

HERE'S A CHANCE, ENGLISH DUKE IS AFTER ALE TASTER

Twickenham, Eng.—The official ale taster to the Duke of Northumberland, Frederick Stuckley, of St. Manor, Islesworth, is dead. In the good old days when English ale was real ale, pungent, rich in color and possessing a kick unobtainable from any of the lighter, frothy brews at one time familiar in America, many Englishmen considered the duke's ale taster the most fortunate man in the king's realm.

He had the authority to enter a public house, call for beer, taste it, and condemn it if not of good quality. In recent years, however, he had not taken advantage of his official position.

The office of ale taster extends back to the time when the Saxons ruled in England. The injunction to the official on assuming his duties was as follows:

"You shall swear that you shall well and truly serve the king's majesty and the lord of this fief, in the office of ale taster."

"You shall have diligent care during the time of your being in office to all the brewers and tipplers within your office, that they and every one of them do make good and wholesome ale and beer for man's body, and that the same be sold according to the prices limited and appointed by the king's justices of the peace."

\$275,000 OFFERED FOR R. HORNSBY

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prompted, doubtless, by the St. Louis Nationals' price of \$250,000 for Rogers Hornsby's new contract, President Charles Ebbetts of the Brooklyn Nationals today made the astounding offer of \$275,000 for the St. Louis star. Baseball magnates and reporters collapsed into their chairs at the size of the offer. President Sam Breadon of St. Louis, made no reply.

GERMAN ATTORNEY BARRED 6 MONTHS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—Joseph Woernle, Portland attorney who, in 1914, aided Hans W. Boehm, a German reserve officer living in Portland to return to Germany by giving Boehm a passport issued by the government to Woernle, today was suspended from practice for six months by the Oregon supreme court.

The grievance committee of the Oregon State Bar association had asked that Woernle be disbarred.

WANTS GIANT GUNS FOR COAST DEFENSE

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Replacement of the ordnance of the defenses of Puget Sound—Forta Flieger, Casey and Worden—by equipment that "will outrange the guns of present day English and Japanese ships" was recommended by Brigadier General Henry Todd, chief of coast artillery of the ninth corps area, it was announced today in a message from Port Townsend, Wash. General Todd was to continue an inspection of the forts today and tomorrow.

After his investigation on the sound, General Todd will inspect fortifications on Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay and the Columbia river.

1000 PRESBYTERIANS OPPOSE RATIONALISM

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Copies of a declaration urging Presbyterians throughout the country to stand by the church's confession of faith and denouncing rationalistic teachings in Presbyterian pulpits were being prepared today for mailing to every minister and elder of the denomination in the United States. The declaration was adopted last night at a meeting of more than 1000 ministers and elders of Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

Walton Still at It
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 11.—Efforts to establish proof that he was indicted through a Ku Klux Klan conspiracy were continued today by former Governor J. C. Walton at a preliminary hearing before a special district judge.

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Warns Against Divine Healing

The Mail Tribune prints, by request, the following extract from "Our Hope," a New York Presbyterian publication, regarding Divine Healing:

A certain Dr. Charles S. Price, a disciple and follower of Mrs. McPherson the would-be miracle woman, has evidently started out on his own hook. He stirred up considerable interest in Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., and we understand he is to appear next in Seattle. We hear that even some of the preachers who know, or at least profess to know the truth, fell for his healing delusion in Vancouver. A company of believers wired us from Vancouver asking for an expression from us by return wire. We did so and the Lord used our message to bring back sanity from this unscriptural "Pentecostal" wildfire.

