

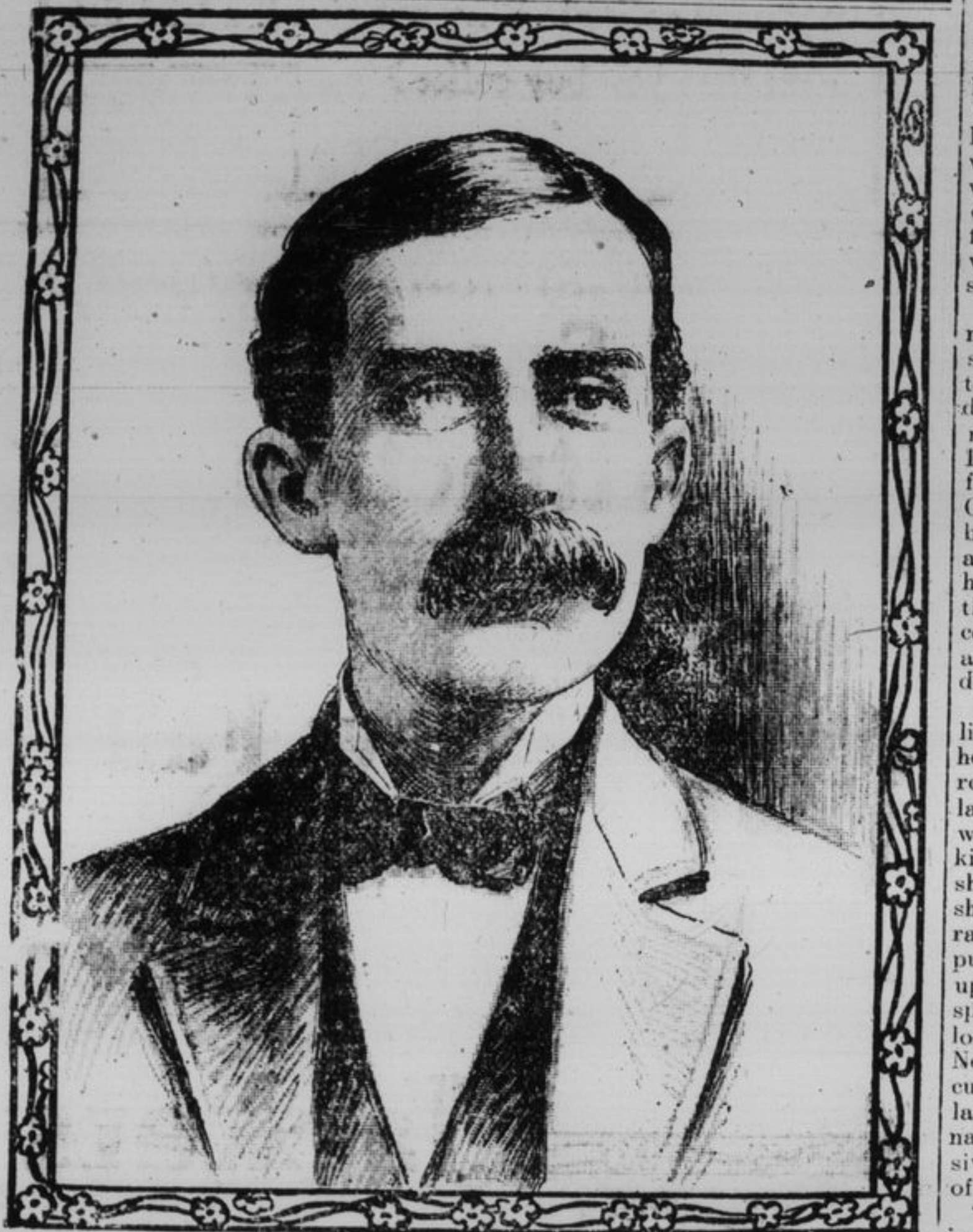
SOPHIE LYONS.

A GENEROUS ACT RECALLS QUEEN OF CROOKS.

Originator of the Kleptomaniac Dodge—How She Sold Gold Bricks to Englishmen—An Adventure With an Actress—She Once Fleeced Mike McDonald.

main clutch to operate the lachrymose play. I once saw her make a notoriously hard Chicago judge blow his nose ferociously and turn her loose by springing her little bundle of weeps on him at the opportune minute, and this, too, when she had been nailed with the goods all over her.

Mike's bank at the time. She tearfully told Mike that her husband had confessed to her that morning that he was, in consequence of his gambling, short in his accounts with his firm, that he imperatively needed \$2,500 to tide him over and temporarily cover up his shortage, and that she had come to beg the man to whom her unfortunate husband had lost the money to let her have the \$2,500 as a loan.



