Police Head Asks Action Against New Cult Leader

Denver Chief Charges Teachings of "Tabernacle of David" Are Menace to Morals of City.

Denver, Dec. 25.—Hamilton Armstrong, chief of police of Denver, asked District Attorney Foley to file charges against Joshua Sykes, known as "Jehovah," head of a cult called the "Tabernacle of David," which is alleged to have 600 followers in Denver.

The police chief's charges allege flagrant imorality and charge that children of church followers were hungry and ate from garbage cans on the way to school.

The doctrine of Sykes alleged to be taught to his congregation, as related in the written charges of the police chief, is that the minister forbids marriage and that he has left his wife to take up another woman, named in the police charges.

Armstrong charges that "Jehovah" is an exponent of free love and alleges his teachings are "a menace to the morals of the city of Denver."

Forbids Work.

Sykes, according to the filed charges, has forbidden his followers from working for seven months, and the numerous children are going ragged and hungry. According to the charges, many of the young children wander shivering through alleys, searching for food thrown from householders' tables. The millennium brings reward for these sacrifices Sykes has proclaimed from his pulpit and this day of reckoning is but seven weeks off, he asserts.

"Do you not see this haze that has been hanging over the city for the last week," Sykes said to his followers this week. "This haze is the coming of the judgment of the Lord. Prepare ye for the day of wrath. For then will death come to the unbelievers—to those at least who are not needed by the chosen 600 for service. Within the course of seven weeks every fine building and residence will be in our hands. We will convert these buildings into garages for our automobiles. Our chosen children will live in the Brown Palace hotel and we will have the rich gentiles of 30 for our servants."

Thrown Into Fountain.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Joshua Sykes was head of a religious organization in Berkeley until a crowd of citizens of that city, incensed at reports of his teachings and because he tore down an American flag, burned his tent and threw him into the huge baptismal fount, which was a permanent feature of his tabernacle.

Convicted in Federal Court.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Rev. Joshua Sykes was sentenced in San Francisco January 23, 1919, to 18 months' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at McNeil's island, Washington, for conspiracy to obstruct the draft law, but was released on bond pending a decision by the United States supreme court on his petition for a writ of certiorari.

Sykes was pastor of the Church of the Living God, in Berkeley, and several of his followers were convicted with him.

Forty-Two Persons Killed, 200 Injured by Albanian Earthquake

Tirana, Albania, Dec. 25.—Forty-two persons were killed, 200 were injured and 500 made homeless by the recent earthquake in the Tepeleni district, it was learned today. The small number of casualties was due to the fact that the district was thinly populated, since most of the population had left, owing to the devastation suffered by the towns in the district during the warfare between the Albanians and Jugo-Slavs.

Dr. John Reynolds of New Britain, Conn., head of the American Red Cross unit sent to the Tepelini area, returned to this city. He found the roads impassable to an automobile because of fallen rocks and used horses instead. He visited the villages affected by the earthquake and left food and medical supplies. Milk and clothing have since been sent to all the destitute children of the district.

Three Firemen Injured in $250,000 Memphis Blaze

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Fed by tons of paints and oils, fire of undetermined origin destroyed the local salesrooms and warehouse of the Glidden company of Cleveland, damaged a number of adjoining stores and caused serious injuries to three firemen. The loss is estimated at $250,000.

Wilson's Query On League Still Is Unanswered

Delay Believed Due to Allies' Uncertainty as to Method of Approach to Turks and Armenians.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Failure of the league of nations, through Paul Hymans, to reply to the inquiries addressed by President Wilson to the league concerning the avenues the president's representative may use in approaching the Turkish nationalists and the Armenian government is interpreted here as meaning that the British, French and Italian governments themselves, from whom the information would have to come, are uncertain what avenues might be used.

Delay in replying is also believed partly to be caused by the uncertainty on the part of the principal allied governments as to what definite assurances they can give the president that his representative will have the diplomatic and moral support demanded by President Wilson in his acceptance of the league's invitation to him to mediate between the Turkish nationalists and the Armenian government.

At the forthcoming meeting of the allied premiers at Cannes or elsewhere, for the purpose of considering the Near Eastern situation with a view of the possible revision of the treaty of Sevres, it is deemed probable that the question of mediation will again be taken up and that an answer to President Wilson's queries may be delayed until after the meeting.

The impression is growing that the allies now are in doubt as to any practical benefits that might accrue from mediation, especially because of the erection of a soviet government in Armenia, and the increasing strength of the Turkish nationalists under Mustapha Kamel Pasha, who is admittedly more powerful than the Turkish government, and whose activities have forced consideration of the advisability of revising the Turkish peace treaty. Another influence operating against carrying on any mediation is believed to be the disinclination of the allies to apply and to enforce the boundaries of Armenia prescribed by President Wilson under authority of the Sevres treaty.

No Change in Greek Cabinet at Present, Constantine Says

Athens, Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—King Constantine, dressed in the uniform of a general of the Greek army, apparently still wearied from his trip from Switzerland, called in the American correspondents and gave them his first interview since he came back to Athens. He said he appreciated the courtesy of the American officials in calling on him.

Constantine said that, as far as he understood the situation, the Greek government would follow a conciliatory attitude toward the allies and that he did not expect a change in the cabinet at present. He smilingly shrugged his shoulders regarding the uncertainty as to whether the British and French ministers would remain in Athens.

Constantine said that the wife of former King Alexander, (Madame Aspasia Manos, Alexander's morganatic wife) had no status in royalty, but that friendly relations with her would be maintained.

"Princess Anastasia (formerly Mrs. William B. Leeds of New York) is now a recognized Greek princess," Constantine added. The king said he had talked with her yesterday.

