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Japanese Christians Conduct Great Evangelistic Campaign

Aided by Americans, Native Churches Covering Country by New Methods; Business Woman Favorite Speaker

(By the Religious Rambler)

EVERYBODY who keeps at all in touch with things religious knows that the past winter was one of extraordinary evangelistic activity, all over America, and that this interest in revivals continues; but few on this side of the Pacific are aware that Japanese Christians have rounded out a year of special nationwide, interdenominational evangelistic campaigning, with many of the methods used by "Billy" Sunday.

In the report that has come to this country, by way of the invaluable handbook, "The Christian Movement in the Japanese Empire," it is stated that, including the union evangelistic work done in connection with the Tokyo Exhibition, about ten thousand "Inquirers" were enrolled and something like three hundred thousand persons heard the gospel messages. Nearly two thousand meetings were held.

Most notable is the fact that this campaign was managed largely by the Japanese Christians themselves, the foreign missionaries co-operating. Most of the speaking was done by Japanese pastors, though many laymen also were heard. Perhaps the most popular speaker of the entire campaign was Madam Hiraoka, of Osaka, the head of the family of Mitsui, the leading bankers and merchants of all Japan. Mrs. Hiraoka is a recent convert to Christianity, and a woman of great force. That she, or any other Japanese woman should be heard on the public platform, is a fact of real significance.

An Echo of Edinburg Like a diversity of other aggressive Christian work in the past five years, the United Evangelistic Campaign in Japan roots back in the Edinburg Missionary Conference of 1910. The Conference's Continuation Committee for Japan met in Tokyo, in 1913, with John R. Mott, of New York, and planned this religious advance on a nationwide scale.

The scheme represented more than enhanced missionary activity—though the 1128 foreign missionaries in Japan are a powerful force in the life of the 985 organized Christian churches, and of the 114,644 Protestant Church members. The basic idea was to set the native church afire with evangelistic zeal. Thus plans were made to insure the interest of all the Christians and the leadership of an unprecedented number.

The time proved opportune. Japan had been shocked by the scandals in the navy and in the imperial household department, and in the famous Buddhist Hongwanji Temple where the Lord High Abbot was forced to resign. The American crisis was unsettling people's minds. The Government in power had been overthrown. Taxes were cruelly high. Many statesmen were pointing out the need of a vital religious corrective for

the moral conditions among the educated young Japanese, of both sexes. A new social ferment was abroad in the nation, as represented by agitation for the reform of conditions of marriage and divorce, and for the betterment of the lot of the women and children in the factories. When the great war broke, instead of hindering the evangelistic movement by the example of the Christian nations of Europe, as some persons feared, it reacted favorably upon popular interest in the meetings.

So all the conditions made for success. Wherever the teams of speakers went, they were welcomed by the officials and entertained at banquets. The co-operation of public men was remarkable.

Using the Japanese Press Quite in "Billy" Sunday fashion, the meetings were elaborately organized, by eastern and western districts of Japan, with meetings in 57 cities and 14 provinces, of the eastern district, for instance. Preparatory organizations were effected and every local campaign included advance meetings, prayer groups, union services, meetings for men, for women, for students, for businessmen, for teachers, etc. Many banks and business places invited the local committee to hold meetings in their establishments. When it is recalled that Japan is a "heathen" country the significance of this is apparent.

In addition to the friendly interest of the newspapers, there was widely employed a method of paid publicity which has been longer in vogue in Japan than in America. For ten years past some missionaries under the leadership of a Dutch Reformed Missionary, Dr. Pieters have been buying space in daily newspapers to set forth the claims of Christianity, and asking interested persons to send in questions. The result has been a really national correspondence course in Christianity. This method was used with augmented force during the national campaign.

How Japan Responded The figures already given for the first year of the campaign do not tell the whole story. A large proportion of those who attended the meetings were educated Japanese, and of the upper classes, of the sort whom it has been difficult hitherto to reach. A really sympathetic interest in the movement was general.

Nothing less than a new accession of life and self-consciousness came to the native churches. They learned that they could do big things. The scope was given right of way in their thinking and working. The expectation is that the second year of this modern evangelism—for it is to be repeated—will be even more fruitful than the first. The first international interest in this, because it is conceded that only the spirit of religion can solve the Japanese-American question.

READING POLICEMEN ACCUSED OF GRAFT

Two Detectives Charged With Having Solicited Money From Resorts

Reading, Pa., Aug. 6.—Rumors of graft in the local Police Department that have been current for some days reached a climax in the arrest of City Police Detectives Edward T. Hallissey and Peter S. McGovern on warrants issued by Magistrate Kreider, charging them with receiving a bribe and with extortion as city policemen.

