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Grateful

Bible and Cross of Gold and Silver Given Bishop for His Prayer.

By Joseph H. Baird

WASHINGTON, March 26.—A Bible covered with precious metals and a cross of silver and gold were en route today to the Washington cathedral—after sealing customs barriers with the aid of two cabinet members.

Nearly two months ago the Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, received a letter through the state department from Emperor Haile Selassie I. "Select of God, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Emperor of Ethiopia."

The ruler informed the bishop he was sending the two religious tributes as a thank offering for a prayer Freeman had made for success of the emperor's reign. He was crowned last October.

The bishop waited anxiously for his Bible and cross. In time they reached New York—and the customs house. How long they remained there, the records do not show. But it is known that more than a month ago the state department wrote the treasury asking that the gifts be admitted duty free, "as an international courtesy." Today the treasury dispatched a letter to the state department, acquiescing.

An interesting report of the emperor's pleasure on hearing of Bishop Freeman's prayer has been received by the state department from Minister Addison E. Southard at Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

A copy of the prayer, offered at Washington cathedral here, was sent to Southard by the state department. He showed it to Haile Selassie. The monarch, vastly pleased, had the prayer translated into native Amharic, so it might be read by all his feudal chieftains and ecclesiastical authorities.

More, he ordered that a New Testament, written and illuminated by hand on parchment, be prepared for the American prelate. The book's cover was made of silver and gold, designed by a native artisan. The emperor also had a silver cross, gilded with gold, and of the ancient form used in Ethiopian churches, prepared for the cathedral, which is under construction.

Haile Selassie is a Christian king. He claims descent from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. He appears to have been touched deeply by the concern of a Christian bishop—though of another branch of the faith—for his well-being.

So he wrote to Bishop Freeman: "The lion of the tribe of Judah hath consoled. Haile Selassie I, Select of God, Emperor of Ethiopia."

"Writes to: His beatitude, the bishop of Washington cathedral. May peace be unto your beatitude. 'Our heart was touched with joy and appreciation when his excellency, Mr. Southard, minister of the United States in our city of Addis Ababa, told us of the prayer you had made for us and our country, Ethiopia, the day we were crowned with the imperial crown, by the will of God."

"Just as Our Lord, Jesus Christ, gave his grace to all that believed in Him, both near and far, without distinction, likewise you, without distinction as to country and sovereignty, made a prayer equally for a Christian king and country, thus proving that you are true followers of Christ."

"And we, as an inspiration of your Christian deed, are sending you a gospel, with a gold and silver decorated cover, and a gilded silver cross, and we shall be pleased greatly if you will keep them in Washington cathedral as a remembrance of us and Ethiopia."

"We request you not to forget us and our country of Ethiopia in your spiritual prayers."

The Bible and cross from distant Ethiopia will find places of honor in Washington cathedral.

COLLEGE CHIEF TO ADDRESS FARM MEN

Ball Teachers' President to Be Heard at Indiana Federation Session.

L. A. Pittenger, president of Ball State Teachers college, Muncie, will speak at the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation session tonight at the Severin.

Today's program in the three-day conference concerned publicity in farm bureau work and health subjects. Speakers included Thomas R. Johnston, Purdue university publicity director; E. J. Hancock of Greensburg; Mrs. R. L. McNeal of Russellville; James R. Moore, editor of the Hoosier Farmer; I. H. Hull of the bureau's field department; and M. S. Winder, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

DREAM OF DIXIE FATAL

Excited, Chicago Man Drives Over Crossing; He and 3 Children Killed.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Excited over his intended departure today with his family to a new home on a quiet Alabama farm was blamed for John Klinker's failure to stop, look or listen at a railroad crossing Wednesday, although he had driven an automobile safely for twenty years.

A speeding Soo Line train crashed broadside into Klinker's machine, killing him and his three children, Marie, 13; Fern, 10, and Roy, 8.

