

NEW CHIEFTAIN WILL CARRY ON FOR COMMONER

Multimillionaire Pledges His Fortune to Save Bible.

By NEA Service
CLEARWATER, Fla., April 16.—The fight that lost its leader when William Jennings Bryan died has found a new standard-bearer. A new chieftain has arisen to take the place of the Great Commoner in the ranks of militant fundamentalism.

George F. Washburn, multimillionaire of Clearwater and Boston, has taken for his own the ideals of Bryan. He has dedicated his life and his fortune to war on the teaching of evolution. And this is his battle-cry:

"Save the orthodox Bible from the onslaughts of modernism."

It was a year before Bryan's death that Washburn heard a sermon in a Clearwater church about the fight to prevent the teaching of evolution in the schools. After Bryan's death he began to rally the dead leader's following, and in November of last year he held a big mass meeting here, where three thousand people heard him cry:

Dedicates Fortune

"I hereby dedicate myself, my family and my fortune to the task of stamping out the theory of evolution and the teaching of anything disrespectful to the Holy Bible."

And the crusade was on again.

Washburn's leadership is different from Bryan's. Bryan depended on his oratory to stir his followers. Washburn is applying modern business methods, working as an organizer and executive to weld together an efficient fighting machine.

The Bible Crusaders of America, which has as its object the championing of the teaching of Genesis, is the official name of his organization. He subscribed \$100,000 to its treasury at the beginning, and has promised \$100,000 more when it is needed. He has organized groups of workers who are invading various States, with eloquence and pamphlets, always working for legislative action against the teaching of "Darwinism."

The organization recently concluded its campaign in Mississippi, and saw the Legislature pass an "anti-mokey bill" such as it had asked for. A crusade has been carried on in Florida, and the Legislature is to consider a similar bill at its next session. Eventually, the crusaders expect to campaign in every State in the Union.

Sees Movement Spread

"The Bible crusade is the biggest movement before America today," says Washburn. "It is a movement destined to spread over the entire universe before many months have

passed. Sweden and Jugoslavia have already taken up the fight, with fierce battles raging at trials similar to the Scopes trial at Dayton last summer."

Washburn's genius for organiza-

tion is evident in the way the crusaders are grouped. There are associate members, active members, a children's branch known as the Junior Crusaders, an organization of ministers and evangelists, a monthly

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Bryan is gone. But the last movement he led is still going forward. His friend and co-worker is carrying on.

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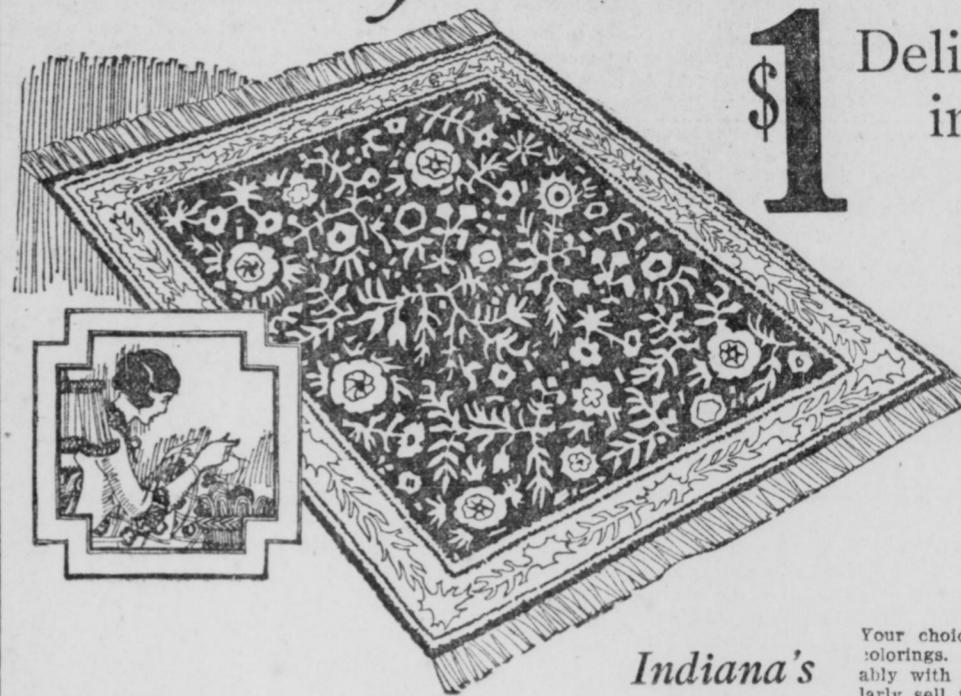


