

Humorous Department.

MENNONITES PECULIAR

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NON-RESIDENCE FUNDAMENTAL FAITH

Set Had Its Origin Several Hundred Years Ago—Obey All Laws Except Military Conscription; But Will Not Enforce Laws—Live at Home.

Invited to Russia and exempted from taxes and military service because they could farm, then banished because some of them established a communistic colony; obeying the laws of many lands but refusing to take part in making or enforcing them; frowning upon science, buttons, life insurance and tobacco—such are various branches of the Mennonites, whose exodus from Canada to Mexico, adds another chapter in the centuries-old anabasis of this quaint and goodly people.

While geographers are studying human migrations on the basis of economic determinism, here is a considerable group who defy any such charting, and move about solely upon the basis of the best opportunity to follow their religious beliefs, says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society.

South Dakota Their "Promised Land."

From Holland to Germany, thence to Moravia, Hungary, Rumania and into Russia, so runs the earlier course of Mennonite wanderings. From the steppes of Crimea and the treeless banks of the Molochnaia to Bonhomme county in South Dakota was not too long a trail for the most home-staying people in the world—so long as they were not disturbed.

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They seldom travel individually. Just before the war a trip to Washington was offered as an agricultural prize to twelve young men of Lancaster county, Pa., one of the oldest Mennonite strongholds, and of the twelve winners not one had been outside of his own county before!

Now about 1,500 Mennonites are reported to be leaving Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada, for Durango, Mexico, and the productive loss their going will mean is only slightly indicated by the estimate that they will take along with them some \$15,000,000 worth of goods, farm implements and cash.

Schooling Begins at Three Years.

Compulsory education requirements, including the teaching of English, which could easily be adjusted by a more compromising people, caused the migration from Canada. In some branches of their church every Mennonite child must begin his schooling when he is three years old. From that time until he is six the Bible and the Mennonite catechism are used for his instruction. After three years he takes up the "Three R's," but in the more orthodox branches of the church all science, as such, is frowned upon.

In farming, however, the Mennonites are efficient and practical scientists. European countries have profited by their example, and to them western Pennsylvania owes much of its prosperity.

There are various gradations of policy among the various groups, such as the Hutterians, the Amish, the Wislar, the Defenseless and other branches. All hold against taking oaths and to non-resistance, which led to their exemption from the draft without any such stigma as attached to many types of "conscientious objectors." Their likeness to the Quakers led William Penn to invite them to his colony, where they first established themselves at Germantown, spreading thence to Lancaster, Berks, and Bucks counties in Pennsylvania, and later into Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Have Quaint Dialect.

In "Tillie," Mrs. Fiske disclosed some of the peculiarities of custom and dialect of the Pennsylvania Mennonites. Their adherence to teaching German in schools is not so much that they love that language as because they fear translation would detract from the literal import of their founders' works. Their detachment from the world is shown by their curious use of English. A caller at a Lancaster home rang the bell many times without answer. Finally a woman appeared at the door to apologize, "Oh, did you bell? It didn't make." The women wear poke bonnets, resembling those of the Dunkers. Men, women and children avoid colors, jewels or any grace of dress that might betoken vanity. Women follow literally St. Paul's injunction about keeping their heads covered in church. Life insurance and organized charity are frowned upon. They have organized an unincorporated company which all Mennonites may join. This company reimburses the loser of property by fire or storm, and assesses its members at the end of each year to cover these payments. No salaries are paid to ministers. Washing of feet is practiced in connection with communion services.

Ban Those Who Disobey.

One important branch of the church, the Amish Mennonites, insist literally on the "ban," that is the complete ostracism of members who have been suspended from the church. The "Old Order Amish" sect lays emphasis on simplicity in dress, and requires its members to fasten their clothes with hooks and eyes instead of buttons. Most rigid of all the groups, however is the Bruderhof, or Hutterian Brethren, dating back to Jacob Huter, a martyr of the sixteenth century, who insisted upon a complete communal organization of congregations. It was this group that had to leave Russia about the time of our Civil war for evolving a communism which anticipated that of the Soviet government in many respects. Today they are settled along the James river in South Dakota, declining to cast a vote or hold of-

PRINCESS MARY'S PORTRAIT FOR ROYAL ACADEMY



This new portrait of the Princess Mary of England, for which she sat just before her wedding in February, will be exhibited at the Royal Academy this season. The artist is J. St. Heller Lauder, whose fame in Great Britain has already been firmly established.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The supreme court has refused a rehearing in the case of Edmund Bigham, convicted and sentenced to death for the wholesale murder of members of his family.