NEGRO PASTOR IS DEAD

Last Rites for the Rev. Sandy B. Butler to Be Held Saturday.

Last rites for the Rev. Sandy B. Butler, Negro, 47, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, will be held at 1 p. m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Butler died Wednesday at his home, 515 West Twenty-eighth street. He was pastor of the church ten years. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. India E. Butler.

BANDITS PLAY RADIO AS THEY TORTURE MAN

Leisurely Robbers, With Girl Companions, Take Cash and Clothes.

TEAR JEWELS OFF WIFE

Woman Thief Garbs Self in Clothing of Victim and Struts Before Her.

HOLLIS, N. Y., March 26.—Three robbers with a penchant for music leisurely ransacked the home of a dentist and tortured him early today, while their women companions donned his wife's garments to the sound of a radio.

Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Bigall, 23 and 21, respectively, returned home shortly after midnight. They had put their automobile in the garage and were about to enter the house when a man stepped from behind a bush and confronted them with a revolver.

The bandit was joined by two companions, who ordered the dentist and his wife into the house.

"Now turn on all the lights," one of the men ordered.

The dentist, just had completed this when the doorbell rang.

Turn on the Radio

One of the trio answered the door and admitted two girl companions. Somebody suggested they have some music, and one of the bandits turned on the radio, lingering over it until he had found the station which suited him. He then wheeled around and ordered:

"Give us all the money you have and tell us where you keep your whisky."

Dr. Bigall was forced to hand over \$48 and a ring. A bracelet set with four diamonds, worn by Mrs. Bigall, caught the eye of one of the woman robbers. She tore it from Mrs. Bigall's wrist, placed it on her own, and gayly displayed it to her companions.

One of the girls went to the second floor, where she changed her own clothing for silk stockings, lingerie, dress, hat and fur coat belonging to Mrs. Bigall.

"Struts" Like a Model

Walking to the dressing table, she picked up a lavalliere, stood before a mirror and fastened it around her neck.

She completed the ensemble by placing \$15 she found in one of the drawers in a pocket of the fur coat. She then returned to the first floor.

"Don't I look spiffy?" she asked, strutting up and down the living room like a model to taunt the dentist's wife.

Bigall took this moment to make a lunge at one of the robbers, who struck him on the head with the butt of his revolver. The men then forced Bigall to remove his shoes and stockings and began burning his toes with cigarettes and matches. They apparently believed he kept more money in the house and sought to learn its hiding place.

When Dr. Bigall assured them he had no more money, they demanded he write a check for \$1,000. He insisted his check for that amount would be worthless and the bandits stopped torturing him.

Phone Wires Cut

The men and the women then made a systematic search of the house for jewelry, including the dentist's watch. Dr. Bigall started for the telephone, when one of the men saw him and nonchalantly informed him that "It's no use, buddy, the phone wires have been cut."

After remaining in the house for about an hour and fifteen minutes, alternately listening to the radio and searching for something to drink, the quieted bandits and walked to the curb, where they had parked their automobile, and made their getaway.

Dr. and Mrs. Bigall, after notifying the police, were taken to a hospital, where the dentist was treated for burns and lacerations, and Mrs. Bigall for shock.

ARTHUR ROBINSON AIDS IN SEA RESCUE

Sight Drifting Launch and Notices Captain of Own Ship.

BALBOA, C. Z., March 26.—Two United States senators—Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada and Arthur R. Robinson of Indiana—were the heroes today of a rescue at sea.

The two senators were returning from a fishing trip to Pearl Islands when they sighted a launch, drifting helplessly at sea and sending distress signals.

They informed the captain of their own ship, who swung around toward the launch. Arriving alongside, Senator Oddie threw a rope to the launch, which was adrift because of a disabled motor.

Four passengers on the launch were taken aboard.

HOOSIER BELIEVED DEAD

North Manchester Shoe Man's Body Thought Found in Michigan.

