

Ham Makes Direct Reply Attack On Meeting Here

Evangelist Calls No Names and Indulges in No Abusive Personalities but Reads Quotations from Independent and Makes Vigorous and Forceful Rejoinder

Quoting from and for the first time directly referring to the sensational attack made upon him by the Elizabeth City Independent in its issue of November 7, in which Editor W. O. Saunders proclaimed in a bold strainer extending across the front page of his organ that "Believe the Prophet Ham Has Lied," Evangelist M. F. Ham this morning brought to his platform a mass of material bulwarking his references to the recent Chicago vice exposures in which Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears-Roebuck & Company, played a prominent part and, by reading extensively from quotations of prominent anti-Christian leaders of the world as well as from the leaders of the forces of Bolshevism, Mr. Ham brought out that the utterances of the local editor were almost identical with the statements and beliefs of these anti-Christians who, he charged, are working for the overthrow of Christian civilization and for the establishment of an anti-Christian regime upon the ruins of the present.

Mr. Ham did not call the name of Mr. Saunders at any time during his address, but referred to the statements made by the editor as the utterances of "a certain anti-Christian." The evident intention of the evangelist was to catalogue the local editor as "an anti-Christian, an enemy of the Christian ministry and Christian churches" and as an exponent and mouthpiece of the philosophy and theology of the anti-Christ.

The speaker was frequently interrupted by various local pastors who gave endorsement to his utterances and added their voice to the condemnation of the attitude and activities of the editor of the Independent. Rev. S. H. Templeman interrupted at one point to assert that he had "been preaching blood redemption for 22 years and was still preaching it." The interruption came at a point when the evangelist had read a quotation from the Independent to the effect that "The greatest harm done in a town is that it produces a lot of amug, bigoted, conceited, sanctimonious pignards, and plimires who think that a little blood of a lamb they never saw has washed them whiter than snow and made them so darned superior to everybody else" and then turned to the pastors with the question, "Brethren, is this doctrine of blood redemption that we have been preaching for 22 years to this revival? Haven't you churches and pastors believed and preached blood redemption as the only hope of salvation?" Dr. Templeman's reply was given hearty and vocal endorsement by each of the ministers on the platform.

At the conclusion of the sermon, and just prior to the benediction a lady questioner to the audience asked the question, "Brother Ham, what can we do?" to which the evangelist replied, "Stand up for Jesus Christ and this Bible and support your churches and pastors with every ounce of your strength when they preach it and refuse to give countenance to the anti-Christian forces which attack this truth."

At this point another lady rose in the audience and stated that, "I for one want to go on record as ready to stand with the churches and pastors to the limit of my ability and I want to say that unless conditions here change, I am ready to sell everything I have and move away from this town." The evangelist then called for those who would go on record now as ready to support the pastors and churches in their battle for the truth to stand up and so far as could be seen from the platform by the reporter for this paper, not a person was left in his seat.

against the spirit hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day and, having done all, stand. Stand, therefore, having gird your loins with truth, and having put on the breast plate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God and with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto for all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6: 10-19.

I didn't know when this meeting started that Russia was going to declare war on us before we got through. I did know that the anti-Christ and his earthly agents were diligently at work throughout the world to undermine and devitalize Christianity and I was somewhat familiar with his tricks and methods, but I did not know that he would make a dramatic and aggressive fight through agencies in this community. I want to emphasize here again the thought of our scripture that we are not fighting men, but we are fighting the Devil and spirit hosts of wickedness and the anti-Christ. The anti-Christ has been very active in this community and I want to ask a few questions concerning the nature of his campaign here.

First, why did he make an attack on me and brand me as a liar when I referred to the vice situation which was exposed in the Chicago courts and fully set forth in the news reports of the Chicago Tribune. Why didn't he brand the Chicago Tribune as a liar? I only read the reports of the court trial.

Second, why didn't he brand the Dearborn Independent as a liar. I only read excerpts from its reports and sensational charges against Julius Rosenwald of Chicago. The Dearborn Independent, backed by the millions of Henry Ford and could be made to pay dearly if he had lied? Why am I the liar just for reading these reports?

Here are some quotations from the Dearborn Independent of February 10, 1923:

"The situation on the South Side was called to the attention of Chief of Police Charles Fitzmorris more than a year ago. Chicago believed in Fitzmorris. He pledged himself to a clean city and asked the aid of all good citizens."

"In response to his call one of the city's wealthiest and most prominent citizens stepped forth. Who? None other than Julius Rosenwald. Mr. Rosenwald had devoted a large part of his wealth to negro institutions. Indeed many negro institutions are offered by Jews."

