

DAYTON, TENN., MINISTER QUILTS WHEN MEMBERS MAKE THREATS

Invited New York Minister to Deliver Evolution Sermon Rev. Howard Gale Had Been Pastor for Three Years

A Dayton, Tenn., dispatch says: Rev. Howard Gale Byrd withdrew from his pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Northern), here last Sunday, when a large part of his congregation protested against the proposed preaching of a sermon on evolution in the church's pulpit by Rev. Charles Francis Potter, modernist minister of New York.

Mr. Byrd, who invited Dr. Potter to occupy his pulpit, is pointed to as the original inspiration for the filing of charges against John T. Scopes, whose trial on an indictment alleging violation of the State law against teaching evolution in public schools began in this town Friday.

The three regular Sunday preaching services were called off by the pastor, who announced to newspaper men at the parsonage:

"I have quit. I have not resigned—I have quit!"

Byrd is 31 years old and has been pastor of the local church three years. Members of his congregation declared that the church had grown more in the three years of Byrd's ministrations and had done more religious service than in all its history of many decades.

The Rev. Foster W. Taylor, fundamentalist champion and pastor of the Cocoon Grove Presbyterian church, Miami, Fla., of which William Jennings Bryan is a member, had been invited by Mr. Byrd to preach in the church on Sunday night. He was informed by the pastor early in the day that the services had been cancelled. Mr. Byrd told Dr. Taylor that he would explain later the cancellation of the invitation.

Taylor declined to comment on the incident. He did not wish to say what was the subject of the sermon he had prepared.

Potter, pastor of the West Side Unitarian church, New York, until his resignation takes effect in October, had announced "Evolution" as the subject of his sermon which he expected to deliver in the Methodist church on Sunday morning. He was to speak at the invitation of Pastor Byrd.

Byrd explained that he "quit because he had invited Potter and intended to stand by him."

Learning of the protests, Dr. Potter told Mr. Byrd that he would under the circumstances withdraw his acceptance of the invitation.

The New York minister then posted this notice on the window of Robinson's drug store, where the local controversy over the Tennessee anti-evolution statute started:

"Dr. Potter has cancelled his evolution sermon this morning at the Methodist Episcopal church owning to threat of congregation."

Questioned as to the significance of the expression "threat of congregation," Dr. Potter declared:

"More than half of Mr. Byrd's congregation called on him last night in a body and told him that if I were permitted to speak in the church, they would wreck the church."

George W. Rappleyea, original prosecutor of the evolution charges against Scopes, agreed to Potter's explanation. Rappleyea is a Sunday school teacher in Byrd's church and an ardent admirer of the local minister.

"Yes, they threatened they would break up the church," he said.

CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE

An old sailor approached a farmer for a meal one day, saying he was willing to work.

"I will give you a meal," said the farmer, "if you will round up those sheep on the common there and drive them into this fold."

In three hour's time the sailor came back, looking hot but happy.

Glancing over the gate into the field, the farmer saw the sheep safely in the fold. "There's a jackrabbits sitting up among 'em," he exclaimed.

"Do you mean that little fellow there?" asked the sailor. "Why, that's the little beggar who gave me all the trouble. I thought it was a lamb!"

We are all born equal, but we never die that way.

Indian Always Ready for Game of Chance

All Indians of both sexes are inveterate gamblers. They have been known to gamble away everything they owned, including their wives and their lives, which is raising the white man's ante to a considerable degree. As a rule, Indian dice have but two sides that are marked. These markings are of a thousand and one different designs and colors. The dice are cast either from the hand, a cup, bowl or basket. Many of the dice are thrown on stones, either held in the hand or on the ground. The object of this is to make the dice bound over and over, thus insuring a fair cast. The Indian, even as does the white man and the African enthusiast, speaks endearingly to his gaming implements, beseeching the Great Twin Brethren, the Spider Woman or whoever happens to be the deity presiding over that particular game of chance to cause "Lady Luck" to hover in his or her vicinity. Some of the younger generation living on the Mesa Grande reservation coin their own phrases, decidedly modern and the elder men and women chanting gaming songs so old that even the most ancient of the tribe had forgotten the meaning of the words.

Roach, Pantry Pest, Is Native of India

Sir Francis Drake, buccaneer of three hundred years ago, once took as a prize a Spanish ship loaded with spices from India. It is recorded that on that ship was a "strange black bugge" which the Spanish called curachae, which strictly speaking, meant "wood louse." This curachae became the modern cockroach.

It was a native of India, never until that time seen in Europe. These cockroaches, however, were sturdy fellows, given to living in dark and narrow places, and therefore happy in the holds of ships that plied the seas. Thus these argosies of commerce have served as a means of broadcasting the cockroach, and it is found in abundance wherever man dwells. His bones have provided suitable breeding and dwelling places for these children of the warm countries.

New species, one in America and one in Australia, were found and distributed. So have world-girdling multitudes of them appeared where before there were none at all or but local tribes. This increase in the range and numbers of the cockroach is typical of the man influence in the insect world.

Purr-rr-rr

Unlike Dickens, Thackeray did not delight in placing among the men and women of his novels unforgettable little portraits of their dogs and cats, parrots or canaries. Nor do we think of Thackeray as having that personal fondness for domestic creatures which was characteristic of Dickens, whose own dogs no less than his favorite raven, Grip, figure largely in his letters. But Thackeray's daughter, Lady Ritchie, gives in her recently published letters several delightful little glimpses of her own and her friends' pets; and in one brief and charming note she even ventures to interpret a few words from Feline into English. She writes to her friend, Mrs. Gerald Ritchie:

"Solomon (the cat) has been purring messages, tell Peggy. He proposes to write, but says it is superfluous to say how much he misses her, and that he is perfectly lost without her to stroke his back. He has tried my lap, but he doesn't much like it; he finds it too purrpendicular, and he sends his love purr me."—Youth's Companion.