BENYON HARBOR, Mich., March 26.—Relatives from North Manchester, Ind., were expected here today to confirm the identification of the body of a man found on the beach of Lake Michigan three and one-half miles north of here.

The man had been tentatively identified as Ernest A. Ebbingshouse, 78, prosperous North Manchester shoe merchant, whose disappearance Nov. 17, never was solved.

Lapel Woman Dies

LAPEL, Ind., March 26.—Mrs. Sarah Waldo, 87, is dead. She leaves two children, Frank, of Anderson, and Miss Retta Waldo, at home. She was born at Columbus, O., and came to Indiana in 1889, locating on a farm in Boone county.

Siamese Twins Are Named by Wife in Divorce Suit

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 26.—A divorce suit in which the Siamese twins, Daisy and Violet Hilton of San Antonio, Tex., were named as co-respondents was on record today in circuit court.

Mrs. Mildred Oliver testified that both the twins loved

her husband and gave him expensive presents, and that he told her he loved them. The gifts included an automobile, jewelry and clothes, she said.

Her husband left her two years ago to become advance agent for the twins, Mrs. Oliver's petition recited. She was granted the divorce by default.

CITY BOY SHOT, BUDDY HELD IN ILLINOIS TOWN

15-Year-Old Youth Wounded Seriously by Village Marshal.

One Indianapolis high school student is in a hospital in Paris, Ill., in a critical condition from gunshot wounds and his "buddy" is in the county jail at Marshall, Ill., today following their alleged attempt Wednesday night to steal a motor car in Martinsville, Ill.

The wounded youth, according to reports received by police here, is Walter K. Badger, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Badger, 2725 North La-Salle street.

The boy held in jail is Walter Franklin Reynolds, 15, son of Mrs. James Lewis, 2631 East Michigan street.

Shot by Marshal

Relatives of the youths left today to make an inquiry into the shooting.

Two other youths, alleged to be companions of Badger and Reynolds, are held also by Marshall officers pending the arrival of their parents.

They are Russell Lunsford, 15, 3104 Brookside parkway, and Walter Ricks, 2322 Brookside avenue.

According to a report from Martinsville the youths were accosted by John Ellington, town marshal, as they attempted to take a motor car. Badger was at the wheel of the machine, Ellington said, and ran as he approached the auto. Ellington seized Reynolds with one hand and, drawing his automatic, shot Badger in the abdomen after he ignored a command to "halt."

Were Tech Students

Reynolds told Sheriff J. N. Turner, the latter said, that they had "bummed" their way from Indianapolis, and that they intended to steal the car to return to their homes and planned to return the auto after they reached Indianapolis.

The boys were students at Arsenal Technical high school.

"Walter left home Monday night," said the youth's father Wednesday night, "and we did not become alarmed about his absence until Tuesday, believing that he had stayed all night with a friend."

Had Left School

"He was just like any other boy and had never been in trouble before. He was not bad, and I can hardly believe he was shot stealing a car. We have a car, but he did not seem to care much about it."

Mrs. Lewis told police that her son left with several other boys.

"I asked him not to go away and he said he would not. He went to Tech, but quit school some time ago and went to work. He was laid off from work recently," she said.

Fast Time Proposed

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., March 26.—The city council is considering an ordinance to make daylight saving time effective here, beginning April 26.



Daisy and Violet Hilton

AVENGER FREED BY TEXAS JURY

Father Shot Betrayer of His Daughter.

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 26.—Although found guilty of murdering the man he held responsible for his daughter's suicide, A. B. Johnson, 40, was free today to go back to his work as an oil refinery foreman.

A jury found Johnson guilty Thursday night of slaying Ous Lee Adams, young Sunday school teacher, and sentenced him to five years' imprisonment, but directed that the sentence be suspended.

The verdict, reached after one hour's deliberation, concluded one of the shortest major murder trials in Texas history. Testimony and arguments were completed in one day.

Johnson testified that he shot and killed Adams, who was married, because the young man had been intimate with Johnson's daughter, Elizabeth, a 17-year-old high school girl, found shot to death in her fiancée's automobile.

