

FEAR GHOST OF BIG WOODS

Reported Appearance of "Stick Sl-wash" Causes Indians to Abandon Hunting Grounds Precipitately.

The "Stick Sl-wash" has returned to haunt the trapping grounds north of Fort St. James. Terror stalks the wilderness trails and panic grips the Indians. If a brave hears the crackle of a twig in the woods he looks about him in fear that this ghost of the big woods is dogging his steps. A number of Indians, it is said, have been frightened off their trap lines.

Fort St. James is one of the oldest posts in British Columbia owned by the Hudson's Bay company. It was founded in 1806 by Simon Fraser, the pioneer explorer for whom the Fraser river was named. Several hundred Indians live about the fort and market their furs there.

"Me ketchum fox in trap," said Musk-a-no-wah, who has abandoned his trap line on Manson creek. "Me hear little noise. Look up. See Stick Sl-wash. He heep big Indian. Got war paint on. He look mean. He say nothing. Wave tomahawk like he say, 'You get out.' Me heep scared. Shake like leaf. Me run back to camp. Tell squaw and papoose. Pack up and get out heep quick, by golly, you bet. Stick Sl-wash bad medicine."

Other Indians have brought back the same story from the Manson creek region. The "Stick Sl-wash" has long figured in the traditions of British Columbia tribes. The name means ghost of the big woods. "Stick" is slang for forest and "Sl-wash" is a corruption of the French word "Sauvage," and is applied to all the Indians of the Pacific coast. The superstitious natives believe the appearance of the apparition presages misfortune to the tribes.

MADE STUDY OF FISHES

Eminent Naturalists Who Gave Good Service to Humanity, and to the Finny Tribes.

It is reported that when Dr. Frank Buckland, the great naturalist, was in his last sickness, he said to an anxious friend that he could not believe Almighty God would be very hard upon one who loved His fishes and other living things as much as he did.

Another friend of the fishes, Sir Charles Edward Fryer, knight, died not long ago at Wayford, near London, England.

His whole life since he began active work was devoted to the promotion of knowledge of fish and fishes, in relation to the service of mankind. There was no higher authority. He was awarded endless medals and honors by expositions and societies for his monographs and annual and other reports.

He was one of the first to define the international regulation of fisheries of the high seas, and was a leading member of many fish congresses and commissions.

He was the final authority, with the last deciding word to say on all matters relating to fish and the fishing industries.

Sea Appropriately Named.
The name by which the Hebrews knew the Red sea—the Yan Suph, or sea of weeds of sedge—would appear to give little indication of the reason for the title which has been applied to this body of water in later years. But, as a matter of fact, two terms have a common origin. Unlike the "Beautiful Blue Danube" which is really a dirty yellowish brown, the Red sea is really red—the color being due to the prevalence of a minute bright red plant, a kind of seaweed. This plant is said to be so small that 25,000,000 can live and thrive within a single cubic inch of water. Therefore, instead of being mottled with red, the sea appears in many cases to be of a scarlet shade. A red dye, which tradition says was used hundreds of years ago, is made from this weed, but, in the places where it is not found, the waters of the Red sea are as blue or green as those of any other body of water.—Youth's Companion.

Taking Stock of Oneself.
The head is the big factor in the measuring up of business. Many a fellow has learned a routine that puts him in a class by himself when it comes to doing things. But to measure up in the fullest sense one must not only meet routine but force ahead and do that which is new. Here is where the head comes in. It helps a fellow manage himself and put his best into the job. When he can do this he can manage others and get them doing better than they have ever done before. This self-mastery is the best asset in directing affairs that require several hands. Instinctively they learn to respect the leader who manages himself and they find it to their interest to stand by him. The head is the big thing in making teamwork effective.

Pursuit of Wisdom.
"Did you follow my argument?" inquired the youthful debater.
"Oh, yes," replied Senator Sorghum.
"I followed it a good deal the same as my dog out there follows a rabbit. He never catches up with it, but he enjoys the sport."

A Prompt Denial.
Pop—I heard something about you today.
Billie—It's not true, pop. I never did see a thing in my life.

Father Seeks To Prevent Prayer For His Hero Son

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, May 8.—The Cure of Marseilles-les-Aubigny in France recently had a tablet put up in his church in memory of the boys of the parish who died for France. The tablet bore the names of the boys, followed by the words: "Pray for them."

The father of one of the boys, M. Groseiller, objected to these words because, he said, his son "did not practice his religion," and demanded that his son's name be removed from the plate as it offended his freedom of conscience to think that people were asked to pray for his son. M. Groseiller brought the matter to court, but the judge decided that Groseiller had no cause for complaint since he knew, when he contributed to the fund raised to buy the tablet, that it was to be put up in the church.

Groseiller then carried the matter to a higher court. This time the judge decided that Marcel Groseiller's name should disappear from the plate but that, since M. Groseiller knew when he subscribed for the tablet that it was to be put up in the church, he might, if he so desired, have a new tablet made, at his own expense paid in advance without name of his son, but with all the other names, symbols, words or emblems which had been engraved on the first tablet.

So, now, Father Groseiller is forced to let matters remain as they are or else pay from 1,500 to 2,000 francs to prevent people from praying for the soul of his son!