What kind of work this man does

may be learned from the following paragraph, taken from the Vancouver Sun:

"In the belief that the facts surrounding the death of the late Rev. Reginald Edwards of Kelowna, who was one of those pronounced cured by Mr. Charles S. Price during the recent evangelistic and healing meetings at the Vancouver arena, are of public importance, intimate friends of the family have authorized publication of the following statement of the case:

"The statement was given to the Vancouver Sun by D. J. Welsh, principal of Lord Lister school, West Vancouver, at whose home Mrs. Edwards, the widow, is staying. It was confirmed in its essential facts by Dr. J. G. McKay, of the Hollywood sanatorium, where Mr. Edwards died last Wednesday morning. "Mr. Edwards has been for many

years a man who had to take good care of himself," said Mr. Welsh. "He was for some years pastor of Kelowna Baptist church, from which he resigned six years ago. After a year in the United States and a year in New Westminster he accepted a call to Kelowna Baptist church, believing that the Okanagan climate would be good for him. He had had incipient tuberculosis, but the disease was not active, and he was, to all appearances, a strong, healthy man. He had to avoid over-exertion and he had to rest at frequent intervals. Otherwise, he carried on the work of his pastorate until the Price meetings opened in Vancouver.

"He came to Vancouver as a minister deeply interested in this evangelistic campaign to witness and study the conversions and healings reported to be brought about under Mr. Price's ministry. He was profoundly impressed and went before Mr. Price on the arena platform to be healed of the conditions which impaired his general good health.

"He was anointed by Mr. Price and he collapsed on the platform. He told me afterwards that he did not lose consciousness, but he did not know that he had fallen down. It was apparent to his friends who saw him that he came under some powerful psychic influence.

"In a few moments he came around and he stated that he was healed. He was absolutely sincere and was moved to a high pitch of religious fervor by his experience. Under the impulse of this suggestion he attended all of the Price meetings and took an active part. He was most enthusiastic and was quite carried away.

"As a result he overtaxed his strength and a week ago last Tuesday suffered a complete nervous breakdown. He became daily worse and was taken to Dr. McKay's sanatorium, where he died on Wednesday morning.

"Dr. McKay stated that he had no personal experience with Mr. Edwards' previous medical history, but that the statement by Mr. Welsh was entirely consistent with his observation of the case.

"Violent over-excitement and over-strain of the nerves was the cause of his death," said Dr. McKay.

We earnestly caution true Christians to stay away from these men and women with their subtle inventions and perversions of scripture. We warn our readers, especially Christian women, not to expose themselves to the influences of these meetings, in which a dangerous hypnotism prevails. We look for a still greater deception on these lines. Remember victims of Pentecostalism and the healing craze are found today in numerous insane asylums and others who said they were healed, fill untimely graves.

Yet when Price was in Vancouver,

several Presbyterian and Baptist preachers were so completely "hypnotized" by this man that they became Pentecostals and swallowed the whole business.

Circulate Dr. Haldeman's pamphlet on "Healing" and we also call attention to another strong exposure by Dr. W. P. White on "McPhersonism."

Untruths.
The lying which "healers" practice is enough to show the spirit which lurks behind it. They are enthusiastic fanatics, insane on the question of healing and then in their unbalanced condition they say things and do things which are deceptions. The following is taken from the pamphlet by Mr. White on "McPhersonism." As Mr. White is an Oregonian the incident is entirely trustworthy:

"Two pastors of Eugene, Oregon, listened to Dr. Price tell of the great miracle wrought by Mrs. McPherson. Then he said: 'You do not have to go to Los Angeles to see a miracle wrought. There is a man who lives five and a half miles north of this place, who, when he came to the platform for healing at Albany, had a frightful cancer. I prayed over him and he was healed. There is now only a little red spot left where the cancer was, and that is fast disappearing. If you want to see for yourself, go and see.' The two pastors took Price at his word and drove out to the man's home. His wife came to the door, and when she heard of their mission said, 'Yes, Hallelujah! My husband is healed!' The husband came from another room, with a bath towel on his shoulder on which the cancer had been discharging. His face was consumed so that you could not only see his teeth, but also his jaw bone. Using one side of his mouth, he cried, 'Yes, Hallelujah! Price prayed for me and I am healed!' The poor man had been so hypnotized that he believed he was healed when he was dying of cancer!"

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