THOMAS G. HARRISON,

Who has just been created Great Incohonee of the Improved Order of Red Men, is a resident of Indianapolis and one of the most prominent figures in the Indiana branch of the order.

ity dates back more than thirty years. That was just like Sophie. She was never known to shake a pal or an enemy. There never was a time when it was safe for her to come to the front that she didn't do it for the purpose of digging up bail or a trial fund for the corralled crook with whom she had worked, and even for plenty that she's never yoked up with on jobs.

expert with the short cards, she vanked down big money from fledglings whom she succeeded in fascinating by her looks and conversational charms. This, however, she found to be dull work, and so she took up the gold brick game, the intricacies of which had been taught her by Tom O'Brien, the king-craftsman of the phony bullion game.

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"Sophie must be getting on in years now. This recent despatch was the first I'd heard of her in several years, although I understood that she had been living on the level in Detroit for some time. I know that a good many years ago she put her two little girls into a Montreal convent to be reared and educated, and a friend of mine who saw them there told me that they had developed into charming, cultivated women, and that they were ignorant of their mother's method of life.

"It wasn't very long after Sophie Lyons, with a wholesome bar of British prisons, began to find England too colorful for her that she took to the diamond-smuggling game on a large scale. She did the trips between Amsterdam and New York, carrying all but quart measures of the non-declared shiners for a long time before she got pinned to the stick. She was one of the original users of the false-bottomed steamer trunk for jewel-smuggling, and she had for many a long year a fine collection of high-shoes which she was screwing out of the shoe, made a fine repository for smuggled jewels and a mighty safe one, at that, until the inspectors eventually got wise to it through the squealing of a nervous woman smuggler who peached to judge punishment.

"Nobody ever succeeded in getting Sophie Lyons to give up anything about her connections or her early life, but she was brought up in Detroit, a town that has sprung some of the craftiest crooks on the books, and he had a refined manner and a good education. I remember her as a woman who had never had a licking experience, they corralled her in Detroit, but she slipped out by framing up a swell sympathy dodge.

"She fished up to Mike's fine house in a broughie one afternoon, in a state of great perturbation. When Mike met her in the parlor she told him that she was the wife of a man who had a few nights before lost \$15,000 trying to buck Mike's faro bank—she had got the name of a man who had actually did make this big lose-out from a crook who had been in

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"When she clambered out of her first little nest in Detroit, Sophie made up her mind that that town wasn't roomy enough for her and so she lammed on here to main brag. She was a swell loser, as I say, with all kinds of the society manner, and when she started in to shred the New York shops the game came her way with a rattle. She was the first woman to put through the kleptomaniac frame-up in this country, if not the first to spring it anywhere. She had about looted the lace departments of a lot of New York stores, including several cute hauls at A. T. Stewart's, where she was a specialty, before she was nabbed by accident, a bolt of expensive lace slipping to the floor from one of her cavern pockets.

"Sophie rigged up a beautiful faint in the office to which she was summoned by the manager of the store, and reduced the members of the firm to tender sympathy by her recital of how the habit of prodigality (taking things had grown upon her. The upshot was that they asked her, for her own sake and that of her family, to be good, and let her go. Sophie then decided that swiping from the counters and cases involved too much personally conducted risk, and that there really wasn't enough in it, anyhow, for a woman of her class.

"The things that she proceeded to do around this little old town, off and on, for a good many years, were kept the headquarters staff on the move. She was the first crook, man or woman to pull off the sliding bureau drawer game in the annexing of a stack of carbons. She rented a couple of communicating rooms in a prominent downtown hotel, after registering under the name of a wealthy western woman, whose husband was highly rated in the commercial directories. Then she sent to one of the biggest gem dealers in New York to fetch a collection of diamonds, brooches, earrings, rings, and so on, to her apartments, as she was desirous of selecting some wedding presents for a sister about to be married in the west. The diamond man sent an agent with a grip full of jewelry to the hotel, Sophie, putting on her fine, haughty manner, received the agent in the sitting room of her two-room suite. She spent about an hour carefully selecting the big-lumps that she wanted, putting them aside in a morocco case that she produced for the purpose. After picking out about \$8,000 worth of stones she announced that she had ordered, and she placed the morocco case in the top drawer of a bureau that stood by the door leading into the bedroom. She told the happy diamond man that she would go into the other room and draw a check for the amount of her indebtedness for the jewelry.

"After she went the diamond chap sat and twiddled his hat, figuring jealously on the amount of his commission for the big sale. But after he had waited and twiddled his hat for about half an hour he began to grow nervous, and so, just to satisfy himself, he tipped over to the bureau to have a look at the morocco case. Of course it wasn't there. Sophie had walked off with it long before.

