

Lot's Fate Warning To The Worldly Christian

Evangelist in Dramatic Sermon Portrays Character of "Righteous Man" Who Finds Himself Laughed at When He Tries to Save Own Household

At times sitting in his chair on the rostrum, at times pacing rapidly up and down the platform, and then abruptly stopping and throwing his weight on the pulpit stand as he hurled some pithy statement straight at his audience, Evangelist Ham last night preached the most dramatic sermon yet heard in the pine temple, back of the old Commodore residence, on Poplar street.

Having his sermon on the story of Lot, and impersonating in turns Lot himself, Abraham, Lot's wife, Lot's daughters and other characters in the drama of the destruction of Sodom, and finally assuming the role of Lot's wife whom he represented as the real head of the household, the evangelist displayed another phase of his versatile delivery.

However, though highly dramatic, there was in Mr. Ham's delivery none of the gymnastic antics of a Billy Sunday or Cyclone Mack. Engaging, and with wit as clean as rapier, there was nothing sensational about the evangelist's sermon except the astounding bluntness of the charges brought by the preacher against modern church members when he drew parallels between the mistakes of Lot and those of the modern Christian who tries to live at peace with the world.

The Song Program
The song program, in keeping with the remainder of the service, eclipsed any previous program in effectiveness and enthusiasm. Featured by the individualistic interpretation of one of Mr. Ramsay's own compositions, a descriptive number entitled "The Christian's Race," the music was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire audience from the opening rhythmic melody, "Held by His Mighty Hand," to the closing familiar hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," in which the audience joined.

His daughters, and said, "Up get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed unto his sons-in-law, as one that mocked."

Lot was a righteous man. God said so. We are told that "his righteous soul was vexed at the lawless conduct of the wicked city," his soul revolted at the evil that went on around him every day and for nineteen years he lived in Sodom under these circumstances and yet, at the crisis of his life, when he would have delivered his family, this "righteous man" "seemed unto his sons-in-law as one that mocked."

That seems hard to reconcile. A righteous man and yet one in whom his own family had no confidence. God wasn't flattering when he said Lot was righteous. He meant it. Lot no doubt was a good man; he led a moral and upright life, he was a kind and indulgent father; a progressive and religious citizen; he didn't indulge with the Sodomites in their vice and more than that, he was vexed by them. And yet this righteous man, at the time when of all times, he wanted to be of help to his family, at the time when he was most in earnest for the welfare, did not have their confidence enough to deliver them from the tragic fate of Sodom. His very earnestness in his family think he was jesting with them. Now we want to see what the trouble was with Lot and probably as we go along we will pick you up to see why it is that you have no influence with your family in the crucial periods that come when they need the warnings of a father or mother. To do this we will trace Lot's history and study the character of the man.

Lot and Abraham
Over in Ur of the Chaldees was a man named Abraham. The Lord called to Abraham to follow Him and leave his family and home in Chaldee and although Abraham did not know where he was going, yet he was a man of faith and he followed God. His nephew Lot went with him. Why he went we do not know. He was probably just a restless young man and wanted to "go west" to better his condition and he took this opportunity of going with his un-

DR. PEACOCK SAFE FROM EXTRADITION

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—Supt. George Fou of the State Prison announced yesterday that under the laws of California there is no appeal from the habeas corpus proceedings and there is no possibility of securing the return of Dr. J. W. Peacock to the state as long as he remains under the protection of California laws.

Thinking about the spiritual welfare of his children, he was thinking of the cultural and educational and social advantages they could have in Sodom. He wasn't going to Sodom to try to help Sodom; he was going there to get rich and get what he could get out of Sodom and finally he was "choosing for himself" the city because of the financial benefit that might come to him and the worldly prosperity he might enjoy by moving in.

