

## WOMEN DESERTING CHURCHES, SAYS WRITER JOHNSON

Author of "Salamander" Sees Men as the Real Worshipers of Future; Females Agnostic.

Women are becoming agnostic. Girls are going too fast. Men will come closer to the church during the next generation, but women will drift away.

Women are going to throw all conventions to the wind.

The revolt of the fair sex is going to be social, industrial and moral.

Church pews will be deserted by women in the next generation and worship left to men, according to Mrs. Johnson, nephew of Henry U. Johnson, an attorney of this city. Mrs. Johnson is author of "The Salamander."

In a daring interview the author discussed the so-called feminist movement and made the striking declaration that women are becoming agnostic.

Men Long Out of Church.

"Men have long since slipped out from under the influence of the church," he said. "Being naturally orderly human beings, acting with forethought, they have come to see that they could establish little religion of their own in their own minds. Science has caused the same question many of the things the previous generation accepted as religious truth.

The women are now assuming the same attitude. They have ceased to stand in awe and fear of the church. That is, of course, this type of adventurous Salamander—girls like those who play the leading parts in my story. Woman has been for centuries a benevolent little parasite. The new American girl is beginning to assert herself.

Girls Going Too Fast.

"But the trouble is that they are going too fast. You can not run the express through the suburbs until the rails are down. The women for the most part are not ready for this revolt against convention. If they succumb to the influence of the Salamanders there is going to be havoc."

"How are you going to stop them?" was asked.

"The men are going to stop them, if they are stopped," replied the author. "We men are going to see that it is necessary for us to get back under the mantle of religious faith. We are going to see the need of setting an example for our wives and daughters. I predict that the next generation will see the men closer to the church than they are now, and the women will be just as much farther away. They are going to throw all customs and conventions to the four winds. They are going to attempt to make their revolt complete. It will be social, industrial, moral in its scope. They will carry it into their fashions and their modes of dress."

## CLUBS FEDERATION ENDORSES SUFFRAGE

Resolution for Right, After Hard Fight, Reaches Floor and Receives Votes.

CHICAGO, June 13.—The resolution providing for an endorsement of woman suffrage was adopted by the Twelfth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs today. The resolution was placed before the convention by the resolution committee at the opening of today's session and after a brief debate the delegates voted to adopt it.

The resolution was drawn up by Mrs. J. A. Leach of Kentucky and was considered "just barely a suffrage resolution" admitted in a guarded manner that the right to vote of suffrage is all right in its way, but does not bind the convention to it nor will any concerted action by the federation follow its passage.

Many viewed the resolution merely as an effort of the federation officers to compromise with the suffrage leaders in order to prevent any outbreak.

The resolution was drawn up late last night and shortly after 5 o'clock this morning was presented to the members of the resolution committee who put it into shape and reported it out ready for a vote on the convention floor.

"It is a most conservative resolution," declared Miss Helen Bowell, head of the political science committee. "Its passage means that the convention as a body approves of suffrage, but it does not mean that the General Federation of Women's Clubs is pledged to aid the work."

Many suffrage leaders expressed disappointment at the tone of the resolution. They had hoped to force the introduction of a resolution providing for unqualified endorsement.

## CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

Indiana Farmers Garner Big Wheat Harvest.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 13.—Crop conditions in Indiana are the best this year, according to the opinion of local grain men who have been following the situation closely. With the beginning of the wheat harvest in the southwestern part of the state this week, the conclusion has been reached that the harvest will be one of the largest ever gathered in Indiana. H. E. Kinney, a local grain expert, predicts that the crop will exceed the previous estimate of 40,000,000 bushels by fully ten per cent.

The stand of corn throughout the state is said to be almost perfect. The hot weather of the last few weeks has materially aided the crop although it has damaged oats.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 13.—Mrs. J. H. Thompson died here today after fasting forty days in an effort to gain relief from indigestion.

