

MT. SINAI LANDMARK THROUGHOUT AGES

Mountain Stands Unchanging Ever, Says Dr. Ellis.

BIBLICAL TIMES RECALLED

Writer Muses on Time When Moses Received Ten Commandments for Children of Israel.

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS. MOUNT SINAI—Above all the mists and turmoil and trouble of our times, rising clear and rugged in rough redness, after having weathered the storms of centuries and millenniums, the Mountain of the Law still stands sentinel and monitor over mankind, even as it did when the awe-stricken children of Israel camped down yonder in the plain called Wady or Baha and listened to the thunders of the voice of Jehovah in the cloud-enveloped mountain.

The spot is the antithesis of Paris or New York or London. There everything is man-made; here every rugged crag is eloquent of the Divine Artisan. In the cities jangling voices and interests hinder clear thinking; here there is no sound but the wind and the wind amid the mountains and the rare note of bird. There changing fashions, of thought and of life prevail, here one dwells amid the unchangeable things. This is a place of apartness, a sanctuary scene.

Mount of Moses is Visited. This is the Mount of the Law. On this peak Moses talked with Jehovah, here began the organized monotheism which has ever since increasingly commanded the hearts of mankind. From the days of Abraham until the time of Moses the worship of Jehovah had been only one of many cults. Here at Sinai came the clear revelation of the oneness and supremacy of God, the Lawgiver of the universe, the Lord of all the worlds. Amidst these crowded crags Moses received the Ten Commandments, the law for all human creation, which still are accepted as the truest test of character and the highest standard of ethics and philosophies beyond count have risen and fallen and been forgotten. The Ten Commandments are more contemporary importance than today's newspaper.

To the traveler who finds his way to these rare heights, this mountain portends the Mount of the Law, which has swept around the earth like a seismic current? With so much that was for ages accepted going now into the scrap heap, are we to discard also the teachings of our mothers and of the book they taught us to revere? Is a new philosophy of life, a new creed, religion, to be forged in the day's superheated furnace of unrest? Shall we look for a herald of a better social order, who will bring to us a new, different code of laws for the regulation of man's relationships with man and with the Unseen? Is there to come out of Russia or out of Germany a working faith for a revolutionized world?

Message of Mountain is Repeated. To ask such questions is to answer them. Day after day this mountain air of crystalline clearness, from heights whence one may see fierce and blinding sandstorms raging on the desert below, I have pondered the basic problem of this, our time. With all the honesty of soul I possess, I have sought to see straight into the cause and character of our condition. True, whichever way I will, follow whatever set of conditions I can call to mind (and I have had recent personal experience of both Germany and the disintegrated Europe, of sullen and menacing Asia), I find myself led straight up to the Mount of the Law. Here is the answer to every question. Things have gone wrong because nations and people have departed from this law. They have become right until nations and people have the clarity of vision and the courage to return to the keeping of the ten words spoken on Sinai.

Let us confess the truth, even we of the most stable land on earth today. We have wandered from the straight paths of our fathers and have turned aside from the simple faith that made them great. We have left God out of our calculations. We have put other gods before him and given first allegiance to idols of our own creation. His name and his day have lost their sanctity in our eyes. Even the sacred family relations have been disregarded by a generation proud of being "self-made." We have invented slow and insidious methods of killing our fellow beings as sacrifices to the Moloch of Mammon. Adultery has passed from its old place of a deadly sin to a mere form of personal liberty and self-expression. Individual theft is still bad form, but wholesale stealing, by nations and organized companies, is no longer a crime until the hearing of false witness has become an art. And, finally, our covetousness as nations and as men and women has led the world first into war and now into revolution. Is there any one of the Ten Commandments that we as a civilization have not openly, flagrantly and shamelessly violated, in disdain of God and in disregard of the proved social utility of these laws?

Commandments Are Quoted. A universal acceptance of the Ten Commandments, together with the summary of the law given by Jesus, would straightway, overnight, relax the tension of the times, settle revolutions and bring in that better day toward which the world is blindly and violently groping. No mahatma from Tibet or Yogi from India or hadji from Turkey or mahdi from Egypt or behal from Syria is needed to show us our way out of the present muddle. The path runs straight as a sunbeam from the granite coast of "Jebel Musa," Mount Sinai. The Master word is here: "Keep ye the law, be swift in all obedience."