Lot Worldly Wise
Now the world would have applauded his choice. The Sodomites probably patted him on the back and said: "Old boy, you certainly put it over your uncle on that choice. You have made a wise choice and in a short while you will be rich and famous and nobody will know that old fool uncle of yours." So Lot felt all right and never once thought to investigate his relationship to God. He was prospering and doing well for himself and family. Why should he worry? In a little while, he commenced to conform himself to the customs of the city. His friends "showed him the ropes" and gave him advice on how to be successful and he, never stopping to consider that he was getting himself under obligations that would one day hamper him with God, followed their advice and gradually let down the bars and "conformed himself to his surroundings."

Of course, he saw the wickedness of the city and it vexed him. Each day as he went about the city and heard their lawless talk and witnessed their nameless practices, his righteous soul was vexed and he probably went down to his office and sat down in his chair and said:

"I'll declare, I never saw such actions nor heard such obscene language. It just vexes me till I can hardly stand it, but what can I do? I don't want to make myself offensive by protesting. Some of these men are my customers and business associates and others are the friends of my family and I can't afford to be discourteous to them without hurting the social prospects of my family. So I guess the best thing for me to do is to just go quietly along and live right before them and set them a good example. After all I am not responsible for what they do and if I live right myself I have done all that can be expected of me."

And so he reasoned and he just settled down to the business of the good, quiet, easy, harmless, inoffensive fellows that didn't offend anybody, not even the Devil. He was just one of these "good fellows"—good for nothing.

Lot in His Home
And then at home, he met with complications. His daughters brought their friends to his home and his wife had her friends there and they began to adjust themselves to the social standards of the city and this grieved Lot and he went to his wife and probably said:

"Now look here, wife, I don't think we ought to allow these things here in our home. You know this is a wicked city and if we don't have the proper atmosphere at home, it may have a bad effect on the children."

"Now, look here, Judge Lot," I can hear his wife coming back at him, "young folks will be young folks and there is no use of our trying to put old heads on young shoulders. We have got to allow our children some privileges and some pleasure and I am so glad to it that they are with the Sodomites from the best homes in Sodom and they allow all these things. Now you just tend to your business at the office and I think I can handle the situation here at home."

So Lot, meek little mollycoddle that he was, backed his head and said: "All right, wife, I guess you know best" and went on down town. He was a good husband, he never would try to cross his wife in anything, not even a principle. He was just one of these little "husbandettes," no character to him, no ruggedness, no control over his house, just a good provider and an inoffensive little apparition in britches. He was one of these "model husbands."

One day a lady said to another: "Mrs. A, I think you have a model husband."

"Thank you," replied Mrs. A. But when she got home she got to thinking over this matter of another woman bragging on her husband and she decided she would look that word up. So she went to the dictionary to look up the word and ran down the line, model, model, model—"a small imitation of the real thing." "He's no such thing," she said. "My husband is a real man." Yes, Lot was a "model husband," just an imitation of the real thing. You ladies know what they are. Some of you have one. One of these fellows that confidentially says to a friend:

"You know, I don't approve of some of the things my family is doing, but my wife doesn't agree

Boy Scout Troops to Aid "Get Out the Vote"

New York, October 17.—Boy Scouts of America will be active during November in an effort to promote the "Get-Out-the-Vote" campaign.

James E. West, chief scout executive, in a pamphlet sent out to scout commissioners, presidents of councils and members of the national council, speaks of the campaign as "a national good turn."

"Character building and citizenship training are the definite objects of the Boy Scouts of America," West says. "We now have opportunity for applying our method of learning by doing; an opportunity for expression of practical citizenship. The records show an alarming decrease in the percentage of qualified voters who are actually participating in our national, state and local elections."

The Boy Scouts have been asked to help "get out the vote" and will help on the basis of citizenship training. With an citizenship means a participating citizen, that is a citizen who registers and votes, and performs his duties in civic affairs. "Efforts of the Boy Scouts will be strictly on a nonpartisan basis. Our interest is not in party politics but in participating citizenship." Scouts and their officials will be advised to get in touch with the voters of their communities through personal calls, telephone or by letter, or by an organized home-to-home canvass. It has been suggested by Mr. West that the various scout troops throughout the country co-operate with the public press and patriotic societies in this campaign. "As a service to our country and in keeping with our fundamental objects, character building and citizenship training, I appeal to each and all to do what they can to make this nation-wide effort for a larger participation of voters in the forthcoming election an effective demonstration of our love for our country."



