

SPIRITUALIST SEANCES IN PARKLAND'S COLONY FRIGHTEN RESIDENTS

Two Hundred of Faith Gather to Hear Ghosts Play Auto-harp in Dim-lit House

WORD FROM MCKINLEY

Wild rappings, alleged conversations with the shades of long-departed statesmen and awesome music on an auto-harp, played, apparently, by invisible fingers, are said to be some of the incidents which are daily stirring residents of a little Spiritualist colony at Parkland, Pa.

Some of the residents of Parkland have become so unimpaired by the "trance" of the last few days that they were talking of moving to less spooky surroundings. Folks of Parkland who don't take any stock in spirits, ghosts and the like, received a shock when they attended a "circle" at the home of Henry Thomsen, spiritualist medium, and heard the old refrain, "Home Sweet Home," played on an auto-harp. There was no sign, they say, of the instrument being in contact with any human agency, and yet the wires vibrated as if played by invisible hands. The room was flooded with the old song which has stirred tender memories in many a homesick breast.

MCKINLEY BRINGS NEWS

Another uneasy thrill ran through Parkland when it was reported that the shade of President McKinley had dropped in on the "circle" at Mr. Thomsen's home. It was announced that the United States was going to be plunged into a great war within a year.

But perhaps nonspiritualists of Parkland suffered the worst shock of all to their superstitious fears when it was announced that Thomsen never employed a medical practitioner of the earthly kind, but summoned an Indian medicine man, dead 300 years, from the spirit world to administer to backache and rheumatic twinges. The acutely superstitious were about ready to pack their goods and go when they heard this. It made them feel creepy to think of an Indian who has been dead and buried 300 years strolling around Parkland.

The Spiritualists' colony is conducted by the Spiritualists' Home and Camp-Meeting Association, of which Frank Luce, 1724 Columbia avenue, this city, is president. In the summer, 200 or more Spiritualists assemble at Parkland and hold camp-meetings.

The members of the colony gather at Thomsen's home Friday nights to receive messages from "spirit friends." Sometimes residents who are not Spiritualists participate in the "circles."

"There are mysterious thrills aplenty," Parkland folks say, when Mrs. Martha Rhaneck goes into a trance. She is known among the Spiritualists of Parkland as a "trumpet medium." After Mrs. Rhaneck has passed into a state of trance and the lights are turned dim, a trumpet, made of pasteboard, is seen to float mysteriously from one person to another. A spirit from the "other side" is supposed to take possession of Mrs. Rhaneck's body and speak through the floating trumpet. In describing the appearance of the spirit of President McKinley, Mrs. Rhaneck said:

"Of course, I knew nothing of what was going on. I was in the trance state and my spirit had flown, and the spirit of McKinley had taken temporary residence in my body. After I came out of my trance a Wilmington Spiritualist told me that McKinley had predicted that this country would be involved in war within one year."

THE TITANIC DISASTER

Two hours before the Titanic went down I pictured this great marine disaster while in trance. I described the scenes which occurred when the great steamship struck the iceberg in the northern sea.

Mrs. Thomas Beck, a member of the Union Church at Parkland, is not a Spiritualist and says she does not believe in any of the things which are being reported. "But I have seen things," she said, "that were very queer. I attended a circle the other night and after the lights were turned low heard music from an auto-harp which lay on the table in Mr. Thomsen's parlor."

"After listening for a while, I said: 'If this thing can be done in the dark it can be done in the light.' I turned up the lights. Mr. Thomsen turned on the lights, and was astonished when the harp kept on playing. I could see the strings vibrate in the making of the tune, but no lights were visible or any other means by which the harp could be played by human agency. It was a decided shock to me, and made me quite nervous."

Thomsen says that the spirit of his daughter Emily, who died in 1902, is a regular visitor at the Friday night "circles." "When I call my spirit friends," Thomsen, "she always comes. The indistinct lines of her spiritual form are always visible to me. She floats through the wall of the house as easily as if no wall existed. She looks very happy and always the first thing she says when she arrives is Papa, I am here, dear."

SOLDIERS AMONG SPIRITS

"Lately Emily has been speaking much about the war and its effect on the spirit world." "It is hard on the spirit world," she said to me last Friday evening, "the way the spirits of soldiers are coming into spiritland. We are not prepared to receive them."

Here Mrs. Thomsen broke into her husband's narrative. "But Emily," she said, "has very little to do with the spirits of war. When she was on earth she loved children dearly, and since she has been in the spirit world she has made the spirits of little children her special care. She has classes of these children, and my little grandson, who died some time ago, is a member of one of these classes. I often ask her about my little grandson and she always tells me that he is very happy. He romps about with other child spirits, she says, and has a good time, as he did while on earth. Emily has mothered many a little child who never knew a mother's care on earth."