The summation of Sinai's message for today is simply—the Decalogue. All of which has been gathered up into one sentence by the Saviour, who came to embody and reveal the will of God: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Nobody can be long in this part of the world without realizing that there is a Jewish question. It lies in the six-pointed star upon a white field, which

is frequently displayed as an emblem of Judaism. The rapt immigrant to Palestine with glowing eyes that mirrors the great dreams of his heart, incarnates it. The threats which Christian and Moslem residents of the Promised Land make against the Zionist give it a sinister interpretation. All the while thoughtful persons are remembering that it was a Jew upon this mountain who received from the hands of Jehovah the law which should last as long as time and that he bore it to a waiting host of Jews on the plain below.

In this critical hour has the Jew a special mission to the world as the evangelist of the Ten Commandments? Jews who have repudiated the faith of their fathers have been the greatest modern unsettlers of the existing social system. Now will other Jews, who cherish the law as a trust, find the present their opportunity to "crowd home to all men's minds the sanctity and pertinency of these Ten Words?"

No Jews ever come to Mount Sinai; the only one upon the register of the monastery, which has been kept since 1860, is a dragoon brought here in the service of a Christian. The prohibition which in Moses' day prevented his people from drawing near the Mountain of the Presence may still be convincing to some. None the less, is this not the Jews' opportunity to take the message of the mountain to mankind? They are leaders in social discussion; let them have in their special keeping the sovereign remedy to present social ills.

World Trouble Solution Offered. Could Russia—poor, distracted, desolate Russia—be brought to widespread representation again to this, her favorite mountain of pilgrimage, might not she thus be helped back toward sanity? All who know the Russian character agree that the nation will never be right within itself until it is right with God. A permanently irreligious Russia is unthinkable.

Territorially ambitious nations of Europe need to have reached to the tenth Commandment. One by one up here on Mount Sinai I have called the roll of them, as of the other nations and interests that are disturbing the world's peace, and so far as I am able to discern there is nothing crooked in the world today that cannot be made straight by a sincere conformity to the law of Moses, with the appendix added by Jesus. The reader would do well to make his own test upon this point.

Daniel Webster once said, "Justice is the supreme concern of heaven upon earth." The Ten Commandments are an exposition of universal justice. Is it not a timely and proper and practicable suggestion that, as a stabilizing influence in a troubled day, all teachers of the young, all ministers of religion, all leaders of thought, should lay emphasis upon the Ten Commandments, having every person in the land commit them to memory; and every instructor of the people expound them in their present day application? They are the best barrier to bolshevism. They are the surest remedy for class and caste injustices. They are, so far as I can see from this height of solitude and contemplation, the only Way Out.

SMALLPOX CASE ON TRAIN

Man Exposes Nine People in Diner to Disease.

A case of smallpox was discovered on Southern Pacific train No. 54, due here at 7:20 o'clock yesterday morning, as it was standing in the Roseburg station. The patient, a man named Dr. Shoemaker of Roseburg, the man, whose name has not been learned, was sitting in the diner, exposing nine people to the disease.

The matter was immediately reported to Dr. Roberg, state health officer, and he at once sent out a party to locate the victim out of Portland, but it was stated that he was a resident of the city and, as such, entitled to admission. The car and people were immediately placed in quarantine and were placed under surveillance when they arrived in the city. The car will be sealed up and out of commission until considered safe by Dr. Parrish, city health officer.

BURGLARS BUSY IN CITY

Two Houses Entered, But Thieves Escape Before Police Come.

O. Greenow of 657 Chakamas street frightened a burglar and took two shots at him Monday night after he had gained an entrance to the house and was ransacking the premises. The man dived through a window, ran down the street and disappeared before the arrival of the police.

Mrs. Anette Melichar of 780 East Forty-first street discovered two men ransacking her house late yesterday afternoon after they had gained admittance by representing themselves to be gas inspectors. They stole some silverware and valuables. The woman chased the thieves six blocks down the street in an endeavor to recover her stolen goods. A. V. Ringo, a street car conductor, joined in the chase, but they were unable to overtake the pair.

CLOUDBURST HITS GLOBE

Damage Estimated at \$100,000 Said to Have Been Done.

GLOBE, Ariz., July 15.—In one of the worst cloudbursts experienced in 25 years, the business section of the city was partly inundated last night, entailing property loss estimated at \$100,000.

Water at one time was running on the main street at a depth of two feet. Rain has again started to fall.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS HELD NECESSITY

Senator Swanson Appeals for Support in Upper House.

