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"OH, WAD SOME POWER THE GATTIE OIE US, TAE SEE OORSELS AS ITERS SEE US."

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BIRDS FOR SACRIFICE.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Speaks of the Blood of Christ.

A despatch from Washington says:—Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the following text:—"And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar-wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water; and he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field." Leviticus xiv. 5-7.

The Old Testament, to very many people, is a great slaughter-house, strewn with the blood, and the bones, and horns, and hoofs of butchered animals. It offends their sight; it disgusts their taste; it actually nauseates the stomach. But to the intelligent Christian the Old Testament is a magnificent corridor through which Jesus advances. As he appears at the other end of the corridor we can only see the outlines of His character; coming nearer, we can discern the features. But when, at last, he steps upon the platform of the New Testament, amid the torches of evangelists and apostles, the orchestras of Heaven announce Him with a blast of minstrelsy that wakes up Bethlehem at midnight.

There is nothing more suggestive than a caged bird. In the glow of its breast you can see the glow of southern climes; in the sparkle of its eye you can see the flash of distant seas; in its voice you can hear the song it learned in the wild wood. It is a child of the sky in captivity. Now the dead bird of my text, captured from the air, suggests the Lord Jesus, who came down from the realms of light and glory. He once stood in the sunlight of heaven. He was the favourite of the land. He was the King's son. Whenever a victory was gained, or a throne set up, He was the first to hear it. He could not walk unnoticed along the streets, for all Heaven knew Him. For eternal ages He had dwelt amid the mighty populations of heaven. No holiday had ever dawned on the city when He was absent. He was not like an earthly prince, occasionally issuing from a palace heralded by a troop of clanking horseguards. No; He was greeted everywhere as a brother, and all heaven was perfectly at home with Him.

But one day there came word to the palace that an insignificant island was in rebellion, and was cutting itself off from the rest of the world. The king said, "Let it perish. The King's realm is vast enough without the island. The tributes to the King are large enough without that. We can spare it." "Not so," said the prince, the King's son; "and I see Him push out one day, under the protuberance of a great company. He starts straight for the rebellious island. He lands amid the execrations of the inhabitants, that grow in violence until the malice of earth has smitten Him, and the spirits of the lost world put their black wings over His dying head, and shut the sun out. The Hawks and vultures swooped upon this dove of the text, until head, and breast, and feet ran blood—until, under the flocks and beaks of darkness, the poor thing perished. No wonder it was a bird that was taken and slain over an earthen vessel of running water. It was a child of the skies. It typified Him who came down from heaven in agony and blood to save our souls. Blessed be His glorious name for ever!

I notice also, in my text, that the bird that was slain was a clean bird. The text demanded that it should be. The raven was never sacrificed, nor the osprey, nor the vulture. It must be a clean bird, says the text; and it suggests the pure Jesus—the holy Jesus. Although He spent His boyhood in the worst village on earth, although blasphemies were poured into His ear enough to have poisoned any one else, He stands before the world a perfect Christ. Herod was cruel, Henry VIII. was unclean, William III. was treacherous; but point out a fault of our King. Answer me, ye boys, who knew Him on the streets of Nazareth, answer me, ye sceptical tailors who saw Him die. The merciful tailors have tried for eighteen hundred years to find out one hole in this seamless garment, but they have not found it. The most ingenious and eloquent infidel of this day, in the last line of his book, all of which denounces Christ, says, "All ages must proclaim that among the sons of men there is none greater than Jesus." So let this bird of the text be clean—its feet fragrant with the dew that it pressed, its beak carrying sprig of thyme and frankincense, its feathers washed in summer showers. O thou spotless Son of God, impress us with thy innocence!

But I come now to speak of this second bird of the text. We must not let that fly away until we have examined it. The priest took the second bird, tied it to the hyssop-branch,

him my fainting heart; I bid for him all my wounds." A voice from the throne of God said, "It is enough! Jesus has bought him." Bought with a price. The purchase complete, it is done.

