

Auditorium Is Packed as Gipsy Talks About War

Evangelist Tells Large Crowd Of Experiences as Y Worker—Will Not Reveal Amount of Offering.

The second portion of Gipsy Smith's story of his experiences as a "Y" worker among British soldiers in France was delivered by the evangelist at the Auditorium Thursday night at 6 o'clock. The lecture is of such length that it was impossible to give the whole Thursday night, when the first portion was delivered.

The doors of the Auditorium were opened at 5:45 and in spite of a heavy rain which was falling the Auditorium was packed.

What the freewill thank offering to the evangelist amounted to Wednesday night is not known. According to J. R. Cain, Jr., financial chairman of the campaign, he has been charged to keep the money to himself and not even tell the ministers. Several hours were taken to count up checks and cash, he stated.

Tells His Experiences.

The evangelist's lecture Thursday night was a continuation of that of Thursday night, in which he related experiences which occurred at various "Y" huts and hospitals he visited.

"Many people have asked me why I never talk about my particular denomination or why I don't preach a certain creed. I found out the worthlessness of that when I was in France," he said last night.

"A man is a fool that will talk about things that will divide when there are so many that will unite. And when I worked with the boys I never asked their denomination. It was immaterial to me what they believed. They were my brothers and I was there to serve them.

"I am glad to see the way the ministers and people mix in Omaha," he said. "All my life I've been working to get people to mix. So many of you are too particular about your denominational problems and not particular enough about the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

"One time I visited a hut in a village that had been all but ruined. The men who frequented the hut were all Munstermen, from Ireland. The hut manager told me I wouldn't be able to preach to them. But I did. I had a bill written on green paper announcing a talk that night on 'Gipsy Life.' They came and filled the hut. Then we sang old songs and I told my life story.

"For six nights I had those men and entertained them with stories. I made them forget the hell of the trenches they had just left and there is as much religion in that as any thing that can be done. I told them nature stories and made them see Jesus in every blade of grass.

Respected Religion Right.

"I had no right to cram my own individual creed down their throats because I happened to have the advantage. They had a right to their own religion and I respected that right. I made friends of all of them.

"I found out in France that you could do many things that don't look religious that in reality are religious. Pouring out hot coffee and the boys just back from the trenches was as good as a service."

The evangelist stopped, in digression, to make a short plea for the Willard Hall which is to be opened in the near future as a boarding home for working girls.

"When you people are asked to subscribe for this good work don't refuse on the ground that it isn't your denomination doing it. Any good work, regardless of who starts it is worthy the support of all true Christians. Anything that is for Jesus and His teaching is good. The boys in France were the most unselfish in the world.

I have seen them coming out of the trenches, where they had been standing in water to their hips for hours, singing 'Pack Up Your Troubles.' It's a wonder they lived through the dangers of the unsanitary trenches.

"If some of you people would smile a bit when you were coming home from church Sunday morning people would really believe you had got a bit of religion. The boys smiled when lots of times I wanted to cry.

"Some people have the idea that they must have a hymn book in one hand and a prayer ready before they can do anything for Jesus. One time I was in a hut when some boys just returned from the trenches, tired, wet through and hungry. A young woman, just out from England, wanted to give them something warm to drink at once. The hut manager said, 'No, let's get in a word for Jesus first.' She remonstrated and a soldier standing nearby, who heard the conversation said, 'She gives us Jesus with our coffee.' That's the way, mix Jesus with everything you do."

Mentions War Song.

In mentioning the old song, 'Keep the Home Fires Burning,' which was sung during a meeting at a hospital, the evangelist digressed to say:

"Isn't it religious for the women to keep the home fires burning? Isn't it religious for them to keep just as neat and tidy around the house as they did when their husbands were courting them? Is it religious for the wives to go gadding about the city while their husbands are out of the city? Is it religious for the men to do the same when their wives are gone? When singing in the right manner, I consider that song just as religious as any hymn."

The evangelist told many incidents which were filled with heart throbs and human interest. One particularly of how nine "hard-boiled" men were converted and brought back to prayer.

