

# FISH IN CHURCH STEEPLES NO JOKE

Mr. Casey Was There and He Saw the Town Completely Covered by Water.

Fair Lyonesse is sunk and gone;  
Sea-bells toll for Avalon.  
Atlantis lies beneath the deep;  
In her castles mermaids sleep.  
And more to that effect—

—Ballade of Sieur Geoffroy.

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OVERTON, Nev., April 18.—The man who brought the news to the old west Casino on highway 91 admittedly looked little like a messenger from a dream world or a beholder of visions... Well, maybe he did look something like a beholder of visions. He seemed to be just a little bit plastered.

"I have seen it," he informed the bartender. "I saw big fishes swimming around the church bell steeple."

"Of course you did," said the bartender. "That's one of the odd things about the desert. Once the place was covered with lakes but they dried up and the fish got used to going without water. They'd have died if they hadn't."

"But I tell you I saw it," persisted the messenger. "I saw the Mr. Casey church steeple and I saw the fish and I saw water, too."

"Well," observed the bartender, "that I definitely do not believe..."

Perhaps this would be as good a place as any to mention that. The bartender is a newcomer to this region (as who isn't). Most of his customers were transients except for a little man with a weak voice who stood at the end of the bar and nobody paid any attention to him.

"Boulder dam was finished in 1935," put in the little man. "They closed the gates in February and..."

"What kind of fish was it?" demanded a tourist from Ohio.

On Church Steeple

"A dried fish," said the bartender. "You can see 'em in all the groceries although I never heard about one on a church steeple before."

"It's on account of Boulder dam," persisted the little man as it talked to himself.

"It was a big fish," declared the messenger. "And it was swimming in water."

"Nuts," said the bartender. "I'll bet you a hundred dollars," challenged the messenger, and he laid a roll of bills on the bar. "And I'll show you... it ain't very far."

"Take you," said the bartender. "I'm off in 10 minutes."

"Let's all go," suggested the man from Ohio.

River Backed Up

"I work there," mumbled the little man. "When they closed the gates the Colorado river backed up and..."

So eventually this party of investigators passed through Overton in a taxicab, turned around a hill and looked out upon what was either a first class mirage or a tre-

## 50 PRIESTS IN PROCESSIONAL

Observe Ancient Ritual at SS. Peter and Paul.

More than 50 priests in white vestments marched in procession and assisted in traditional Maundy Thursday ceremonies today at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic cathedral.

The Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, archbishop of Indianapolis, brought up the rear of the procession as the ranking prelate present. Archbishop Ritter also was celebrant of the solemn pontifical high mass which commemorated the institution of the Holy Communion.

The pageantry, music and ritual of the services recalled the first communion the night before the crucifixion in Jerusalem. The command that men receive the communion. The Divine Presence in the consecrated elements of bread and wine; and the remission of sins all received emphasis.

Oils Are Blessed

Oils for use in the archdiocese throughout the year were blessed and two hosts were consecrated by Archbishop Ritter. One was for today's sacrifice of the mass and the other for the mass of the pre-sanctified tomorrow.

Immediately after the conclusion of the mass the Blessed Sacrament was borne in procession to a specially-built altar in the cathedral. There it will remain for adoration until late tonight. When it was taken from the altar; the tabernacle door was left open to indicate that the body of Christ is not there.

Decorations Replaced

The purple coverings of altar decorations, which have veiled the crucifix and other objects since Passion Sunday, were replaced to day by white to suggest joy. But as soon as the procession moved at the conclusion of the mass, a number of priests dramatically stripped the altar, leaving it bare and unadorned. This symbolized the cruel manner in which Christ was robbed of his garments by his enemies.

Ship Reached

Divers diving 146 feet beneath the ocean's bosom Saturday had reached the ship which tradition has it went down en route to Spain with fabulous treasures wrested from the Indians by the men of Cortes.

A blow which set in forced them from the scene, but not before the wreckage had been marked with a buoy.

Mr. Williamson estimated that it would take three days to chip a passage to the ship, buried in a coral cast, and string up submarine lights. Each diver will be able to work only four-and-a-half hours a day.

Condition of the ship's timbers will determine the entry to the hold where the treasure presumably was stored.

Should its structure be firm, workers may use the ornate staircase of the old vessel to descend into its belly.

