was born in 1820 in Richmond county, Ohio, and in 1880 settled on a farm in Polk county, Nebraska.

Twenty neighbors of Oscar Groth, south of Blair, met last week and gathered his corn crop. Groth's 8-year-old son died a few weeks ago, and since then another son was badly injured when he was thrown from a wagon.

One White Leghorn hen laid 208 eggs during the first year of the egg laying contest being conducted by the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station at Lincoln. This is about 200 eggs more than the average hen lays.

D. Harris Cook of Plattsmouth, a student at Northwestern university at Chicago, is dead as the result of heart trouble following an initiation and banquet of one of the fraternities connected with the university.

Norval Clark of Seward made the best record in club activities and club work of any boy in the state and was awarded a free trip to the International livestock show at Chicago.

Nebraska is doing her part to relieve the school teacher shortage in the country. There are approximately 4,000 young people of the state studying to be teachers at the 215 Normal training high schools, according to State Superintendent of Instruction Matzen.

State Fire Marshal Hartford has drawn up a complaint with the county attorney of Platte county, charging that a fire of mysterious origin that destroyed a stock of general merchandise in a building at Duncan a month ago, was deliberately started with felonious intention.

"Better Speech for Better Americans" is the slogan adopted for Better Speech week, which will be observed in Columbus under auspices of the city schools from December 6 to 10.

Farmers of Nebraska are the owners of over 200,000 pounds of wool which is lying in storage warehouses at Lincoln. The wool was "pooled" during June, July and August of this year by farmers' co-operative organizations throughout the state and shipped to that place for storage when market conditions were not such as to make selling advisable.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12

WHAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 13:44-50. GOLDEN TEXT—The kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost—Rom. 14:17.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Mark 13:32; Luke 13:25-35. PRIMARY TOPIC—Sowing in Good Ground. JUNIOR TOPIC—Short Stories That Jesus Told. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Christ's Joy of Finding the Lost. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Supreme Importance of Christ's Sacrifice for the Lost.

4. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (v. 44).

The common interpretation of this parable that Christ is the hid treasure for which the sinner must give up everything in order to buy salvation is false, for the following reasons:

- 1. Christ is not hidden in a field, but has been lifted up and made a spectacle to the world. 2. Nobody has ever been obliged to buy the world in order to get Christ. 3. Salvation cannot be purchased, for it is God's free and gracious gift. 4. No warrant is ever held out to a man to conceal his religion after he has obtained it.

In order to find ground that is safe and that we may appreciate its beauty and symmetry let us break up the parable into its component parts:

- 1. The field. This is the world (v. 38). 2. The treasure. In Psalm 135:4 we are told that Israel, the chosen people, is his treasure. The same truth is set forth in different places and ways (Deut. 7:6-8; 14:2; 26:18; 32: 8, 9). The kingdom of heaven as to its true relation and bearing is now hidden. Christ was primarily sent to the Jews; it was for their sake, the hid treasure, that He sought the field. 3. The purchaser—the Son of God (John 3:16). 4. The purchase price. This was the precious blood of Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, which is worth infinitely more than silver and gold and the treasures of earth (I Pet. 1:13, 19; Isa. 53).

11. The Parable of the Merchantman Seeking Pearls (vv. 45, 46).

The view that this merchantman represents the sinner seeking salvation is contrary to the whole teaching of Scripture. This would make the sinner to be seeking for Christ, while Christ is as indifferent as a lifeless pearl. The whole burden of revelation is that man, since the fall of Adam in the garden of Eden, has been hid away from God, and that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all actively engaged in seeking for lost men.

1. The merchantman. He is without question Christ. He is actively engaged in the search for pearls. In this search he discovers one pearl of great price.

2. The purchase price. The merchantman sold all—impoverished himself in order to buy the pearl. Christ impoverished Himself (Phil. 2:6-8) to purchase the one pearl of great price by His own precious blood (I Pet. 1:18, 19; Eph. 5:25). Salvation is without money and without price.

3. The pearl of great price. This is the church. Christ, the merchantman, will find other pearls of great value, but the peerless gem set above all others will be the church which He has purchased with His own blood. This truth is in harmony with the general teaching of Scripture, which sets forth the different bodies of the redeemed.

III. The Parable of the Dragnet (vv. 47-50).

This parable gives us a picture of the consummation of the kingdom. Note the parts of the parable:

- 1. The sea. This word when used in a figurative sense denotes peoples or multitudes (Dan. 7:3; Rev. 17:15). This means, then, that out of this world shall be gathered a multitude of people, good and bad. 2. The dragnet. The word "net" is properly translated dragnet. The dragnet cast into the sea, then, means the preaching of the Gospel in this age. 3. The dragnet drawn to the shore when full. This means that when God's purpose is made full regarding the preaching of the Gospel in this age, account will be taken of the results. 4. Assortment made by the angels. In the day of this accounting the angels will be the agents which shall separate the saved from the unsaved. 5. The destiny of the bad fish. The angels which are sent forth shall sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire, where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Can Be No Comparison. There can be no comparison made between the intrinsic values of the human soul, and the world. The one is immortal, everlasting; the other is corruptible, transitory. The one has been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus; the other even now groans for redemption. The one is made in the image and after the likeness of God; the other but imperfectly reflects, as in a mirror, the wonderful majesty and power of God.—Rev. Hen-ry Lowndes Drew.