One anecdote that will bear repeating was that of a Scotch soldier lad who went into a hut in England to get something to eat.

"During the war," the evangelist said, "Queen Mary often visited the huts and without knowing it, often waited on the soldiers.

"The Scotch lad came in and brushed up to the queen.

"Give her a cup of tea," he asked.

Two-Minute Sermons

Written Especially for The Bee by Gipsy Smith

It has been said that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Next to the mother in influence comes the school teacher, whose task it is to train the mind of the future generation.

The teacher has the boy and girl under his or her influence in the formative, tender years, the impressionable years, when seeds are sown that bring forth the harvest. What the harvest will be, whether good or ill, depends on the home and the school.

What the children are taught in the first 10 years of their school life forms the foundation, largely, on which they build their future. The structure can never stand unless it is built on a solid foundation. If I could have the mothers and fathers and teachers loyal to Christ for the next 20 years in English speaking lands, we could capture the planet for the Lord Christ.

The queen, in her hurry, misunderstood him and gave him coffee. The lad took the coffee and got some rolls and went into a corner to eat his lunch. He tasted his drink and found the mistake. He took it back to the queen and said, 'Say, ye give me coffee and I asked for tea.'

"You shall have tea, then," the queen replied.

"I want you to know that when we soldiers ask for tea we mean tea." So the queen gave him a big mug of tea.

"Then, to his consternation, a companion came over and told him he had been talking to the queen. He went over to her.

"Are you the queen?" he asked.

"Yes," she replied. "Well, why didn't ye say so, and I'd of drunk your old coffee." And in this rough manner the evangelist said the Scotch lad apologized for "hawling out the queen." However, he sent the mug with which she had served him to his mother in Scotland as a memento.

There were no services at the Auditorium last night. Services will be held Saturday and Sunday.

Federal Agents Take Steps To Guard Bonded Liquor

Washington, Nov. 11.—Steps to halt removal of imported liquor from custom houses and bonded warehouses, pending scrutiny and proper approval of withdrawal permits, were under consideration at a conference between Commissioner Haynes and high prohibition and custom officials.

Action is to be taken, officials said, to prevent imported liquor being withdrawn on forged permits or irregular papers.

It is not enough simply to teach boys and girls to read, write, add figures and master science, art, literature and languages. They must be taught like Timothy, the Scriptures, and learn to see God's view of men and things, and to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. This is essential if boys and girls are to grow up into a generation of pure, strong, noble, clean, honest, God-fearing men and women.

And surely that is, and should be, the business of the schools. Unless that is the purpose of school life, in the midst of mind training you may have a cultured person so far as learning goes, but with a heart filled, like the Pharisees, with uncleanness. They were cultured, but Jesus said to them: "You wash the outside of the platter, but the inside is full of corruption."

Some of the biggest scoundrels I have known have been university men and women. The head may be trained and may be filled with all sorts of good things, while the heart is starved because it is estranged from God.

"A Christian life is the most profitable one to lead in this world and hereafter," was the theme he developed.

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"Godliness is the best business," he declared. "Conduct your business in a way to please Jesus.

"If you don't, prepare to buy more Liberty bonds and ammunition, for there will never be peace on earth till this lesson is learned."

Lewis Refuses To Defend Small Former Senator Declines to Become Chief Counsel for Illinois Governor.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—James Hamilton Lewis, former United States senator, announced he had declined to become chief of counsel for Governor Small in his forthcoming trial on charges of embezzlement of state funds.

In explaining his refusal, Lewis said the governor was entitled to a fair trial, free from prejudice of politics or personal sentiment. Lewis was a candidate against Small for the position of governor and during his campaign denounced the governor and many of the things for which he stands, so he feels that it would not appear consistent for him now to defend the governor. He says the public should understand, however, that while a man may be wrong from a political point of view, that does not mean he is a criminal under the criminal law.