"The great transaction's done. I am my Lord's, and he is mine, He drew me, and I followed on, Charmed to confess the voice divine."

Why is not a man free when he gets rid of his sins? The sins of the tongue gone; the sins of action gone; the sins of the mind gone. All the transgressions, thirty, forty, fifty, seventy years gone—no more in the soul than the malaria that floated in the atmosphere a thousand years ago, for when my Lord Jesus pardons a man he pardons him, and there is no half-way work about it.

The next thing I notice about this bird, when it was loosened, and this is the main idea, is that it flew away. Which way did it go? When you let a bird loose from your grasp, which way does it fly? Up. What are wings for? To fly with. Is there anything in the suggestion of the action taken by that bird to indicate which way we ought to go?

I wish, my friends, that we could live in a higher atmosphere. If a man's whole life-object is to make dollars, he will be running against those who are making dollars. If his whole object is to get applause, he will be running against those who are seeking applause. But if he rises higher than that, he will not be interrupted in his flight heavenward. Why does that flock of birds, floating up against the blue sky so high that you can hardly see them, not change its course for a spiral or a curve? They are above all obstructions. So we would not have so often to change our Christian course if we lived in a higher atmosphere, nearer Christ, nearer the throne of God.

Oh ye who have been washed in the blood of Christ—ye who have been loosed from the hyssop-branch—start heavenward. It may be to some of you a long flight. Temptations may dispute your way; storms of bereavement and trouble may strike your soul; but God will see you through. Build not on the earth. Set your affections on things in heaven, not on things on earth. This is a perishing world. Its flowers fade. Its fountains dry up. Its promises cheat. Set your affections upon Christ and heaven. I rejoice, my dear brethren and sisters in Christ, that the flight, which will be a while ended. Not always beaten of the storm. Not always going on weary wings. There is a warm dove-coat of eternal rest, where we shall find a place of comfort, to the everlasting joy of our souls. Oh, they are going up all the time—going up from this church—going up from all the families and from all the churches of the land—the weary doves seeking rest in a dove-coat.

Oh that in that good land we may all meet when our trials are over. I beseech you, by the God of your sister, who has not a sister in heaven, by the God of your sister, I beseech you to turn and live. We cannot go into their blessed presence, who are in glory, unless we have been cleansed in the same blood that washed their sins away. I know this is true of all who have gone in, that they were unloosed from the hyssop-branch. Then they went singing into glory. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh, for if they escaped not who refuse him that spake on earth, how much more shall not ye escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven?

FOR SUMMER CORRESPONDENCE

The coquille paper, which has an egg-shell finish, is now much in demand. The majority of the tinted papers at present are made with a very narrow white border, both the oblong and the square envelope are used. An envelope novelty which promises to be a favorite is oblong in shape, with the flap extending diagonally across the back of the envelope, and the point instead of being in the centre as usual is at the extreme left hand corner.

Deep-tinted papers, with the exception of the new fad of khaki, are seldom used by the women of refinement. The pale tints are the fashion of the moment. Delicate heliotrope, pistachio green, pale blue and faint gray are all in vogue.

Monograms and crests are smaller than they were at the beginning of the winter, and are invariably inside a circle.

The woman who always does the correct thing never perfumes her note paper. She never uses paper of a strikingly pronounced tint, and she does not change it with every whim of fashion. She adopts a style of paper which she intends to make distinctively her own and then clings to it.

A QUESTION OF CORDIALITY.

Mamma—I was surprised, May, at your lack of cordiality in greeting Mr. Longstay.

Daughter—And I, mamma, was surprised at the effusive way in which you said good-bye.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Newly Items About Ourselves and Our Neighbors—Something of Interest From Every Quarter of the Globe.

CANADA.

Brantford used 35,483,175 gallons of water during July.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund now amounts to \$317,636.

They are boring for natural gas in Owen Sound district.

London, Ont., during July had 67 marriages, 64 births and 42 deaths.

