

# JAPANESE BILLY SUNDAY-EXHORTS LIKE REAL ONE

### Strange Scene Witnessed at Christian Revival in a Tent Near the Parliament Houses in Tokio.

(Associated Press Correspondence.)  
Tokio, May 26.—Close by the houses of parliament, within which members were discussing the question of China, there stood a big tent, fringed and flanked by many bright colored Japanese banners. Through the flap came the sound of a man's voice, pleasant, resonant and powerful. The voice was exhorting people to come to God and be saved.

The correspondent of the Associated Press who was on his way to the diet, stopped at the entrance of the tent. A little group of smiling, welcoming Japanese were there.

"Who is that man speaking?" was asked.

"Why, don't you know?" came the answer. "That's Kimura, the Billy Sunday of Japan."

At the same moment the notes of a Christian hymn sung in chorus, filled the great tent and bursting without, caused hundreds of passing people to stop, listen and inquire. They were informed that it was all a part of the great Christian evangelistic movement now under way throughout Japan, and that Seimatsu Kimura, the young revivalist of Japan, friend and student of Dwight L. Moody, was conducting the Tokio meetings.

Like American Revival.  
The picture was much the same as American revival meetings with the added interest by the rich-colored flowing kimono, the black hair of the Japanese women, the occasional clatter of the wooden shoe, and the many-hued Japanese decorations.

The music ceased. Then a Japanese with regular handsome features, medium in height, rather stockily built, dressed in European clothes, stepped forward from his co-workers on the platform and began to talk in Japanese. He began quietly, but soon his voice rose and his face changed as becoming more impassioned he discoursed eagerly upon the theme of salvation. Leaning forward and shouting out a clenched fist before him, the evangelist cried to the men: "You students in Tokio, sitting there on your Webster dictionaries, you think you are fine and mighty indeed. You think how much better you are than other people; but, I ask, have you found the love of Jesus Christ?"

Then turning to the young ladies he shouted: "You, with your pretty kimonos and pretty faces—think you, perhaps, that you are saved by these things alone? Prepare yourself ere it is too late. Come into the kingdom of Jesus Christ and be saved." Then he went on hammering home truths to the different sections of his audience, gesticulating violently at times, moving nervously back and forth upon the platform, jumping up and down, crouching to his knees, and especially using his wonderful black eyes, and his expressive face to bring home the thought he was trying to communicate.

Meads Eloquently.  
Suddenly he flung his right arm upward towards a sign which rested above the platform and read it both in Japanese and English.

"Christ for the citizens of Tokio! The citizens of Tokio for Christ!" Harken to the words, my brothers and sisters! My aim is to convert to Christianity every one of the 60,000,000 souls in Japan today. I believe in sudden conversions. Come here now, and give me your hand as an emblem that you have accepted the faith.

A number of people walked up to the revivalist and accepted Christianity. Then there was more music and the correspondent was introduced to the Sankey of the Tokio revivalist movement. He is called "Vio" Sakai, because he loves the violin and as

Sankey was sister for Moody so Sakai is the player for Kimura.  
The following day the correspondent was told by the revivalist himself something of his life and something of his hopes for the future.  
Seimatsu Kimura, who is known by his American friends as Henry Kimura, was born in Japan about 40 years ago. "I was the son of a wine seller," he said, "and when I was a boy of 16 I was kicked out of my house. I sold newspapers to earn enough to eat. At the age of 16 I was converted to Christianity and some-how, since then, life has gone on happily and fruitfully. I think, as I told Dwight L. Moody one day, that it is a case of Philippians 4-13. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ."

Talks of His Life.  
"I was one of three children," he went on, "and of my brothers, Seishiro Iwamura (adopted by the Iwamura family), is now preparing for Sunday school service by studying at the theological seminary at Hartford, Conn. And I would like to note that other brother and my father and mother have been converted."

"When I was 19 years old I went to the United States to learn how to win souls. Dwight L. Moody was holding revival meetings in South California and so big were the crowds that I had a hard time trying to hear him. But I said to the policeman at the door: 'Look here, Mr. Policeman, I have come 5,000 miles to hear Mr. Moody and you just must get me in.'"

