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# THE CITY OF BLOOD.

REV. DR. TALMAGE GIVES ANOTHER VIVID ROUND THE WORLD SERMON.

### He Describes the Appalling Massacre of Christians at Cawnpur In the Name of Religion and Recounts the Beauty of the Christian Faith.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 9. -Dr. Talmage today delivered through the press the second of his "round the world" series of sermons, the subject being "The City of Blood," and the text selected being Psalms cxli, 7: "Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth. But mine eyes are unto thee, O God, the Lord!"

Though you may read this text from the Bible, I read it as cut by chisel into the pedestal of a cross beneath which lie many of the massacred at Cawnpur, India. To show you what Hindooism and Mohammedanism really are, where they have full swing, and not as they represent themselves in a "parliament of religions," and to demonstrate to what extent of cruelty and abomination human nature may go when fully let loose, and to illustrate the hardening process of sin, and to remind you how our glorious Christianity may utter its triumph over death and the grave, I preach this my second sermon in the round the world series, and I shall speak of "The City of Blood," or Cawnpur, India.

Two hours and ten minutes after its occurrence Joseph Lee of the Shropshire regiment of foot rode in upon the Cawnpur massacre. He was the first man I met at Cawnpur. I wanted to hear the story from some one who had been here in 1857 and with his own eyes gazed upon the slaughtered heaps of humanity. I could hardly wait until the horses were put to the carriage, and Mr. Lee, seated with us, started for the scene. the story of which makes "tame in contrast all Modoc and Choctaw butcheries.

A Genuine Villain.

It seems that all the worst passions of the century were to be impersonated by one man, and he Nana Sahib, and our escort at Cawnpur, Joseph Lee, knew have been kept with songs. This with the man personally. Unfortunately execrations. Others with the dance of there is no correct picture of Nana Sahib in existence. The pictures of him published in the books of Europe and America and familiar to us all are an amusing mistake. This is the fact in regard to them: A lawyer of England was called to India for the purpose of defending the case of a native who had been charged with fraud. The attorney came and so skillfully managed the case of his client that the client paid him enormously for his services, and he went back to England, taking with him a picture of his Indian client. After awhile the mutiny in India broke out, and Nana Sahib was mentioned as the champion villain of the whole affair, and the newspapers of England wanted a picture of him and to interview some one on Indian affairs who had recently been in India. Among others the journalists called upon this lawyer, lately returned. The only picture he had brought from India was a picture of his client, the man charged with fraud. The attorney gave this picture to the journals as a specimen of the way the Hindoos dress, and forthwith that picture was used, either by mistake or intentionally, for Nana Sahib. The English lawyer said he lived in dread that his client would some day see the use made of his picture, and it was not until the death of his Hindoo client that the lawyer divulged the facts. Perhaps it was never intended that the face of such a demon should be preserved amid human records. I said to our escort, "Mr. Lee, was there any peculiarity in Nana Sahib's appearance?" The reply was: "Nothing very peculiar. He was a dull, lazy, cowardly, sensual man, brought up to do nothing, and wanted to continue on the same scale to do nothing." From what Mr. Lee told me and from all I could learn in India, Nana Sahib ordered the massacre in that city from sheer revenge. His father abdicated the throne, and the English paid him annually a pension of \$400,000. When the father died, the English government declined to pay the same pension to the son, Nana Sahib, but the poor fellow was not in any suffering from lack of funds. His father left him \$80,000 in gold ornaments, \$500,000 in jewels, \$800,000 in bonds and other resources amounting to at least \$1,500,000. But the poor young man was not satisfied, and the Cawnpur massacre was his revenge. General Wheeler, the Englishman who had command of this city, although often warned, could not see that the sepoys were planning for his destruction, and that of all his regiments and all the Europeans in Cawnpur.

tians have been sent to hell, and both

the Hindoo and Mohammedan religions have been confirmed, and that they authorities of the government and never suffer any complaint against themselves to reach to the ears of the higher authority."