"The committee of fifteen was formed as an independent civilian organization to suppress vice. Mr. Rosenwald was its chairman! Many prominent citizens were persuaded to join it. They are now resigning rapidly, four having quit in four days because they couldn't find out why the committee of fifteen leaders insisted there was no vice, while private investigators imported from other cities by other organizations found 200 houses and 1,900 inmates in 20 days of investigation and found that a big majority of these places were directed by the syndicate."

"And then came the testimony that investigators for the anti-vice committee of fifteen were protecting vice themselves and accepting bribes."

"The Juvenile Protective Association learned of the slavery of 14, 15, 18 and 17 year old girls and immediately started to find out why and to attempt to answer the muchly jokeed question, 'Who is responsible?' To make sure they were not double crossed, they sent to New York for a trained investigator."

END OF RUM ROW IS PREDICTION

Washington, Nov. 12.—The "end of Rum Row" was predicted in the Treasury statement today embodying the review of Coast Guard operations in October.

"A large increase in the number of seizures" including seven foreign vessels acting as supply ships was reported.

HOSPITAL BURNS AT LUMBERTON

Lumberton, Nov. 12.—Twenty six patients and 14 nurses had a narrow escape when the Thompson Hospital here was destroyed by fire last night. The nurses carried out the patients in their arms. The loss was \$40,000.

JURY SELECTED IN COOPER ROURK TRIAL

Wilmington, Nov. 12.—The jury was selected yesterday and the trial got under way today of Thomas E. Cooper and J. C. Rourke in connection with the failure of the Liberty Savings Bank. They are charged with violation of the state banking laws.

BRITISH COLONIES LOOK TO AMERICA

London, Nov. 12.—In a speech commemorating Walter Hines Page, Sir Auckland Geddes declared here yesterday that the British colonies look very often to America where sympathy for their ideas and aspirations is found while it is lacking in London.

ANOTHER DELUGE OF BUYING ORDERS

New York, Nov. 12.—Speculation in stocks continued to run riot in today's market, another deluge of buying orders sending more than two dozen issues to new peak prices for the year in the first half hour with total shares in excess of 350,000 shares in that period.

JUGGLING AUTOMOBILE TAG GETS SIMPSON IN TROUBLE

John Simpson, colored, occupied most of the attention in Wednesday morning's session of police court. The defendant was fined \$5 and costs for failure to display the license tag required by the State and \$10 and costs for failure to display an automobile license tag.

COTTON GINNED IN PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN

There were 1,112 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank County from the 1924 crop prior to November 1 as compared with 3,401 bales on the same date last year.

BANKRUPT FIRM HAS FILED REPORT

New York, Nov. 12.—The liabilities of the bankrupt brokerage firm of Day and Heaton amount to \$2,909,501 to meet which are assets of \$1,148,128, according to the schedule filed today in Federal Court. The firm was petitioned in bankruptcy as the result of alleged defalcations of George Christian, member of the firm.

Colored Judge

The first colored judge in the United States is Albert Bailey George, newly elected to the Municipal Court in Chicago. George, a Republican, has been a practicing attorney in Chicago for 26 years. He won his place on the municipal bench by a vote of approximately 45,000 over his nearest Democratic rival.

Tabernacle Program for the Week

- Wednesday
7:30 P. M.—"God Our Refuge."
Thursday
10:00 A. M.—"The Healing of the Paralytic."
7:30 P. M.—"Repentance and Faith."
Friday
10:00 A. M.—"The Overflowing Life."
7:30 P. M.—"The Overcoming Life." Special sermon to young converts.
Saturday
10:00 A. M.—"Heaven." Special arrangements will be made to have the older people and shut-ins present for this service.
7:30 P. M.—"Naaman, The Leper."
Sunday—Closing Day of Campaign
Three Services
11:00 A. M.—"The Fruit of the Spirit."
3:00 P. M.—"Lesson for This Age Drawn from the Sinking of the Titanic."
7:30 P. M.—"The Great Salvation." Final service.

Christian Experience Tuesday Night Sermon

Evangelist Ham's Text "For Me to Live Is Christ and to Die Is Gain" and He Asks His Hearers to Apply This Test to Their Lives

"Paul's Great Experience" was Evangelist Ham's subject Tuesday night and his text was Philippians 1:21. "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

The sermon in part follows: The letter to the Philippians was written while Paul was a prisoner in Rome under sentence of death and expecting early martyrdom. There is not a sad or despondent note in it.

