

Steps Unto Heaven

THE EFFORTS OF PETER ARMSTRONG AND FOLLOWERS

(Special Letter.)

In the southwestern part of Sullivan county, Pa., on the mountain which rears its head over the valley in which nestles the new popular resort of Eaglesmere, lies the foundation of a second Tower of Babel, the story of which is a remarkable one. The region was a wilderness when Peter Armstrong of Philadelphia began the building of the proposed mighty structure in 1864, but to this day there come a few of the "mythic" ones who weep over the failure of Peter's attempt to "take heaven by assault." Hundreds of men worked at these foundations, and thousands of men and women hoped that by the building of the tower they would be able to climb the lofty ladder into heaven in a material sense. Of all the religious maniacs which have taken one text from the Bible and made it, without context, a moving religious force certainly Armstrong was the strangest.



PETER ARMSTRONG.

He never quite saw why that experiment on the plains of Shinar was not a success, and proposed to repeat it upon the hills of Sullivan county. In the early 40's Miller had failed to take his followers to heaven on his specified ascension day. Armstrong had been a believer in Miller and had prepared his ascension robes. As the affair did not come off, he thought awhile and concluded that Miller was too theoretical. He would go in for the practical thing.

Armstrong's Ideas.

Peter Armstrong at last conceived the idea that the trouble with the sojourners on the plains of Shinar was that they had built their tower on a plain instead of a mountain. He thought over it deeply and resolved to try to accomplish what the children of Noah had failed in doing, but to seek some high hill in some secluded forest instead of ground similar to that on which the Tower of Babel was built. He communicated his ideas to the remnants of the Millerites all over the United States, and was encouraged.

Peter then began to look about for the best place to build the steps which should enable him and his followers to reach heaven. He was a man of property and leisure. He looked over the ground and finally fixed the place in Sullivan county. He put in his money and bought a large tract of land. With

those whom he had summoned to him from all over the country he began the building of his great tower.

The Work Begun.

People flocked to his enterprise from New York, Vermont, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Michigan, Massachusetts, Maine Florida and Pennsylvania. Hundreds met with him in the valley of Glen Sharon, above which rises the mountain upon which he intended to place his tower, and the work of building the tower was begun. Men came to him with their wives and their families and a populous community sprang up. It was figured by some that the tower would be completed on the fortieth day, but when the day came and nothing more than the foundation walls were laid they began to get discouraged, especially after they waited all day for help to come from above and none appeared.

The people returned to their homes and for a short time lived in hopes of divine help but at length believing more than ever that a material tower was needed they set to work again upon the structure. Why work was stopped upon the building is not known, but it is known that while his followers were working Armstrong was trying to solve the problem of perpetual motion.

Celestia Founded.

Finally he left Glen Sharon and with his followers moved to a place a few miles away, where he established the city of Celestia. They built a house which they named a "halfway house for God's people." By this time Armstrong had more followers, who flocked to him at Celestia, the new sacred ground. Here he bought four square miles of ground and deeded it to God. This deed is on file at LaPorte, Pa. In order to advertise that there was such a place as Celestia Armstrong began the publication of a monthly paper. He called his paper the Day Star of Zion. It set forth the advantages of the new community and pointed out the fact that Celestia was a most eligible place to live in, as on the last day—which was near at hand—when all the rest of the world should perish, the people of Celestia would be saved. All other land was to be destroyed except those four square miles for which Armstrong had given a deed to the Lord.

Second Temple Begun.

It was as late as 1880 that they began the second attempt to build a structure which should reach unto heaven. This time it was to be a temple with a tower on top. The foundations of the temple were laid, and they inclose three acres beyond the foundations.

A few years passed and one day old Peter on getting up from dinner fell dead while on the way to the watering trough. Soon after his wife died. The taxes on the four acres of land fell due and no one paid them and the land was sold. The old man's eldest son, who still lives at Celestia, bought the property on which he conducts the only industry of the place—a sawmill. Strange and weird as were Armstrong's ideas, it is certain that he was sincere in them, for he devoted to them every cent that he possessed.

SIXTY-SIX CENTURIES.

Oldest Relics Yet Discovered Unearthed in Egypt.

