

HOLY ROLLER CHIEF TO RETURN TO GUIDE MEDFORD FLOCK

Rev. C. E. Dodge, "divine healer" and organizer of the sect known as "Medford Christian Assembly," popularly known as "holy rollers," writes the Mail Tribune from Seattle, protesting the "libelous article" which recorded his departure following threats by relatives of members of his flock, declaring that he left solely for financial reasons, and is about to return to Medford with his family to resume his ministry. Mr. Dodge's letter, which he requests published, reads in part as follows:

"My ministry in Medford since last September has been in legal and honorable pursuit of my vocation, and the Medford Christian Assembly, of which I have been acting pastor since its organization, is a duly constituted religious body, conducting its business and worship in a worthy manner, according to the rights of all religious bodies and in full accord with the Bible.

Why He Left Town

"It was not through fear of the threats made by the 'brother' or 'relative' to whom your article refers, that I left Medford. The whole matter was laid before the Medford Christian Assembly and the decision of my going or staying turned upon the ability or inability of the assembly to provide a way for me to bring my family to Medford at that time. Sufficient funds not being available then, I decided to return to my family until the question of bringing them to Medford could be finally acted upon, and I only hastened my departure by a day or two in order to relieve the high tension of the situation and give all concerned a chance to think soberly.

"Now, in response to the call of the Medford Christian Assembly, I am about to return to Medford, with my family, to continue pastoral and evangelistic work in the Rogue River valley.

(Signed.) "REV. C. E. DODGE."
"P. S.—To be more explicit, permit me to state certain facts for your reflection and for the reflection of your readers:

Apostles Divine Healers

"First—If the offering of prayer in the name of Jesus Christ for the healing of the sick, with the imposition of hands and the anointing with oil, constitutes one a 'divine healer,' then it should be remembered that such was the authority given by Christ to the original 'twelve' when He commissioned them (Matt. 10); to the 'seventy' (Luke, 10); and to those who should similarly represent Him during this gospel dispensation (Mark, 16:15-18). The same was long practiced in the early church (see Acts and New Testament epistles), and has never ceased to be practiced by Christian congregations in normal health of spiritual life (see church history). Apostasy and revival are responsible for the intermittent presence of healing power in the church. Finally, James, the brother disciple of Jesus, authorizes this practice of healing in

his general epistle (James, 5:14-16). The writer understands the New Testament to teach that Christ has, through faith in Himself, provided healing of the body, both for a confirming testimony to His gospel and as a dispensation of grace to His people. But true Christian healing has in these days numerous counterfeit rivals, such as so-called Christian Science, and various forms of mental healing, which, tested by the canon of Scripture, are of merely human or satanic origin.

