

HAND OF FLAME FALLS FROM SKY AFTER DEATH OF JERSEY FARM LAD

Parents and Brother See It Drop Near Spot Where Boy Had Worked at Bakersville

LOOKS LIKE HUMAN BONES



'HAND OF FLAME' The photograph shows the hand, which came forth from the heavens in a great light and fell on the farm of Henry Prantl, Linwood, N. J., nine miles from Atlantic City, a short time after the death of Prantl's son Rudolph. It is presumably a bit of a meteor, but its resemblance to a human hand burned off at the wrist baffles the neighborhood.

By a Staff Correspondent LINWOOD, N. J., May 19.—A "hand" of flame, which came forth from the sky with a great white light, at 10 o'clock at night, a short time after the death of the favorite son of the family, and fell with a spot where Rudolph, the dead son, had worked many hours during his life. The spot was not 100 feet from the room in which he died.

The "hand" appeared in the sky. The father of the dead boy, the brother and mother, all saw it, and heard the noise which accompanied it. They saw it fall on a spot where Rudolph, the dead son, had worked many hours during his life. The spot was not 100 feet from the room in which he died.

When the "thing" cooled he took it into the house. Although the family is not rich, the mother has refused an offer of \$1000 from "two men from Philadelphia," who she says, came to her house in an automobile and tried to purchase the "hand," saying something about a meteorite or a falling star.

Mrs. Prantl says she does not know the name of the meteor and does not care, adding, "This hand" had a peculiar meaning to me. I will not part with it for all the money in the world, and she says that she had her whole body, she told of her boy—her Rudolph who "had died before his time."

"I know it never was intended he should die yet," said the mother between sobs. "He had never been sick a day in his life before. He was that strong. He was a big, healthy boy. He was 18 years, 4 months and 24 days old. They say he had pneumonia. But I say he died from too much morphine. The nurse gave him too much."

Because Mrs. Prantl is prone to believe in things supernatural she unhesitatingly says, "There's some who says Rudolph has not reached the other side yet. They do say as this hand may be a message from him. That is why I will not sell it for any money."

Then she took the gruesome "thing" in her hands and looked it over lovingly. She told how she went to the grave of her boy every day and prayed him for what he had been in his life.

The "hand" itself, scientists believe, must be a bit of meteor hurled from space to the Prantl farm. The material of which it is composed is unlike other meteoritic compositions seen in this part of the world. It is light in weight, has no smell, and resembled the right hand of a human being grasping something in anguish. The thumb and little finger are unusually long. Nails show on some of the fingers. The first finger, middle finger and ring finger are drawn close together, as though in pain. The curve is slightly inward. The wrist is abnormally small. It is burnt off and shows blackened charred edges, which might, with a stretch of the imagination, be called charred bones.

The Prantls plan to have a glass case made and put the "hand" in it. There have been thousands of persons at the little farm to "see that strange thing." The mother and daughter, Clara, say they cannot get their work done because they have to spend so much time showing the "hand" and telling just how it fell.

The daughter Clara is running a harrow through the fields these days. She is trying to take the place of Rudolph on the farm. She blushed she thought perhaps the "hand" meant he wanted to help those left behind.

The grave of the lad is in the little Methodist churchyard on Zion road. At present it is marked with bricks and bottles containing flowers.

"We are going to have a monument," she said with pride, "just as soon as we can."

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HUGHES' STAND IN 1908 HIS PLATFORM TODAY, HIS FRIENDS DECLARE

Supreme Justice Regards Address Before Republican Club Eight Years Ago as Sufficient Declaration

FOR ADEQUATE DEFENSE

Evening Ledger Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, May 19.—Justice Hughes, the silent man of the Republican party, believes in maintenance of the national honor, in the creation of an army and navy sufficiently large and effective to uphold and defend the nation, in a tariff commission, in preparedness, and in the principles to which the Republican party is committed.

Following a rule he had established, the Justice today declined to enter into discussion of his views upon the vital questions of the day, which have been so often known through one of his friends that his speech, delivered in 1908 before the Republican Club of New York, summarizes his position today, modified only by such changes as subsequent developments in the world's history would naturally entail.

In other words, it was explained on behalf of Justice Hughes, that he is for preparedness in the shape of a bigger navy and a more effective army. The purpose of preparedness he summarized and approved in the following words:

"We are devoted to the interests of peace and we cherish no policy of aggression. The maintenance of our ideals is our surest protection. It is our constant duty to live in friendship with all nations and to realize the aims of a free government secure from the interruptions of strife and the wastes of war."

"It is entirely consistent with these aims, and it is our duty to make adequate provision for our defense and to maintain the efficiency of our army and navy. And this is my favor."

Justice Hughes, it is declared, stands on this "platform." He regards it as unbecoming, if it is at all necessary, to go into repetition at this time. He views reiteration as superfluous, and all who may desire to know where he stands are referred by his friends to the Republican Club speech of January 31, 1908, an interesting, despite the eventful gap of the intervening years, in substantial form the position held by the Justice today.

It is held that no new declaration is needed, as he has not receded from the views therein enunciated in clear and emphatic form. In his mind Justice Hughes has spoken. New developments have arisen, but they have not affected the purview set forth in his already public utterance, and he who cares to find the components of the "Hughes platform" may find it in the various paragraphs of that speech, which, to his admirers, bristles with a prevision and grasp of subjects then but lightly considered, but now of great moment.

The EVENING LEDGER, through one of his friends today, was authorized to say that Justice Hughes' views have not changed on any of the vital subjects discussed in the 1908 speech other than as such views might be modified by developments in the world since that time. In other words, if anything Justice Hughes is for a bigger navy and a more effective army.