Second-Hand Store Dealer Robbed by Two Negroes

Harry Crounse, proprietor of a second-hand store at 1219 Douglas street, reported to police that two armed negroes entered his place Friday night, holding him up and robbing the cash register of $500. Crounse, who furnished an accurate description of the negroes to police, said that the men held him at bay as they backed out of the store and then disappeared in the crowd on the sidewalk.

Two Oklahoma Farmers Die As Result of Pistol Duel

Durant, Okl., Dec. 25.—Ernest Trout and Bill Works, farmers, are dead as a result of a pistol duel at Trout's home, eight miles west of here.

The trouble is said to have resulted when Works' daughter, after leaving home because of alleged mistreatment, went to the Trout home for protection.

Soviet Russia And Georgia on Verge of War

Cable Despatches to Washington Show Relations Between Two Countries Are Near Breaking Point.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Diplomatic cable dispatches received here state that relations between soviet Russia and Georgia have reached an impasse. War between the two states is regarded as imminent.

During the first two weeks of December, the advices say, the police and constabulary of Georgia rounded up all males who lacked documents of identification or who had no visible means of support. The dragnet gathered in a large number of speculators, thieves and many persons whose papers indicated they were bolshevik agents. All the prisoners were taken under guard to the government forests where they were made to chop wood for the relief of the fuel famine sufferers.

In retaliation, the bolshevik regime arrested Georgian representatives in Erivan and Baku and cut off shipments of oil and other fuel to Georgia.

The bolsheviki further demanded the immediate surrender of three of the ships formerly belonging to General Wrangel's government in the Crimea which sought refuge in Georgian jurisdiction. In addition the bolsheviki demanded guarantees of non-molestation of Russian ships entering Georgian ports by allied destroyers.

In reply to the bolsheviki's semi-ultimatum, the Georgian government refused to release the bolshevik prisoners on the ground that it had discovered a plot to overthrow the government, and the bolshevik demands in general were refused. The dispatches state that the situation is the most critical that has so far arisen in the relations between soviet Russia and Georgia.

The Motor Corps of America is incorporated in New York State. The corps is organized for the purpose of rendering without charge vehicular transportation service to national and state governments in any emergency.

Tiny Tot's Search for Santa Claus in Court House Is Rewarded

In search of Santa Claus, Jimmie Cooper, 5, attired in light cotton rompers, left his home at 2017 Douglas street Friday night and wandered toward the court house.

Sure enough, there on the court house grounds was a glorious Christmas tree, fairly gleaming its hospitality from the vari-colored hospitality from the varicolored green branches.

"Surely," thought Jimmie, "this must be Santa's front yard. I'll just take a look into his house."

Trudging through the halls of the big county building, Jimmie made known his quest to several kind-hearted men whom he encountered. They didn't have long, flowing white beards, nor did they wear red, fur-trimmed coats, but when the tot emerged from the building he was laden with candy and toys, presented by Santa's "deputies."

A burly policeman picked Jimmie up and piloted him to the central station.

Jimmie's mother, a restaurant waitress, alarmed over her son's disappearance, soon telephoned to the police station and came to take her young "Gallahad" home.

Goodyear Firm Authorized To Issue Huge Sum in Bonds

Akron, O., Dec. 25.—Stockholders of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company voted to authorize directors to issue $50,000,000 in bonds. Directors will report December 29 on their efforts to sell the issue. It was understood that a group of New York bankers had undertaken to underwrite the issue.

The bonds will be in the form of a mortgage against physical assets of the company.

Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio, who recently failed in a suit filed in Columbus to obtain an accounting of the affairs of the Goodyear company, led a small group of stockholders in opposing the bond issue.

236 Persons Claim $5 Bill Advertised by Police

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 25.—A $5 bill was advertised as found by the Berkeley police department yesterday. In two days 236 persons have claimed the money, according to Charles Becker. None was able to identify the bill to his satisfaction and he still holds it.

Many Immigrants Spend Christmas On Board Vessels

Inspectors at New York Are Swamped by Rush of Foreigners Seeking to Enter Land of Dreams.

New York, Dec. 25.—Within sight of the Goddess of Liberty the emblem of the country of their hopes, more than 12,000 prospective citizens, recent steerage arivals from a dozen countries, Friday resigned themselves to spending Christmas on board ship, rather than on land.

At Ellis Island, the gateway through which all steerage passengers must pass, another 3,000 were housed awaiting action of inspectors who would grant or deny them the right to land. The congestion at Ellis Island and aboard ship was due to a holiday influx of large liners.

Pasenger agents here of various lines saw to it, however, that the day was not to be passed on board the ships without substantial evidence of yuletide, and the commissioner in charge of Ellis Island aided by various relief organizations, provided Christmas cheer for those detained at the station.

British Outlook Dark.

London, Dec. 25.—The United Kingdom as a whole was facing a far from cheerful holiday season when Christmas eve arrived. Part of the country, to be sure, was preparing for an oldtime festival and homes and hotels in the west end were arranging celebrations worthy of ancient traditions. In contrast with this, however, must be placed the grim situation in Ireland and the desperate want which has invaded homes by scores of thousands throughout the kingdom, due to unemployment.

It was estimated today that at least 1,000,000 people are without work and London's east end was looking sadly and longingly toward the luxury of the west end. Everywhere there were reminders for the well-to-do of what Christmas meant to the less fortunate.

Even the gay throngs in Picadilly could not escape the haunting look of women who sang for pennies by the curb or of former army officers in war-stained, tattered uniforms, who ground out music from hurdy gurdies while they watched through the slits of the masks they wore to hide their identity.

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