"I was a freethinker," he said, "and I used to scoff at Emily when she attended these spiritualist camp-meetings. But she kept going just the same, and after she died I felt a longing to have her with me again. Then I called to her, and she came forth from the spirit world to comfort us in our old age."

"Often I say to Emily, 'What is the spirit world like? Do you have houses there? Do you have food? Don't you ever want to come back?'"

"Emily would reply: 'Father, dear, it is hard to explain the spirit world; only I can say that I have no desire to return to earth. We have spiritual houses, of course, and our food is of the spiritual kind. I shall be so happy when you and mother can be with me.'"

"A little while ago a young man who kept company with Emily before she entered the spirit world attended one of our Friday evening circles. This young man was startled when he heard the voice of Emily say: 'Fred, you did not keep your promise and give me a rose that last time we were together. But you did plant two rose bushes on my grave in Forest Hill, and today, as I passed over the cemetery, I saw that two roses had bloomed. I will take one of them.' The next day I visited the cemetery, and I saw that indeed, there were two bright red roses in bloom."

\$1,000,000 CORPORATION TO CONDUCT COLONY OF ZIONISTS IN PALESTINE

Resolution Unanimously Adopted at the Closing Session of Federation's Convention

PLEA FOR WAR VICTIMS

A plan to form a \$1,000,000 corporation to colonize Palestine after the war is over and thus make the place a haven for Jews of the entire world was recommended in a resolution unanimously adopted this afternoon at the closing session of the 19th annual convention of the Federation of American Zionists at the Hotel Walton.

Today's action caused considerable enthusiasm among those attending the convention, in view of the fact that it follows quickly the announcement yesterday of the proposed establishment of a Jewish colony in Palestine, to be financed by Mrs. Joseph Feis, who is devoting her life to furthering the cause of single tax. It is understood that she is willing to contribute \$1,000,000 to this cause.

The stock of the proposed corporation, advocated in the resolution, is to be subscribed by the Jews of the United States. The resolution was adopted on recommendation of the Provisional Committee, which devised the plan on Sunday.

A plan to co-ordinate all Hebrew activities was provided for in a resolution which recommended the appointment of a committee of three active workers in the Hebrew movement for this purpose. This resolution was introduced by Rabbi Mayer Waxman, of Brooklyn.

Fully 5000 persons in Palestine are facing starvation since the war, according to Dr. Levin Epstein, of New York, who in a forceful plea asked the convention to increase its subscription for the war relief in Palestine from \$30,000 to \$50,000. He said that much was needed annually, and there were 1000 families in want.

The Jews there, he said, are helped by getting the opportunity to help themselves. They are given employment, and if the money received is insufficient for their needs loans are made to be paid after the war.

PROTHONOTARY'S ALLEGED DEFEALCATION \$5872.08

Montgomery County Controller Reports Delinquencies in Drake's Accounts

NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 5.—County Controller Heebner today reported to the Court that the alleged defealcation of Sylvester B. Drake, as prothonotary of Montgomery County from January, 1914, to January, 1916, was \$5872.08. The amounts which Drake owes to the county are as follows:

- In divorce suits, \$706.75.
- In equity suits, \$352.63.
- In continuance docket, \$1884.72.
- In miscellaneous cases, \$630.25.
- Payments by Sheriff, \$2258.72.

As to the divorce suits, it is noted that, in addition to the amount given, collections in two cases are not shown on the docket, and the investigators have not discovered the amount in default.

Drake, on May 11, resigned as prothonotary at the request of the Controller when the alleged defealcation was discovered.

NINE ARRESTED IN DEATH OF GIRL FOUND IN AUTO

Cop. Who Investigated, Found Victim Was His Sister-in-law

SALEM, Mass., July 5.—Six men and three women were arrested today in connection with the death of Miss Margaret Ward, whose body was found in an automobile. The men were in the automobile. One of the men arrested was Charles R. Connel, former Representative from Essex. The girl is said to have died from the effects of an alleged illegal operation.

The car with the six men and dead girl was first noticed by Police Sergeant Charles Duffy. The car was being driven back and forth along the street. When the sergeant came out to investigate he made the discovery that the girl propped up in the floor of the tonneau not only was dead, but also that she was his wife's young sister.

SKYROCKETING OF MEAT PRICES WILL CONTINUE

Demand Exceeds Supply, United States Department of Agriculture Declares

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Meat prices in the United States will continue climbing, temporarily at least, the United States Department of Agriculture declared today. An exhaustive world study of meat conditions has resulted in a report by department experts that the meat supply everywhere is not keeping up with the demand.

The United States, the report shows, has become an important country for all meats except pork—that is, although other meats are exported, they are imported in greater quantities.

"The failure of meat production to keep pace with the growth of population, combined with the increased cost of production and diminishing purchasing power of the money unit, has contributed to high meat prices all over the world," says the report.