Apostles Holy Rollers

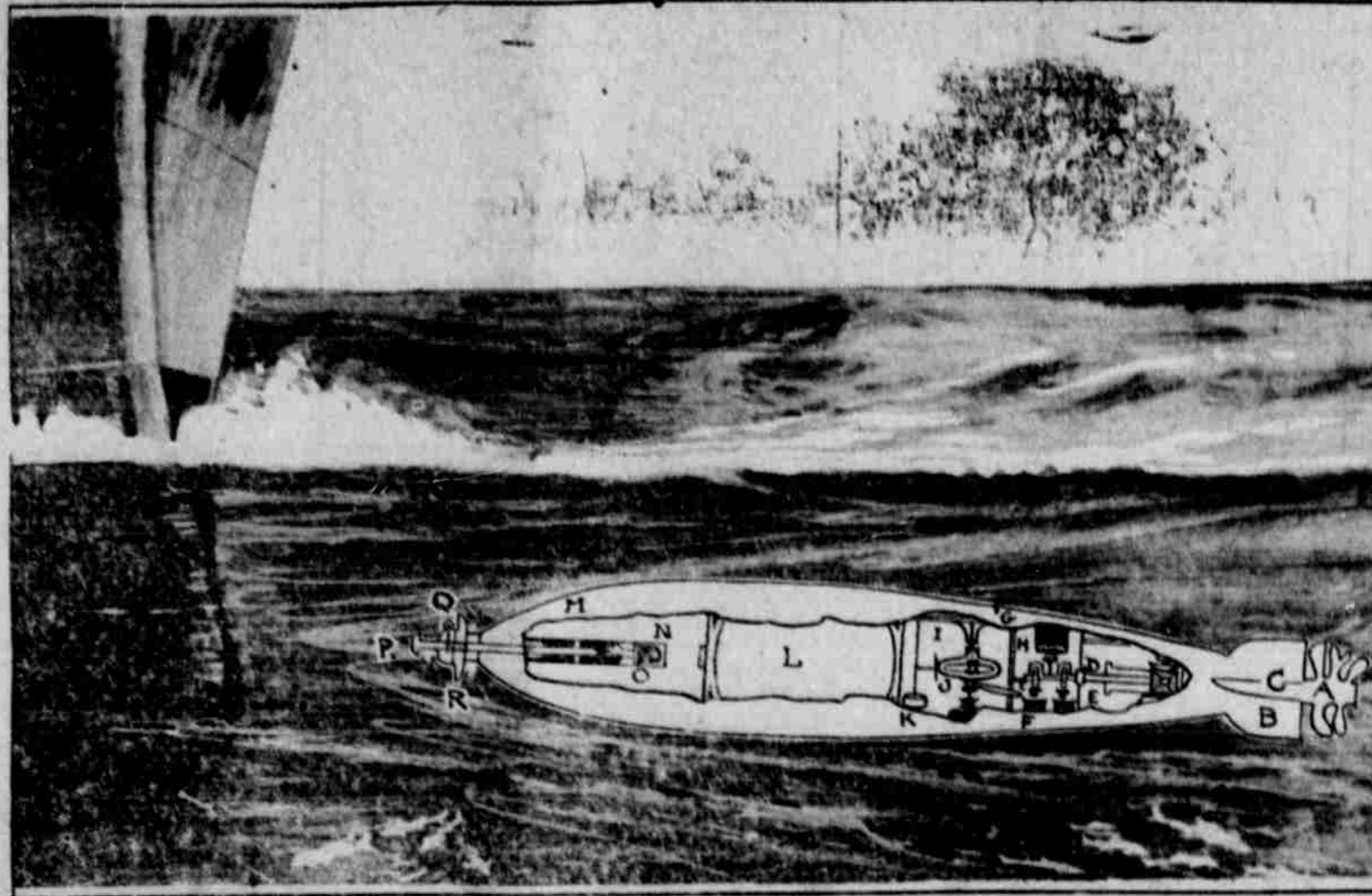
"Second—If to be prostrated on one's face as the result of the overwhelming manifestation of God's glory and power constitutes a "form of holy rollerism" then must Abraham, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Daniel, Peter, James, John, Paul and those who were baptized in the spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and later, have belonged to the same class. These and many more of the great men and women of the Bible were repeatedly the subjects of such experiences. Indeed, a large portion of the Bible is but the record of visitations of depositions of angels of God-given dreams and visions, with interpretation, and of powerful manifestations of the Spirit of God to and through His servants, the prophets. Why think it incredible that God visit after the same manner in our day? Must all such manifestation be ascribed to the devil or to demented people? If such agree with the accepted canon of scripture, is there not good reason to believe they are of God? Praise God, He has even thus visited Medford, Or.

Honorable Precedents

"Third—Again let me ask, is true conversion, Christian healing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the possession of spiritual gifts and the consecration of one's self and substance to the earnest service of God in the furtherance of His gospel, to be ascribed to excitement and hypnotism? Was this the case with Peter and Andrew, and with James and John, who, when Christ called them, "straightway left their nets, and their father and the boats and followed him? And with Levi, who as summarily left his position at the 'seat of custom'? On the other hand, those who begged leave to 'first bury father' or 'bid farewell to those at home,' Christ rebuker, saying, 'No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.' Thousands converted at Pentecost and afterward sold their possessions and laid the price at the apostles' feet. A most honored and honorable precedent, this, to justify the course of those in our day who do substantially the same thing, actuated by the same motive. If a number of Medford's respected citizens have been soundly converted, filled with His spirit, and are now walking in the light of His truth, are they less respectable on this account? Because God has enriched their lives with 'spiritual gifts' blessing them that they may be a blessing, are they to be feared, shunned and condemned? Surely God will bless all who will receive their testimony, but account their rejection as His own. It can at least be said of the Medford Christian Assembly that it exists for no baser object than "to know God and to make Him known."

(Note.—Notwithstanding Mr. Dodge's denial, the story of his departure following threats by relatives

THE HIDDEN DEATH; HOW TORPEDOES CARRY DESTRUCTION



How the Lusitania was sunk. The torpedo carried by the large German submarine is about 15 to 16 1-2 feet in length and from 18 inches to 2 feet in diameter. The key to the letters on the torpedo are: A, twin

screws revolving at high speed; B, vertical rudder; C, horizontal rudder; D, propeller shaft; E, buoyancy chamber; F, starting gear, touched by catch as torpedo leaves tubes, starting engines; G, starting pin; H,

engine chamber; I, balance chamber; J, gyroscopic stabilizer; K, weight acting on horizontal rudder, controlling distance beneath surface; L, compressed air chamber—350 pounds pressure to square inch providing

motive power for engines; M, strong steel head, encasing explosives; N, 200-pound high explosive; O, primer, which ignites charge; P, striker, which is driven in by contact with ship's side and explodes charge.