## FIVE-YEAR-OLD LAD LEAVES SICK MOTHER TO BECOME SON OF CALIFORNIA COUPLE

Little Walter McGee, five years old next month, the only child of Mrs. Minnie McGee, 1032 North H street, who is a helpless, bedridden victim of rheumatism, is a greatly excited youngster. He is to leave mother, perhaps forever, and become the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, who live at Glendale, Cal., near Los Angeles, and he is to make the long trip to his new home in far-off California, tagged like an express parcel, all by his lone. Railroad officials have agreed to deliver the child safe and sound to Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

It is a great sacrifice Mrs. McGee is to make; this separation from the curly-haired youngster whom she daily worships. "But," she said to Miss Florence Benner, city visiting nurse, "I have no future to offer Walter. I will never be any better, so my baby must go where he will be properly cared for and grow up to be a fine man." Then she kisses his face with all the intensity of mother-love, and smiles very bravely.

Nurse to Help.

"Mother," Walter asked, "who will help when I go? Who will wash your face and bring you water?"

"Miss Benner, dear," replies Mrs. McGee. "She will continue to help mother."

"Will you, Miss Benner?" the youngster asks the nurse, turning to her for reassurance, "cause if you won't I will stay with mother."

He is told again that mother will be

well cared for in his absence, so very happy and contented, he prattles joyously of the long trip in the "choo-choo" train, not knowing that his anticipated pleasures are real tragedies to the helpless woman who helpless in her bed listens to him, unable to take him in her arms and cuddle him.

Visit California.

Last year Mrs. McGee and Walter went to Los Angeles in hope that her condition might improve. Instead her condition became worse so, with her son, she returned to Richmond. While in California, Mr. and Mrs. Cook became infatuated with mischievous little Walter and they began writing Mrs. McGee to send the boy to them, promising him a good home and manhood. Mrs. McGee has finally decided to make a mother's supreme sacrifice and Walter, with his long ticket pinned in his pocket and a large tag tied to his coat is to go alone to his new home.

Mrs. McGee has no money to pay the child's fare to California, and she has not asked the Cooks to meet this expense, so Miss Benner has agreed to raise the necessary \$33.55 by subscription. The Penny Club, one or two other organizations and a few individuals have promised to contribute. Others who desire to do so can communicate with Miss Benner at the Commercial Club.

## Display of Emblems to Honor Birth of Flag June 14, 1777

After repeated appeals which have been made for the proper observance of Flag Day, tomorrow, by the patriotic societies of the city, they believe many Richmond homes and business houses will respond by displaying the national emblem.

No public exercises have been arranged, although several pastors will talk on the origin and history of the flag in their Sunday morning sermons.

The story of the stars and stripes, describing its evolution through various stages to the present emblem is interesting.

Story of the Flag.

In September, 1775 there was displayed in the South what is by many believed to be the first distinctively American flag. It was blue with a white crescent, and matched the dress of the troops, who wore caps inscribed "Liberty or death."

The colonists desired to adopt a common flag; but they had not yet declared independence and were not at first seeking independence. They took the British flag as they knew it, and made a new colonial flag by dividing the red field with white stripes into 13 alternate red and white stripes. This is known as the Cambridge flag, because it was first unfurled in Washington's headquarters at Cambridge, Mass., on January 1, 1776. It complied with the law of 1774 Congress passed an act making the flag 15 stars and 15 stripes.

This remained the flag of the United States throughout the War of 1812, until there were 20 States in the Union. In 1816, an effort was again made to modify the flag so that all the new States would be represented on it. To be continually adding stripes would make the flag very awkward in shape and appearance, so after arguing the matter for two years, Congress decided to return to the original 13 stripes and one star for each State. Congress has never determined the arrangement of the stars nor the shape and proportions of the flag, and there has been great variation, especially in the grouping of the stars. There are still many who believe that the symbolic circular grouping of stars should be restored.

Before noon the committees had placed the little flags, which brought a thrill of patriotism, on more than two thousand persons, and were calling for more. Reports of the sale will be made to officers of the corps Monday.