Bishop Named For Important Diocesan See

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Washington, May 16.—R. E. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, former Bishop of Toledo, whose appointment as Bishop of Cleveland, was announced by Pope Benedict last week, is well known throughout the nation as a result of his activities in connection with the work of the National Catholic War Council and its successor, the present National Catholic Welfare Council. He was a member of the original administrative committee of four Bishops, which had active supervision over the workings of the War Council and thus directed the war time energies of the Catholic Church in the United States. In that organization he was chairman of the Committee on Men's Activities.

First American Mission Hospital in China Opened

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Ossining, May 16.—The first hospital and dispensary to be operated by an American Catholic Missionary Doctor in China has been opened by the Chinese Mission Society at Han Yang in the Province of Hupoh. Dr. Robert F. Francis, of New Orleans, La., who left the United States last December, is in charge of the new hospital.

Notices have been placarded all through the city offering free treatment and the first day brought seventy-five patients. This number has rapidly increased, and at present Dr. Francis and his two Chinese assistants can scarcely cope with the numbers who attend daily.

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Warden of Rochester Council, has the leading part in "Under Cover"

Catholic Encyclopedia Supplementary Volume Soon To Be Issued

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

New York, May 16.—The supplementary volume of the Catholic Encyclopedia will be ready for publication in the near future, it was announced here today. The editorial rooms and business offices of the publication are now located at 119 East 57th street. It is felt that the change brought about by the war, which have rendered many of the articles in the last edition obsolete, make the publication of the new volume necessary.

A dictionary of American Catholic History is being prepared under the editorship of Dr. Peter Guilday of the Catholic University at Washington, and will be published soon. The editors of the Encyclopedia have made arrangements for the establishment of a special reference library in their new headquarters, where books will be accessible to readers who cannot find some of these reference works elsewhere.

Lieutenant Walter R. McCarthy of the 24th Aero Squadron, who died of illness in France in September, 1918, will arrive in New York City May 21, according to notice received by his father, W. H. McCarthy of 75 Bartlett street.

Lieutenant McCarthy was graduated from Immaculate Conception School and West High School and later won the degree of bachelor of science at University of Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the army in April, 1918, and after training at Cornell University was sent to Ellington Field, Texas, where he was commissioned a lieutenant in the aero service. He was a member of Jovian Order of Electricians and of Knights of Columbus. He leaves, besides his father, one brother, William H. McCarthy, and four sisters, the Misses Catherine McCarthy of Cleveland and Margaret, Lillian and Loretta McCarthy of this city.

A. A. R. I. R. Select Delegates

Delegates to the district conference to be held in Canandaigua on Sunday, May 22, were selected at the regular meeting of the Rochester Council of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic on Wednesday evening.

Explained.
"What's grandpa all wrought up over?"
"He can't find his chest protector."
"He can't?"
"No—Willie has it."
"Where?"
"Where it will do the most good. His daddy has promised him a spanking."

Jud Tunkins.
Jud Tunkins says since he looked into a jewelry store window and saw pipes for lady smokers he's about ready to join the anti-tobacco crusade.



Henry C. Watts

Henry C. Watts, London correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service, is a correspondent who writes from abroad with a wide knowledge of American conditions gained from residence in the United States. An alumnus of Durham and London Universities he abandoned studies for the Anglican ministry to become a member of the Anglican Benedictine community at Caldey Island, South Wales. In April, 1913, a few weeks after the reception of the community he was received into the Catholic Church and baptized by the Bishop of Menorca in the private chapel of the Abbots' Lodgings at Caldey Abbey.

In August of the same year, as a Catholic layman he left England for the United States to become associate editor of The Faith, a monthly magazine published by the Frates of the Ateneum, a form—Anglican community, at Garrison, N. Y. In the following year he was given a post on the editorial staff of America in New York. He left to join the late Joyce Kilmer on The New York Times. He was also connected with The Columbus, the official organ of the Knights of Columbus, as editorial writer and conducted the literary department of the Baltimore Catholic Review.

Towards the end of 1917, after the United States had entered the war he left New York for England, where he was called for service with the colors. After being recruited from active service he resumed work on Catholic publications. He has contributed frequently to America Catholic World Magazine, New Republic and other journals in the United States, is special correspondent for The Catholic Herald of India Calcutta, and contributor to Catholic daily papers in Spain and South America.

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Too much humility can be pride.
He who never fails never succeeds.
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The man who courts trouble is soon carried.
White camels are about as rare as black sheep.
Baboons sometimes throw stones at their enemies.
Letters carried by air mail are put in asbestos bags.
Goats are the only animals that can digest cellulose.
As a rule worthless people have the best dispositions.
The Swiss people were the first to date their coinage.
Medical science is unable to explain the cause of wars.
Death from snakebites are numerous in Afghanistan.
There are more than 500 music schools in Germany.
The man with a lobster appetite has often a pruned income.



They're Directing Membership Campaign For The A. A. R. of I. R.

Following the recent convention of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, the members of the executive committee chose Peter Golden of New York as national secretary; Thomas W. Lyons of Springfield, Mass., as assistant secretary and Joseph P. Quinn of Lowell, Mass., as director of organization. These are the men who will have charge of the drive to increase the membership of the American Association to one million members within the next few months.



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