Mesopotamian Boy, 12 Years Old, is Youngest Patriarch

London, Nov. 11.—At a recent ceremony of the accession of King Feisal to the throne of Mesopotamia much interest was aroused by the presence of the patriarch of the Nestorian Christians. Those who expected to see an old man were much astonished to find that the patriarch is a boy of 12, clad in clerical robes. The present patriarch is the youngest religious dignitary in the world. He is now learning English.

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N. Y. Gold Star Mothers Hear Harding's Speech

New York, Nov. 11.—A little army of gray haired women—New York's gold star mothers—marched this morning to Madison Square Garden to sit for an hour in the seats of honor and listen while the unknown soldier's body, symbolizing all the sons they gave to their country was laid to rest with a nation's homage at Arlington cemetery.

The mothers, more than 1,000 of them, were escorted by a guard of honor made up of infantrymen, blue-jackets and marines. Citizens from every walk of life, reverently eager to follow the Arlington services through the telephonic amplifying device with which the garden and Madison Square outside had been equipped, filled the hall.

French Delegates Attempt to "Spend" Cigar Store Coupons

Washington, Nov. 11.—Some members of the French delegation believe cigar store coupons are money, or did until they tried to spend 'em. Buying cigars and cigarettes, several delegates paid for them in large bills. In change they received one and two dollar bills, all over and coupons for the amount of their purchase.

They picked it all up together and crammed it in their pockets. A little while later, paying for a bottle of apple juice, they proffered a "green certificate" believing it to be collateral.

"There's no use in us saving up a million coupons to get an automobile, we won't be here long enough," said one of the delegates laughing, when the matter was explained to him.

Arms Delegates Will Be Seated Alphabetically

Secretary Hughes to Occupy Center of Huge Table As President of Conference.

Washington, Nov. 11.—When armament delegates assemble at the 108-foot table in Continental Hall Saturday for their first session they will be seated according to what diplomatically is known as "alphabetical precedence."

President Harding, occupying a chair at the center of the main section—the west side—will have grouped about him Secretary Hughes and the three other American delegates, Senator Lodge, Senator Underwood and Elihu Root. The president will retire after delivering his address, leaving Secretary Hughes at the center of the group, in his capacity as president of the conference.

To the right of the American delegates will be seated delegates from the British empire and the dominions. To the right of them will be seated the French.

To the left of the Americans will be the delegates from Italy and to their left will be delegates from Japan.

At the open end of the U table—the east side—and at smaller tables placed to connect with the ends of the large one will be seated delegates from Holland, Belgium, Portugal and China.

Then in rows of chairs about

Armistice Day Should Be Sacred, Foch Declares

All Great Sacrifices Rewarded, Marshal Says in Statement to American Legion Members.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 11.—Declaring that Armistice day should be made sacred throughout the civilized world, Marshal Foch gave out a message to the American Legion.

"It is out of sacrifice and suffering that the greatest things in life grow," the message said.

"No man ever gave up part of himself in a great cause, but that his sacrifice was rewarded a hundred fold in moral and spiritual blessings.

"Our hearts pour out in sympathy to the mothers, wives, fathers, sisters, brothers of those brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the war. Our prayers go up for those men and at the same time we worship their memory."

Armistice day, the 11th of November, should be made sacred throughout the civilized world. It is the day when we think of the noble sacrifice made by the hero dead, of the brilliant records of duty all performed; of the spirit of patriotism and bravery shown by those who, fortunately, escaped shot and shell.

"On this day let us think only of the great cause for which the allies fought—a splendid cause, one that led to victory and peace. And thinking of the great cause for which we fought, let us think also of a bond of eternal peace, so that the people of the world may work and rebuild and find happiness in industrial pursuits, with no thoughts of future conflicts.

"God helping, peace will reign throughout the world."

three sides will be the 200 technical advisors and other experts. The three balconies will be divided between the diplomatic corps and official set, the senate and the house.

To the rear of the presiding officer and facing the hall are four boxes seating 10 persons. One will be assigned to Mrs. Harding, one to the American delegation, and the remaining two to the foreign delegates. In all, there are seats for approximately 1,300 persons in the auditorium.

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