Drop Union Jack.

As the colonists gradually became converted to the idea that independence from the mother country was necessary, they began to modify the flag, first by leaving off the Union Jack and using only the 13 horizontal stripes. The modified flags were not regularly consisted of combinations of two colors selected from red, white, blue and yellow. The final modification was the replacement of the Union Jack by the white stars on a blue field.

## POINCARE'S FATE HANGS IN BALANCE

PARIS, France, June 13.—In a desperate effort to save his political life, President Poincaré appealed today to René Viviani, former minister of instruction, to form a cabinet to succeed the ministry which resigned yesterday.

Upon the success of Viviani, who is a Socialist, will probably depend the political fate of President Poincaré. If he is unable to form a new cabinet or it does not succeed in making up a ministry which is forced from office, President Poincaré will undoubtedly have to surrender to his political enemies.

The gravest political situation of the present century faces the government of France. In addition to the dissension over the three-year military law and other governmental policies, the national treasury is empty and the governments is not in a position to borrow more money.

CHEMICAL NO GOOD AS TRASH REDUCER

The receipt of a letter from G. B. Young, health commissioner of Chicago, has defeated the hopes of the board of public works that the reduction of garbage by a chemical process, the invention of a Chicago man, might to a great extent solve this vexatious question in Richmond.

Previous to the receipt of Mr. Young's letter the board members had read an article in an engineering magazine endorsing the new disposal plan. City Engineer Charles wrote a letter to his invention, who replied that by his eyes three times the amount of garbage collected in Richmond could be disposed of and the by-product would have a commercial value.

Then came the letter from Dr. Young, stating that the chemical process had not been proved altogether satisfactory. He said it was not a simple process and that its economical result might prove disappointing.

So the bothersome garbage disposal question still remains unsolved in the hands of the board of works members.

FAST KILLS MAN

ATLANTA, Ga., June 13.—Mrs. J. H. Thompson died here today after fasting forty days in an effort to gain relief from indigestion.

LETTER LIST

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Richmond postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office if not called for within two weeks:

Ladies' List—Miss Mabel Arlander, Miss Alberta Baker, Mrs. Ada Campbell, Miss R. J. Doget, Miss Ella Galtier, Mrs. H. J. Gleason, Miss Helen Goodwin, Miss Eliza Hall, Mrs. J. L. Harris, Miss Vida Holland, Miss Lucile Irving, Miss Anna Radde, Mrs. T. S. Todd, C. B. Witchfield, R. M. Williams, Mrs. T. W. Wolton.

Australia plans to spend \$25,000,000 within three years for extending its telephone and telegraph systems.

## FIND BALLOON CREW

### Pilot and Aide Drop in Forest.

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 13.—Pilot John Perry of St. Louis, and his aide, G. Y. Morrison, of the balloon Million Population, one of the entrants in the Aero Club of America race which started from here Thursday, were found in a forest south of Oregon City today, according to a cables received here. The balloon was struck by lightning while flying over the Cascade Mountains and Captain Perry was injured.

No trace of the balloon Springfield and Kansas City III has been found. The last of the homing pigeons sent out with the balloons when the race started, arrived here today badly bruised, but a message which had been tied to the bird had been lost.

PRESENT CITY FLAG

### Mrs. Judson Represents D. A. R. at Exercises.

Members of the D. A. R., G. A. R. and a few citizens attended the presentation exercises in Glen Miller park at four o'clock, when the organization gave a large flag to the city.

Mrs. Clara Ingram Judson made the speech of presentation when the flag was unfurled on the Glen Miller flagstaff. As the breeze caught the new flag, Mayor Robbins made a short address, thanking the members of the D. A. R. in behalf of the citizens of Richmond.

Flag day was observed in Richmond today to some extent, although it is not until tomorrow. No general interest has been taken in the day in Richmond as in other holidays. A number of dwellings are usually decorated with flags and bunting.

