

# SHIP WRECKED IN SOUTH PACIFIC

### Delirious After Days in Open Boat Shipwrecked Woman Kills Four Children

## MOTHER ENDS OWN LIFE AT SEA

#### Five Survivors of Bark Errol Tell Incoherent Tales of Fearful Suffering—Family Sees Captain Perish—Crew Drifts for Two Weeks.

Victoria, B. C.—Two weeks at sea in an open boat without food or drink, five of the crew of the Norwegian bark Errol, which was wrecked on Middleton reef in the South Pacific on June 8, were rescued by the steamer Tafu and landed at Sydney, Australia, according to despatches received by the Makura, of the Canadian-Australian line.

There would have been ten survivors, but Mrs. Anderson, wife of the captain of the bark, thought she overheard her famishing companions bargaining among themselves as to which one of the children should be eaten first, and threw them one by one into the sea from a coral reef on which the castaways had landed for rest. After watching them drown she threw herself after them before the men in the boat knew what she was about.

Few more tragic tales of the sea have ever been received in this port than the account of the wreck of the Errol. Meagre particulars had been received by cable of the disaster, but to-day's despatches tell a touching story of how Mrs. Anderson and her children saw Captain Anderson drown before their eyes, together with the second mate and several seamen, when the bark went down.

The oldest of Mrs. Anderson's children was eight, the youngest a babe of eleven months. Their sufferings before the mother, probably in a delirium, killed them, are admitted by the five survivors to have been indescribable.

When the Tafu picked up the five survivors they were at death's door, and even when the Makura left Sydney it was not certain that the reason of one or more of them might not be lost as a result of their dreadful privations.

The survivors brought to Sydney, too weak and emaciated to speak, were all that remained of twenty-two persons on the Errol. The bark struck the reef on June 18 and for two weeks they were without food and water. There had been a cache of provisions and a lifeboat maintained from 1870 to 1892 for shipwrecked seamen, but the cache was never replenished and the lifeboat was gone. Had the boat been there the loss of life might have been avoided, as the party would have been able to reach Norfolk Island.

In Sydney it was found difficult to get definite or coherent statements from the survivors of the party. They were unable to speak plainly. The most they could do was to tell piecemeal some of the most dreadful things impressed on their minds.

### NOT ACCORDING TO SCIENCE.

#### Astronomer Condemns Assertions of Possible Communication.

Williams Bay, Wis.—Communication with other planets is by no means likely, according to a resolution unanimously adopted by the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, in session at the Yerkes Observatory, on Lake Geneva. The resolution says:

"As the public, through misrepresentation of the views of certain astronomers, has formed the impression that communication with other planets is at present possible, the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America desires to express its belief that all such proposals fall outside the range of sober, contemporary science."

#### WILD BEASTS KILL ELOPERS.

#### Mexican Had Carried Off Two Girls and Their Father's Money.

Tuxtla, Gutierrez, Mexico.—Sisto Gonzalez, well known in this section, has eloped with two daughters of Jose Flores, a wealthy hacendado, including the girls to steal a large sum of money belonging to their father. How he induced two sisters to elope with him is a mystery.

The father, accompanied by several policemen, hurried on the trail of the trio. Quite a distance from this place, near Villa Flores, they found the bodies of the young man and of both girls horribly mangled by wild beasts and scarcely recognizable except for their clothes. A purse containing all the money stolen was found in a nearby tree.

#### RECORD CATCH OF MULLET.

#### 500,000 Pounds Landed by Fishing Fleet in Search of Menhaden.

Beaufort, N. C.—A catch of mullet aggregating half a million pounds, said to be the largest ever landed on the Atlantic Coast, was made off this port by deep-sea fishermen.

The fishermen went to sea early in search of menhaden, but their boats ran into schools of mullets miles long, and each vessel was loaded to the gunwales with them.

The catch was brought to market here and the entire working force is preparing the fish for shipment.

# GOVERNOR JOHNSON SUCCEUMBS

## Beloved Executive Dies In Hospital.

### CONSCIOUS TO THE END

#### His Mind Clear, He Rouses Himself to Talk With Wife.

### PRESIDENT TAFT IS GRIEVED.

#### He Says State and Nation Have Sustained a Great Loss.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 21.—Governor John A. Johnson died at 3:25 a. m. to day in the hospital at Rochester, Minn., six days after an operation for abscess in the intestines.

He was conscious almost to the very end, and his mind was clear. A few



GOVERNOR JOHN A. JOHNSON.

minutes before death came he roused himself and talked with his wife, who had been at his bedside continuously for many hours.

For hours before the breath passed from the governor's body Drs. Mayo and McNevin had not only given up all hope of his recovery, but they stated that fact to all inquirers. The patient's pulse rose to 150 and his temperature to 105.

