

FORMER CULTIST REVEALS BURNING OF DEAD WOMAN

Utah 'Home of Truth' Colony Kept Body in Cabin for Months While Leader Attempted to Return Life

SALT LAKE CITY, April 27.—(AP)—The Salt Lake Telegram quoted a former member of Utah's strange "Home of Truth" colony today as saying a desert cremation disposed of the body of a woman member the colonists insist will return to life.

The copyright story was based on an affidavit of weather-beaten little Thomas E. Robertson. It appeared as state officials demanded a death certificate and disposition permit for the body of Mrs. Edith Perahak, who died at the colony north of Monticello, in southeastern Utah.

Frequently since the death, Mrs. Marie M. Ogden, motherly former Newark, N. J., clubwoman and cult leader, has asserted she was in communication with the dead woman, that Mrs. Perahak would one day be restored to physical life.

Body Kept for Months. But, the Telegram said, Mrs. Ogden refused to say whether the body had been cremated or otherwise disposed of when told of the affidavit of Robertson, who said he left the colony some time ago.

Mrs. Perahak died February 11, 1935, according to the affidavit, and was kept in the cabin where she died until August, 1935.

"This is the first time the truth of the situation and disposition of Edith's (Mrs. Perahak) body has been released," the Telegram quoted Robertson. "Only Marie (Mrs. Ogden) and I know the truth."

The Telegram further, quoted the ex-cultist: "For 12 hours after she died, Marie sat holding her hands. Elmer (Mr. Perahak) and Mary Cameron, a trained nurse . . . and a member of the Home of Truth, sat in another room during the 12 hours, expecting Marie to bring life back to Edith."

For months, Robertson continued many means were resorted to in efforts to restore life—all, then asserted, at the command of some unseen power which, he said, Mrs. Ogden claimed directed her.

The Telegram's story continued: Disposal Ordered. In August, Mr. Robertson said he told Mrs. Ogden:

"Gee whiz, Marie, we can't keep this body forever, to which she replied, 'Well, I've got a flash (from the spirit world).'"

Then, the paper quoted Robertson, "we were ordered to dispose of the body. It was my suggestion that we cremate it and Marie received another instruction from the spirit realm to do so. I was given the task to attend to all details."

"The spirits led Marie to a desirable spot, about one-quarter of a mile southwest of Edith's cabin in the bottom of a wash. I then called into play both my practical skill and artistic touch, gathering about two cords of wood. A neat and well-constructed pyre was soon finished which gave color to the last rites."

Some authorities said it might be a week before they received their official report, demanded only Saturday.

PENTECOST AND POWER WEATHERFORD'S TOPIC IN NAZARENE SERMON

Delivering the second message on the theme of Pentecost, Fred M. Weatherford, pastor-evangelist, at the Church of the Nazarene, spoke on "Pentecost and Power," Sunday morning, drawing his text from Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

"We associate Pentecost with power," the pastor said, "for it was on the day of Pentecost that the hundred and twenty in the upper room were baptized with the Holy Ghost and power, when the promise of the text was fulfilled. This experience, is as inevitable today as then."

The student of Pentecost finds a striking contrast between the promise of power and the absence of it in the church today. The lack of the church in its extensive reach is chargeable to decay of faith, due to the absence of this power. The weakness of the church today lies in the poverty of the spiritual life of its people.

There are people in the church today who at one time demonstrated

the glory of spiritual power, who today are dry enough to make one sneeze to look at them. "This gift of power was the last promise of our Lord to the church before His ascension. It was also the first revelation of the Spirit thereafter. By this we must conclude that it is a supernatural power. It is a power which the Father promised to send in His name. 'Behold, I send the promise.' It is a power to be received. He breathed on them and said, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.' It is also a gift power—Acts 2:38—'Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'"

K. F. Couples Wed

RENO, Nev., April 27.—(AP)—Marriage licenses issued during the week end included: Dave White, 22, and Maude Bauer, 19, both of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Earl Kennerly, 22, and Ellen Hugo, both Klamath Falls, Ore.

HAMILTON PLANS POLITICAL TALKS TO REVIVE PARTY

Time Has Come to Look at New Political Picture Decries Republican Chairman—1st Talk Saturday

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(AP)—The decision of Republican Chairman John D. M. Hamilton to break

his silence on political affairs forecast a change today in the party's recent policy of letting Democrats argue national issues among themselves. Hamilton said he would deliver on Saturday night the first of four radio speeches in successive weeks. "I have done a great deal of listening in the last six months," he said. "All over the country I find the old lines of political allegiance shifting and new lines forming."

Time to Revalue. "Political developments since the election have been rapid and important. It seems to me the time has come to look at the new political picture, to re-examine the old, and to discuss the position and attitude of the Republican party in the changed set-up."

Hamilton was one of the Republican leaders who counseled against

any efforts to make the president's court proposal a partisan issue. Consequently, the 16 Republican senators and 88 Republican representatives have made only occasional criticisms of the measure, although nearly all have indicated they would vote against it. Some party workers predicted Hamilton's speeches might result in more vigorous opposition to the bill.

Republican legislators have been more outspoken on President Roosevelt's economy appeal than on almost any other subject this session. They endorsed his demand last week for a reduction of government expenses, and some—notably Representative Tabor (R-N.Y.)—urged a flat 10 percent cut in departmental appropriations. Senator Byrnes (D-S.C.) is the author of a similar proposal.

Republican headquarters here, re-

duced to a skeleton staff after the November election, were augmented recently by the employment of William R. Castle and William Hard as special assistants to Hamilton. Castle, under-secretary of state in the Hoover administration, was designated as a "contact man" between headquarters and the Republican legislators. Hard was selected as publicity adviser.

They and others have been conferring with Hamilton on raising funds and laying the groundwork for the 1938 state and congressional elections. Hamilton, calling for a re-birth of party effort in an address last month at Bridgeport, Conn., said: "The breakdown of the Republican party didn't happen in 1936, but it began 25 years ago. It has sat and watched the parade go by."

The Mail Tribune want ads

SENTENCE BAKER TRIO FOR PARTICIPATION IN JAIL BREAK, ABDUCTION

BAKER, April 26.—(AP)—Clifford R. Tiffany, his wife, Beale, and George M. Coffin, charged with various felonies, changed their pleas from not guilty to guilty in circuit court this morning and were sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge C. H. McCulloch.

Tiffany was sentenced to 20 years on a charge of assault and robbery, being armed with a dangerous weapon. The case developed from the

abduction of John O'Gorman, Baker taxi driver, after Tiffany and the other two prisoners escaped from the Baker county jail. Coffin drew a five-year sentence on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. The charge grew out of the burglary of the sheriff's office in the court house after the trio descended to the main floor of the building from the jail. Mrs. Tiffany was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary on a charge of larceny by bailer, the count on which she was arrested along with her husband before the jail break.

Factory employment in the United States during the last year was 40 per cent higher than in 1932 and weekly factory payrolls were 80 per cent greater, according to the United States department of labor. The Mail Tribune want ads

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