### The Siege of Cawnpur.

"Mr. Lee, what is this?" I said to our escort as the carriage halted by an embankment. "Here," he said, "is the intrenchment where the Christians of Cawnpur took refuge." It is the remains of a wall which at the time of the mutiny was only four feet high, behind which, with no shelter from the sun, the heat at 130 degrees, 440 men and 560 women and children dwelt nearly a month. A handful of flour and split peas was the daily ration, and only two wells near by, the one in which they buried their dead, because they had no time to bury them in the earth, and the other well the focus on which the artillery of the enemy played, so that it was a choice between death by thirst and death by bullet or shell. Ten thousand yelling Hindoos outside this frail wall and 1,000 suffering, dying people inside. In addition to the army of the Hindoos and Moslems, an invisible army of sicknesses swooped upon them. Some went raving mad under exposure. Others dropped under apoplexy. A starving, mutilated, fevered, sunstruck, ghastly group waiting to die! Why did not the heathen dash down those mud walls and the 10,000 annihilate the now less than 1,000? It was because they seemed supernaturally defended.

Nana Sahib resolved to celebrate an anniversary. The 23d of June, 1857, would be 100 years since the battle of Plassy, when, under Lord Clive, India surrendered to England. That day the last European in Cawnpur was to be slaughtered. Other anniversaries have been celebrated with wine. This was to be celebrated with blood. Other anniversaries have been adorned with garlands. This with drawn swords. Others

ment servants should be as obedient to given to start, the three boats were sume- were flung or lowered. A circular wall | themselves as conquered. The matiny the present government as they have how detained. At this juncture a boy of of white marble incloses this well. The been to the former one; that it is the 12 years of age hoisted on the top of the wall is about 20 feet high. Inside this incumbent duty of all the peasants and | Hindoo temple on the banks two flags, | wall there is a marble pavement. I landed proprietors of every district to a Hindoo and a Mohammedan flag, at paced it and found it 57 paces around. rejoice at the thought that the Chris- which signal the boatmen and armed In the center of this inclosure and imnatives jumped from the boats and swam | mediately above the well of the dead for the shore, and from innumerable is a sculptured angel of resurrection, guns the natives on the bank fired on with illumined face, and two palm should, as usual, be obedient to the the boats, and masked batteries above and below roared with destruction, and the boats sank with their precious cargo, and all went down save three strong | rising of the last day. Mighty consolaswimmers, who got to the opposite tion in marble! They went down under shore. Those who struggled out near by the hatchets of the sepoys. They shall were dashed to death. Nana Sahib and | come up under the trumpet that shall his staff with their swords slashed to wake the dead. I felt weak and all pieces General Wheeler and his staff, a-tremble as I stood reading these words who had not got well away from the on the stone that covers the well: shore.

I said that the young and attractive a great company of Christian people, women were not allowed to get into the chiefly women and children, cruelly boats. These were marched away under massacred near this spot by the rebel. the guard of the sepoys.

#### Days of Horror.

show you," said Mr. Lee. Again we took seats in the carriage and started for the climax of desperation and diabolism. Now we are on the way to a summer house, called the assembly rooms, which had been built for recreation and pleasure. It had two rooms, each 29 by 10, and some windowless closets, and here were imprisoned 206 helpless people. It was to become the prison of glories around his pillow of dust, and these women and children. Some of these sepoys got permission of Nana Sahib to take one or more of these la- | taph than crowns the resting places of dies to their own place on the promise they should be brought back to the summer garden next morning. A daughter of General Wheeler was so taken and did not return. She afterward married whereabouts of the daughter of General the Mohammedan who had taken her to his tent. Some sepoys amused themselves by thrusting children through with bayonets and holding them up before their mothers in the summer house. All the doors closed and the sepoys standing guard, the crowded women himself the only two tents the neighbors and children waited their doom for 18 had, while they lived in the rain and days and nights amid sickness and flies! mud. Nana Sahib, with one servant and stench and starvation.