"That was how I first met Mr. Moody. I stayed close by him and when he left for the north, it was I who carried his satchel. Mr. Moody was astonished to find me following him on the train and was more astounded when I told him that I was going with him. I told the great preacher that I wanted to become an evangelist. I asked him what school I should go to. I said I had asked two people and they had given me different advice. Mr. Moody said: 'If you ask five people you will have five different advice. There is only one being who can advise you truly and that is God.' And I said to Mr. Moody at once: 'It's all decided, I'm going to the Moody Institute at Chicago.'"

Mr. Kimura was getting interested in his reminiscences and was punctuating his story with some of his expressive gestures.  
"Mr. Moody looked up at me and said: 'Young man, how much money have you got?' I answered: 'Mr. Moody, I have got 35 cents.' The great evangelist looked me over with a good deal of astonishment. 'Well,' he ejaculated, 'how do you ever expect to study two years in Chicago on 35 cents?' And I said quickly: 'Mr. Moody—Philippians 4-13.'

Disciple of Moody.  
"Mr. Moody smiled broadly and he said out to one of his followers: 'Please remember this young man. He is going to Chicago to study.' When I got to Chicago, I found a scholarship awaiting me."

Mr. Kimura came back to Japan and proceeded to have six years of evangelistic work with the Japanese people. He told his friends to give him the most broken-down old church in Japan. There were only thirty-five members when he started, but there were 300 when he finished. Then he resigned to take up bigger evangelistic work and in June, 1914, he went to the United States, stopping at Honolulu long enough to convert over 1,600 Japanese to Christianity. "There is one thing that I have learned from Dr. Mackay, your American pastor," declared Mr. Kimura, as a pleasant aside, "and that is your stick-till-veness."

It was in Denver that Kimura first saw Billy Sunday. "It was the first time in twenty-five years that I had such an experience," he said, "I wept six times in one hour on hearing him." He joined Sunday's meetings at Des Moines and during three weeks attended fifty meetings.

Kimura came back to Japan in April of this year and began to take part in the great evangelistic campaign. He has been talking to big crowds and every week for the next year and a half is filled with evangelistic meetings. When he preaches he often writes a Japanese or Chinese character the texts of his sermons. This method, he said, made things much clearer to everybody. Sometimes when his voice fails he uses a megaphone. He found that preaching two or three times a day in the vigorous manner he uses was very tiring so he goes to bed every afternoon to pre-

# SELIGMAN EXPLAINS BOND SALE PLAN TO COUNTY ROAD BOARDS

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO MORNING JOURNAL)

Santa Fe, June 24.—Mayor Arthur Seligman returned last night from Las Vegas, Mora and Bata, where he explained to the county commissioners and road boards the plan for floating the half million dollar good roads bond issue for the state. He met with an enthusiastic reception for the proposition and the state treasurer today postponed the date for selling the bonds to July 7, to permit the other counties to come in on the proposal to contribute a part of the 3 per cent of the total issue needed to make the bonds bring par as the law provides. Mr. Seligman leaves tomorrow for Roswell and next week will visit Albuquerque to consult with the county commissioners and road boards.

Grant, Dona Ana, Colfax, Mora and San Miguel counties have already accepted the proposition and a meeting of Bernalillo, McKinley, Valencia and Socorro counties will be held Monday in Albuquerque to take action.  
Mr. Seligman made the distance from Watrous to Las Vegas last night in thirty-eight minutes. He reports that El Camino real in San Miguel county as well as in Mora county, is a veritable speedway. Substantial steel and concrete bridges have been or are being constructed and the boards of both counties deserve great credit. The trip from Santa Fe to Las Vegas was made in three hours and fifty minutes. The San Miguel county board let a contract for the Bernal bridge for \$650 while Mr. Seligman was in attendance and he offered to pay for the bridge and see it that the county set \$35,000 besides for its road if the commissioners appropriated the few hundred dollars needed to market the road bond issue. He was especially encouraging in his remarks to Road Chairman H. J. Taupert.

In Colfax county, the roads are reported to be in poor condition as compared with San Miguel, Mora and Santa Fe counties, but substantial improvements are being made in the bridging of streams. For the first time El Camino Real is adequately sign boarded except at Springer. A heavy rain made the road almost impassable yesterday in Colfax county.

