

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO DENUNCIATE

Repudiates Statement of Minister

Joseph Scott Awakens Echoes at the Westminster When He Replies to Allegations of Wiley

J. Phillips

By courtesy of the City club President Joseph Scott of the board of education was given the floor at yesterday's weekly meeting and luncheon in the Hotel Westminster's dining room to answer verbal charges made last Saturday by Rev. Wiley J. Phillips before the same club that Mr. Scott and the Catholic church owned property which was used for immoral purposes.

After a fierce denunciation of Rev. Mr. Phillips in which President Scott read letters of retraction the club, at the motion of Meyer Lissner, passed resolutions denouncing the remarks of last Saturday.

Secretary Willard of the Municipal league replied to the charges in so far as they referred to Bishop Conaty, explaining that the property Rev. Mr. Phillips referred to was held jointly and through inheritance.

The church ordered a stone wall built in the center of the premises and made a stipulation in all leases that no woman—not even the wife of the owner—could enter its half of the building. It is now used as a Japanese lodging house.

Adopt Report

These replies growing out of Rev. Mr. Phillips' address at the social evil last Saturday followed the reading of a report of the board of governors of the City club in which the policy of the club was reiterated as one formed for discussion, not for action on civic topics.

The governors stated that the membership was recruited along the lines of a club organized for discussion of civic topics solely; action thereon being left to vigor, older and more strongly equipped organizations, of which Los Angeles has several.

The report was unanimously adopted. Mr. Scott was given the floor to make a statement shortly after luncheon.

"I have taken these charges made before this club with the calmness of philosophy which a man of my temperament may be expected to assume," said Mr. Scott. "I come of Catholic ancestry, and come of stern stuff. When I took the hand of my little wife at the altar it was no idle promise I made to her. Now this man says I visited these dens of infamy and had three houses devoted to this sinister purpose.

There are only two Joseph Scotts paying taxes here—one of them an honest negro on Monte Vista and Western avenue. I have caused Assessor Mallard to give me a deputy and we looked up the records showing that I pay taxes on my house on Eighth and Hoover streets.

"This Rev.—God save the mark—Phillips knows I am the president of the board of education by the suffrage of the people. As such I am presumed to be at least a partial exemplar of commercial and moral honesty.

"This abhorrent attack saying I was renting houses for tenebrous purposes is a villainously abhorrent and hardly know how to meet it. I don't care to honor him with the title of reverend. He isn't the type of man of my Brother Dana Bartlett, who sits here.

"Now I will read the correspondence that passed between us as soon as I heard of the charges. Watch the worm crawl."

Mr. Scott read the letters. Resuming, he said: "In his next issue of the California Voice he reiterates his charges by saying that the man who owned these places was well known in the community."

"I want to leave a legacy of a good name to my six children in this community, where I have lived for forty years."

"His statements are as barefaced as they are villainous."

"It isn't for me to say what this club shall do. I am entirely willing to accept the resolutions of the board of governors from knowing what to expect of this speaker when he was asked to come before you. All I ask is that the record of his remarks be expunged from the minutes of the club."

Secretary Willard's statement concerning the connection of the church with the property in the questionable district was as follows: "Hearing the name of Bishop Conaty mentioned as one of the owners of property in this district, the next matter up and made an investigation, partly out of feeling of friendship for all religious institutions and partly for the man. This property, of course, came into the possession of the Catholic church, which does not hold it as such, but holds it in the name of its prelates.

"Six years ago, when it became apparent that such a state of things existed there, Bishop Montgomery issued an order to divide the building, separating the fifty feet owned by the church.

"A solid brick wall was built, new leases were drawn up and strict provisions were incorporated that the place must be put to no immoral uses. Early this morning and on previous occasions I entered the place unawares and found it just what it purported to be—a lodging house for Japanese men exclusively."

Speaks of Mr. Phillips

Fred F. Wheeler, owner of Wheeler place, then spoke on behalf of Rev. Mr. Phillips. He said: "Mr. Phillips is not here, so I will speak for him. Mr. Phillips was invited by O. T. Johnson to speak on the social evil. Anticipating the unwisdom of what might be said I suggested when he began his speech not to mention the names of property owners."

President Lee Gates added in conclusion: "I am voicing the sentiment of the club when I say there needs be no denunciation by either gentleman as against such charges. None of us would willingly be parties to such accusations. This club has not in any manner changed its confidence in these men by these charges."