At 1:40 a. m. he fell over on his side on the bed, and it was thought he was dead. Mrs. Johnson fainted. The governor was, however, resuscitated by heroic measures on the part of the physicians. At 2:30 a. m. he spoke a few words to Mrs. Johnson and afterward sank into unconsciousness. At 3:25 a. m. his heart ceased to beat.

#### Heroic Fight For Life.

The end came after a heroic fight for life on the part of the governor and was a sad disappointment to hundreds of thousands in all parts of the country who watched the bulletins from the sick man's room hour after hour and who had come to hope that he would recover in spite of the terrific odds against him.

President Taft, who had been among the most optimistic of the governor's friends and who showed his cordial and kindly sympathy both in public addresses and in private messages, received the news of the governor's death on his special train en route to Denver. He said he was inexpressibly grieved.

"Governor Johnson's death is a great loss to his state and to the nation," he added.

#### He Underwent Three Operations.

Dr. Mayo said: "Governor Johnson made a splendid fight for life, but fate was against him. The operation he underwent was one of the most severe in the history of surgery.

"It was the third operation of the kind to which he had submitted, though the others were comparatively minor operations.

"His courage and cheerfulness throughout his illness were remarkable. If it had not been for his stern sense of duty he never could have kept up the arduous work connected with the governorship.

"Not content with performing his duty to the people of Minnesota, he was constantly on the move answering calls from other states and making addresses. He did all this at the risk of his life and in the end sacrificed himself to his sense of duty to the people of the nation."

#### Foraker to Fight New Tax.

Cincinnati, Sept. 21.—Former Senator Foraker, who as a member of the senate was a bitter fighter against the corporation tax, has been retained to lead the fight which the Cincinnati Traction company is going to make on the law as being unconstitutional.

# VOODOOISM RAGING IN TEXAS TOWNS

### Cows Butchered, Hides Taken Off and Hearts Torn Out by Its Priests

## MEXICAN INDIANS SUSPECTED

#### Sheriff and Deputies Make Arrests—Reward Offered for Capture of Butchers—Attributed to Ancient Aztec Religion.

San Antonio, Texas.—An outbreak of voodooism is responsible for the mysterious butchering of cows in the vicinity of this city. Many owners of fine bovines living in the suburbs have looked in vain for their milk purveyors in the morning. The gentle friend of the family was found to be missing and the instituted search usually disclosed her carcass in the chapparal. G. A. Davis, of this city, was one of the first to miss his valuable Jersey in this manner, and since then others have sustained similar losses.

The odd feature of the case is that nothing but the hide and the heart of the animals are missing. Evidently that is all that is desired by the thief. At first it was thought that the animals had been killed for their skins, but a close watch kept over the dealers in hides has shown that so far none of the hides have been disposed of.

Sheriff Lindsey and his deputies have been working day and night to get a clew that might lead to a solution of the mystery, but so far they have not been successful. The offer of a substantial reward has now been called to their aid.

Though the Mexican population of San Antonio is a very orderly and law-abiding one as a whole, there is enough of an indifferent element among them that would not be averse to committing these depredations if inspired by what they would consider a religious motive. As is well known, the Indian strain is prominent in the lower class Mexicans. As a matter of fact, in the large percentage of them the Spanish or other Asryan blood is a negligible quantity. That some of the old Indian superstitions should have survived in them and be liable to periodical outbreaks is not to be wondered at.

Indian voodooism as practiced after the fall of the Aztec empire is really nothing more than a continuation of the old Aztec religion, the principal feature of which was human sacrifice. The victims of the old Aztec priests suffered death by having their hearts torn out of their bodies by main force. After the Spanish had succeeded in stamping out this barbarous practice, the Indian tribes, still adhering to the faith of their fathers, though nominally Christians, took to sacrificing animals in the same manner that human beings had formally been sacrificed, and, like all primitive people, thought to appease their gods best by sacrificing that which was considered most cherished. In tearing out the animal's heart the object to-day is to get possession of the blood contained in it. To this fluid is ascribed a number of miraculous properties of a disease-combating nature.

To what extent the possession of the hide figures in voodooism of this kind is not clear. Positive information on this point seems difficult to obtain, but it is thought that the application of the warm and bloody skin may be regarded as a cure for muscular or other exterior ailments.

The authorities of this city and county are in no mood to permit as noxious a practice as voodooism to flourish under their noses. Though a number of arrests have been made, more important clews are now being followed and further developments are anticipated as a result of the reward offered. Of all people the low-class Mexican is the least able to withstand the lure of money. Every effort will be made to get the high priest of the cult into the clutches of the law. The punishment that will be meted out will no doubt be such as to make adherence to voodooism and its attendant features very undesirable.