SELL 2,000 FLAGS FOR RELIEF WORK

### W. R. C. Members Meet Success in Campaign to Raise Funds.

"Won't you buy a flag?"

This was the plea of members of the W. R. C. who were conducting the sale of miniature flags at all strategic points in the city today.

Knowing the proceeds of the sale were to be used for relief work among members of the G. A. R. and others reached through the organization, men, women and children headed the call. Dining, nickels, quarters and half-dollars found their way into the little cash boxes to bring cheer to the men who long ago sacrificed their health for their country.

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BALTIMORE POLICE WATCH MILLIONAIRE

BALTIMORE, June 13.—David Merle Reese, Jr., the wealthy man from whose house boat, the Florence, pretty Ella C. Winter went to her mysterious death a week ago, is under police surveillance in the fashionable Walbert apartments, where he lives.

Acting upon instructions from the state attorney the county sheriff and two detectives established a close surveillance over Reese.

"Let them watch me if they care to," said Mr. Reese. "I am not going to run away for I have nothing to fear. I know no more about Miss Winter's death than I have already told. As I said yesterday, I believe Ella Winter committed suicide."

VOLCANO LETS GO; SIX MEN PERISH

CHICAGO, June 13.—The posse which left Mineral in search of the six men from the party that started to climb Mount Lassen yesterday, returned today with the report that no trace of them could be found. Members of the searching party declared that no one could have survived the intense sulphur fumes. The crater is now more than a quarter of a mile long. The second terrific eruption in twenty-four hours began at 6 o'clock this morning and continued for three hours. Ashes fell as far away as Mineral, 17 miles from the scene.

PELKEY DEFENDED

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 13.—Arthur Pelkey, the Massachusetts heavyweight, who knocked out and killed Luther McCarthy at Calgary, Alberta, last summer, was defeated by Sam McVey, the negro heavyweight, here tonight. McVey had all the better of the battle and in the fourth round put Pelkey to sleep with a terrific knock-out blow.

STEVENS BROTHERS

CHICAGO, June 13.—Adal E. Stevenson, former vice president of the United States, was reported slightly improved today. He was able to partake of liquid nourishment for the first time in three days. Cooler weather was principally responsible for his recovery, physicians declared.

SUE FOR REPAIRS

George Schultz, well known among the sporting blood of the city, failed to pay for repairs on his automobile, amounting to \$325.21. Today the Pilot Motor Car company entered suit in circuit court to collect the bill. They say Schultz had his machine re-enamelled and overhauled by them and that they cannot collect for their time and work. Schultz was formerly an officer in the Reliance Foundry company.

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REMAINS SAME.

The condition of Miss Dorothy Thomas, the Eldorado, Ohio, young woman who drank a quantity of mercury iodide last Saturday by mistake, remains practically the same. No dangerous symptoms have become evident, and she is thought to have a good chance for recovery.

## Mediators Discuss Plan of Mexican Government

BY LAURENCE TODD, Staff Correspondent of International News Service.

MEDIATION HEADQUARTERS, Niagara Falls, Ont., June 13.—Having signed an agreement that President Huerta shall remain in office, the Mexican delegates have attempted to secure an agreement upon the date at which provisional government is to be created. They want it placed in power as soon as possible—perhaps within a very few days.

The Americans don't believe that an election can be held until the latter part of August and that the establishment of a provisional government is not essentially a matter for haste. Two weeks probably will be allowed from the date of the signing of a protocol.

The form of government may be either that of a provisional president, chosen here or a provisional president and four cabinet ministers, all of whom shall be selected in the mediation conference, and two of whom shall remain to the Huerta party.

It is conceded that the provisional president and any cabinet must be of Constitutionalist sympathies.

In the plank already adopted is included provision that the laws of Mexico shall remain unchanged during the term of office of the provisional president and all elective offices in the republic shall be filled anew at the election to be called this year.

At night meeting attended by about sixteen farmers Mr. Beaser again spoke and Mr. Cobb made an address on the difficulties to be