Coroner Gladden of Chester, has fixed next Thursday as the date of the inquest over Richard Peay, killed in Chester by Joseph Queen, early Monday morning of last week.

Theodore Autrey, salesman, shot and killed Siasias A. Gladden, transfer driver, in Columbia Saturday afternoon. The two men were living with their wives in the same house. The Autreys were moving. There was a quarrel over a dish and a table which had been borrowed from each other. The Gladdens refused to give up the table unless the Autreys gave up the dish. Autrey cursed Mrs. Gladden and when Gladden took up Autrey shot him.

Greenwood, April 14: A directed verdict in favor of Furman university was returned late yesterday in the case of Furman university versus the estate of C. A. C. Waller in the court of common pleas here. Furman university had brought suit for \$9,900 against Hunter Gibbs of Columbia, and Dr. C. B. Waller of Spartanburg, as administrators of the estate of C. A. C. Waller, alleging that the late C. A. C. Waller had pledged \$10,000 to Furman in the Baptist seventy-five million campaign, only \$100 of which had ever been paid. The verdict returned read: "We find for the plaintiff that the subscription was valid and that there is now past due \$2,400." The terms of the subscription were that \$100 should be paid in cash and \$1,200 a year until the fifth year, when \$4,000 in cash should be paid.

W. K. Sease, who for a number of years has been prominent in Columbia insurance circles, as agent of the Peninsular Fire insurance company of Grand Rapids; the Liberty Fire insurance company of St. Louis, and the Guardian Fire insurance company of Salt Lake City, has disappeared, according to a statement issued last week by State Insurance Commissioner McMahon. He has gone west and a letter to one of the clerks in his office, written on Chicago hotel stationery and mailed on a west-bound train,

vice or patronize a store. They fore-swear dancing, play-going, and tobacco. They are of German descent, came here directly from southern Russia, and form a law abiding, prosperous, self sufficient community.

There are more than 50,000 Mennonites in the United States. Their communities are to be found in odd corners of the world where they may follow the simple teachings of their founder, Menno Simons, a Dutch reformer, born the year that Columbus discovered America.

President Harding was declared Friday at the White House to be of the opinion that tariff legislation should be given precedence in the senate over the soldiers' bonus. Although it was made clear that the president had received no request from Republican leaders in the senate for advice as to which measure should be taken up first, it is understood that the views of both the chief executive and the senatorial leaders coincide in this respect. Under the present plans the tariff will be taken up in the senate next Thursday while the finance committee takes up the bonus bill with the possibility that it may make radical changes in it as it was passed by the house. When the bonus measure has been reported to the senate it will be taken up for consideration, during lulls in the tariff debate. The bonus bill is expected to be ready for senate consideration in about a fortnight. Benjamin C. Marsh, managing director of the farmers national council, declared in a statement Friday night that the tariff bill reported by the senate finance committee was "the worst of the many gold bricks handed farmers by the present administration. The whole scheme of the tariff bill as reported to the senate," he added, "is evidently to perpetuate the same profiteering which they carried on during the war. Whatever the text of the tariff bill it is clear that the duties levied on manufactured products are on the American basis cost of production while those levied on agricultural products are on the basis of foreign cost of production."

The petition of Lady Rhonda to sit in the House of Lords has been granted by the committee on privileges of the House of Lords. She is a member of the directorates of 33 companies and chairman of several of the boards and will be the first woman to sit in the Upper House of the British Parliament.

It had been shown to be insanitary, but the remains have been reduced to a skeleton and the county health officials could not say that it was dangerous to the health of the family, and therefore were powerless to enforce burial.

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SOLDIER STILL UNBURIED

Statesville Father Will Allow None to Inter His Dead Son.