#### TAMING THE SHREW BY COLOR.

Change of Wall Paper Makes Angelic Wife of Virago.

Paris.—The latest Parisian "cure" is for bad temper, according to a story which a writer in a morning paper vouches for. A husband who had been living inharmoniously with his wife consulted a doctor. No cause being found for the disagreements, the doctor visited the patient's home and there found red wall paper on the walls. The doctor ordered a change. "Red," he said, "excites some tempers; try blue," which soothing experiment was made, with the result that the disposition of the wife became as angelic as before and the husband sweet tempered. According to the doctor, a blue room tames the most exacting shrew.

#### Dies Laughing at Joke.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Seated on the railing of a porch, at a house where he was a wedding guest, Simon Bolinsky, of Sawyersville, was waving his arms in a fit of laughter over a funny story, when he slipped. He fell backward, striking on his head, breaking his neck and died a short time afterward.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB.

### Answer One Written Question Each Week For Fifty-Two Weeks and Win a Prize.

September 26th, 1909. (Copyright, 1909, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D. D. Temperance Lesson, 1 Cor. x:23-33. Golden Text—Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. Rom xv:2.

Verse 23—If a man could lawfully drink intoxicating liquor, in moderation, would it be a good thing to do, seeing so many thousands are being ruined yearly, by drinking, all of whom commenced to drink in moderation? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Is a man honest, either in money or morals, who always goes as far as the law will allow him and no further?

If the general influence of anything we do, which may be lawful in itself, is injurious to ourselves or others, what is our duty?

What is the general influence of the drink traffic?

Verse 24—Why is not all our duty to our neighbor fulfilled when he has succeeded in doing him no harm?

Does Paul mean that we are to devote more time and thought to adding to our neighbor's wealth, than we do to our own, and if not, what does he mean?

To how much of our respect is a man entitled, who cares nothing for the success of others, but is devoted wholly to his own?

Verse 25—In those days meat was offered to idols and afterward sold in the market for food, and some conscientious people objected to eating it for that reason. What did Paul advise in the circumstances, and why did he advise it?

Should we always pay the price demanded without question, or should we endeavor to buy for the lowest possible price?

Verse 26—If the earth is the Lord's why should not all real estate be public property?

How much of our property should we consider we own in our own right?

Verse 27—Is it right for a Christian to be intimate with worldly people, to attend their parties and to conform to their usages, when such usages are not actually sinful?

If wine is used at any party which a Christian attends, would it be right or wrong for him to drink it, and why?

Is it a Christian's right to do as he is "disposed" in any matter, or has God got a specific plan for him for all matters great and small?

Verse 28-30—Was the meat in itself any less good for having been offered to an idol?

Why does Paul here advise not to eat meat that had been offered to an idol, if any person calls attention to it who thought it wrong to do so?

Is it necessarily hypocritical to do a thing behind a person's back, that you would not do before his face?

If no person ever got drunk, and if drinking was doing no harm, would it be right or wise for us to drink intoxicating liquor as a beverage?

Verse 31—Are all our actions taken by God as worship if they are done to his glory?

How is it possible for a Christian to do literally everything he does, to the glory of God?

Verse 32-33—What should be our supreme desire in all our dealing with our fellow men?

Lesson for Sunday, October, 3, 1909. Paul a Prisoner—The Arrest. Acts xxi:17 to xxii:29.

#### Railroad Tracks Swept Away.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 21.—The Illinois Central railroad between McComb City, Miss., and New Orleans is under water. Miles of railroad track have been swept away.

#### GLENN H. CURTISS ARRIVES.

#### Champion Aviator Welcomed in New York After Victories Abroad.

New York, Sept. 21.—Fresh from his victories at Rheims and Brescia, Glenn H. Curtiss, the champion aviator, who is to make aeroplane flights here during the celebration, arrived from abroad today on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Mr. Curtiss was met down the bay by William J. Hammer, secretary of the aeronautic committee. Differences that had arisen regarding the contract with Curtiss were settled.

The Aero Club of America entertained Mr. Curtiss at luncheon this afternoon. Delegations from Philadelphia, Washington and St. Louis were present to greet the aviator.

#### CATHOLIC PLENARY COUNCIL.

#### Papal Delegate Presides Over Important Conference in Quebec.

Quebec, Sept. 21.—The first plenary council ever held in Canada by the Roman Catholic church and the most important conference of prelates of that denomination ever called together in this country is in session in this city.

The sessions are presided over by Mgr. Sharett, the papal delegate, and the deliberations include subjects of great interest to the church at large. The demand in certain sections for French clergy for localities where there is but a small English speaking majority and for English speaking pastors in districts where conditions are reversed is one of the matters discussed.

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