Pastor Will Give Reception

The regular monthly reception of the pastor to the church will be held in the parlors of Temple Baptist church Monday evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock. These receptions are given with the club of the members becoming better acquainted, and as a means of introducing the strangers and new members to the pastor and his wife.

A Girl's Gues

Teacher—What is meant by the wave of popularity? Jane—The Marcel wave, ain't it, teacher?

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She Started the "Teddy Bear" Fad



LOVELL TAYLOR

PERSONS who frequent Broadway—and they are very many—were somewhat surprised one or two days last week to see promeneading that thoroughfare, a tall, very lovely blonde young woman with a wealth of sunny hair and large blue eyes, who, beneath the folds of her fluffy summer gown, tried in vain to hide a rather large and aggressive white Teddy bear with a blue ribbon round its neck. But they need not have stared or wondered; she had a right to tote the bear, even in Los Angeles' main street, for she started the Teddy bear craze, and that particular specimen was the Atlantic City two summers ago progeny of the California emblem—white, black, brown and grizzly—which have delighted youngsters and amused grown-ups the country over.

Miss Lovell Taylor is the young woman to whom the land owes this fad, and her love of California, her native state, is responsible indirectly for its origin. Miss Taylor is a loyal supporter of the Bear state, and yet is seldom here, because her stage duties require her presence in the east most of her time. It was while playing in "Easy Dawson" with Raymond Hitchcock at Atlantic City two summers ago that she and the bear made history, and the bear's first name was "Easy Dawson," the "Teddy" appellation coming as an afterthought of some one else, a thing which Miss Taylor vigorously disclaims and discredits.

"We were at Atlantic City," says she, in telling of the episode, "playing there, and I was very homesick for my home. It was warm and sticky, and I longed inexpressibly for good old California. I was promeneading the board walk one afternoon with several friends when I spied in front of a German toy shop the cutest little white bear, woolly and lifelike as could be. I shouted, I was so glad. It reminded me of home, you know—not that we have white bears here, but just as my old bear was company. I immediately demanded it, and though it cost me \$7.50 I gladly paid the bill and carried it to my hotel. There I tied a red ribbon about its neck, christened it 'Easy Dawson' and set it up as my pet."

"At once the other people at the hotel fell in line. They bought out the old German's entire stock—the head on a screen—and he was busy sending frantic orders to New York for more. Soon New York was exhausted and then the dealers began to make and import them. It became a regular craze; no one could supply the demand.

"About that time a paper was publishing stories of bears—Teddy B and Teddy G—and some one called my 'Easy Dawson' 'Teddy B,' and so it has been ever since.

"Of course, when I bought the little chap I had no idea of what the result would be; it was simply my homesickness and my joy at finding a reminder of my own state. But think what the consequences are that must now rest on my head."

Miss Taylor's head does not seem to be bowed by her woes, however; the genesis of the bear has not grayed her sunlit hair that any one can notice. Her bear, however, is very different from the common or garden variety of bear that the shops display. It is very lifelike, has snappy teeth, a woolly back and real claws. But it seems wholly unconscious of its proud position at the head of the Teddy Bear family, and is really not puffed up at all.

Lovell Taylor is a stage favorite in the east, which, of course, helped the fad to spread. After her "Easy Dawson" season she was with Louis Mann and Clara Lipman in "Julie Bonbon" and later was with Annie Russell in the Astor theater production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which was a week ago, resigning from this because of illness, however, before it reached her. She is now visiting her two sisters, who live in Los Angeles.

TYPHOID GERMS IN VEGETABLES

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH WARNS THE PEOPLE

In Report the Statement is Made That Uncooked Food May Lead to Disease—372 Causes of Death

In the monthly report of the California state board of health just issued it is stated that during the month of April there were reported 1938 living births, 2694 deaths, exclusive of stillbirths, and 2019 marriages. For an estimated state population of 2,001,193, these figures give annual rates as follows: Births, 11.8; deaths, 16.4, and marriages, 12.3. The corresponding rates for March were, respectively, 11.7, 15.8 and 8.6.

Statistics follow: The number of marriages was highest in the following counties: Los Angeles, 418; San Francisco, 385; Alameda, 270; Santa Clara, 95; Sacramento, 91; Marin, 62, and Orange, 50.

The birth total was greatest for the following cities: San Francisco, 562; San Diego, 77; Sacramento, 62; Stockton, 56; Alameda, 35; Berkeley, 34; San Jose, 30; Pasadena, 27, and Fresno and Long Beach, each 25.

