

Story of Flood Based on Tradition Declares Pastor

Dr. Frank Smith Speaks on Buckner Controversy and Biblical Truths in Sunday Sermon.

"The story of the flood is a prehistoric legend," declared Dr. Frank Smith, speaking at his congregation at the First Congregational church yesterday morning on "The Buckner Controversy and Its Relation to the Trustworthiness of the Bible."

Rev. J. D. M. Buckner, since his retirement by the Methodist conference, has attracted attention throughout the country because of views which did not meet approval of those in authority in the Methodist church.

"My heart responds to the great verities of this book—the great abiding truths that find their echo in the hearts of men. Now, I am asked if I believe the story of the flood."

"You know that it is not true to say that a man built a large ship and took therein all kinds of animals and birds. This story of the flood is a prehistoric legend, and we know that a legend is a narrative, usually interesting and based on tradition and unconsciously embodying popular belief."

"Let us remember that the five great stories which we find in the first 11 chapters of the Bible came out of the traditional past. It was an endeavor of a primitive people to state an abstract truth in a concrete form. The flood is a great prehistoric legend which the Hebrew people approved upon. But what a small thing a flood is compared to the great wealth of truth we find in the Bible, which offers permanent and spiritual value to the people of the earth."

"Rev. Mr. Buckner has asked his critics whether they believe that Christ came to earth to manifest the life of the Father. I believe that Christ did come to earth to reveal the life of the Father and to soften the hearts of humanity. Man does not become a fine character until he hears the music of God's voice. God is concerned about making men good here and now, so that they may enter heaven. There is no creed or ceremonial of admittance to heaven unless a man has the key in his own heart. I say that God does reveal himself here and now."

Rev. Mr. Buckner has asked: "Do you believe that God commanded the soldiers of Israel to slay, that he commanded that those who worshipped other gods should be slain?"

"You can't say. 'Thus saith the Lord,' to every act that Moses did or for every act of the children of Israel," said Dr. Smith. "I don't believe that God told Germany to slay the Belgians. I don't believe that God sets his seal of approval on war and I am not a pacifist."

"And again I say, that the Bible is the world's best and greatest story of the entrance of God into human life and human experience."

Former Milligan Banker Pleads Guilty in U. S. Court

Lincoln, Dec. 10.—Louis Larson, Henry Carnes and Thomas Skaggs were sentenced by United States District Judge Thomas C. Munger to serve respectively five, two, and a year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. Larson was convicted of automobile stealing and Carnes and Skaggs pleaded guilty to indictments charging illegal possession of narcotics.

Activities of Insurgent Bloc Portrayed in Song and Verse

Efforts of Radicals in Congress to Gain Control of Government Chief Theme at Gridiron Dinner—Guests Met by Fascists—President Harding Interested Watcher and Listener.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The radical bloc in congress and its efforts to gain control of the government formed the chief theme of burlesque at the Gridiron dinner. The dinner followed the annual election of the club, at which Arthur Sears Henning, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, was elected president. President Harding, who headed the list of distinguished guests, was an interested watcher and listener as the activities of the insurgents were portrayed in song and verse.

As the guests entered the hall they noticed pickets attired in the black shirts and hats of fascists. One of the picket banners bore the legend: "Mr. President, are you with us or against us?" "The hour has come," President Hornaday of the club had scarcely rapped for order when a mob of fascists rushed into the hall in violent protest against this rule by "lame ducks." A new president had been elected by the club a few hours before. The radical program on the Capitol hill to wipe out "lame duck" congresses.

Witches Brew Broth. The third party skew was the chief feature, written as presumably Shakespeare or Bacon would have written a one-act characterization of the radical bloc drive. The scene opened with the three witches brewing a "witchy brew" in a cauldron. The witches were Borah, La Follette and Hiram Johnson.

The music was an enlivening feature of the dinner. There was a parody on a well-known song entitled, "Sailing, Sailing, Over the Three-Mile Line," which described the troubles of the steam ship "Liaman" to the Mocking Bird" was parodied into a story of the democratic victories in Lincoln, Dec. 10.—A brief in supreme court of the Nebraska language law has been prepared at the office of Attorney General Davis. It was announced, for submission to the United States supreme court at Washington, December 15, without oral argument. It is supposed here the Nebraska law that is considered at the same time as that of the laws of Ohio and Iowa. The Nebraska law stands suspended as a result of the writ of error issued by the supreme court of Nebraska.

