

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE DOOR OF CHRISTIAN RELIGION OPEN TO ALL.

Timely Discourse on the Occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Bowery Mission in New York City—Broader Sympathy Required.

(Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) New York, Jan. 20.—On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Bowery mission, Jan. 13, Dr. Talmage preached to a vast audience at the New York Academy of Music...

There is no monopoly in religion. The grace of God is not a little property that we may fence off and have all to ourselves. It is not a king's park...

Well, my friends, there are Christian men who have the church under severe guard. There is fruit in this orchard for the whole world, but they have a rough and unsympathetic way of accosting outsiders...

Sheep of Many Folds. McDonald, the Scotchman, has thousands of head of sheep. Some of them are browsing on the heather, some are lying down under the trees...

Broader Sympathy Required. We need as churches to get into sympathy with the great outside world and let them know that none are so broken hearted or hard hearted that they will not be welcomed.

Excuselessness in Religion. Years ago I visited a New England factory village. I went up to the door of a factory, and I saw on the outside the words, "No admittance."

There may be some here who say, "I stopped going to church ten or

twenty years ago." Is it not strange that you are among the first that I address today? I know all your case. You have not been accustomed to going into the house of God...

Send Out the Lifeboat. When the steamer Atlantic struck Mars rock and the people clambered up on the beach, why did not Mr. Ancient, that heroic minister of the gospel...

Oh, men, skeptical and struck through with unrest! I beg you come off that great Sahara desert of doubt into the bright and luxuriant land of gospel hope and peace.

The heavenly Shepherd is going to find a great many of his sheep among those who are now rejecters of Christianity. Some of the mightiest advocates of the gospel were once skeptics.

But I turn to outsiders with an expectation that thrills through me, body and soul. "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold."

TRIO OF OLD FOLKS. Three Philadelphians Whose Ages Reach Total of 350 Years. Philadelphia has the most celebrated trio of old folks in any city in the United States.

Why Reject Christianity? But I do not stop now to know how you came into rejection of Christianity. You frankly tell me that you do reject it.

to you with a gospel medicine. It has cured hundreds and thousands and millions. Will you take it? "No," you say, "I have no confidence in it."

Gospel of Peace and Hope. Oh, men, skeptical and struck through with unrest! I beg you come off that great Sahara desert of doubt into the bright and luxuriant land of gospel hope and peace.

I want to tell you that God loves to take hold of a very bad case. When the church casts you off, and when the clubroom casts you off, and when society casts you off...

The Modern Catacombs. They talk about the catacombs of Naples and the catacombs of Rome and the catacombs of Egypt...

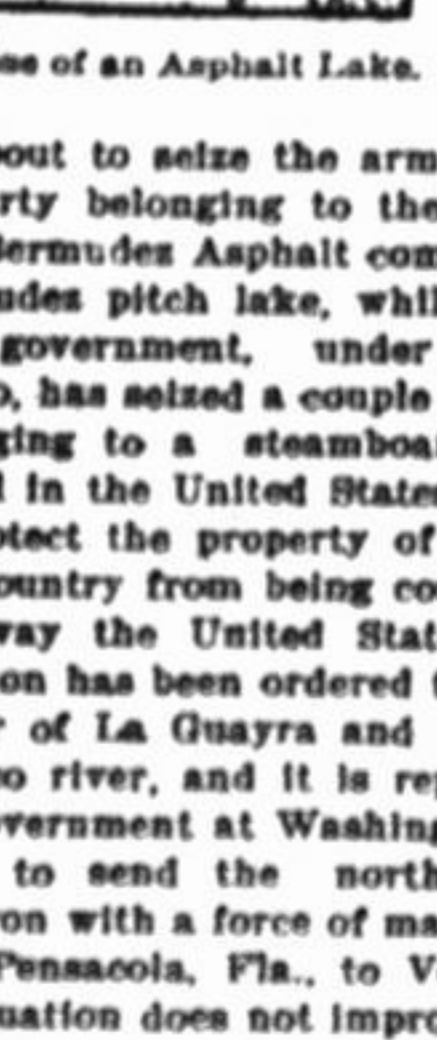
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THE WHITE SQUADRON IN THE HARBOR OF LA GUAYRA. Asphalt has been known from prehistoric times. Some forms of it were used as building material in ancient Babylon, and others were used in the preparation of mummies.



POSSIBLE TROUBLE IN VENEZUELA. Trouble between the United States and the little Central American state of Venezuela is possible as the result of a quarrel between rival asphalt companies...

Leader of the Trouble. Celestino Peraza, the leader of the present rebellion, began his outbreak in the country along the Orinoco river in the last days of December, 1900.



Venezuela's Chief Seaport. La Guayra is the chief seaport of Venezuela and the gateway to Caracas, the capital of the republic. At La Guayra the mountains overhang the water, rising to a height of 8,000 feet.



Asphalt in History. Asphalt has been known from prehistoric times. Some forms of it were used as building material in ancient Babylon, and others were used in the preparation of mummies.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

Work in Both Houses at Springfield.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. W. Sullivan introduced bill in the House to Compel Property Owners to List Personal Property for Taxation When Requested to Do So.

Thursday, January 17. Bills in senate: By Dunlap—A bill making an appropriation of \$75,000 for an Illinois exhibit at the Pan-American exposition.

Friday, January 18. Senators Funderburk and McAdams had the senate all to themselves with the pleasing company of the chaplain. Senator Funderburk presided.

Saturday, Jan. 19. The determination of Speaker Sherman to dispose of the apportionment legislation early in the session has had the effect of turning the attention of the members of the General Assembly to their statistics of population and election returns.

Sunday, January 21. Representative A. W. Nobe of Chicago will introduce in the house a bill which directs the attorney general of the state to proceed against the trust companies which make abstracts of and guarantee titles to real estate.

NOTES OF THE SENATE. The appointments made by Gov. Tanner during the recess were confirmed by the senate.