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Entered as Second-Class Matter
at Postoffice, Indianapolis**Grateful****Bible and Cross of Gold
and Silver Given Bishop
for His Prayer.**

BY JOSEPH H. BAIRD

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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 scaling customs barriers with the aid of two cabinet members.

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An interesting report of the emperor's pleasure on hearing of Bishop Freeman's prayer has been received by the state department from Minister Addis 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 welfare.

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So he wrote to Bishop Freeman: "The lion of the tribe of Judah hath conquered. 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, on 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 sovereign, 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 in a general 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 Severe.

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

By United Press

CHICAGO, March 25.—Excitement 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 his 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.**

By United Press

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 scuffing tunes 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 doorknob 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 gaily 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.

The verdict, reached after one hour's deliberation, concluded on 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 fiancee'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 BURIEDMarion 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.

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 liquor, relinquishing their guard of the dentist. 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 quintet buttoned up their coats, donned their hats 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**ADS IN SEA RESCUE**Sight Drifting Launch and Notifies
Captain of Own Ship.

By United Press

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 p

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.

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

The assessment 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 unemployment and depression 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-

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