Rev. William C. Winslow of Boston, vice president of the Egypt exploration fund, has just received official word that Professor Petri has unearthed at Abydos the records of kings before Menes, the founder of the first dynasty, nearly 4800 B. C.

"We have found," writes Professor Petri, "the names of Narma Ka and a king named by a fish sign, perhaps also of two kings, Deb and Sam of Menes, and those earliest kings. There are about thirty inscriptions and a heavy strip of gold with the name Aha (Menes). In the tomb of Khasekhoum were found stone vases, each with a gold cap tied on with gold and two bangles of gold and a dinner service of a dozen pans and dishes with 100 models of tools in sheet copper. The frequent use of ivory then is witnessed by the discovery of forty inscribed ivories and stones and two lions cut in ivory."

They Were All Vaccinated.

A burglar walked into an up-town flat in New York city one night and began packing up the silverware. Two health inspectors who were vaccinating all occupants of the building, happened along and insisted on vaccinating the stranger, who, as they thought, owned the flat. The burglar cheerfully acquiesced, but during the operation the real occupant returned. Two detectives, who then took the stranger into custody, had to submit to vaccination before the inspectors would allow them to leave the house.

What Will Become of China?

None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China. It is interesting to watch the going to pieces of this ancient but unprogressive race. Many people in America are also going to pieces because of dyspepsia, constipation, blood, liver and stomach diseases. We are living too fast, but strength, vigor and good health can be retained if we keep off and cure the above diseases with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

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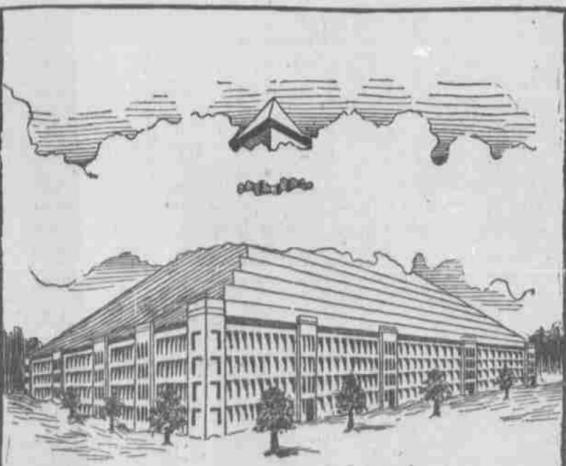
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ARMSTRONG'S PROPOSED TEMPLE TO HEAVEN. (Drawn from Photograph of the Original Plans.)

WHAT BAD EXAMPLE CAN DO.

A Christian Community Made Infidels by a Dissolute Clergyman.

The Evangelist (Presbyterian), of St. Louis, shows the effect of the bad example of a clergyman in Wisconsin in its recent issue:

Bohemians swarm in Milwaukee and the country tributary thereto, there being over 100,000 in that locality. In the town of Kosuth the Bohemians were Protestant. They formed a parish in 1864, built a frame church and sent to Bohemia for a minister. None could be secured. A stone mason of the town acted instead. In 1869 a Bohemian arrived in the settlement, claiming to be a minister. The people received him gladly—jubiliantly—for he answered their wish of years. However, he later developed dissolute habits, became a hard drinker and was forced to leave the colony. On his departure almost the whole community became infidel. It was a singular reversal of feeling, growing out of their disappointed hopes. Infidel societies were formed, infidel speakers from

Chicago and elsewhere came and strengthened people in their infidelity. A new cemetery a few miles from the old church was laid out, dedicated by an infidel leader. The keys of the church remained in possession of the infidels, who would have changed it into a dance hall but for a vigorous protest. Children, whose parents felt they must be christened or remain nameless, were sprinkled by infidels, who used the formula, "In the name of Liberty." Attempts to revive the church only rendered the infidel spirit more hostile at first, and more confident later when a second minister proved unworthy.

Now the Presbyterians are trying to recover the ground lost. It is hard work and but little headway is made as infidelity when it once takes root is exceedingly difficult to eradicate. And the lamentable fact remains that a congregation which numbered 400 originally, whose descendants are eight times greater, were lost to Christianity by the unministerial conduct of its first and succeeding pastors.

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