

PEOPLE'S



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

PULPIT...

OUT OF THE BELLY OF HELL CRIED I

"I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I" (Jonah ii, 2)

On the Mediterranean Sea, April 17.—We are not far from the place where poor Jonah long ago had his sad experience in his attempt to run away from the Divine commission to the Ninevites.

In abandoning the doctrine of eternal torment my disposition was to abandon the Bible also, because I believed that the Bible was the foundation of the irrational theory which had pictured God to my mind as a demon of the worst imaginable type.

International Bible Studies. That was thirty-eight years ago. Under the Lord's blessing I found the Key to the interpretation of the Scriptures—not because of ability, but, I believe, because it is now due time for the Bible to be understood.

The Belly of Hell Described. But what have "the belly of hell" and the poor soul crying from it to do with the story of Jonah? And how does the story associate itself with our journey today over the Mediterranean Deep?

Whoever gets the proper understanding of our text has in his possession the Key to the Bible. If he will use it, passage after passage will open for him and the whole Word of God becomes a new and glorious revelation of Justice, Wisdom, Love and Power Divine.

So, then, let us learn a lesson from Jonah's words, not forgetting the other lesson mentioned by our Lord when he declares that Jonah's experiences in the grave—the belly of the fish, and his release therefrom—foreshadowed his own experiences in the tomb and his resurrection in power and great glory on the third day.

Bankers Hold Good Session. Neleh, Neb., April 23.—Special to The News: The thirteenth annual meeting of group No. 3 of the North-east Nebraska Bankers association is now history. It was without question one of the best and most instructive gatherings of like nature that this district has had the pleasure of attending.

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Were you ever in a telephone office just after an alarm of fire had been turned in? A News man happened to be yesterday afternoon just after the fourteenth fire alarm of the month had been sounded.

Want Crowd to Attend. Directors of the Norfolk Commercial club are anxious that a big delegation of local business men attend the forthcoming sixth annual convention of the Nebraska Association of Commercial clubs at Columbus next Wednesday and Thursday.

On One Leg He Beats Them All. On one leg Ed Harter of Norfolk has beaten the entire Third congressional district of Nebraska for speed in taking the federal census.

More Vaudeville. The Lyric Comedy company in a little comedy sketch entitled "Coon Town" played to a number of full houses this week.

Skating All Around Town. "I say, Maude, we'll skate down town tonight."

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ON THE Stage

Senior Class Day Play.

Senior class night at the Auditorium and the Auditorium was packed with enthusiastic friends of the graduate class.

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