The informant in the case is Anthony J. Penn, a one-time acrobat and well-known young man about town. The warrants were served by Detective German, and the accused entered bail in the sum of \$500 each for a hearing.

Some startling revelations of doings in local police circles are promised by the arrests. They caused quite as much of a sensation as did the arrests of the four City Councilmen and City Clerk more than a year ago on charges of accepting graft in the purchase of automobile fire apparatus.

Detectives Hallissey and McGovern, the former of whom was once a member of the State Constabulary, are the only plainclothes men on Mayor Stratton's police force. Both were appointed by him at the beginning of his four-year term, which will expire in December. The specific charges against the two officers are that they solicited the sum of \$50 from the keepers of

certain disorderly houses, in return for which they were to guarantee police protection. All raids on places of this character were usually made by the two officers.

It is said that several private citizens are back of the prosecutions and that at least half a dozen affidavits have been secured from persons who say they have paid tribute for police protection. These affidavits, it is said, are now in possession of the Magistrate.

Friends of the accused detectives say the officers are being made the victims of a feud between two factions that have sprung up in the local Republican party and that their heads are sought by the faction which is opposed to Mayor Stratton and his administration at City Hall.

Strap Hanging in Cars Harmful, Says Osteopath

Portland, Ore., Aug. 6.—High steps on the street cars and strap hanging are wrecking the anatomy of the American people, according to Dr. H. H. Fryette, of the faculty of the Chicago College of Osteopathy, at today's session of the International Osteopathic convention. Certain parts of the human frame, he said, are displaced by the particular twist and strain produced in the attempt to mount street cars which have too high steps.

Strap hanging, particularly by women, was denounced by Dr. Fryette as undue strain on even more vital parts of the body.

The cure of catarrhal deafness, which has resisted the old-school methods, is now successfully performed by the new osteopathic method of finger surgery in the throat, according to Dr. James D. Edwards, of St. Louis, who demonstrated his technique.

Hay fever can often be cured by osteopathic adjustment by means of the finger in the throat, according to Dr.

H. W. Goehring, of Pittsburgh, who reported a large number of cases which had responded to this new treatment.

Man Who Threatened Wilson is Arrested

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 6.—Charged with threatening the life of President Wilson and also with threatening to kill ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, F. H. Juergens, 26 years old, is held in default of \$2,000 bail. The charges were preferred by J. L. Camp, United States attorney.

Juergens was arrested after the alleged letter to President Wilson had been mailed at Austin and intercepted by post office inspectors, according to the district attorney's office. It was written, they said, on the stationery of a well-known business man of Austin and signed with his name, but he was not believed to be connected with the affair.

Typos Going to District Convention at Shamokin

Local members of the International Typographical Union will be represented at the semiannual district convention at Shamokin Sunday by Harry A. Fry, Frank C. Hoffman and Richard Gray. Other typos who will make the trip are Elmer J. Ewing, Martin Fry and Linwood B. Wanbaugh, secretary of the conference.

Representatives of all the unions in Eastern Pennsylvania will attend. The convention sessions will be held in the Family Theater in the morning. A reception will be accorded the visiting delegates by the Shamokin printers Saturday night at the Hotel Windsor. In the afternoon the delegates will be taken to Edgewood Park, where a banquet will be held.

Virginia Will Soon Lose Its Mint Juleps

Special to The Telegraph Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 6.—The victory of the "drys" in Virginia in the Democratic primary of last Tuesday marks an invasion of the Prohibitionists into an entirely new territory. This territory is sentimental rather than geographical in its nature, in that the enactment of the legislation which will theoretically, if not practically, mark the passage in the Old Dominion of the mint julep, which has from antebellum days been closely associated with the picturesque characteristics attributed to the cavaliers of the old South.

From time immemorial the picture of the "Southern gentleman," with his mansion and broad acres in Virginia and the old negro serving mint juleps, has been dear to the hearts of the novelist and devotees of "local color."

Reports from Virginia, which are not complete, indicate that the victory of the "drys" has been sufficient to guarantee an overwhelming majority in both branches of the Virginia Assembly. It is true that the vote was only in a primary, but a Democratic primary nomination in Virginia is tantamount to election.

Pennsylvania Steel Co. to Build Bridge at Milton

Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 6.—Preliminary work for the construction of a \$300,000 steel bridge across the Susquehanna river at Milton for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, is progressing rapidly, and will within a few days be ready to start on the substructure. The Pennsylvania Steel Company has been given the contract for the steel work.

Don't Wash Your Hair With Soap

When you wash your hair, don't use soap. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulsified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and beats soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in; about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.—Advertisement.

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