Lieut. Goodier, Injured Aviator, Retired

WASHINGTON, July 5.—First Lieutenant Louis E. Goodier, coast artillery corps, was today put on the retired list with the rank of captain, as a result of injuries received while he was an army student aviator. The accident gave rise to a situation, which resulted in court-martial of Goodier's father, the Judge Advocate General of the Western Department.

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AMERICAN WOMEN AID JEWISH SISTERS ABROAD

Society Known as Hadassah Does Much for Poor in Palestine

The Hadassah, the society of Jewish women in the United States organized to support health work in Palestine, has one representative from Philadelphia here to tell of the work there.

To Miss Eva Leon, a visitor in Palestine seven years ago, came the idea of adapting the system of district nurses to the needs of Palestine. The Jewish women of the United States united to make this plan possible. The Hadassah up to the day held itself responsible for the support of the district nurses, the hospital work and the settlement opened in Jerusalem for the benefit of the Jews who have returned to Palestine.

"The need of the Jews in Jerusalem for medical care was appalling in the earlier days," said Miss Leon. "There were four hospitals, but together they contained only 120 beds. The immediate need was to care for mothers."

Since 1913, nurses supported by the Hadassah of America have taken care of the entire district of Jerusalem. One settlement overlooks the physical care of 6000 children daily, but an eye clinic managed by the Hadassah nurses is beginning to take effective measures to control the disease.

The next move of the Hadassah will be to establish a hospital in Jerusalem. Twenty-five thousand dollars has already been guaranteed for that purpose and when possible the Hadassah will take over the management and control of the first Jewish Hospital.

Two Prisoners Escape Pottsville Jail

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 5.—Two prisoners escaped the County Jail during the excitement attending the celebration of Independence Day, by making ropes of their bed sheets with which they succeeded in scaling the walls. They are Welsh, of Girardville, and Daley, of Ashland.



MISS MARY ANTIN

British Advance in East Africa

LONDON, July 5.—British troops in German East Africa on June 24 drove the Germans from Koinon-Irangi, and west of Lake Victoria occupied Bukoba and now hold the Karagwa district, according to an official statement issued yesterday.

74th New York Infantry Leaves

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 5.—The 74th Infantry, 1210 strong, Colonel N. M. Thurston commanding, entrained here today for the Mexican border. General William Wilson, commanding the 4th Brigade, with his staff, accompanied the regiment. The 74th will go direct to Mission, Tex.



MISS SADIE GORCHOV

"Do you know what Hadassah means?" asked Miss Leon. "Hadassah is the Persian of Esther; our standard—the Healing of the Daughters of My People."

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS CAN'T GET Foothold HERE, KRUSEN ASSERTS

Director of Health Asks All Physicians in City to Keep Sharp Lookout for Cases

ALARMING IN NEW YORK

Physicians in this city are maintaining a sharp lookout for infantile paralysis, which caused the death of 25 children in New York in the last 24 hours. Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of Health and Charities, has enlisted the services of all physicians in the city in an effort to keep the disease out of Philadelphia, instructing them to notify his department at once should a case be discovered.

Not a case of infantile paralysis has been found here thus far and Doctor Krusen said he believed it would be impossible for the disease to get a foothold here if the physicians of the city are quick to detect its early symptoms and co-operate with the health authorities to prevent its spread.

In New York 461 cases and 105 deaths have been reported. Physicians there believe that the city is facing a worse epidemic than in 1907, when there were 2500 cases of the disease and 190 deaths.

Doctor Krusen believes it will be possible to keep infantile paralysis out of Philadelphia without resorting to drastic measures, mainly by the co-operation of the medical men. Alarm is felt in all big cities of the East, and even as far west as Chicago an order has been issued to watch all trains from New York that mothers and children may be placed under surveillance.

In New York the health authorities revoked 18 permits for Independence Day celebrations and orders, taking effect today, have been issued closing the moving picture theatres to all children under 16 years old.

"So soon as you come in contact with an illness among young children that you suspect of being infantile paralysis," Doctor Krusen tells the Philadelphia physicians, "notify the Department of Health immediately and take isolation precautions until expert diagnosticians have clearly established what afflicts the patient."

FIELD SECRETARY NAMED

The Rev. Charles Steisle Elected by Churches of Christ

NEW YORK, July 5.—The Rev. Charles Steisle has been elected by the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America as field secretary for special service.

Mr. Steisle organized the department of church and labor of the Presbyterian Church and was its superintendent for 10 years during which time Labor Sunday was established. Although chiefly known in the field of social service, Mr. Steisle has also been a successful pastor and a leader in evangelistic campaigns, especially in non-day shop meetings.

Mr. Steisle began his new duties on July 1, and his office will be with the Federal Council in the United Charities Building, New York.

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