The death list was greatest for the following cities: San Francisco, 562; Los Angeles, 366; Oakland, 160; San Diego, 77; Sacramento, 62; Stockton, 56; Alameda, 35; Berkeley, 34; San Jose, 30; Pasadena, 27, and Fresno and Long Beach, each 25.

The deaths reported for April were distributed by geographic divisions as follows: Northern California—Coast counties, 112; interior counties, 227; total, 339. Central California—San Francisco 562, other bay counties, 265; coast counties, 163; interior counties, 465; total, 1599. Southern California—Los Angeles, 552; other counties, 244; total, 796. State total, 2694.

Causes of Death

There were 372 deaths from tuberculosis of the lungs and 37 from tuberculosis of other organs, making a total of 409, or 15.2 per cent of all deaths. From various forms of tuberculosis. There were 394 deaths, or 14.6 per cent of all, from diseases of the respiratory system, 312 being from pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia and 82 from other diseases of this class. Third in order, as usual, are diseases of the circulatory system, causing 349 deaths, or 13.0 per cent. There were 82 deaths from meningitis and 135 from other diseases of the nervous system.

Typhoid fever, as is nearly always the case, was the most fatal epidemic disease in the month. The total for typhoid fever was 34, again a record for whoping cough, 19, for diphtheria 19, for measles, 18 for influenza and 16 for all other epidemic diseases.

Danger of Typhoid

According to investigations made by the state board of health it was proved beyond a doubt that there is great danger of typhoid being spread by the use of uncooked vegetables which have become contaminated by human excrement. Gardens were found where the liquid excrement was used to sprinkle on the plants to kill insect life. Should these vegetables be eaten raw, as many of them are, serious consequences might result.

In the neighborhood of cities where land is valuable intensive cultivation is allowed to go to waste that will enrich the soil. Sewage in concentrated form and sewage-polluted water are used to fertilize and irrigate fruit trees and vegetable gardens, and strawberries are set out to view for the purpose of inducing trade, but they are entirely unprotected. Food which is which is in clouds from the street—just composed of all unmentionable filth. It settles and clings to the berries and no amount of washing will entirely take it away. The berries are inspected by a city health officer, ever-present dog, who leaves them in a no more inviting condition.

"This delicious fruit is exposed to enough contamination in its production and packing and should be guarded from any additional in the market. This can easily be done, and local ordinances should be passed requiring that berries should not be exposed to the contaminating filth, and that the purchaser, however, have an immediate remedy by refusing to deal with anyone who thus endangers their health."

Sleeping Outdoors

The board in its report devotes considerable space to a paper on the benefits of sleeping outdoors, which has been tried successfully by quite a number of Sacramento and Sutter. "Throughout a large portion of California the temperature seldom reaches the freezing point, and sleeping in the open air is entirely practicable. In winter all that is necessary is warm coverings and a roof or canvas shelter to keep off the rain. There is hardly a house in city or country that could not easily have an outdoor sleeping apartment. A platform on the back or side, either with roof or entirely open, is a readily built. If without roof, in winter a canvas could be stretched from the side of the house to near the floor, which would keep the bed and inmates dry. Many houses have porches, the tops of which make excellent places to sleep. Two-story houses generally have a one-story portion, the roof of which, if made flat, and a door opening from the chamber on to it, is unsurpassed for an outdoor sleeping place. With a roof or canvas for winter protection such a place is a joy to any family, and after sleeping on it for a season they could hardly be induced to sleep inside.

"We all have the power, to a greater or lesser extent, to destroy the disease germs which attack us, and this power depends in a considerable degree upon the physical strength and vitality of the person. Anything to increase that vitality should be practiced, and nothing which is at once cheap and pleasurable can compare with outdoor sleeping."

Dangerous

"Would you call her plain in face?" "Yes, but not to it."

CLIMBERS SWING IN SPACE FROM A MOUNTAIN PEAK

LONDON, May 25.—A terrible adventure befell two tourists who set out from the Wadale Head hotel on Sunday with the object of climbing Scawfell, the perilous mountain peak in Cumberland which during recent years has been the scene of many accidents. The two men, roped together, reached the summit of Yewbarrow pike when suddenly the foremost slipped and, falling, brought his companion down with him.

Fortunately the rope which held them together caught a spur in the broken rocks and the climbers were left hanging in midair, with a terrible fall of several hundred feet facing them should their rope give way.

For several hours they hung thus, unable to move from their perilous position. The rope held out and at last their plight was seen by another party of climbers and they were rescued. Both men were in an exhausted condition and medical assistance was necessary when the rescue party arrived again at the Wadale Head hotel.