# BOY IS DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED BY RANCH HAND

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Gallup, N. M., June 24.—Ed Vanderwagen, 19 years old, son of Andrew Vanderwagen, of Zuni, N. M., was shot by a ranch hand, Mariano Candelaria, Sunday afternoon. The boy was shot in the back near the shoulder. The shot passed out through the arm, shattering the upper arm so badly that it will probably have to be amputated. He was brought to Gallup in an auto, a distance of about forty-five miles. From here he was taken to the Rehoboth mission, seven miles east, where he will be cared for in the mission hospital. The lad was in a dangerous condition when brought in and the exact details of what led up to the shooting could not be learned. It is believed that the boy broke a bottle of whiskey that the Mexican had hidden some place. After the shooting he scaled up one of the best horses on the ranch and started south. He took his Winchester rifle with him. He told another man who worked with him as he was leaving that he had shot the boy and that he was headed for the mountains and would never surrender to any one.

The Gallup sheriff was not notified until the following day. A couple of deputies went in an auto to the scene of the tragedy and got the evidence and started on the trail of the man who did the shooting. They ran on to him unexpectedly only fifty miles south the following day. When they drove into a canyon they saw him dart to the door and called to him to come out and surrender, which he did immediately. There was plenty of room for him to escape to the mountains if he had traveled the usual route, but only the sixty miles in two days. He is well known over a wide country here, and has always been considered a very peaceable man. It is not known if he was intoxicated at the time of the shooting or not. He is now in the county jail here.

# SANTA FE PERSONALS.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO MORNING JOURNAL)

Santa Fe, June 24.—Ruth Safford, the New Mexico beauty queen, returned last night from her trip to the exposition cities with fifty-nine other beauties from other states.  
Dr. James A. Hinkle returned today by motor from Denver after several weeks spent in clinics in Montreal, Toronto and other eastern cities as well as Denver, working with eminent surgeons.

Maj. and Mrs. W. A. Burbank, of the Philippines, are visiting Mrs. Burbank's mother, Mrs. Gutterman.

# Visitors to Museum.

Santa Fe, June 24.—Among those who registered at the Museum of New Mexico today are: Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Bird, Stevens Point, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ogilvie and daughter, Grand Ogle, Mountain Park, N. M.; B. G. Hizer, Pickerington, Ohio; J. M. Hizer, Athens, Ohio; Dr. J. B. Krieg and wife, Gallon, Ohio; George W. Stewart, Jr., Ohio University; Elsie Davis, Sable Beach, Dodge City, Kan.; Roman Gallegos, Fidel Ortiz, Las Vegas; Mrs. N. A. Purcell, Manhattan, Kan.; Mrs. Sarah Hudson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Horasby, Moriarty, N. M.; Dorothy E. Barton, Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. A. A. Gettys, Reno, C. B. Hawkins and wife, Sibley, Tex.; Ella Reed and Evelyn Wolfe, and Mary E. Sherlock, Streator, Ill.; Berta M. Purdon, Plymouth, Ill.; Harry A. Emerson, Summit, Ark.; C. B. Wilkins, E. Sumner; Joe Winckelmann, Cincinnati, O.; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McMillen, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Schneider, P. Cameron, F. G. Guss, Albuquerque.

# Governor Names Delegates.

Santa Fe, June 24.—Governor McDonald yesterday appointed the following delegates to the seventh annual meeting of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology at Salt Lake City, August 16: C. W. McSherry, Silver City; John Morrow, Raton; W. W. Gatewood, Roswell. To the International Congress for Thrift at San Francisco, August 9 to 12, he appointed as delegates: T. D. Burns, Tros Amarilla; H. B. Jones, Tucuman; Smith Lee, Roswell; D. T. Hoskins, Las Vegas. He appointed Mrs. Nellie C. Pierce of Albuquerque, a notary public.

# To Speak on Fourth.

Santa Fe, June 24.—District Judge Granville A. Richardson has accepted an invitation to make a Fourth of July address at Clovis on July 5. Halpa C. Ely, of Santa Fe, will be the other speaker.

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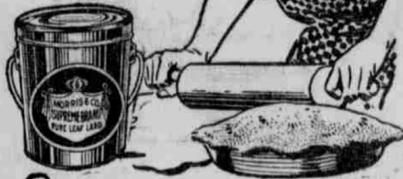
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