JAMES E. WEST

DRIVEN BEYOND THE GREAT WALL

Peking, Oct. 17.—Chang Tso Ling's Manchurian troops have been driven beyond the great wall, says an official communique.

Tientsin, Oct. 17.—The battle of Shangkaiwan continued unceasingly today and Shangkaiwan itself suffered considerable damage from the bombardment of the Manchurian troops seeking to make a permanent capture of the key border town.

REPUBLICANS WANT ANOTHER MILLION

Chicago, Oct. 17.—The Republican national campaign organization intends if possible to collect an additional \$1,500,000 to carry on its work between now and election day, Chairman Cutler of the Republican National Committee testified today before the Senate campaign fund investigating committee.

CONFESSES ROBBED BANK LAST TUESDAY

Reading, Pa., Oct. 17.—Phillip A. Hartman late last night confessed to the police that he held up and robbed the state bank at Abbottsville Tuesday and when pursued by the police shot and killed Trooper Francis L. Haley.

with me on these things and I just can't seem to prevent it."
Poor little old Lot. Just a little nonentity. Just a good pocket. Continued on page 4

RICHMOND HAS CRIME WAVE

Week Has Been Filled with Attacks by Negroes on White Women and Young Girls.

Richmond, Oct. 17.—Two children on the way to Germantown School just outside Richmond city limits today were accosted by two negroes.

The police were notified and a detail was rushed to the scene. The reported occurrence is the fifth of its kind within the week during which time negroes have attacked or attempted to attack seven white women and girls.

A negro who refused to give his name was arrested today and confessed, the police say, to going to the home of a white woman and threatening her with a pistol if she did not admit him or if she made an outcry. He was also identified by the woman.

BREWSTER COMING TO AID REPUBLICANS

Portland, Ore., Oct. 17.—Governor-elect Brewster left today to join in the Republican campaign in North Carolina. He is scheduled at Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Chapel Hill.

DOCTORS MEET AT HOSPITAL

Medical Society of First District Holds Semi-Annual Convention Here on Thursday.

The Medical Society of the First North Carolina District held its semi-annual meeting Thursday evening and accepted the hospitality of Mother Agnes, superintendent of the Elizabeth City Hospital, who entertained them at a most enjoyable banquet. The reception rooms at the hospital were decorated with Chinese lanterns and cut flowers and each doctor was presented with a pink carnation for his buttonhole.

An elaborate menu was served. Dr. G. E. Newby of Hertford, president of the society, acting as toastmaster. Following the banquet interesting papers were read by Dr. R. L. Kendrick, Dr. H. J. Combs, Dr. John Saliba and Dr. M. S. Bulla presenting special phases of medical science subjects for discussion by the society.

Twenty-five or more members were present from Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, and Pasquotank, and at this meeting it was decided to change from semi-annual to quarterly meetings, and Hertford during the month of January will be the next place and time for meeting.

The First District Medical Society includes the ten counties of Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde and Pasquotank. Dr. George E. Newby of Hertford is president Dr. H. D. Walker of this city is counselor, and Dr. W. A. Hoggard of Weeksville, secretary.

KLAN WILL MEET AT GREENSBORO

Asheville, Oct. 17.—From 15,000 to 20,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan of North Carolina will assemble at Greensboro on October 30 to hold a huge demonstration which will consist of a mammoth parade to the fair grounds and an address by a Kinston preacher.

DIVORCEES HASTEN TO MARRY AGAIN

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Shirley Knox Hall-Quest, divorced here two weeks ago by Dr. Alfred Lawrence Hall-Quest, and Frederick William Hart, divorced by Mrs. Rosamond Hart of Cincinnati last Monday, were married at a hotel here last night.

FUNERAL JETHRO McHARNEY

The funeral of Jethro McHarney of Gregory was conducted Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. J. Byrum, at the home, following which the body was brought to this city for burial in Hollywood Cemetery.