FRENCH AIR HERO WINS NEW LAURELS IN FIGHT

20-Year-Old Superhawk Defeats German Flyer in Thrilling Battle PARIS, May 19.—Adjutant Jean Navarre, 20-year-old hero of the French aviation corps, has won further honors. It was officially announced today that the young birdman had been victorious in his 11th combat with fliers of the German army. In a thrilling contest, high in the air, in the Argonne region, Navarre defeated a German aviator, thus gaining a lap on his French rival, Lieutenant Georges Guynemer.

The friendly contest between these two aviators has thrilled France for several months. Guynemer, who also is only 20 years old, was enrolled in the aviation corps after he had failed four times to pass the physical examination given by army surgeons. Navarre was originally enlisted in the infantry, but sought and secured a transfer to the flying forces.

Mexican Raiders to Be Hanged Today AUSTIN, Tex., May 19.—Two Mexicans, Joe Chapa and Malguadas Burrostro, will be hanged at Brownsville today for complicity in bandit raids last summer. It was announced officially today that Governor James E. Ferguson would not interfere to prevent the carrying out of the sentences.

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STABBED TO DEATH IN FIGHT AT ERIE

C. H. Stanton, Pennsgrove Man, Killed in Quarell—Slayer Still at Large

ERIE, Pa., May 19.—C. H. Stanton, 40 years old, of Pennsgrove, stabbed in the stomach by an assailant believed to be F. S. Rice, died at Hamot Hospital shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, 30 minutes after the wound had been inflicted.

The stabbing occurred near the Union Depot, in what is known as a bad section of the town. There were but two witnesses to the affair, but from what the police can learn, Rice struck his victim in revenge, as a roommate of the dead man had previously inflicted a beating on Rice.

C. E. Thickett, one of those who saw the affair, attempted to part the men. As Rice ran away in the darkness, Stanton became limp in Thickett's arms and fell to the sidewalk unconscious. He was hurried to the hospital, but did not regain consciousness. Stanton with his roommate, Jack Smith, came here looking for work in a munition plant. They formerly worked with the du Pont Powder Company in Pennsgrove. Rice has not been apprehended.

SERVICES FOR MISS TOWER TO BE CONDUCTED TODAY

Victim of Motor Car Accident Will Be Buried at Waterville, N. Y.

The funeral of Miss Gertrude Tower, youngest daughter of Charlemagne Tower, former Ambassador to Germany, will take place today at 2 o'clock. Services will be held at the Tower home, 1315 Locust street. Interment will take place at Waterville, N. Y.

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"Bunch of Political Labor Skates Trying to Start Trouble to Further Own Interests," Says C. O. Pratt

DEMANDS NOT APPROVED

Efforts of international officers of the Street Car Employees' Union to foment a trolley strike in Philadelphia were repudiated last night at two mass-meetings, attended by more than 1500 carmen. The demands formulated by one group of the carmen at a mass-meeting on Wednesday were not approved last night, and the carmen unanimously adopted resolutions denying the authority of the international officials over them until all members of the local union—Division 477—who were suspended five years ago, when they stood behind C. O. Pratt in his fight with the international executive board, are fully restored to membership in the local.

The group which formulated the demands for 40 cents an hour and the abolition of the "swing runs" are members of the Amalgamated Association; while the group which repudiated their demands last night was led by the suspended members. One mass-meeting last night began at 8:30 and the second at 1:30 this morning. Both were in Mercantile Hall.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company was not defended at the meeting, although C. O. Pratt assailed the men responsible for the present agitation among the carmen as "a bunch of political labor skates who are trying to start trouble now to further their own interests." Pratt also charged that W. D. Mahon, president of the Street Car Workers' Union, had favored the co-operative agreement with the Transit Company which he is now trying to have the men break.

A dramatic incident of the meeting was the interruption of Conductor Feitz, of the Woodland avenue barn, who got on the floor to announce that he made the motion for the 40-cent-an-hour demand at the meeting the night before under a misapprehension.

"When I made that motion it was because I was laboring under the delusion that officers of the amalgamated association were to be here tonight for the purpose of bringing about a reunion of the Philadelphia carmen," said Feitz. "I see none of them here, so I want to make my position clear that I favor no demands so long as all suspended members have not been reinstated by the amalgamated association."

Union Pacific Head Quits

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NEW YORK PREPARES FOR "BILLY" SUNDAY

Word Sent to Evangelist to Choose Site for Campaign Next Year

NEW YORK, May 19.—More than 500 prominent men, including a number of ministers, attended a dinner in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Savoy last night and heard of the campaigns of "Billy" Sunday, who has been engaged to speak in this city. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., George W. Perkins, August Belmont and John Markle were among those who listened attentively to words of eulogy regarding Sunday's work in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Scranton, Syracuse and Trenton.

The dates for the Sunday campaign were recently agreed upon and the evangelist will speak in a great tabernacle in January, February and March of next year. This tabernacle will be constructed with special reference to its acoustic properties and will hold at least 20,000 persons.

1500 Miners Return to Work

SHEENANDOAH, Pa., May 19.—Officials of the United Mine Workers of America and the Locust Mountain Coal Company came to an agreement last night, whereby the 1500 employees of the colliery voted to return to work this morning after a strike of two weeks.



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BEDFORD COUNTY JUDGE DIES John W. Huff Succumbs as Two Sons Win in Election BEDFORD, Pa., May 19.—John W. Huff, Associate Judge of Bedford County, died last night at 8:30, at the age of 59. Surviving are his widow and 10 children, two of whom were elected temperance representatives of Bedford County by large majorities. He had been seated on the bench but few weeks of his second term when illness from cancer seized him. The funeral will be Sunday.

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