Then Nana Sahib heard that Have- day to bathe, and people would go and lock was coming, and his name was a terror to the sepoys. Lest the women and children imprisoned in the summer house, or assembly rooms, should be lib- Himalayan mountains. He took with For Indigestion, Sick and Nervous erated, he ordered that their throat should be cut. The officers were commanded to do the work and attempted it, but failed because the law of caste would not allow the Hindoo to hold the victims while they were being slain. Then 100 men were ordered to fire through the windows, but they fired over the heads of the imprisoned ones, and only a few were killed. Then Nana Sahib was in a rage and ordered professional butchers from among the lowest of the gypsies to go at the work. Five of them, with hatchets and swords and knives, began the work, but three of them collapsed and fainted under the ghastliness, and it was left to two butchers to complete the slaughter. The struggle, the sharp cut, the blind- of another civilization, the lost ruby of ing blow, the cleaving through scalp and skull, the begging for life, the death agony of hour after hour, the tangled limbs of the corpses, the piled up dead-only God and those who were inside the summer house can ever know. The butchers came out exhausted, thinking they had done their work, and the doors were closed, but when they were again opened three women and three boys were still alive. All these were soon dispatched, and not a Christian or a European was left in Cawnpur. The murderers were paid 50 cents for each lady slain. The Mohammedan assassing dragged by the hair the dead bodies out of the summer house and threw them into a well, by which I stood with such feelings as you cannot imagine. But after the mutilated bodies had been thrown into the well the record of the scene remained in hieroglyphics of crimson on the floor and wall of the slaughter house. An eyewitness says that as he walked in the blood was shoe deep, and on this blood were tufts) game which the Asiatics had started. of hair, pieces of muslin, broken combs, fragments of pinafores, children's straw hats, a cardcase containing a curl, with India. Under its knives and bludgeons the inscription, "Ned's hair, with love;" a few leaves of an Episcopal prayer book; also a book entitled Campbell, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. MacMul-"Preparation For Death;" a Bible on lin, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Rev. the fly leaf of which was written, "For darling mamma, from her affectionate daughter, Isabella Blair," both the one who presented it and the one to whom it was presented departed forever.

branches, meaning victory. This angel is looking down toward the slumberers beneath, but the two wings suggest the "Sacred to the perpetual memory of Nana Sahib, and thrown, the dying with the dead, into the well beneath on "Which way?" I inquired. "I will the 15th day of July, 1857." On the arch of the mausoleum were cut the words, "These are they who came out

#### of great tribulation." The Fate of the Rebel.

The sun was sinking beneath the horizon as I came down the seven or eight steps of that palace of a sepulcher, and I bethought myself: "No emperor, unless it was Napoleon, ever had more no queen, unless it were the one of Taj Mahal, had reared for her grander cenothe martyrs of Cawnpur. But where rest the bones of the Herod of the nineteenth century, Nana Sahib? No one can tell. Two men sent out to find the Wheeler tracked Nana Sahib during a week's ride into the wilderness, and they were told that for awhile after the mutiny Nana Sahib set up a little pomp in the jungles. Among a few thousand Hindoos and Mohammedans he took for

carrying an umbrella, would go every stare. For some reason, after awhile he forsook even that small attention, and disappeared among the ravines of the laria. him in his flight that which he always Headache. took with him-a ruby of vast value. He wore it as some wear an amulet. He wore it as some wear a life preserver. He wore it on his bosom. . The Hindoo priest told him as long as he wore that ruby his fortunes would be good, but both the ruby and the prince who wore it have vanished. Not a treasure on the outside of the bosom, but a treasure inside the heart, is the best protection. Solomon, who had rubies in the hilt of swords, and rubies in the lip of the tankards, and rubies in his crown, declared that which Nana Sahib did not find out in time, "Wisdom is better than rubies." When the forests of India are cleared by the axes this Cawnpur monster may be picked up and be brought back again to blaze among the world's jewels. But who shall reclaim for decent sepulture the remains of Nana Sahib? Ask the vultures! Ask the reptiles! Ask the jackals!

of 1857 occurred because the British government was too lenient and put in places of trust and in command of forts too many of the natives.

#### England Too Lenient.

I call upon England to stop the present attempt to palliate the natives by allowing them to hold positions of trust. I am no alarmist, but the only way that these Asiatics can be kept from another mutiny is to put them out of power, and I say beware, or the Lucknow and Cawnpur and Delhi martyrdoms, over which the hemispheres have wept, will be eclipsed by the Lucknow and Cawnpur and Delhi martyrdoms yet to be enacted. I speak of what I have seen and heard. I give the opinion of every intelligent Englishman and Scotchman and Irishman and American whom I met in India. Prevention is better than cure. I do not say it is better that England rule India. I say nothing against the right of India to rule herself, but I do say that the moment the native population of India think there is a possibility of driving back Europeans from India they will make the attempt, and that they have enough cruelties for the time suppressed, which, if let loose, would submerge with carnage everything from Calcutta to Bombay and from the Himalayas to Coromandel.