If badly deteriorated, Mr. Williamson said, an incision would probably have to be made in her rotten oaken sides.

Undersea cameramen were on hand to record the search.

FEET ARE WASHED

While this custom no longer prevails in Indianapolis Catholic churches, St. Meinrad's seminary and various monasteries quite faithfully conduct the ritual.

The blessed oils include those used for the last rites administered to the dying; for anointing the hands of priests at ordination, and the oil used with balsam for confirmation and in the consecration of bishops.

The Rt. Rev. Raymond R. Noll, cathedral vicar served as assistant priest to the archbishop this morning. The Rev. Fr. William Knapp was first assistant deacon; the Rev. Pr. William Fehlinger, second assistant deacon, and the Rev. Fr. John B. Casey, sub-deacon. The Rev. Fr. Edwin Sahn directed the chant.

ARMY PLANE MISSING

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, April 18 (U. P.)—Army, navy and coast guard search planes combed a wide area today for a trace of a missing army C-47 carrying four persons.

COL. GUY A. BOYLES SUCCEEDS HANS FRANK ADMITS THEN DENIES GUILT

NUERNBERG, April 18 (U. P.)—Bald Hans Frank, Nazi overlord of Poland, tossed off a pious confession of feeling "a terrible guilt within me" today and then got down to business of denying he was guilty of hardly any war crimes at all.

Frank, former governor general of Poland, testified in his own behalf before the war crimes court.

Like the other defendants before him, he made an ostentatious gesture of shouldering the blame for his acts as a Nazi slave master, only to wheel about when the chips were down and shunt the responsibility to other Nazis.

He said he turned over voluntarily to the American soldiers who arrested him the 43 volumes of his diary in which he recorded the events in Poland and his share in them.

DEFECTIVE CHIMNEY BLAMED FOR FIRE

Firemen today said they believed a defective flue was the cause of a fire which destroyed a six-room country home yesterday.

The fire swept through the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush, 29 and 86th st., destroying the home and its contents. Firemen from Indianapolis and Zionsville fought the flames.

A grass fire spread over 10 acres of land at Prospect and Emerson ave. yesterday after J. N. Anderson, 4850 Terrace ave., started a fire to clear his garden lot of grass.

DEATHS

Myrtle J. Eastes, 56, at 1757 Craft, anemia, April 17. Philip T. Kenna, 73, at City, arteriosclerosis.

James Simms, 35, at Flower Mission, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Robert H. Hughes, 68, at Veterans, carcinoma.

Nora Brandine, 79, at 1757, chronic.

Herman F. Wiedenhuap, 78, at 1423 W. 8th, Alabama, cardio vascular renal.

John E. Miller, 61, at 1927 College, coronary occlusion.

Robert Laverne Kirk, 1509 W. 26th, Maxine Clegg, 72, at Methodist, bronchitis.

Laura Zaud, 72, at Methodist, bronchitis.

Edgar F. Enders, 46, at 940 N. Belmont, carcinoma.

Albert P. Fink, 72, at 1025 N. Boast, conjunctive heart.

Annie Canton, 83, at 111 W. Raymond, cerebral hemorrhage.

Alma Nell Edmonds, 82, at St. Vincent's, carcinoma.

Verna C. McFarland, 84, at 23 E. St., cerebral hemorrhage.

Carrie Elder Caffey, 61, at 437 N. Euclid, chronic myocarditis.

Viola C. B. Beyer, 79, at 1517 Rehner, chronic myocarditis.

Philip A. Beyer, 79, at City, arteriosclerosis.

Lorraine G. Godby, 84, at City, myocarditis.

Robert F. Padgett, 84, at 1428 W. Court, arteriosclerosis.

John Frederick Moore, 72, at City, chronic nephritis.

Frank William Jackson, 26, at Long, Richard G. Miller, 58, at 238 Bicknell, chronic nephritis.

James E. Clegg, 72, at 1757 Craft, acute nephritis.

Philip W. Jones, 81, at 4108 E. Washington, acute myocarditis.

James Ruth, 72, at 1757 Craft, acute myocarditis.

Frances Roberts, William, Frances, Robert, William, St. Louis, Ky., Helen, Louise Fields, 1888 N. Sheldon.

BIRTHS

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