"She was to become a mother," Johnson testified. "After she died, Adams said, 'Her death lets me out of a tough spot.'"

Adams taught the Sunday school class which Elizabeth attended. He worked for the same company that Johnson works for.

BAR VETERAN BURIED

Marion Man Used Part of Wealth in Aiding Youths.

MARION, Ind., March 26.—Funeral services were held here today for William H. Charles, veteran member of the Grant county bar. He was active in church and civic affairs and was a trustee of De Pauw university.

Members of the county bar will attend the services in a body. Burial was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Charles was an able attorney and successful business man. His parents died before he completed his grade school career and he was obliged to work his way through college. After he became wealthy, he aided several boys to obtain an education.

'Sovietism Is Foolish,' Swiss Professor Says



Miss Nina Ferrero (left) and her father, Guglielmo Ferrero, professor at the University of Geneva (Switzerland).

"One-half of Europe, all of Asia, and a part of South America are in a state of latent revolution."

This assertion was made today by Professor Guglielmo Ferrero of the University of Geneva, Switzerland, following his address Wednesday night before the Contemporary Club in the John Herron Art Institute.

"There's no danger, for the moment, of war; but the present economic and political situation is unstable," he said.

He forecast that the present unemployment and depression crisis would continue to be an economic crisis for sometime.

"It is easier to solve the political crisis when economic conditions are more stable and vice-versa," he said. He termed the fear of "Soviet Russia as exaggerated" and de-

HE STILL IS 'CAT' AT 70

City Maitre Wiolds Agile Foil

BY ARCH STEINEL
"S-s-s-t, watch! Quick as a cat! And so and so and so. S-s-s-t a cat!"

The words hissed with the rapidity of the hissing foil as it parried, thrust, and parried again with wrist motion quicker than a camera shutter.

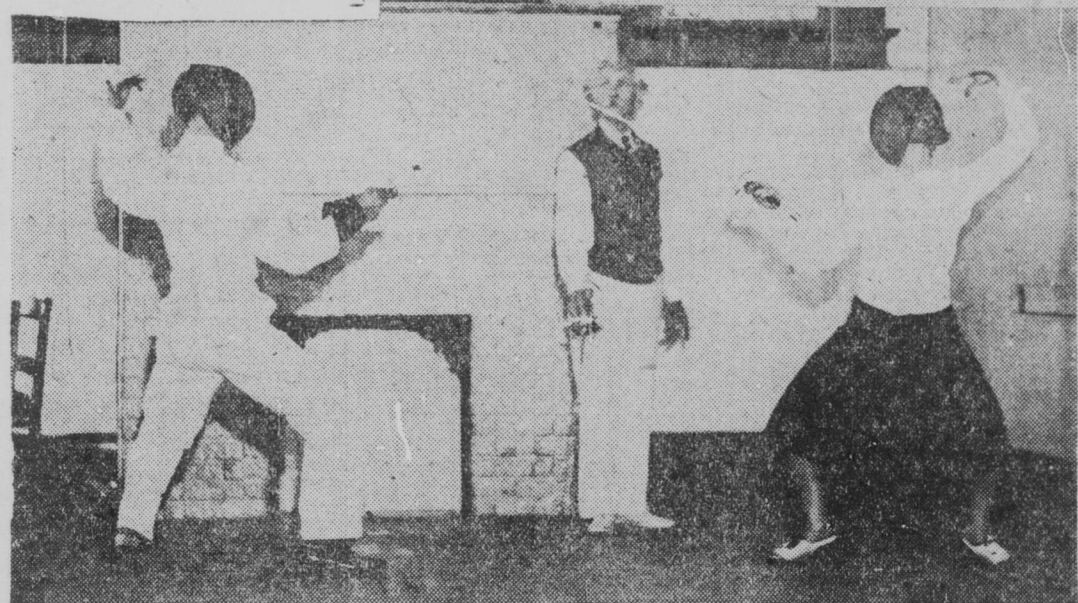
"S-s-s-t, a cat!" and that's what one sees if one should drop in some Tuesday evening at the Salle d'Armes, 28 West North street, and watch Professor Nestor Lemaire, 70, teach novices the self-defense of the ruffled collar days-fencing.