Work has been begun on the erection of the crematory at Montreal, the first in Canada.

Hamilton civic laborers will get 18 cents an hour hereafter, an increase of three cents an hour.

Laborers at the smelting works at Hamilton have had their wages increased from 131-2 cents an hour to 15 cents.

Arrangements are being made for moving a number of French-Canadian families from Michigan to Edmonton, N. W. T.

A mineral water spring of great depth and curative power has been discovered at Chatham. A syndicate will develop it.

Magistrate Jelfs, at Hamilton the other day, fined a boy five cents for not being properly clothed when bathing in the bay.

Arrangements are being made at Kingston for the convention of the Canadian Electrical Association there August 29th.

Military orders issued from Ottawa announce that Maj.-Gen. O'Grady-Haly has assumed the command of the Canadian militia.

A G.T.R. freight train jumped a switch on Ann street, Montreal, and crashed through the wall of Geo. Jacob's house. No one was hurt.

It is said that Manitoba will not have more than seven million bushels of wheat for export this year, compared with twenty-five million last year.

The Ottawa Board of Trustees has rented a part of the Amateur Athletic rooms for manual training for some of the schools, which will be opened in September.

A cheque was received at Ottawa for \$50, for the relief of the fire sufferers, collected in the field near Bloemfontein, by the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Montreal is to have a new palatial hotel on Dominion Square. It will necessitate the removal of St. George's church and deansy school house, the Dominion Methodist church and parsonage, and the Y.M.C.A.

Brookville ratepayers have declared, by a vote of 413 to 67, in favor of purchasing a gas and electric light plant for \$100,000. The vote showed a large majority in favor of managing the plant by five commissioners.

The Cataract Power Co., if given the right of way through Hamilton, will build an electric railway to Galt, and later to Guelph. With connections it will bring the city into touch with 100,000 persons through an hourly service.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Birmingham Quakers are opposed to conferring the freedom of the city on Lord Roberts.

English colliers think the exceptional conditions prevailing justifies them in asking for an increased wage.

Ben Tillet, of the Dockers' Union, has been chosen candidate for the next election by the trades unions of the Swansea parliamentary division.

The Earl of Clarendon has been appointed Lord Chamberlain, succeeding Lord Hopetoun, recently appointed Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth.

The Birmingham and district licensed saloons have abolished the "long pull" custom, and in future will give exact measure to customers, owing to the increase in beer duty.

The Shah of Persia has bought a clock from Messrs. Benson of Ludgate, London, which will show him at a glance the time in Teheran and in twelve other places, such as London, Bombay and Washington.

Mrs. G. Ernest Osmond, of Edgbaston, England, has at the front two brothers, eight first cousins, forty-three second cousins and an uncle, making fifty-four fighting relatives. Her sister is a nurse in Maritzburg Hospital.

Out of fifty samples of milk examined by the medical officer in the parish of St. Pancras, London, only six were found to be of normal condition. The other samples being dirty, containing microbes, pus and tubercle bacilli.

A man fell from the cliff at Torquay and for four days and five nights lay with his head split, his back broken and otherwise injured, while within earshot of cottagers, who mistook his groans and cries for the moaning of the wind.

UNITED STATES.

Philip Scherman, who at Utica, N. Y., while driving, broke his neck recovering, so the doctors say.

AIDING THE ALLIES.

Chinese Mohammedans Offer the Use of Their Mosques.

A despatch from Tien-Tsin, says:—Gen. Gaselee, the British commander, with a strong force, is reconnoitering near Peitsang.

The local Mohammedans sent a petition to Mr. Denby, secretary of the city commission that is administering the affairs of Tien-Tsin, asking protection for their churches, and offering to provide quarters for the troops. In case of necessity the troops could occupy the mosques if quarters could not be provided elsewhere. The commission agreed to the proposition. Chinese report that General Sang Tung and Ma are entrenched at Peitsang, and that Viceroy Yu-Lu of Chili is there with a strong force.