RICH MAN MUST FIGHT TO RETAIN HIS LAND

Whether Herbert C. Oakley, one of the richest men in the southern reclamation territory, will retain his ranch of 320 acres or will be forced to turn it over to Vaclav Kucera remains for Land Registrar Frank C. Prescott to decide. The land in question lies in the Imperial valley and over its possession Oakley is having a hard fight. Kucera, who is one of the Bohemian settlers in the Imperial county, claims that Oakley never properly reclaimed his land after it was officially opened for settlement. Oakley, on his part, states that everything has been done that the law requires, and as all the evidence is in Registrar Prescott's decision is awaited with eagerness.

De Chauvenet Recital

The De Chauvenet conservatory of music and dramatic art will give its next concert June 1 at the Fraternal Brotherhood hall, 845 South Figueroa street, the new location of the school. M. and Mme. De Chauvenet will present a sketch entitled "A Lawyer's First Case."

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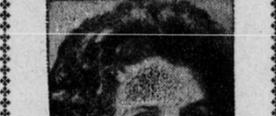
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COMMANDER BOOTH ARRIVES IN CITY

Commander Eva Booth, in charge of the Salvation army work in the United States, arrived in Los Angeles last night over the Salt Lake route and is a guest of the proprietors of the Alexandria hotel.

Commander Booth is accompanied by Commissioner George Kilby, in charge of the western department; Col. George H. B. Barling, E. M. well known as a consulting engineer in Los Angeles, in a report to the company says: "In my opinion this deposit is a decomposed igneous rock. The material is on the surface and requires only shoveling, either by hand or by power, according to the output desired, and in this feature the proposition is one on which your company may be congratulated. I can assure you that of the question of the size of the deposit and its adaptability for economical working there is no doubt."



COMMANDER EVA BOOTH

French of San Francisco, head of the work on the Pacific coast; Brig. Stanvon and Maj. Lillie Page. The advent of Miss Booth into the city was very much anticipated, demonstration being made at the depot, in accordance with her wishes.

Miss Booth will speak this afternoon in the Temple auditorium, when the various city pastors will take part in the service. The Y. M. C. A. have given up their Sunday afternoon meeting and are combining forces with the army. The young men of the association will act as ushers. Mayor Harper will preside.

Tomorrow evening Miss Booth will deliver her famous lecture, "Rags," at Simpson auditorium. Miss Booth spent some time in the slums of London and will tell of her experiences. She will wear a tattered gown and will sing a song of love, assisted by a chorus of twenty-five voices.

Tuesday the commander will be quiet and on Wednesday she will leave for the north.

EXPLAINS DETAILS OF WOMAN'S DEATH

Richard L. Hardin, the young man arrested Tuesday night on suspicion of being responsible for the death of Olga Miller, the young woman who died at the county hospital late Tuesday afternoon, was released from the city jail after the cause of Miss Miller's death had been ascertained.

"I was greatly surprised at being arrested and the officers refused to tell me why they were taking me in charge," said Hardin last night. "I met Miss Miller some time ago at the Hotel Royal, Fourth and Winston streets. I did not become well acquainted with her, but as we frequently met in the hall we got into the habit of speaking."

"About two weeks ago I returned to the hotel after being out on a trip and stopped at the young woman's door as I passed, intending to speak to her. In answer to my knock a faint voice bade me enter and I did so. I found Miss Miller in bed and nearly starved. She had not had a bite for two days. I purchased food for her and obtained medical attendance. I was then advised to have her removed to a hospital, so I communicated with the authorities and the county hospital and was instructed to take her to that place.

"I knew Nothing of Death

"I did so and after that visited her two or three times. Last Tuesday I went to that place. I met Dr. Tanner and several nurses in the hallway and spoke to them. I went to the ward where Miss Miller was and stood by her bed talking to her. Dr. Tanner came in and stood with us for about ten minutes.

"After he left the nurse brought Miss Miller a glass of milk and as it was too cold to drink I went into the kitchen and warmed it and returned. Miss Miller drank the milk and also ate a small piece of toast. I then left the building and came down town. When I telephoned about 11 o'clock that night to find out how she was, I told that she was very weak and to come out. I did so and was placed under arrest.

"The detectives refused to tell me why I was arrested and I did not know Miss Miller was dead until I was taken to the coroner's inquest Friday.

"There it was found that Miss Miller had died as the result of an abscess which had formed on her brain, the result of a silver plate she wore slipping from its position.

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