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CHILDREN ARE STARVED BY FOLLOWERS OF CULT

U. S. ORDER RESCUES WRETCHED FANATICS

"Holy Ghost" Society Is Left in Lurch by Founder; Food Ordered

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SEATTLE, June 4.—"The Holy Ghost and Us" society, an strange cult as ever weathered the ridicule and antagonism of an unfriendly world, is facing complete disintegration by reason of the stern order issued by federal authorities.

Believers of the faith have been commanded to eat!

That is, they have been ordered to feed their children, which means that they must till the soil and no longer subsist on the meager rations specified by the rules of their religion.

CELL INHERITED BY FOUNDER

Ordered by their founder and religiously complained against by the neighboring farmers, who charge that the children undergo slow starvation as part of their religious training, the colony is a wan and spiritless shadow of what it was when the founder, fanaticism burned high in its membership.

It is predicted that no more graves will be dug in the cult's hazy ground next winter, when the bitter cold of Maine "purifies the flesh" of the faithful. They will have suffered, poor of body and of soul, back to earthly ways and work.

Shish is a scant hundred miles from Portland, with half dozen buildings and 20 some little farms that comprise the "University of Truth," one of "The Holy Ghost and Us" sect.

Frank Weston Sanford, blue-robed rebel, has held a strange mastery over his hand for 20 years. A year ago 500 people were "sheltered from the world" in this community, he says, according to federal authorities, all more or less starved to death.

Twenty years ago Sanford, a Free Baptist minister of Topsham, Me., pronounced he had been "appointed to a great thing for the Lord," and the community was started. Believers gave up their wealth to establish the colony. They lived according to Sanford's teachings, denying themselves most of the comforts of life and refusing medical aid, being strong detesters of the doctors of the day.

She sailed embarked on a "God sent vessel" around the world on the "Coronet," a vessel bought by the

colony. He returned to Portland and purchased another boat, "The Kingdom," and the two vessels set sail on another trip. "The Kingdom" was wrecked off the coast of Africa and the "Coronet" picked up her passengers.

Strange tales came of other ships being signaled and asked for food. Sanford's only son died of privation and the "Coronet" returned to Portland.

Eight of the crew had died of scurvy and Sanford was sent to federal prison for seven years. He took up his activities again, but now resides in Boston, working on a "new great thing," he announces, leaving his old flock to shift for itself.

FATHER BRANDS OWN DAUGHTER

Judge Regrets Can't Give Him Life Sentence

NEW YORK, June 4.—"It is a pity that I am prevented by the law from sending you to prison for life," said County Judge Haskell in passing sentence upon John Callendar yesterday.

Callendar, a vaudeville actor, was convicted of cruel treatment of his daughter Minnie. The girl testified that not only had her father used her for a human pin cushion, but that upon one occasion he had "branded" her.

The judge gave Callendar three months to three years.

Forest Fires Rage in Olympic Region

Forest fires have broken out in a score of places in the Olympics, says Lieut. R. W. Miller, who is making a photographic chart from his airplane of roads in that district. Some of the finest standing timber in the Olympic national forest is threatened, Miller declares.

MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD BY RAINIER CAMP NO. 1472, Royal Neighbors of America, at 2:30 Sunday in the Swedish club hall.

JEWELS STOLEN FROM AN AUTO

Belgian Hero's War Papers Taken by Thief

Jewelry, clothing and trinkets valued at more than \$1,500, were stolen from an automobile owned by C. W. Fitton, 1711 E. Thomas st., from in front of Pign Whistle late Thursday night. The stolen articles were the property of Mrs. A. S. Lozier, 1916 Second ave. W., and Marcel Avous, her adopted son, late member of the Belgian army, and wearer of a half dozen war decorations.

Mrs. Lozier, according to the report made to the police, had just arrived from San Francisco on the steamer President. They had been met by Fitton.

The military medals and discharge papers owned by Avous cannot be replaced, and are of no value to the thief. Avous was adopted early in the war by Mrs. Lozier, but continued in service until the end of the war, when he hastened to the United States. He entered Santa Cruz (Cal.) high school, where he was taking a special course in engineering.

U. S. SOPRANO TO SING IN EUROPE



Mabel Garrison, soprano of the Metropolitan opera, sails shortly for Europe to appear in concerts under American management.