Idol Found in Burma Splendid Work of Art

The bronze Buddha of Yokohama is commonly thought to be the largest statue of that god in the world, but there is one in Burma that exceeds it in at least one dimension and gives an impression of greater size.

When the English were building the railway from Rangoon to Mandalay they searched the vicinity of Pegu for stone with which to make the embankment through the great swamps. In the whole area there was only one elevation of any importance. The engineers thought that this hill might provide the necessary material, so they dug into its base and were surprised to find some artistic brickwork, the Washington Star says.

On clearing away the earth further they found an enormous stone statue that represented Buddha in a reclining position. The statue is about 190 feet long and, including the brick base, it is more than 40 feet high. The Yokohama Buddha is 55 feet high and 110 feet in circumference.

Although the Burmese statue is not so artistic as the Japanese, it is a wonderful piece of work. Not the least remarkable thing about it is the way in which so huge a monument had disappeared absolutely from Burmese history and legend.

The news of the discovery at once brought numberless Buddhists to the place, who glazed and decorated the gigantic image as a work of devotion. The sides of its huge feet were ornamented at great cost with an elaborate glass mosaic and each toe was embellished with a separate decoration.

Pork and Vegetables Staple Chinese Foods

Pork is the chief meat of the Chinese. It is used by practically all classes of people in all parts of China. A meal without pork is considered to be unusually simple, and with the exception of vegetarians is used by slaves or very poor people only, the North China News says.

Fresh pork is such a common food that wealthy people will not even touch it. During New Year festivals and birthday or wedding celebrations a whole dressed hog or a half of it is often purchased and consumed by the family and their guests.

Lamb, however, may be substituted for pork, but beef is considered more or less sacred and is very seldom used for food. The quantity of meat eaten is small; it is usually served cut into small pieces and mixed with vegetables to a great variety of ways.

Vegetables are used much more freely by the Chinese people than by Americans. In addition to the common ones, such as potatoes, spinach, cabbage, radishes and the like, many plants and weeds are eaten which are not usually considered as food in America. Thus radish leaves, shepherd's purse, bamboo sprouts and a large number of sea weeds are used as food.

Believed Evil Spirit Lurked in Watch Case

Until comparatively modern times the wearing of a watch was considered a proof of the owner's gentility, though the invention can be traced back to the fourteenth century. Watches were worn attached to a chain suspended around the neck, a fashion which still survives with women.

From the following story of one Mr. Allen, a reputed sorcerer, who died in 1630, watches must have been very uncommon in his day.

Being at Holme Lacey, in Herefordshire, Allen happened to leave his watch in the chamber window. The maids entered his room to make the bed, and hearing a curious ticking sound coming from a case, concluded that it was their master's devil. One of them took it up with tongs and threw it out of the window into the moat.

The string attached to the case caught on the sprig of an elder that grew out of the moat, and this confirmed their belief that the case contained an evil spirit.

Youthful Mountains

As old as the hills means little in Haiti, for the mountains there are very young and the earth's crust very mobile.

Dr. Wendell P. Woodring of the United States geological survey says that the rising of these hills probably causes the earthquakes which at intervals shake the northern part of the country. Some of the coral reef caps cover marine terraces that rise like gigantic stairs from sea level to a height of about 1,500 feet. These terraces, begun in Miocene times, are preserved because of the aridity of the climate and underground drainage.

Fight Decided Name

In 1803 the community now known as Barre, Vt., was undecided as to the new name for the town, the original name of which was Wilberburgh. A change was decided on in 1793. Eventually the prospective names narrowed down to two, Holden, sponsored by Capt. Joseph Thompson, and Barre, offered by Jonathan Sherman, both names being after Massachusetts towns. The controversy developed into a fist fight, Sherman winning. The city fathers and the legislature honored the victor by naming the town Barre.

Early Coffee Houses

Coffee houses were places of refreshment first opened in the sixteenth century in Constantinople. In London they were, so to speak, club houses, free to all who could buy a cup; and yet each was known for its special circle of visitors, literary, scientific, religious or political. In the absence of newspapers they were a great means of spreading news and of discussing public questions. Nearly all of the middle and higher classes attended them daily, and they came to exert so powerful an influence in politics that in 1675 Charles II attempted to suppress them, but in vain.

Milk as a Food

Milk as a food for every one has been extensively advertised in the United States in the past few years, and apparently with convincing force. Statistics from 300 cities and 30,000 farms indicate that in 1923 the consumption of milk was 53 gallons to a person, as compared with 50 gallons in 1922 and 49 gallons in 1921. In Boston the consumption to a person has advanced in eight years from 35 to 64 gallons.

Pyramids Used as Gauge

The pyramids and the sphinx were more important as timepieces than as tombs, declare some scientists. Originally, it is maintained, the sphinx sat far below the level of the desert sand. By sighting across the asp on the head of the sphinx and the use of the notched stick to get the angle the season of the year could be told, from the relation of the stick to the sun. The science was so accurate that the exact day of the year could be told. Similarly by studying the length of shadows cast by the various pyramids other important seasonal facts could be ascertained.

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