BAND OF GYPSIES TELLING FORTUNES ORDERED TO LEAVE

A band of gypsies, believed to be the same aggregation that has kept Grants Pass in a state of semi-terror the last week, reached Medford this morning and were immediately ordered out of town by Chief Hittson. According to the Josephine county authorities the women members of the band do the devilry while their "men" lay around the camp. Their most daring crime in that city was an attack on Mrs. Fred Merrill, wife of Game Warden Merrill, in an effort to grab her purse. Mrs. Merrill beat off her assailants with an umbrella. The women members were arrested in Grants Pass for shoplifting and other forms of petty thieving. They kept the authorities busy for a week.

The police were waiting for the coming of the unwelcome visitors, and were immediately ordered to keep going. During the issuance of the decree the women of the party jumped out of the wagons and scattered through the business district telling fortunes. Failure to have one's hand read, invariably brought a torrent of words in a foreign tongue. One wagon is made of Rumanian gypsies, and the other of Bulgarians. Their chief possessions seem to be babies and dogs. They are a most unlikely looking lot.

Unless they depart by 3:00 o'clock this afternoon, vagrancy charges will be filed against them. The gypsies came overland from Crescent City, after a tempestuous time in Del Norte county.

RAILROADS CANNOT INCREASE THEIR RATES

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The interstate commission decided today that railroads can not automatically increase their freight rates ten per cent because on June 3 the so-called Cummins amendment to the rate law becomes effective, prohibiting any limitation of the liability of a carrier to a shipper. Railroads had argued that the increased liability automatically raised their rates ten per cent.

LUSITANIA WIDOWER GOES TO FIGHT KAISER

SEATTLE, Wn., May 13.—Daniel Lambie, a coal miner of Roslyn, Wn., whose wife and two children were lost in the Lusitania disaster, departed for New York after purchasing a ticket to England on the Cunard liner Tuscania which will sail from New York May 24. Lambie, who is terribly wrought up over the death of his family, proposes to enlist in the British army and ask to be sent to the front at once. The Lambie mother and children were the only passengers from the state of Washington lost on the Lusitania. Miss Alice Middleton of Seattle was rescued and is in a hospital at Queenstown.

SPECIAL GUARD PLACED OVER GERMAN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, May 13.—A special guard of plain clothes policemen was placed today about the German embassy. Uniformed police have heretofore been there and detectives have been looking after all the embassies generally, but it was not until today that a special guard was provided. Officials said it was merely a precaution.

of female members of his flock was substantially true as printed. He had induced the letter to pay him a certain proportion of their income.—Editor.

STREW WATERS OVER WRECK WITH FLOWERS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Three widows and four children of officers and men who went down with the United States submarine F-4 outside Honolulu, March 25, arrived today on the army transport Sheridan from Honolulu.

As the Sheridan passed over the spot where the F-4 lay on the floor of the sea the women and children strewn flowers on the water.

The widows are Mrs. Alfred Ede, widow of Lieutenant Ede, commander of the submarine; Mrs. Frank Perard, widow of the chief gunner's mate; and Mrs. Archie Lunger, widow of a gunner's mate. Mrs. Ede and Mrs. Lunger each had with them their two children.

Mrs. Ede said her husband never expressed any doubt as to the safety of the F-4 and that he must have been joking in his letter to his brother at Los Angeles in which he predicted disaster to the vessel. She said he shared the feeling of other young naval officers that a submarine detail was a coveted honor.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The stock market halted for the greater part of today's session, uncertainty over international conditions begetting extreme caution.

FRUIT CROP ESTIMATES LIGHT ACCOUNT DROUGHT

Estimates of the 1915 fruit crop—pears and apples—are placed by fruit associations of the valley at between 800 and 1000 cars, more if sufficient rain falls, less if otherwise. The pear output is placed between 500 and 600 cars, and the apples at between 300 and 400. All fruit is in good condition at the present time, but the need of rain is being felt. In many orchards owners are rushing well digging to offset the lack of moisture from above.

The frost danger season for the year officially ended Wednesday with the departure of Special Frost Observer T. F. Drake. The season was marked with two general periods of orchard heating, and three or four times when heating was resorted to in isolated places. It was a light orchard heating year.

PLATT WAS LEADER

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"Mr. Roosevelt," said Mr. Ivins, "testified that you two talked on legislative and other matters. How many times, if ever, did you talk upon such subjects with Mr. Roosevelt?"

GIOLITTI CLAIMS CAME ON SUMMONS

ROME, May 13.—Former Premier Giolitti, regarded as the leader of the party opposed to the intervention of Italy in the war, has had published in the Tribune a letter in which he declares he came to Rome because he was summoned here to express his views. He says his convictions have not changed since he expressed them in a speech before parliament. Dismissing the demonstrations against him, he professes not to understand how persons who claim to be inspired by principles of complete liberty have so little respect for other people's opinions.

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