HOUSE REPEALS WAR MEASURES

Prohibition Affected, If Senate Concurs

WASHINGTON, June 4.—All war-time legislation except the Lever, espionage and trading-with-the-enemy acts would be repealed immediately under a joint resolution adopted late yesterday by the House on recommendation of the judiciary committee.

The resolution now goes to the senate, which is expected to pass it with modifications.

Whether the president will veto or approve the resolution is a problem. The resolution may have an effect on the prohibition situation. Repeal of war-time legislation presumably includes war-time prohibition.

With that out of the way, bills providing for sale of 2.75 per cent beer would be effective in New York, New Jersey and other states unless federal prohibition authorities succeed in blocking these laws.

The vote on the joint resolution in the house was 323 to 4.

Wilson's Brother at White House

WASHINGTON, June 4.—"He looks remarkably well," said Joseph Wilson, of Baltimore, after spending half an hour with his brother, the president.

"I feel that I have in conscience and warm friendship no choice but to accept your resignation, tho I do so with the utmost reluctance and wish again to express the admiration I have felt for the devoted and intelligent way in which you have performed your duties in the department."

"We shall all miss you very sadly and the public service will be poorer on account of your loss."

Many a doctor has saved a patient's life by not being in when called.

POLK RESIGNS CAPITOL POST

President Accepts, Says Washington Report

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Under Secretary of State Franklin L. Polk has tendered his resignation to President Wilson, and the president has accepted it, it was announced at the White House today.

Polk's resignation came as no surprise. It has been known for some time that he wished to resign because of poor health and financial considerations. His resignation is effective June 15.

"The argument of necessity on account of your health in the matter of your resignation is one which I am estopped from answering or combatting," President Wilson's letter to Polk stated.

SUICIDE LEAVES ALL TO SALVATION ARMY

Bourdill Pleads Guilty to Boxcar Thefts, Then Shoots Self

After pleading guilty Thursday morning in the federal court to conspiracy in connection with the Auburn boxcar thefts, Edward Bourdill, railroad man, went to his room in Auburn and committed suicide.

Bourdill, who was about 25 years old, first wrote four letters, which were found on a table in his room. One letter was to Fred Mills, secretary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, requesting he be buried by the Auburn local. A second note was addressed to George Harley, railroad man, in which a \$20 debt was liquidated. A third note contained his room rent, while the last was a will in which Bourdill left all his property to the Salvation Army.

Bourdill was one of the defendants in the boxcar conspiracy case, now on trial in the federal building. He had originally pleaded not guilty, but Thursday changed his plea, following damaging testimony on the part of several federal witnesses, who incriminated Bourdill in their testimony. Judgment in his case was withheld and he left for home.

Guests of the St. Elmo hotel, where Bourdill lived, heard a gunshot about 6:30 p. m., but were unable to locate the noise. Shortly after Mrs. J. A. Lewis, hotel proprietor, returned to the hotel from Seattle and discovered the body. The top of Bourdill's head was blown off, police declare.

Bourdill is named in two other grand jury indictments in connection with the same conspiracy case to which he pleaded guilty yesterday, one with Geo. E. White as co-defendant and another with Thomas E. Jones. He is a former brakeman on the N. P. railroad.

Mrs. J. A. Lewis, proprietress of the St. Elmo hotel, Auburn, where Bourdill roomed, is one of the defendants now on trial. It is alleged that some of the stolen property was found in her room and in other parts of the hotel.

TO LOOK OVER NAVAL SITES

Congressional Committee Is Coming to Coast in Fall

The congressional commission which is to investigate naval base sites on the Pacific coast will leave Chicago for Seattle November 8, according to word received from Washington, D. C., Friday.

Port Angeles, Bremerton, Keyport and Sound fortifications will be included in the itinerary of the commission. They will then go to Portland and continue down the Coast as far as San Diego.

There are no Pacific coast representatives on the commission. The commission, unofficially selected, consists of Senators Hall (Delaware), McCormick (Illinois), Keyes (New Hampshire), Walsh (Montana), Pittman (Nevada) and Representatives Britten (Illinois), Kelley (Michigan), Hicks (New York), Padgett (Tennessee) and Riordan (New York).

The commission hopes to return to the capital for the opening of congress in December.

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She climbed a tall tree—
There being no one present to bercester.

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