One fair spring day near his home, 209 East Minnesota street, the professor and a cat fought a duel. Tom was stealing chickens. The cat used his legs to escape and the professor a foil.

The cat never stole another chicken from the Lemaire household.

That's just a bit of the nimbleness, despite his years, that has made Lemaire not only one of the foremost fencing instructors of the nation.

Born in Belgium in 1860, he began fencing at 15. At 18 he became a sergeant and fencing in-



structor in the Belgium army and later a lieutenant.

Today if he bares his right arm for you, you'll see scars of his army days—scars of the field of honor.

He fought the longest fencing match on record in the nation, at Providence, R. I., under police surveillance. He and an Englishman fenced for six and one-half hours with tuck-point ends on the buttons of their foils.

Englishman Boasted

The Englishman boasted he could score fifteen points—touch an adversary fifteen times with a foil—regardless of his opponent's skill.

Lemaire accepted the challenge, but with one qualification, and that was that they should disrobe the upper half of their body and that tuck points be placed on the ends of the foils so each hit would score on the body as if "pinned" the skin.

"You see," explained Lemaire, "he believed he could touch me fifteen times in a short period without regard for defense. But as soon as the tuck points were placed on the foils he must look to his defense."

Police Didn't Know It

The exhibition duel took place. Police were unaware that the foils carried the tuck-points. Lemaire touched the Englishman eleven times to the latter's six hits and refused to end the combat when his worn-out opponent laid himself open to the twelfth touch and the match.

"It's 3 o'clock in the morning," shouted the referee to Lemaire.

"Three o'clock—so— and it was with the 'so' the match ended as tuck-point met the breast of the Englishman."

Lemaire tells you how fencing will reduce weight in men and women or the foils that Wabash college and Purdue university have ordered from him.

He has pride, too, he's taught at the two schools and refereed the Big Ten fencing bouts. But his pride always is in that knowledge that at 70 years of age he's still a "S-s-s-t a cat!"

OLD SOLDIER DEAD

Smith Cadwallader, 90, to Be Buried on Friday.

Last rites for Smith Cadwallader, 90, Civil war veteran, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John N. Gebhardt, 3226 Broadway, Wednesday, will be held Friday afternoon at the home at 1:30. Burial will be in Franklin.

Mr. Cadwallader had been ill for three months prior to his death. He served throughout the war as a sergeant in the Fourteenth Ohio infantry and fought in the Battle of Mission Ridge. He was on "Sherman's march to the sea."

Mr. Cadwallader was a member of the Zionville Disciples of Christ. Mrs. Gebhardt is the only survivor.

Young Nurse Kidnaped

GARY, Ind., March 26.—Two armed men kidnaped Miss Mary C. Wass, 23, Methodist hospital nurse, her escort, George A. French, and a machine driver, Wednesday, after collision with a machine driven by Elsie Jones, school teacher.

One of the less seriously injured boys is William Krueger Jr., son of the city controller,

Top Photo—"The Cat O' Fells" Professor Nestor Lemaire, the city's 70-year-old fencing master. Lower (left to right)—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coryn, 131 West Thirty-

eighth street, pupils of the "professor," settling their marital arguments a-la-foil with Lemaire as referee.

DRY REPEAL UP TO ILLINOIS GOVERNOR

Measure Now Has Passed Both Houses of State Legislature.

By United Press
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 26.—The question of whether Illinois shall repeal its prohibition law and join six other states in leaving "dry" enforcement entirely to the federal government rested solely today with Governor Louis L. Emmerson.