"She had simply passed out of the room in which she had examined the jewelry into the hall, and then entered the other room. A panel had been cut out of the door leading into the sitting room, and likewise the back-board of the top drawer of the bureau. So that it had been something easy for Sophie just to reach through the cut-out panel, annex the morocco case from the bureau drawer, put on her hat and stroll out. It wasn't until years afterward that Sophie was hauled up for this, and then her luck was with her. She wriggled out of it on her lawyer's clever plea that, as the sight of the man who had sold the diamonds to her had become defective, his identification wasn't accepted by law.

"Mike couldn't and wouldn't see it, and he told her so flatly. He said that it was none of his business where the men who visited his gambling place got their money. He didn't make them gamble or steal their employers' coin. It was up to them. Every thing was fish that came to his net, and so on.

"Right at this point Sophie put Mike under the gun, so to speak. She rose up, Wilhelm Reilly, with her imperious manner, and she could throw one of those things in a way to make a vicious mastiff within the radius of her eye fold away his tail and sneak across a sand lot. Mike wouldn't come to the front for a little matter of \$2,500 to keep out of State's prison, her husband who had lost everything at Mike's place, wouldn't Mike. Very well! She would immediately drive to the chief of police, who happened to be her first cousin, and she would tell the whole story to him, and she would see if—

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FACTS THAT TALK!

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The Eastern Consolidated Oil Company continues the best paying investment with a sound financial status on the market to-day. The company is not an experiment. It is established on a solid dividend paying basis. It has distributed over \$100,000 in dividends to its stockholders at the rate of 2% monthly on their investments.

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PRODUCE AND PRICES.

The Standard Rates - Governing The Local Markets.

Kingston, Sept. 16.—There is but little change in the local produce market quotations since last week. Fruit—Plums, 40c. a basket; peaches, 40c. to 50c. a basket; lemons, 20c. a dozen; Jamaica oranges, 30c. to 40c. a dozen; bananas, 15c. to 25c. a dozen; beans, 40c. a peck; California peas, 30c. a dozen. Vegetables—Green corn, 10c. a doz.; potatoes, 75c. a bag; cabbage, 5c. a head; carrots, beets, etc., 5c. a bunch; tomatoes, 75c. a bushel. Fish—White fish, 12c. a lb.; sea salmon, 10c. a lb.; salt salmon, 25c. a lb.; salt codfish, 7c. to 15c. lb.; kippered herring, 30c. a dozen; perch, 20c. a dozen; mackerel, 15c. a lb.; pike, 7c. a lb.; halibut, 15c. a lb.; blotters, 30c. a dozen; finnan haddie, 10c. a lb.; salmon trout, 12c. a lb.; blue fish, 12c. a lb.; frogs' legs, 30c. a lb.; oysters, 40c. to 50c. a quart; shell clams, 20c. a dozen; shell oysters, 20c. a dozen; ciscos, 10c. a lb. Poultry—Chickens, 50c. to 70c. a pair; fowl, 60c. to 70c. a pair; ducks, 60c. to 70c. a pair; turkeys, \$1 to \$1.25 each. Meat—Beef, hindquarters, 6c. to 7c. a lb.; forequarters, 5c. to 6c. a lb.; choice cuts, 12c. a lb.; mutton, 6c. to 8c. a lb.; spring lamb, 8c. to 10c. a lb.; hogs, live weight, 6c. to 6 1/2c. a lb.; veal, 3c. to 6c. a lb.; tongues, 25c. each. Grain—Wheat, Manitoba, No. 1, 75c. to 80c. a bushel; white winter and Canadian spring, 65c. to 70c. a bushel; local soft wheat, 65c. to 70c. a bushel; Northern, No. 1, 75c. a bushel; huckwheat, 50c. a bushel; barley, 40c. a bushel; peas, 45c. a bushel; oats, 30c. a bushel; rye, 45c. to 48c. a bushel. Flour and Meal—Bakers' strong and farmers' flour, \$2 to \$2.10 a cwt.; Hungarian patent, \$2.20 to \$2.30 a cwt.; oatmeal and rolled oats, \$4 to \$5.50 a hbl.; corn meal, \$1.40 to \$1.60 a cwt.; bran \$1.80 to \$2.40 a ton; shorts, \$23 to \$25 a ton; hay, \$9 to \$11 a ton; straw \$4 to \$6 a ton. Hides—These prices are given by John McKay, Brock street; DeKin skins, 50c. to 60c. each; beef hides, No. 1, 7c. a lb.; lamb skin, 40c. to 50c. each; horse hides, \$2 to \$2.25 each; rendered tallow, 5c. a lb.; unwashed wool, 6c. to 7c. a lb.; washed wool, 11c. a lb.; washed wool in trade,

Dairy Wholesale.

Butter—Creamery, 22c to 23c. a lb.; farmers' in prints, 20c. to 22c. a lb. in rolls, 18c. a lb. Cheese—9c. a lb.

Dairy Retail.