There is nation-wide interest in the unusual announcement that an Iredell county man, John Speaks, has refused to accept \$5,000 insurance which the government has offered and is ready to pay on the life of his son, Thomas Speaks, who was killed in overseas service during the world war.

Another peculiarity about this citizen is that he refuses to bury the body of his boy. The remains of Thomas Speaks arrived in Statesville, N. C., in August, 1921, and were immediately taken to the home of his parents, near Jenkins postoffice, about 22 miles north of Statesville. In September following, the writer made a special visit to the Speaks home and found the casket of the dead soldier boy resting on two chairs in the best room in the house.

Mr. Speaks stated that he did not want to bury his boy and would not do so unless he was forced to do so by law, adding that he meant to build a little house nearby in which to keep the body until his own death and then he wanted the remains of his boy to be placed beside his own. Latest reports indicate that the young soldier's body still rests undisturbed in the home of his parents, eight months after its arrival.

Another peculiarity about Mr. Speaks is that while he reads his Bible regularly and claims to be deeply religious, still he is at variance with the churches and will not attend a church or Sunday school and will not permit a member of his family to attend public religious services of any kind. Local authorities would have forced Speaks to bury the body of his son if

The last units of the Imperial Guard of Germany recently marched out from Potsdam where, for centuries, they had served as the body-guard of the Hohenzollerns.

A lemon 14 inches in circumference and five inches in diameter, weighing two pounds and containing one pint of juice, was picked near Houston, Texas, recently.



