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"EIDEL BRAU" AND SHRIMPS

EVANGELIST RETURNS TO FACE GRAVE CHARGES

SENSATIONAL AND SCANDALOUS REPORTS CIRCULATED ABOUT A MEMBER OF TAYLOR'S EVANGELISTIC COMPANY.

The second scandal connected with Geo. W. Taylor's Evangelistic Company, took definite form in this city during the past week. Principals in the scandal, as will be seen from the sworn statement by Mr. Leonard, are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins, Miss Minnie Collins and F. F. Leonard, musical director with the Geo. W. Taylor Evangelistic Co. So persistent became rumors of Mr. Leonard's downfall that it had come to be believed by almost every one here. When the scandal had come to fever heat a hasty meeting of the ministers of the city was called when the following letter was dictated by them and sent to Rev. Mr. Taylor at Astoria:

"Certain scandalous reports of the alleged conduct of Mr. F. F. Leonard having come to our attention we have finally been led to make investigation of the matter and find that immediately following the Pink Rose service, conducted by Mr. Leonard on the night of February 1, that he accompanied Miss Minnie Collins to the home of Mr. Roy Collins and that at a midnight supper there, with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins and Miss Minnie Collins, he drank beer, and that after the supper he danced with a woman, presumably Miss Collins. These reports we have verified to the best of our ability and we believe them to be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

"If these reports be not true we would advise Mr. Leonard to come to Independence and clear the matter up, but if they be true, as we verily believe, we would advise him to remain away from here."

This letter was written and forwarded to Rev. Mr. Taylor February 10 in response to an inquiry from him concerning the report which had come to his hearing at Astoria.

Promptly, in response to this bomb in the camp of the evangelists, came Mr. Leonard to Independence Tuesday of this week and proceeded at once to run down all rumors and clear his name and the Geo. W. Taylor Evangelistic Company of the scandal. The results of his efforts are better told in his sworn statement which follows:

Salem, February 16—To the Editor—Please give space for publication of the following sworn statement:

To the people of Independence, Oregon:

It grieves me very much that occasion should arise whereby I feel compelled to submit a statement to

the people of Independence relative to my conduct while in your city, but being under cloud of an infamous slander I feel it necessary to submit the following:

First: I did not on the night of February 1, or any other night, take Miss Minnie Collins, or as far as that is concerned any other girl, to Mr. Roy Collins or any other place, any evening, during my stay in Independence.

Second: At no time did I either dance or drink beer or any other intoxicating liquors at either Mr. Roy Collins, or any other place in Independence. Even when I was in the world I never attended dances, nor did I drink beer only on social occasions. I have never had a desire for it.

Third: Since much of the report circulated against me is connected directly, or indirectly, with my visit with Mr. Roy Collins I feel it due to the public to tell why I went and what I did and how I returned to the hotel.

During the progress of the meetings Mr. and Mrs. Collins, the father of Roy Collins, while in the former's home, at different times asked me to visit their son Roy with the hope of bringing them to Christ. I accepted the first invitation which came through Miss Minnie Collins, purporting to have come from Mr. Roy Collins, on Monday January 30. Not remembering who Roy Collins was I asked who he was and where he lived—was told he was the son of the people where I conducted the prayer meeting, and also where I was invited twice to dinner, which I had accepted. Accordingly, in the evening after the Pink Rose service was over, thinking I might do some good I went to Mr. Roy Collins' home. I had no personal arrangements with Miss Minnie Collins, as the report goes, to meet her or to go or come with her, and, furthermore, did not know she was to be there. When I came I found her there. Little did I think at that time any evil would come out of my evening's stay. Personally, I was there only on a mission of love and service for Christ notwithstanding any report to the contrary. While there, the first part of the evening was spent in talking of the meetings. There was no music or dancing or loud talking in the home. Mr. and Mrs. Collins excused themselves to attend to the preparations for the lunch. Miss Minnie Collins was in the room with me and made the remark that they had shrimp for luncheon and perhaps I would like "something to drink" with the shrimp, to which I replied: "Not any for me". She did not say what they had but she did say they would not serve "anything" unless I would drink. I told them if they had "anything to drink" they could drink it and it would make no difference to me.

We were soon called to sit at the table and a fine luncheon was served. There was nothing in sight that looked like beer or intoxicants. At the table I was asked to return thanks and, instead of simply returning thanks, I prayed for them and the home and the meetings that we had

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SPANISH PRISONER ASKS AID

OFFERS FABULOUS SUM TO INDEPENDENCE MAN.

LETTER TELLS OF VALISE AND TRUNK CONTAINING FORTUNE OF \$480,000 AND OFFERS THIRD OF AMOUNT TO RESCUER.