MEASURE IS REASONABLE

Solon Cites Philippines as One Question That Will Be Simplified by Covenant.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Praising the league of nations covenant as "one of the world's greatest documents," Senator Swanson of Virginia, a democratic member of the foreign relations committee, told the senate yesterday that if the United States rejected the league it "would mean that she would stake in the greatest world crisis that ever occurred."

The speaker defended the league against the objections that it would sacrifice sovereignty and American traditions and asserted that on the contrary it would result in immense material gain in protecting American integrity and preventing war. He declared it would not create a super-government, involve objectionable obligations nor invalidate the Monroe doctrine.

"The pathway of our duty is plain," said Senator Swanson. "Let us not be frightened by our own prodigious shadow as it projects itself into world affairs. Let us not be deterred from our manifest duty and destiny by a craven fear of becoming great in giving service and direction to a world in the direst hour of its need and distress."

Dark Ages Feared.

Pointing out that the war had shaken the social order to its foundation, the Virginia senator said "was the paramount obligation of responsible statesmen to prevent another such conflagration, which would return the world to the rule of brute force and barbarism of the dark ages."

"The covenant of the league has been assailed from two opposite sources," he continued. "The league will neither be a super-state nor sovereignty, nor a helpless, powerless association of nations. The instrument creating the league is a 'covenant' entered into by sovereign states. One of the attributes of sovereignty is the ability to make covenants or agreements. That state reserves its full sovereignty in conclusively settled by the provision allowing any member to withdraw."

Equal Power Assured.

"The league could never be organized on any basis other than that of equal representation. If members were accorded difference in the representation, upon what basis should the representation be made? If upon population, China and India would dominate the league and the United States would have only one-fifteenth of the number. If based upon wealth and military power, the situation would be equally as uncertain and unsatisfactory."

Co-operation is Pledged.

"The second obligation assumed by each member is to 'preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league.' This is a natural corollary from the first. In the former we undertake not to rob our associates ourselves and in this we agree not to permit others to do so. This guaranteed territorial integrity and political independence is limited to those cases where they are threatened or attacked by external aggression and does not apply to revolution within a nation. A nation's internal affairs are left undisturbed."

"Thoughtful persons recognize the importance of giving such a guarantee now, at least for a limited period, if the peace of the world is to be maintained. The autocratic governments that controlled Russia, Germany, Austria and Turkey have been overthrown, but as yet no real, stable governments established. Some of the new states created out of this immense territory, without the guaranty of the league, would be overthrown and would return to the domination of their former oppressors."

"Honorable Ethel Root, former sec-

tary of state, recognized the great immediate need of this article and recommended its acceptance with an amendment providing that any member could, after expiration of five years from its signing of the covenant, terminate its obligations under the article.

"But under this covenant the United States by giving notice of withdrawal from the league can limit her obligations to a time not far to exceed two years. If this treaty is ratified the United States may fully perform her obligations to her allies, discharge her duties to the new nation she has aided in creating, and then honorably retire, but she will be noted that when in this article we guarantee the territorial integrity of all members of the league we receive at the same time from all of them a like guarantee of our territorial possessions. The Philippine islands have occasioned us great apprehension. In order to safeguard these islands it will be necessary for us in the present disturbed condition of the world to construct the largest navy afloat and send the army equal to that of any nation. Shall we embark upon this great military expense, or accept the league and with it the honorable pledge that Great Britain and Japan, the only nations from which the islands could ever be threatened would aid in preventing them from all external aggression."

FAST TENNIS PLAY STARTS

FLYE AND WAKEMAN WIN IN DAY'S FEATURE CONTESTS.

Varied Schedule Calls for Mixed Doubles and Singles Play, Starting Early This Morning.

One of the most exciting matches in the first day's play of the Oregon state tennis championships which took place Monday on the courts of the Laurel-terran, was the match between Guy Flye, junior center champion of Tacoma, and Kenneth Smith of Portland. Flye finally won, although the result was continually in doubt. Score: 7-5, 2-7, 6-2.

Another close match was that between J. D. Wakeman and Henry Steffen, both of this city. Wakeman won, 6-4, 9-6, 6-2. Catlin Wolfard and Phil Neer, two of Portland's favorites, had no difficulty in winning the matches and it looks as if they might meet in the semi-final round.