The Japanese commander heard that a force of Boxers was at Tulin, 20 miles south-east of Tien-Tsin, and sent troops to reconnoiter the position. When the local inhabitants heard the Boxers were coming, they begged the Boxers to withdraw, so the Japanese found nobody to oppose them. The Mohammedans are fighting the Boxers.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

Documents Found Showing Them to Favour the Boers.

A despatch from London, Thursday, says:—The Daily Telegraph announces, on the authority of its Cape Town correspondent, that documents of grave import emanating from England and implicating certain members of Parliament and other politicians who have taken a prominent part in the agitation in favor of the Boers, have been discovered in Pretoria.

The documents are said to have come to light while a search was being made of the Government offices in the capital after Gen. Roberts' occupation.

The Telegraph adds that inquiries instituted by its correspondent leave no doubt as to the truth of the statement. It further says:—

"It would seem that we are on the eve of unexpected and serious developments in connection with South African affairs."

SAVED BY GRAND VIZIER.

Attempt to Assassinate the Persian Ruler in Paris.

A despatch from Paris, says:—A determined attempt to assassinate the Shah of Persia, Muzaffer-ed-Din, was made here on Thursday morning. It was 9.15 when the carriage of the Shah emerged from the court of the Sovereign's palace, with the Shah and his Grand Vizier seated inside opposite Gen. Parent. The carriage had proceeded but a few yards when a man dressed as a labourer and wearing a beard, sprang from between two automobiles. He broke through the line of policemen, overturning a bicycle officer, and jumped upon the royal carriage step. In one hand the man had a cane. But this movement was only intended to hide the real purpose. In the other hand he held a revolver.

The attempted assassination there came to an end, for the Grand Vizier struck the weapon from the man's hand, and at the same time officers caught his arm from behind and overpowered him.

A crowd of 500 people witnessed the attempted assassination, and at once made a rush towards the would-be murderer. The police acting as guards of the Shah, however, prevented the mob from doing violence to the miscreant. The prisoner was taken to the police station.

CANADIANS RECOVERING.

Otter Reports 700 Men of First Contingent Fit For Duty.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—A cable was received from Col. Otter, dated Johannesburg, Wednesday, stating that the effective strength of the first Canadian contingent is increasing, and it now numbers 700 men fit for the field. This is a wonderful improvement in five weeks.

By to-day's mail letters were received from Col. Otter, from which it appears that on June 22 there were 516 men of the regiment in hospital, 36 sick, and only 434 fit for duty.

Col. Otter's diary covering the period from May 26th, to June 22nd was also received Wednesday. It is a record of good effective, but, at the same time, hard work. The Canadian boys are certainly not feather-bed soldiers.

FAMILY BUTCHER.

An Indian Killed Uncle, Wife and Child in Two Years.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The Evening Journal prints the following details of the killing by a Teto de Boule Indian of his wife, uncle, and child at Lake Barriere, in the Upper Gattineau. Two years ago in a rage the Indian slew his old uncle with an axe. Ten months ago he and his wife, with their baby girl, were out hunting beaver. The six-months-old child raised a little cry of gladness, and the man, because this disturbed the beaver, tore the girl from her mother's arms, and held her head down in the water till she expired. Then he handed her back to her mother.

Then after a few months, it is alleged, he killed his wife. It was winter, and he took her out to the ice and out a hole through it. Through this hole he held her, head downwards, till life was extinct.

Then he took her body away and hid it. Bailiff A. J. Nault, of Maniwaki, is after the man, but the country is a wild one, and it may be months before he is brought to justice.

ROUT OF ASHANTIS.

British Loss Was Heavy, Being Out-numbered Ten to One.

A despatch from Bekwai, Ashanti, Wednesday, says:—Major H. R. Beddoes, with 400 men and two guns started July 24th to locate the enemy's camp. The camp was found, the warriors numbering 3,000 to 4,000 men, three days' marching east of Dompessi.

Several hours' fighting resulted in the defeat of the Ashantis after a stubborn resistance.