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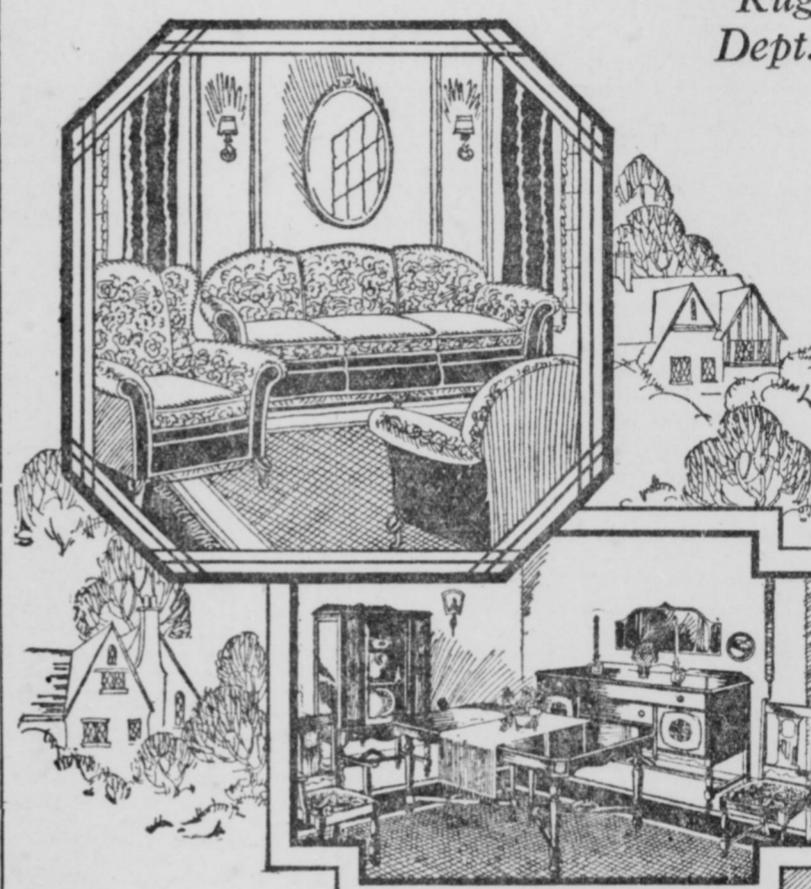
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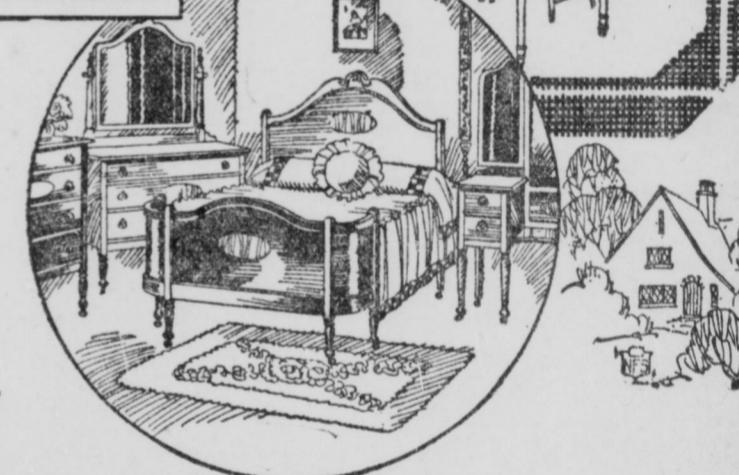
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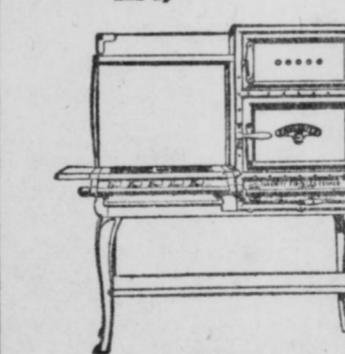
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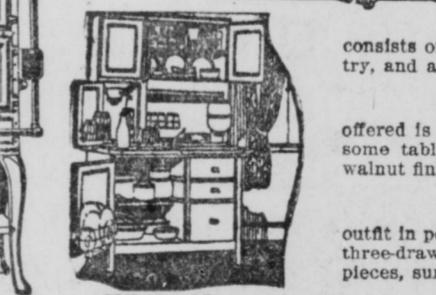
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