SEEK TO ABOLISH DEPART. INTERIOR

Chicago, Oct. 17.—By unanimous vote the administrative board of the American Engineering Council agreed today to insist on the abolition of the Department of the Interior of the Federal Government to be replaced by a department of public works.

FOURTEEN GUILTY IN TAR-FEATHER CASE

Frederick, Md., Oct. 17.—Fourteen defendants in the Myersville tar and feather cases pleaded guilty to the charge of participating in a riot today when arraigned in circuit court and threw themselves on the mercy of the court. Sentence will be imposed later.

WRANGLER SEIZED BY RUSSIAN SPIES

Nome, Oct. 17.—A colony intended to establish British title to Wrangel Island in the Arctic ocean north of Siberia was carried off by the Russian armed transport "Red October," which raised the Russian flag there August 20, it was learned here today.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 17.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 23.40, Dec. 22.65, Jan. 22.67, March 23.10, May 23.30.

New York Gets A Thrill Out Of Zeppelin's Visit

Practicability of Air Raid from Europe Demonstrated When Super Airship Direct from Germany Flies Twice Over Manhattan

Copyright, 1924, by The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 17.—The Zeppelin ZR-3 sailed across New York City as a reminder or as a warning of what the next "world war" may bring. She sailed the entire length of Manhattan Island, then calmly turned and sailed back again. Theoretically the city was destroyed. Army and Navy folk like to play at the game of "destroying" cities. Baltimore is soon to be annihilated.

But this time it was a German crew and a German captain, sailing a super-Zeppelin, direct from the Zeppelin sheds, that demonstrated to the metropolis of the new world that it is not so all-fired immune as it sometimes has supposed. The American built Shenandoah has often been seen in the New York skies, but she is a homebred and only dropped in from New Jersey, so there was not the thrill connected with her visits that New York felt as it rubbed its eyes at the sight of the big silver morning and saw the big silver whale, with throbbing engines, flash by at express train speed. An old-world visitor, a craft-born of dreams of a military greatness which might reach eventually to all the corners of the earth, she sailed majestically along as a harbinger of this time of a new day in commercial transportation. She differs little in general contour from the war-time "Zepps" only the big commercial cabin up forward seeming to offer a new exterior note. German-like, the ZR-3 is much wider of girth and not so graceful as the trim Shenandoah, which, despite her Teutonic origin, was vastly Americanized in her upbuilding.

Despite the potential threat she carried, the ZR-3 appeared a vastly vulnerable thing as she circled above the city, with a silver airplane or two darting about her, like sparrows about a hawk. One shot of a phosphorus rocket from one of the planes could have sent the giants of the skies tumbling to earth like a flaming meteor. For the Zeppelins came laden with hydrogen gas as volatile as a volcano, the same sort of gas which scared the mind of many a German sailor during the Zeppelin disasters and defeats of the great war.

The secret may as well be told here, that the Shenandoah, which is to share her palatial home at Lakehurst with the stranger from across the seas, ran away from the ZR-3 and will not come back until the Zeppelin has been deflated of her highly dangerous content. The Shenandoah sails on helium wings, and which will not explode. At present there is not enough of helium in existence to keep both the Shenandoah and her burly sister going at the same time. They will have to trade dresses as it were after the Shenandoah returns from her Pacific tour, but in the meantime the American built craft will have nothing to do with the German until that all-consuming gas has been cast to the New Jersey breezes and all danger of explosion is past.

Zeppelin day in New York recalled to many persons now in this city the Zeppelin nights in London. And here is another secret. The American colony in London, which all wished that a Zeppelin might reach New York before the war was over, to drop its "eggs" on the towering skyscrapers of Manhattan and bring home at last a realization of what the war was like.

In the earlier raids the Zeppelins came over London painted in silver precisely as the ZR-3 appeared in the pale blue sky this morning. The ZR-3 in her journey across the Atlantic chose the time of the full moon to light her nightly way. During the war the Zeppelins came on the wings of darkness and by stealth they crept upon the sleeping city. London was as dark as the River Styx, presumably, but in some manner the marauders always, or nearly always, found their way. Then the city devised a means of finding the marauders. Powerful search lights began to pierce the sky when the first hum of a hostile motor was heard.