In reading the biographies of the great men of history, I finish them with a feeling of despair that I shall ever be able to approach their achievements; for their biographers all but defy them; magnifying their virtues and achievements and concealing their vices, their faults and their failures. But when I read the biographies of the great men in sacred history, as recorded in God's word, I am encouraged to believe that no man, no matter how great, has yet become a god. For God has made a record of all the errors and sins of his heroes, along with their heroism. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, all have their faults laid bare along with their virtues. And Paul, in my view the greatest hero of them all, has his early life of persecution and his subsequent quarrel with Barnabas over John Mark all laid bare.

An ex-prize fighter, who was converted testified afterwards, "I am just three years, two months and two days old; for it has been just that long since I was converted, and I never really commenced to live until then." A banker who was converted in one of my meetings said to me, a few years later, "I never began to live till that night when I knelt with you in the drawing room of my home and gave my life to Christ. All of my life prior to that time had been a mere existence, but not my life." In Tim. 3-6 Paul says Christ ransomed us from all unrighteousness. "He that hath the Son hath life."

After his conversion, for a long time Paul was bothered by fears that after he had preached to others, he himself might fall and become a castaway; and his position then was "for me to begin to live is Christ." Later he was saying "For me to continue to live is Christ." But finally he reached the point where he could say in all confidence, "I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him." Then he said, "For me to live is Christ."

CITY ROAD HAS MADE PROGRESS

Rev. Daniel Lane Takes Excellent Report to Conference at Wilmington This Week.

Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of the City Road Methodist Church, left Tuesday to attend the Annual Conference at Wilmington. Mr. Lane took with him a fine report of the church. All finances were paid in full during the year. Twenty-seven have joined the church by profession of faith and by letter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lane have done a splendid work. The Sunday School has the largest membership and attendance that it has ever had. The ladies' organization is also doing better work. The Missionary and Parsonage Societies have consolidated and been divided in four groups. Each group has its meetings and in this way every member has a part in the work and is more interested.

GOLDMAN LECTURES AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

London, Nov. 12.—Emma Goldman, deported radical, is in London now denouncing in her lecture the Bolsheviki movement in Russia.

CIDER VICTIMS NOW NUMBER NINE

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 12.—The list of "elder victims" was brought to ten today by the death of James Collins of New York. The others were showing signs of improvement at noon.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 12.—Although the most of the 17 aged members of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks now in the hospital at Bedford suffering from arsenic poisoning were improved today, grave concern still was felt for five of them.

RAILWAY CENSURED FOR CARELESSNESS

Washington, Nov. 12.—The practice permitted on the Southern Railway of authorizing trains to enter an unoccupied block or proceed to an outlying switch in the supplemental report by the director of the Bureau of Safety of the Interstate Commerce Commission following a second investigation of the head-on collision between a passenger and a freight train September 28, 1923, near Cleveland, Tennessee, which resulted in the death of one and the injury of 26 persons. The report held that such practices render protection of the block signal system almost void.

PONZI JURY IS UNABLE TO AGREE

Boston, Nov. 12.—The jury in the Suffolk Superior Court trying Charles Ponzi, former financial wizard, on a larceny indictment in connection with his get-rich-quick scheme of four years ago, today reported to Judge Bishop that they were unable to agree on any verdict on any one of the four counts under consideration. The judge ordered the jury discharged.

NOT TO PRESS FOR TAX LEGISLATION

Washington, Nov. 12.—The administration has no present intention of pressing for tax legislation at the coming short session of Congress, it became known today after Secretary Mellon had conferred with President Coolidge. It is understood that Mr. Mellon does not consider it practicable because of the lack of time and in view of other difficulties entering into the situation. Neither has the administration given any consideration so far to the calling of a special session of the new Congress after March the fourth to consider tax reduction.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 12.—Spot cotton closed quiet, Middling 24.60, an advance of 5 points. Futures, Dec. 24.33, Jan. 24.51, March 24.75, May 25.06, July 24.80.

THIRTY YEARS FOR SWINDELL

Farrior Likewise, Draws Prison Term While Verbal Castigation Given Each Defendant by Court as Severe as Sentence

Thirty years for Joe Swindell and not less than one nor more than three for J. D. Farrior of Wilson were the sentences imposed by Judge N. A. Sinclair at the opening of this afternoon's session of Superior Court. The closing words of the latter sentence were delivered almost as the clock was on the stroke of three.

Hardly less severe than the sentences themselves was the verbal castigation given each prisoner by the court before imposing sentence. "The penalty for rape," said Judge Sinclair before pronouncing sentence on Swindell, "is death. In some respects the crime with which this defendant was charged, and nobody who heard the evidence could believe other than that he is guilty, is more reprehensible than rape. A man who will deliberately plan the destruction of a little child is not entitled to any consideration. He is as dangerous as a beast of prey. It is not altogether the question of how to deter others from a course like his that this court must weigh. The question of his physical injuries I can not consider. Whether he is to get well or not and how much he must suffer by reason of his physical injury I must leave to a higher authority. I shall mete out to this defendant the same punishment that I would impose for second degree murder—30 years in prison."