Butter—Creamery, 25c. a lb.; farmers' in prints, 22c. a lb.; in rolls, 20c. a lb.

Eggs.

Wholesale—15c. a dozen. Retail—17c. a dozen.

Markets Elsewhere.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—Wheat, white, new, per bush., 65c. to 71c.; wheat, red, new, per bush., 65c. to 68c.; wheat, spring, per bush., 65c.; wheat, coarse, per bush., 62c. to 65c.; oats, new, per bush., 31c. to 35c.; barley, per bush., 40c. to 42c.; rye, per bush., 48c.; hay, old, per ton, \$16; hay, new, per ton, \$10 to \$14; straw, per ton, \$10 to \$15.50; seeds, per bush., Alsike, choice, No. 1, 87c. to 87.25; Alsike, No. 2, 86c. to 86.75; timothy, \$1.75 to \$1.25; apples, per bush., 75c. to \$1.25; dressed hogs, \$9.25 to \$9.75; butter, dairy, per lb., 14c. to 17c.; butter, creamery, per lb., 18c. to 21c.; chickens, per pair, 55c. to 70c.; ducks, per pair, 60c. to 80c.; eggs, per dozen, 17c. to 19c.; potatoes, per bag, 65c. to 75c.; beef forequarters, \$4.50 to \$5.50; beef, hindquarters, \$7.50 to \$9; beef, medium carcass, \$5 to \$6.50; beef, choice, carcass, \$7 to \$7.50; lamb, \$8 to \$9; mutton, \$5 to \$7; veal, choice, \$7.50 to \$8.50. Montreal, Sept. 15.—There were about 800 head of butchers' cattle, 50 calves and 1,000 sheep and lambs offered for sale at the East End abattoir to-day. The butchers were present in large numbers, and there was a good demand for everything pretty good in the beef line, but common stock continue to bring low rates. A pair of good steers were sold at \$4.60 the 100 lbs., but none of the others brought over 4c. and from that down to 3c. per lb. for pretty good cattle, while the common stock sold at from 2c. to 3c. per lb. Calves sold at from \$2.50 to \$12 each, or from 3c. to 5c. per lb. Sheep sold at from 3c. to 3 1/2c., and lambs at from 3 1/2c. to 4c. per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at about 7c. per lb., weighed off the cars.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in the Business World—The Market News.

The Hungarian corn crop is this year very deficient. For the first week of September earnings of forty-six American roads increased 5.97 per cent. A London cablegram says existing stocks of wheat are the smallest since October, 1898. While frosted corn would not be fit to deliver on contracts, it would still be used for feeding purposes. The American Agricultural reports that buyers are paying \$1.50 to \$2.50 for winter apples in New York state. The peach crop in East this year is the largest since the disastrous freeze-out in 1898, and heavy shipments are being made every day. The newest trust is one of broom manufacturers. It will have a capital of \$5,000,000 or more and will probably be organized by Philadelphia capitalists. Twenty years ago the total bituminous coal output of the United States was about 50,000,000 tons a year, whereas now it is not far from 250,000,000. It is reported that the New York Central & Hudson River Railway will at once double track its line from Utica, N.Y., to Montreal on account of the heavy and increasing passenger and freight traffic. The exports of animals and their products from Canada, during the months of July and August, were valued at \$41,000,000, as compared with a little over \$10,000,000 for the same period last year. The exports of agricultural products during the last two months were valued at \$3,956,000, an increase of \$1,300,000 over the same period last year. New York Man Weds In Berlin. Berlin, Sept. 18.—A wedding in Berlin to-day of interest to Americans was that of Miss Margaret Seefeld and Ernest Kempton Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Adams, of New York. The bride is the daughter of Lieut.-Col. Seefeld, of Berlin, formerly commander of the military district of the Grand Duchy of Baden. For any case of nervousness, sleeplessness, weak stomach, indigestion, dyspepsia, try Carter's Little Nerve Pills. Relief is sure. The only nerve medicine for the price in market. Planture, the great food for house plants, large packages 10c. Samples free. McLeod's drug store.

REFUSED A CHARTER.

Philadelphia Judge Says They are a Business Corporation.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18.—The application for a charter made by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, has been refused by Judge Arnold. In his opinion Judge Arnold says: "The charter applied for in this case covers a double purpose—a church and a business. We have power to grant a charter for a church, but we have no authority for profit—that is, a business corporation. The so-called church is a corporation for profit, organized to enforce the sale of Mrs. Eddy's books by its members, which is a matter of business and not of religion. As the courts have no power to charter such a corporation the application for a charter is refused." "This shows," says the court, "that the so-called church is a corporation for profit, organized to enforce the sale of Mrs. Eddy's books by its members, which is a matter of business and not of religion. As the courts have no power to charter such a corporation the application for a charter is refused."

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