The chance to gain a large fortune of money is seldom extended to people on as easy conditions as that which was offered to Wm. Dawes of this city recently. The circumstances surrounding this offer are peculiar. A letter came to him last week from a prisoner in Madrid, having been written by a St. Petersburg banker who is held on a charge of fraud committed in Russia. The following letter gives an explanation of the matter:

Madrid, Jan. 20, 1910—Mr. Wm. Dawes, Independence, Oregon—Dear Sir: Although I know you only from good references of your honesty, my sad situation compels me to reveal you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune, saving at the same time that of my darling daughter.

Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Russia as you will see by the enclosed article about me of many English newspapers which have published my arrest in London.

I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of 480,000 dollars I have in America and to come here to raise the seizure of my baggage paying to the Registrar of the Court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden the document indispensable to recover the said sum.

As a reward, I will give up to you the third part, viz. 160,000 dollars. I cannot receive your answer in the prison but you must send a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me.

Awaiting your cable, to intrust you in all my secret, I am, Sir, yours truly, GRODINSKY.

First of all answer by cable, not by letter, as follows: Gouzalez, Imperial 3 cuarto Izquierda, Madrid—Am disposed—Dawes.

The following is a clipping from an English newspaper: "Arrest of a St. Petersburg banker charged with fraud in Russia and manslaughter in Spain. Interview of the two ambassadors.

"Some months ago, as our readers may remember, we referred in these columns to the great scandal caused in St. Petersburg and in Russia generally by a noted banker who absconded, leaving a deficit of over five millions of rubles.

"The Russian police sought for him for a long time in vain for it seems he had not left the least trace of his flight, and the continued search over Europe and America proved unavailing.

"Yesterday, however, a Spanish Inspector accompanied by two officers from Scotland Yard and acting under instructions of the Spanish ambassador, who had previously interviewed the Home Secretary, arrested him on his way from the hotel where he was staying, to the steamship office. It seems that it was his evident intention to take passage for New York. From information received by the ambassador, he had been in hiding in Spain, where he lived with a woman and with his daughter. A few days before arriving in London he had quarrelled with another Russian who was mortally wounded by a revolver shot during the scuffle, and who only lived long enough to denounce his assailant.

"In an interview with the Russian Ambassador, it seems that the name he had been using in Spain and which he gave on being arrested was

not his real one, Manasseina being simply an alibi, but after comparing the prisoner with photographs in his possession, the Russian Ambassador recognized him as Vladimir Grodinsky, the criminal banker who eloped with five millions of rubles; he is a native of St. Petersburg, a widower 48 years old, with an only daughter whom he left in Spain on escaping from that country.

"On being arrested, two of Manasseina's or Vladimir Grodinsky's portmanteaus were seized but although strictly searched nothing but personal effects were found in them, in spite of which the Russian Ambassador declares that prisoner ought to have several million rubles somewhere.

"The Russian and Spanish Ambassadors conferred yesterday evening as to whether the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain or to Russia, and after an interview with the Home Secretary, and in accordance with the extradition treaty of England, Russia and Spain, it was agreed that the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain, to stand trial for manslaughter, and that only after his trial can the Russian Government ask Spain, through diplomatic channels, for his extradition."

The swindle attempted here is an old one and has been practised for many years. In the March issue of the Cosmopolitan will be found a story touching on this same matter, which deals with the subject fully.

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THOMPSON MAY RESIGN PULPIT

FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES CAUSE MUCH DISCORD

LAND MARKERS AND PROGRESSIVES AT LOGGER HEADS IN BAPTIST CHURCH—NEUTRALS POUR OIL ON TROUBLES.

Owing to factional differences which exist in the Baptist church of this city it is rumored that Rev. Mr. Thompson will close his work here about the first of March. Most of the old-time members of the church, it is said, are known as "land-markers" while nearly all of the newer members, constituting a large majority of the membership, are known as "progressives". More or less friction has existed between these opposing views in this church for years. To be more explicit, the land-marker doctrine holds that no one is to be regarded as baptised unless he has been immersed under the direction of a regular Baptist church and by an ordained Baptist minister. The "progressives", on the contrary, would welcome any one to membership who after being converted was baptised (immersed) in any church or by any minister.

Soon after Rev. Mr. Thompson's coming it is understood he took a stand openly for the progressive side of this old controversy which is held by the majority. On account of this, a few weeks before the meetings opened the land-mark element started

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- Tomatoes, Red Cross brand, 10c
- Beans, Red Cross brand, 10c
- Peas, Red Cross brand, 15c or 2 for 25c

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