"The court now prays judgment upon the defendant Farrior," said Solicitor Small, in the solemn hush that followed the pronouncement of sentence upon Swindell. "This is one of the saddest cases in my experience," responded Judge Sinclair, speaking with measured deliberation. "Here was a man of ripe old age who evidently had never learned to restrain his temper. In connection with this case the court is faced by the fact that there is abroad in the land an idea that a man has a right to redress his wrongs, outside of the court. There is a preachment throughout the country that men can take the law into their own hands—a sentiment that can not be tolerated in North Carolina."

"The courts can and do enforce the law. Men can trust the courts. There is no such thing as an unwritten law in North Carolina. If this defendant were a young man I would give him the limit of the law. As it is, I hate to punish one of his years and feeble frame at all. But we tell the jurors that they are not to be swayed from duty by sentiment and have taken an oath as solemn as the jurors not to be so swayed. It is the judgment of the court that the defendant be confined in State prison for a period of not more than three and not less than one year."

Judge Sinclair also commended the restraint of the father of the girl in the case in "playing the part of a good citizen and permitting the law to take its course."

Sentence in the case of J. D. Farrior, who pleaded guilty last Friday of assault upon Joe Swindell with intent to kill and Swindell himself who was convicted by a Pasquotank jury of having wronged Mr. Farrior's 13-year old granddaughter, was imposed by the court at the opening of this afternoon's session.

The verdict of guilty was brought in by the jury at ten minutes after nine o'clock Tuesday night, after a little more than five hours deliberation. The jury took the case at 3:30 and notified the officers in charge that it had agreed upon its verdict at 8:55.

Sitting beside his father G. R. Swindell, the defendant received the verdict without any outward emotion. So came to its conclusion a trial that by reason of the prominence of the family of the girl who, in the ordinary course of evidence would be expected to be the prosecuting witness in the case, has attracted more than state-wide attention. Joe Swindell is 26 years old, the son of a hard working carpenter, and both of his parents have always been highly respected in this community. Hard work has never been much in Joe's line, but as a boy he was, generally speaking, popular and well liked, though there may have been knowledge in some quarters that he was leading a very fast life. The general public, however, knew nothing against Joe Swindell up to the time of his marriage that would have marked him out as greatly different from the average young man of this city, whose hard working parents have spared him many of the hardships which they themselves had endured. He was lively, debonair, obliging and apparently of engaging frankness. Like many other young men of the day he had a weakness for fast and high-powered automobiles, and was so skillful in handling them that he was probably the premier amateur automobile racer in this section, taking the prizes in a number of local racing events. About the time of his marriage, however, Joe Swindell's name has been almost synonymous with trouble. His reputation in that respect was his undoing when the charge in which he was found guilty Wednesday night was first brought against him. Joe Swindell's victim is the only daughter of wealthy parents, the only granddaughter of J. D. Farrior of Wilson, with whom for the first seven years of her life she had been reared as one of the prettiest among the girls of the city in their early teens. Expert testimony at the trial, however, brought out the fact that she was somewhat subnormal mentally. Dr. Royster of Westport Sanatorium, Richmond, testified that in his opinion she was mentally developed, when brought to his institution last August, below the average for a girl of 13 years. At that time she was nearly 14 years old, having been born in September, 1910. It was more or less generally known here that she had difficulty in making her grade at school, but this was attributed, generally speaking, rather to lack of interest than to any lack of mental development. However, during the Swindell trial, her uncle, J. Vernon Blades, of New Bern, testified that she had been entered at one time since the trial in a school for feeble-minded children, near Philadelphia. Dr. Royster also testified that, aside from the lack of mental development, the girl when brought to his institution was to a certain degree mentally unbalanced as a result of shock, and that she was removed from the institution against his advice and judgment. On the same street as Joe Swindell lives Elwood Harkley, 8 years Swindell's junior, who was his friend and frequent companion. Harkley, by his own admission drinks a little, plays crap now and then, and quit school in the sixth grade when he was suspended two days for some such offense as playing truant. This is the Harkley who was with Joe Swindell on the fateful night of June 19, when Farrior's granddaughter and a girl friend of hers about her own age, went for a ride in Swindell's sport model Duesenberg car. On the following Sunday Swindell was arrested on a capital charge and on Harkley's testimony, and that of the family physician, Swindell was held under this charge for Superior court. Though the grand jury brought in (Continued on Page 4)