After a day of bitter debate, during which a spectator became so excited he fell dead, the state senate Wednesday night voted, 26 to 24, to repeal the state prohibition law and its research and seizure act, which were enacted in 1919 and 1921, respectively.

The repeal bill, known as the O'Grady-McDermott repealer, previously had passed the house of representatives by a 90 to 56 vote.

Governor Has Ten Days

Twice before within the last six years similar bills had been passed by the house, but voted down by the senate.

Governor Emmerson now has ten days in which to sign or veto the bill. If he does neither, it will become law without his signature.

Immediately after the final, and deciding vote was cast by A. H. Roberts, Negro senator from Chicago, opponents and exponents of the measure began besieging the Governor with pleas that he act according to their views.

During the heated debate over the measure, Emmerson's floor leader, Richard J. Barr of Peoria, fought on the side of the "drys," but the Governor himself never has committed himself upon the question and has given no hint of what action he will take.

Spectator Falls Dead

Supporters of the repeal predicted Emmerson would "follow the people's mandate" and sign it. In a referendum last fall, the state voted 1,080,004 to 523,130 for repeal of the dry laws.

When dry members sought to fight off passage of the bill by introduction of an amendment, the debate became so exciting that Edward C. Westhafer, 44, of Peoria, fell from the gallery and his death scarcely attracted attention, most of the other spectators being so interested in the debate they did not notice him fall.

Student Badly Hurt

LA PORTE, Ind., March 26.—John Tarnow, 12, a junior high school pupil, was seriously injured and four other boys cut and bruised when an automobile driven by Fred Waddell, Hammond, struck them after collision with a machine driven by Elsie Jones, school teacher.

One of the less seriously injured boys is William Krueger Jr., son of the city controller,

Speaks Here



William R. Castle

William R. Castle, assistant secretary of state, has accepted an invitation extended by Representative Louis Ludlow on behalf of the Indiana world peace committee to address a state-wide meeting here under the auspices of the committee on the evening of April 22, according to word received here from Washington, D. C.

The meeting probably will be held in the Columbia Club. A formal invitation from E. E. Stacy of Indianapolis, secretary of the Indiana world peace committee, has been delivered to Castle.

Castle indicated that he favored the plan and would "try it out" this summer. Any drastic change this spring would disrupt the trustee's office, Clarke said.

Walter Boetcher, county councilman; Herman Lieber, chairman of the committee on the evening of approved Book's plan.

Boetcher criticized the contents of poor relief baskets, declaring that quantity should be substituted for the "variety" recommended by dietitians.

"I see this poor relief situation as a means of keeping people alive in an emergency. These 'nick-nacks' in the baskets don't do the work. Quantity rather than variety should be the aim of poor relief," he declared.

Lieber assailed politics. "I see this poor relief situation as a means of keeping people alive in an emergency. These 'nick-nacks' in the baskets don't do the work. Quantity rather than variety should be the aim of poor relief," he declared.

Lieber deplored politics as an element in the award of contracts to supply firms.

"I have the firm opinion that there should be an increase in the number of grocers, not based on politics," he said.

The committee will name a group of public accountants who will study records of the trustee's office with the view of increasing efficiency of the index and bookkeeping system used to check 8,000 families now receiving aid.

POOR TRUSTEE WASTES FUNDS, SAYS HOLTMAN

Member of Township Board Scores Mrs. Noone for 'Playing Politics.'

CLAIMS EXTRAVAGANCE

Too High Prices Paid for Needy's Food, Soft Jobs Given, Is Claim.

Abandoning plans to establish a poor relief commissary in Center township, a committee composed of county officials, tax experts and civic heads today concentrated on revamping the trustee's poor relief system.

With a \$700,000 relief debt looming for 1931, members of the committee met Wednesday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce to hear copious recommendations for changes in the relief program.

The committee heard Charles Holtman, member of the Center township advisory board, charge Mrs. Hannah Noone, township trustee, with extravagance and with "playing politics" with relief supply firms.