

NOW POOR LO HAS THE PING PONG CRAZE



Somebody has taught the Indians of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show how to play ping pong, and the noble Reds have become as greatly enslaved by the fascination of the game as are their brethren, the pale faces. The above is an authentic snapshot of a scene in Buffalo Bill's camp. It shows Black Fox in the midst of an exciting game. The popular chief is a passionate devotee of the game and has attained great proficiency in its many intricacies.

**What Was It—
The Preacher's Text?**

"Seven people out of ten can not at this moment recall one of the main tenets treated in the evening sermon."

It was a gray haired church-goer that made the assertion to a representative of the Courier. The dissertation just ended had been fairly powerful, tolerably eloquent and contained here and there gems of thought.

"Strange as it may seem, people too often forget to listen when they come to church. They look around, meditate and some of the financially inclined plot and scheme. Experiment on some of these folks and you will find that I am telling the truth.

"There are two factors concerned in the church inattention evil. The members get in the habit of listening without thinking or having their powers of

intellect concentrated upon matters wholly foreign to the sermon. Especially is this true when the preacher starts out from a familiar text, repeats a whole lot of Bible history that everyone knows and elaborates the tenets of creed and the dogma of church. These things the public has heard from earliest infancy. Throwing the threadbare and the humdrum things at a congregation produces drowsiness. The hearers want rest and they take it by ignoring the gems of thought ladled out from the pulpit.

"Then another reason applies to the personality of too many ministers, and some of them live in Lincoln. Their work is poor, very poor. They lack the prime requisites of securing and holding attention. The poor preacher factor is probably the stronger of the two.

"I would recommend fewer preachers, larger congregations, better and shorter sermons. Then people will listen and the pulpit will regain a whole lot of lost prestige."

But the veteran seemed to have his subject well in hand. He stood at the end of the aisle and inquired of young and old the text of the sermon, pleading forgetfulness. He asked the eleventh person before he got a fragment of the scripture and two more persons were approached before there was a correct answer.

"Really, I've forgotten," was the stereotyped answer of the members interrogated. And with the reply came a look of pure unadulterated annoyance.

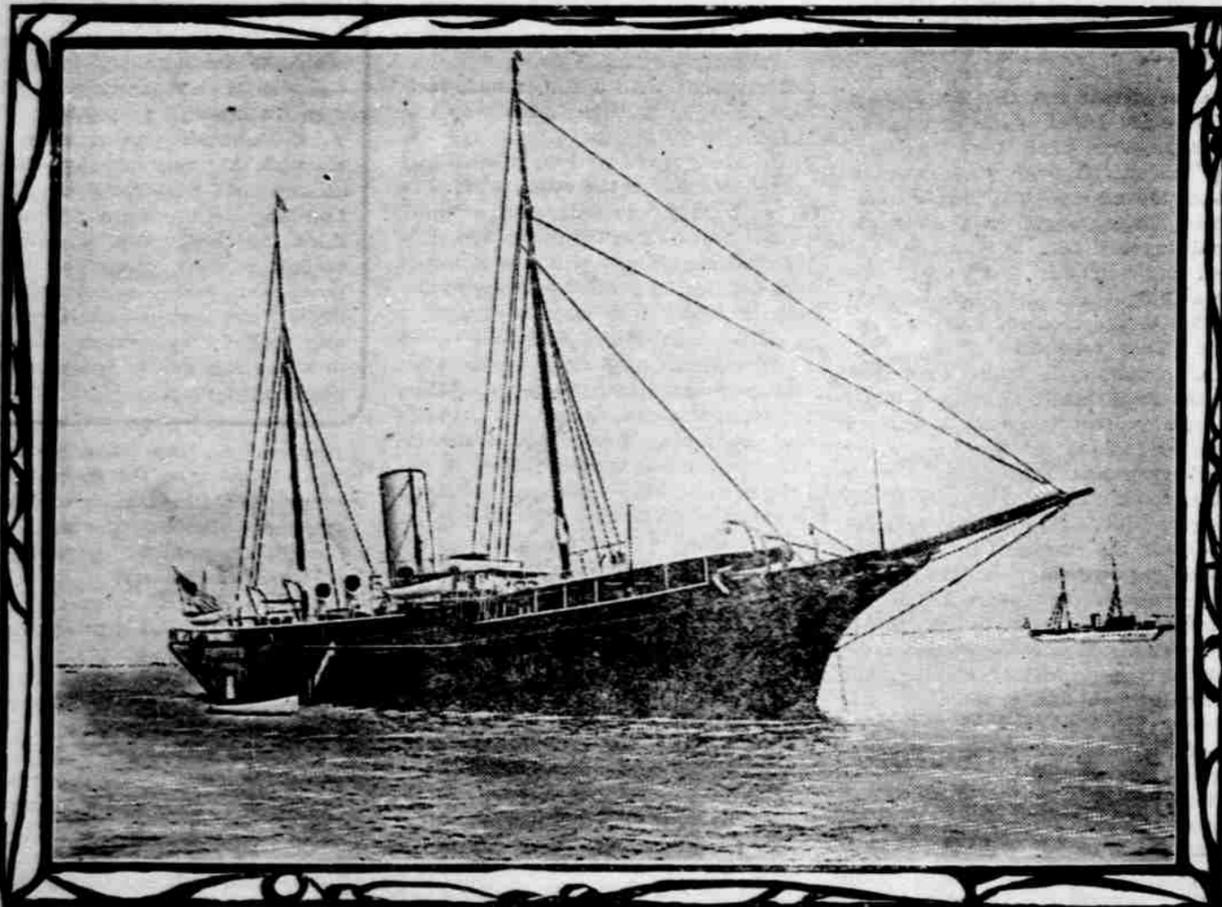
"Some one should invent a medicine to stimulate the auditory apparatus of church-goers," was the parting shot of the critic as he proceeded towards the door.

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If love would only die when you kill it! But it always sits on the tombstone and laughs at you.

The girl who said she would prefer to be kissed to death probably knew that the executioner would die first.

MORGAN TO SAIL ON THE YACHT CORSAIR



J. P. Morgan has given orders for his fine steam yacht Corsair to be ready for a big trip after the coronation, and it is supposed that he will sail for America on the palatial craft. Last year Mr. Morgan used the Corsair very frequently during the hot weather. As he once remarked, "It is an ideal home for a much pestered American millionaire—the only place, in fact, where the beggars cease from troubling and the wealthy can be at rest."

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