Major Beddoes' losses were heavy. He and Lieut. Phillips and Swaby were severely wounded. Thirty men were also wounded.

More troops will be necessary before the campaign can possibly finish.

DRIVEN FROM THE KRAALS.

Weeping Kaffir Women Arrive at Pretoria.

A despatch from Pretoria says:—A number of Kaffir women and children on Thursday, passed through Pretoria, weeping and wailing. The Boers had driven them from their kraals, burning their homes and taking the cattle in the district around Commando Poort West.

MORE BOERS SURRENDER.

Lord Roberts Reports that the Captives Will Total 4,000.

A despatch from London, says:—Lord Roberts has telegraphed to the War Office as follows:—

"Hunter reports 1,500 more prisoners surrendered on Tuesday, with Commandants Rouse and Fontanel, whilst Commandants Deploy, Potgieter, and Joubert surrendered to Bruce Hamilton, who collected 1,300 rifles, 650 ponies, and an Armstrong gun. Lieut. Anderson, a Danish officer in the States Artillery, also surrendered.

"Olivier, with five guns and a number of burghers, broke away in the Harrismith district, but Hunter expects the total prisoners will amount to 4,000.

"An unfortunate accident occurred near Frederikstad, on the Krugersdorp-Potchefstroom railway. The enemy had torn up rails, and a supply train escorted by the Shropshires was derailed, 13 being killed and 39 injured, although a special patrol had been ordered to prevent trains passing. A special enquiry has been ordered to ascertain why the order was disobeyed."

A correspondent with Gen. Hunter's force at Slapkrans, says:—

"The Winburg and Senekal commandoes are now arriving, about 600 men. Gen. Rouse has arrived, and also the commandant of the Wepener commando. It will take days to get all in. There is a continuous stream of waggons for seven miles up the valley road. All the leaders have surrendered. The prisoners include foreign artillerymen."

ANIMOSITY TO KRUGER.

President Gave the Burghers Paper Money Which Was Worthless.

A despatch from Pretoria, Tuesday, says:—Mrs. Botha was the guest of Lord Roberts at dinner Monday evening.

The Boer animosity to President Kruger grows on account of the fact that he and his officials are persuading the people that South African Republic paper money is as good as Bank of England notes, because it is based on inalienable State securities, even though the State should be conquered. As the English have not recognized this contention many burghers have been ruined, and unutterable misery prevails. The wives and children of the poorer Boers are almost starving.

Gen. Botha's force is kept together by extraordinary inventions. This correspondent has seen an official circular which, to cheer the burghers up, asserts that Lord Roberts was forced to retreat south of the Vaal, and that Lady Roberts escaped in a balloon.

RUSSIANS ATTACKED.

Chinese Government Guaranteed Them Safe Conduct.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says:—The condition of affairs in the far East continues serious. Chinese soldiers are now appearing in the neutral zone of the Liaotung peninsula, and detachments of Russian troops have been ordered from Port Arthur to disarm them.

Col. Jugovitch sends word from Charbin to Gen. Gradekoff, that the conditions have changed considerably since July 18. The Telin detachment had returned with a loss of 10 killed and 30 wounded. Chinese Imperial troops in civilian dress, and with their badges concealed, made two attacks on the Russians. Col. Jugovitch complained to the authorities of Gurin and demanded that the offenders should be punished.

Savizki's detachment of 70 men arrived at Charbin with a guarantee for safe conduct from the Chinese Government. Nevertheless, they were treacherously attacked by regular artillery while Chinese officers were visiting the commanding officers. The Russians had 20 killed and 6 wounded.

Scouts report that the Chinese are advancing on all sides in the direction of Charbin.

RETREAT TO LYDENBURG.

Boers Evacuate Machadodorp and Make For the Hills.

A despatch from Lorenzo Marquet says:—The Boers have evacuated Machadodorp, and it is reported, are preparing to retreat to Lydenburg, at which place they have completed telegraphic communication.

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