Now, my friends, go home, after what I have said, to see the beauties of the Mohammedanism and Hindooism which many think it will be well to have introduced into America, and to dwell upon what natural evolution will do where it has had its unhindered way for thousands of years, and to think upon the wonders of martyrdom for Christ's sake, and to pray more earnest prayers for the missionaries, and to contribute more largely for the world's evangelization, and to be more assured than ever that the overthrow of the idolatries of nations is such a stupendous work that nothing but an omnipotent God through the gospel of Jesus Christ can ever achieve it. Amen!

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the gay. This with the dance of death. The infantry and cavalry and artillery of Nana Sahib made on that day one grand assault, but the few guns of the English and Scotch put to flight these Hindoo tigers. The courage of the fiends broke against that mud wall as the waves of the sea against a lighthouse. The cavalry horses returned full run without their riders. The Lord looked out from the heavens, and on that anniversary day gave the victory to his people.

Therefore Nana Sahib must try some other plan. Standing in a field not far from the intrenchment of the English was a native Christian woman, Jacobee by name, holding high up in her hand a letter. It was evidently a communication from the enemy, and General Wheeler ordered the woman brought in. She handed him a proposed treaty. I General Wheeler and his men would give up their weapons, Nana Sahib would conduct them into safety. They could march out unmolested, the men, women and children. They could go down tomorrow to the Ganges, where they would find boats to take them in peace to Allahabad.

#### The Treaty Signed.

There was some opposition to signing this treaty, but General Wheeler's wife told him he could trust the natives, and so he signed the treaty. There was great joy in the intrenchment that night. Without molestation they went out and got plenty of water to drink and water for a good wash. The hunger and thirst and exposure from the consuming sun, with the thermometer from 120 to 140, would cease. Mothers rejoiced at the prospect of saving their children. The young ladies of the intrenchment would

escape the wild beasts in human form. On the morrow, true to the promise, carts were ready to transport those who were too much exhausted to walk.

"Get in the carriage," said Mr. Lee, "and we will ride to the banks of the Ganges, for which the liberated combatants and noncombatants started from this place." On our way Mr. Lee pointed out a monument over the burial place which was opened for General Wheeler's intrenchment, the well into which every night the dead had been dropped. Around it is a curious memorial. There are five crosses, one at each corner of the garden and one at the center, from which inscription I today read my text. Riding on, we came to the Memorial church built to the memory of those fallen in Cawnpur. The walls are covered with tablets and epitaphs. I copied two or three of the inscriptions: 'These are they who come out of great tribulation;" also, "The dead shall be raised incorruptible;" also: "In the world ve shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world;" also: "The Lord gave. The Lord hath taken away;" also, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy. laden." "Get into the carriage," said Mr. Lee, and we rode on to the Ganges and got out at a Hindoo temple standing on the banks. "Now," said Mr. Lee, "here is the place to which General Wheeler and his people came under the escort of Nana Sahib." I went down the steps to the margin of the river. Down these steps went General Wheeler and the men, women and children under his They stood on one side of the care. steps, and Nana Sahib and his staff stood on the other side. As the women were getting into the boats Nana Sahib objected that only the aged and infirm women and children should go on board the boats. The young and attractive women were kept out. Twenty-eight boats were filled with men, women and children and floated out into the river. Each boat contained ten armed natives. Then three boats fastened together were brought up, and General Wheeler and his staff got in. Although orders were

I said, "Mr. Lee, I have heard that indelicate things were found written on the walls." He answered, "No, but these poor creatures wrote in charcoal and scratched on the wall the story of the brutalities they had suffered." Havelock to the Rescue.

When the English and Scotch troops came upon the scene, their wrath was down, but a stone pavement 20 feet by so great that General Neill had the

Ask the midnight Himalayas! Cruelty Matched Cruelty.