The Nebraska foreign language statute was a legitimate exercise of the police powers of the state. The Nebraska statute does not curtail constitutional guarantee of religious liberty. The Nebraska statute is neither unreasonable nor arbitrary classification. The Nebraska statute does not violate the constitutional guarantee of personal inerty or private property.

Tip From Woman Leads to Arrest for Murder

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 10.—Arrestment of Harold H. Mendell, 42, charged with slaying his closest friend, Rollin Morgan, 35, whose body was recovered from the Kewardin river August 9, was postponed until Monday. Mendell is being held incommunicado at the county jail.

Cost of Harvard University Over Six Million Yearly

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—It costs more than \$6,000,000 a year to run Harvard university. The annual statement of the treasurer, Charles C. Frances Adams, shows that the total expenditure reached the sum of \$6,945,071, involving an operating deficit of \$77,536 for the year ending June 30.

Governor-Elect Invites World to Inauguration

Call for Enough Proved to Feed 2,000 People Two Days Broadcast Over Oklahoma.

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Indians to Stage Dances. Among the especially invited guests of the new governor at his inaugural party will be about 1,000 Indians, representing all the tribes living in Oklahoma. Several tribes have promised to stage dances.

Mothers and Four Small Children Die in Fire

El Dorado, Kan., Dec. 10.—Mrs. C. C. Cotton and her four small children were burned to death at Haystack, 12 miles south of here, according to a report received here. When going to a repair returned to his home from a trip to Augusta he found his wife outside the house dead with her clothing burned from her body. The house was burning and the cries of the children could be heard. They were dead when he fought his way through the flames and carried them out.

Mississippi Flood Control Legislation Discussed

Washington, Dec. 10.—Legislation affecting flood control on the Mississippi river was discussed here by directors of the Mississippi river flood control association, preparatory to the appearance of spokesmen for the next week. It was decided to make the pending Humphries-Wilson bill the basis for discussion before the committee.

Spook on Ocean-Going Steamer Turns Out to Be Stowaway With Piccolo

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 10.—A weird piping coming from a coal bunker on the transatlantic liner America shocked Otto Schmidt, a coal passer, to death, so his fellow stokers insisted, when the liner arrived from Bremen today. The ship's doctor, however, said it was heart disease.

State Refuses to Prosecute Editor Under Kansas Law

Action Against William Allen White, Charged With Expressing Sympathy for Strikers in Railway Walkout, Dismissed—Judge Says Suit Was Started Without Investigating Facts.

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No Law Violated. "Judge Higgins, chairman of the industrial court, declared publicly that I had violated no law. He agreed with the attorney general. But Judge McDermott, of the industrial court, felt that an arrest should be made and is responsible for the warrant, signed by a clerk in the governor's office."

Sugar Beet Farmers Will Get \$1 Bonus

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The Great Western Sugar company has announced that it will pay sugar beet farmers an additional \$1 per ton, above the \$5 minimum, as a first payment under the sliding scale contract on December 22. This means that in the four factory districts of Scottsbluff, Gering, Mitchell and Bayard, the sum of \$647,000 will be paid out.

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Major Political Parties Assailed by New York Mayor

British Misrepresentations and Wall Street Greed Blamed for Entry Into War—Praises Hearst.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—Mayor John F. Hylan of New York, brought his attack on the existing political and economic order to the middlewest in a speech before the Cook County Real Estate board.

City Beautiful to Rise on Site of Flame-Swept Town

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vey now see certain of the allied officials in London. Ambassador Houghton has insisted that his visit to London at the same time as the visit of Ambassador Fletcher and Senator McCormick is a mere coincidence and that he has no instructions or plans respecting the conference.

It is learned that Premier Mussolini did not quite come up to expectations at today's meetings. He made a perfunctory speech in which he expressed his ideas on reparations and said he favored a moratorium on condition that guarantees were exacted, which, in the French view, is interpreted as supporting their position.

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