By the mutual consent of the players, the James Shives versus Marshall Allen Gray match was continued over after the score stood 6-4, 4-6. A freak of fate brings together the same players in the Oregon state championship. The match was scheduled to play Guy Flye in the Oregon state championship and Marshall Allen in the big Pacific northwest junior championship.

The first day's play in a big tournament is always one of more or less uncertainty and the matches are usually somewhat delayed, but that was not the case yesterday. Only six defaults were taken. A. H. McAlpin, Portland official umpire for the United States National Lawn Tennis association and also referee of the tournament, handled all of his work with his usual skill and diplomacy.

Many fine matches resulted, and the first match only separate a very close play with which the thermometer traveled in its desire to make a real record. The first match between Mr. Neer and Mr. Flye will be the best of five sets and they will again meet for the best of three sets in the Oregon state championships. Another match which will cause much discussion will take place when Jack Wright of Spokane meets Herbert Little of Seattle in the Pacific northwest junior tournament. The boys' event between Portland, represented by Inadore Westerman, and Tacoma, represented by Charles Grimes, is another set to which will draw a large gallery and which will draw the best of five sets.

Yesterday the refreshments were in charge of Mrs. W. J. Hofmann of the Irvington club, assisted by the Misses Adele Jones, Bernice Burke, Elizabeth Wittgen, Elizabeth Ettinger and Janice Ettinger.

Results in the first day's play were as follows: Men's singles: Catlin Wolfard beat A. S. Frohman, 6-6, 6-2. Robert Harper beat Ted Steffen, default. W. Taylor beat Herbert S. Little, 6-2, 6-2. E. B. Cook beat C. H. Hupb, 6-2, 6-2. Guy Flye beat Kenneth Smith, 7-5, 6-2.

Jack Neer beat Joe Livingston, 6-3, 6-1. A. D. Norris beat David S. Cohen, 6-9, 6-1. Jack Wright beat George Dewey, 6-1, 6-2. T. Greene beat H. E. Randall, 7-5, 6-3. E. P. Steinmetz beat Thomas H. Youell, default. Rodgers McVeigh beat Leonard C. Wilson, 6-4, 6-4. Douglas Young beat Bartlett Cole, default. H. V. Goss beat M. Smith, default. A. H. Minger beat D. C. Wimer, 7-5, 6-2. Phil Neer beat Percy Lewis, 6-2, 6-2. J. D. Wakeman beat Henry Stevens, 6-4, 6-6, 6-2. Herbert Swett beat Robert Gilman, 6-1, 6-6. M. C. Frohman beat Line, default. Marshall Allen beat N. Vantage, default. Adele Jones, Bernice Burke, Elizabeth Wittgen, Westerner beat C. D. Lewis, Jr., default.

Ladies' singles: Mrs. Cushing beat Miss Inez Parrichild, 6-2, 6-0. Miss Irene Campbell beat Miss Madeline Steffen, 6-1, 6-6. Miss Stella Fording beat Mrs. F. E. Harpign, default. Miss Harriette Johnson beat Mrs. J. P. Muller, default. Mrs. W. I. Northrup beat Mrs. Harland Westman, 6-3, 6-6.

Yesterday's schedule: 11 A. M.—James Shives vs. Millington Gray, Miss Gertrude Schreiner vs. Mrs. Ethel Warner, I. Halsey vs. S. Smith.

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12 noon—J. H. Bildebeck vs. John Walker, E. P. M.—Miss Bernice Burke vs. Miss Adele Jones, Miss Schreiner and Dr. Steinmetz vs. Mrs. Ethel Warner and partner. 3 P. M.—Winner of above vs. Gray match vs. M. C. Frohman, Marion Kyle vs. Charles Grimes, Miss Stella Fording vs. Miss Mildred Terry, Miss Mayme McDonald and W. Taylor vs. T. Green and partner.

Others who took part in the programme were Captain Thomas Sweeney and Miss W. M. Carr, who played a violin solo with Miss Eileen Sprague as accompanist. James McCarren presided. Luncheon was served after the programme. That about 8000 more probably would be given out.

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ARMY SCHOOLS DESCRIBED

General Martin Tells of Work Accomplished Overseas. General Charles H. Martin, former commander of the 90th division, described the educational system which was inaugurated among the overseas troops after signing of the armistice in his speech Monday night before Over-the-Top post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, where the city service medals were presented to ex-soldiers. General Martin said 250 soldiers had been sent to famous European educational centers, and that grammar

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