Much criticism has been made of Sir Henry Havelock and Sir Colin Campbell because of the exterminating work they did with these sepoys. Indeed it was awful. My escort, Mr. Lee, has told me that he saw the sepoys fastened to the mouths of cannon, and then the guns would fire, and for a few seconds there would be nothing but smoke, and as the smoke began to lift fragments of flesh would be found flying through the air. You may do your own criticism. I here express no opinion. There can be no doubt, however, that that mode of finally treating the sepoys broke the back of the mutiny. The Hindoos found that the Europeans could play at the same The plot was organized for the murder of all the Europeans and Americans in American Presbyterianism lost its glorious missionaries, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman. The work of slaughter had been begun in all directions on an appalling scale, and the commanders of the English army made up their minds that this was the best way to stop it. A mild and gentle war with the sepoys was an impossibility. The natives of India ever and anon have demonstrated their cruelty. I stood on

the very spot in Calcutta where the natives of India in 1756 enacted that scene which no other people on earth could have enacted. The Black Hole prison has been torn

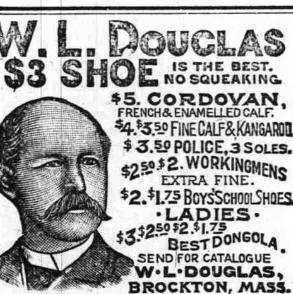
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The Decree of Nana Sahib.

Mr. Lee explained all this to me by the fact that General Wheeler had married a native, and he naturally took her story and thought there was no peril. But the time for the proclamation from Nana Sahib had come, and such a document went forth as never before had seen the light of day. I give only an extract:

"As by the kindness of God, and the good fortune of the emperor, all the Christians who were at Delhi, Poonah, Sattara and other places, and even those 5,000 European soldiers who went in | disguise into the former city and were discovered, are destroyed and sent to hell by the pious and sagacious troops who are firm to their religion, and as they have all been conquered by the present government, and as no trace of them is left in these places, it is the duty of all the subjects and servants of the government to rejoice at the delightful intelligence and carry on their respective work with comfort and ease. As by the bounty of the glorious Almighty and the enemy destroying fortune of the emperor, the yellow faced and narrow minded people have been sent to hell, and Cawnpur has been conquered, it is necessary that all the subjects and landowners and govern-

20 indicates the ground covered by the batchers arrested, and before being shot compelled them to wipe up part of the floor of this place of massacre, this being the worst of their punishment, for there is nothing that a Hindoo so hates as to touch blood.

was now not only full of human bodies.

covering the dead.

when I came upon this place in Cawnpur. The building in which the massacre took place has been torn, down and a garden of exquisite and fragrant flowers surrounds the scene. Mr. Lee pointed out to us some 70 mounds containing bodies or portions of bodies of those not thrown into the well. A soldier stands on guard to keep the foliage and flowers from being ruthlessly pulled. that spot ascended.

But of course the most absorbing in- them a chance, and they will re-enact Serest concentrated at the well, into the scenes of 1756 and 1857. They look which hundreds of women and children apon the English as conquerors and

prison. The building had two small windows and was intended for two or three prisoners. These natives of India crowded into that one room of 20 feet by 20 feet 146 Europeans. The midsum-When Havelock came upon the scene, mer heat, the suffocation, the trampling he had this order annulled. The well of one upon another, the groaning and shrieking and begging and praying of but corpses piled on the cutside. The all, are matters of history. The sepoys soldiers were for many hours engaged in | that night held lights to the small windows and mocked the sufferers. Then It was about 5 o'clock in the evening all the sounds ceased. That night of June 20, 1756, passed, and 123 corpses were taken out. Only 23 people of the 146 were alive, and they had to be pulled out from under the corpses. Mrs. Carey, who survived, was taken by the Indian nabob into his harem and kept a prisoner six years. Lucknow in 1857 was only an echo of Calcutta in 1756. During the mutiny of which I have been speaking natives who had been in the I asked a soldier if I might take a rose service of Europeans and well treated as a memento, and he handed me at by them, and with no cause of offense, cluster of roses, red and white, both would, at the call of the mutineers, and colors suggestive to me-the red typical without any compunction, stab to death of the carnage there enacted and the the fathers and mothers of the household white for the purity of these who from | and dash out the brains of the children. These natives are at peace now, but give

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