The silver "eiger" as they appeared at the great heights they maintained, soon became a prey to the defending airmen.

Five of six of them were brought down in flames, their crews roasted to a cinder. The silver paint was discarded. The newer Zeppelins, built for the nights, appeared in dull mourning black and were as elusive as the dark spaces between the stars. The thrill of those Zeppelin nights in London can never be forgotten. First would come the ominous warning that 17 or 18 of the hostile craft had crossed the coast and were headed for the British capital. These warnings only reached the police and the newspaper offices and foreign cor-

REFERENDUM IS BELIEVED DEAD

Question of Continuance of Farm, Home and Welfare Workers Be Decided Saturday Week.

No specific action was taken by the Board of County Commissioners in special session Friday on the petition presented by organizations representing 2,500 citizens of the County asking the Board to reconsider its action in providing for a referendum on the question of the continuance of home demonstration, farm demonstration and welfare agencies in this County; but what is regarded as a virtual victory was gained for the petition when the Commissioners agreed to give both sides an opportunity to be heard at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, October 25, and to let the showing made at that meeting instead of a referendum decide the issue.

Due notice is to be given in accordance with the provisions of these agencies are invited to come forward on this occasion and let their objections be heard, or else ever hereafter hold their peace. It is not believed that opposition to these agencies can bring into the open one tenth of the strength that can be mustered in support of them.

So large was the attendance Friday that the Board's meeting had to be held in the courthouse office and, with representatives of 2,500 citizens on hand to speak for the agencies continuance of which is at issue, not a voice was raised against them.

Organizations backing the continuance of the agencies are the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Women's Club, the Mother's Club and the farm and home demonstration clubs in the county. Speakers for these various organizations on Friday morning included: S. H. Templeman for the Kiwanis Club, Dr. Mora S. Bulla and C. E. Thompson for the Rotary Club, Mrs. A. B. Houtz for the Parent-Teacher Association, Miss Lillie Grady for the Women's Club, J. C. B. Ehringhaus for the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. C. W. Ives Harrell for the home demonstration club in the county.

Speaking as citizens and voters all expressing themselves in strongest terms in favor of continuance of all these agencies. Among these was W. L. Coburn, who urged the Commissioners not only to retain the present demonstration and welfare workers in the County but also to co-operate with the Federal Government by paying \$25 a month to the negro farm demonstration agent in the County.

TWO KILLED WHEN AIRPLANES COLLIDE

San Diego, Oct. 17.—Two men were killed and a third had a remarkable escape from death yesterday in a collision of two airplanes above Coronado. The dead are Ensign Britt J. Flanders and Robert H. Kerr.

RETAIL PRICES ON FOOD ARE HIGHER

Washington, Oct. 17.—An increase of about two per cent in the retail cost of food between August 15 and September 15 was reported today in Bureau of Labor statistics of the Department of Labor.

Former Publisher Dead

Washington, Oct. 17.—H. H. Kohlsaat, noted former Chicago publisher and a close friend of many Presidents died here today at the home of Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

respondents. The waiting moments, occasionally lengthened into an hour or more, were filled with imaginings and the knowledge that within a very short time many innocent souls were to be sent into the great beyond.

There was a doom in the warnings for those who were compelled to go unwarned. Occasionally a Bobby would stroll along the street calling to the late pedestrians:

"Air raid pending, please, air raid pending, please."

And most of the time his warnings were met with a grin. There was sport to those raids as well as blood red terror.

How They Judge an Air Race



Even the judges are up high in an air race. They're not in planes, but they have to climb atop the pylon to get a good view of the racing ship. The pylon, a tall shaft, is the judge's stand. It is seen here at the left. The plane just passing it is winning the Liberty Engine Builders' trophy contest in the International sprint at Dayton, O. It is being piloted by Lieut. L. G. Duke of Washington, an army flyer.