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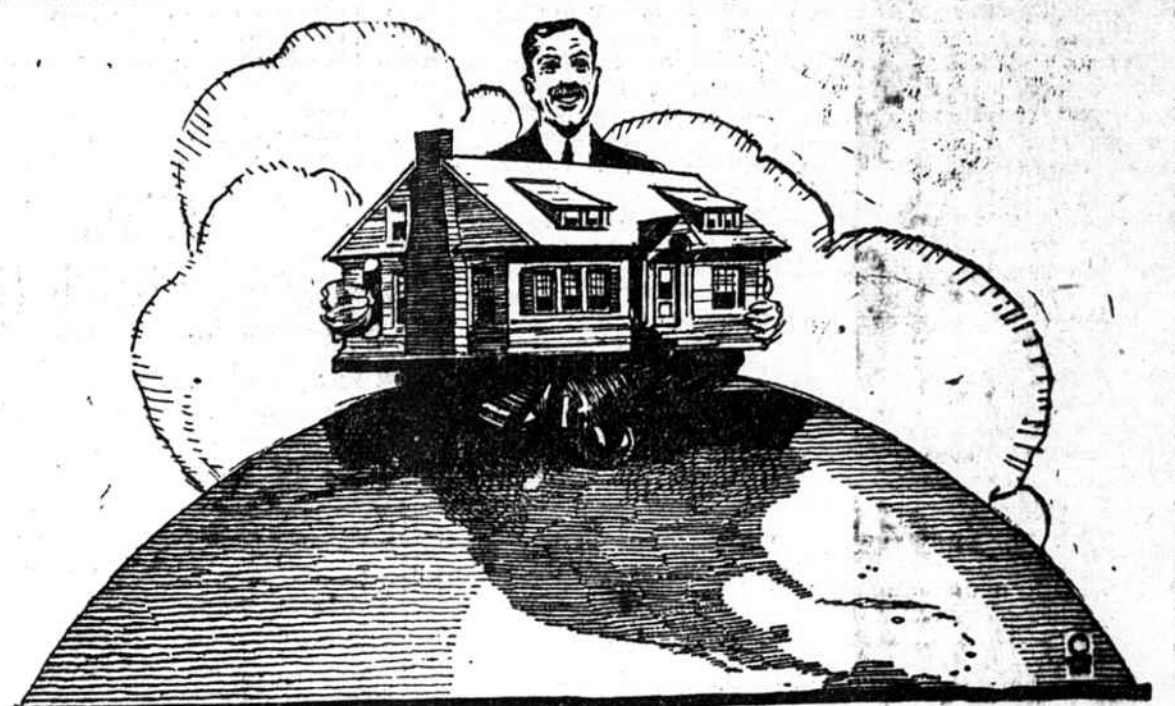
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GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Humors of the Court. In the summer of 1881 a man named Jones disappeared from his home in a small Canadian town and although diligent search was made, no trace of him could be found. After a lapse of about two months, the body of a man was found in the woods not far from the Jones home. The body was much decomposed and the clothing discolored and worn by the weather. Yet Mrs. Jones identified the remains as that of her husband and had him buried in the family lot. Whatever property Jones was possessed of was disposed of in a legal manner by the probate court. Nothing more was heard of this case for about a year, when Jones turned up alive and well. Mrs. Jones would not recognize him as her husband. She declared in no uncertain tones that Jones, her husband, was buried in the family lot. Jones appealed to court, hoping to regain his property; but as his death was a matter of record and his goods disposed of by the court, there must be some way found to "bring him back to life." This was done by having him arrested on a small charge. On his appeal his case was carried to high court, where it finally reached a jury. Some of the men on his jury attended the funeral of Jones, saw him laid away in the grave, and perchance they thought that when a man died and the last honors paid him, he "ought to stay dead." However, they returned this verdict: "We find him guilty of disorderly conduct at a funeral." Sam Stropper had been accepted as juror in a murder trial by the defence. The district attorney took him in hand now. "Have you any conscientious scruples against the death penalty?" "Yes, sir." "Now, Mr. Stropper, if someone should kill your wife wouldn't you feel satisfied to see her murderer hang?" "I have no wife." "But if you had?" "Then it would depend on what kind of a wife I had." Sam Stropper was excused. The case had been ably argued by distinguished counsel: Hon. Enoch Foster, later a justice of the supreme judicial court of Maine, for the plaintiff; and for the defendant, by Hon. John P. Swasey, later a member of Congress from the same state. The jury was considering the case in their room, much being said about the plaintiff and defendant. An over-zealous member of the panel, after listening attentively to the arguments pro and con of the fellow jurors, exclaimed: "I don't know who is plaintiff or who is defendant, but I am for Enoch Foster first, last and all the time." This story was told a few years ago in the presence of Judge Foster, who smiled, but without comment. In the "History of Saco and Biddeford," by George Folsom, published in 1830, it is explained that "The town commissioners, or justices for the trial of petty cases entered their doings in the town book." A number of such entries follow, perhaps the most unique, not to say naive, of which is this: "Verdict of a jury of inquest: The 27 of the 10 month, 1658. A jury being summoned on account of the death of Mary Halle brought in this verdict, viz: 'We of the jury about Mary Halle have agreed that according to evidence given to us that she was accursed to her own death with over much eating and drinking; we not having any witness that shee was forced thereunto.'" Competitors.—Two little English girls were quarreling over the success of their fathers. "My father can preach better than yours because he is a bishop," said first. The second little girl could not answer her back, but she suddenly recovered and said: "Well, anyhow, we've got a hen in our yard which lays an egg every day." "That's nothing," said the bishop's daughter; "my father lays a cornerstone every week."—The Van Raalte Vanguard. Wife to the Rescue.—Young Doctor—"My Jove! Mary, this sitting around waiting for a practice is getting on my nerves." Doctor's Wife—Couldn't we invite the neighbors to dinner and give them something that would disagree with them?"—London Opinion. The Helpful Recruit.—"You told me to file these letters, sir," said the new yeoman. "Yes," returned the officer. "Well, I was just thinkin' that it'd be easier to trim 'em with a pair of scissors."—Mississippi Bulletin. Years of Discretion.—"I asked you to send me young lettuce." "Yes, ma'am. Wasn't it young you got?" "Young? It's almost old enough to wash and dress itself."—Boston Transcript. Agreeable.—"If I lend you ten dollars, what security will you be able to give me?" "The word of an honest man." "All right, bring him along and I'll see what I can do for you."—Banther. Both in the Swim.—"My daughter sprang from a line of peers," said the ardent father. "Well," said her feller, "I jumped off a dock once myself."—The Naval Monthly.