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ALL OFF.

For Sale: One set of wornout wings,
One chariot of fire,
One halo that the populace
Was once wont to admire;
A chance for relic hunters this,
A wondrous chance it is,
Elijah Dowie, Third, is now
A-going out of biz.

He's lost his sense of touch they say,
And, since this thing is so,
His fate is sealed; without this sense
One can not gather dough;
His halo is a tarnished thing
His wings moth-eaten, too,
A miracle might save him, but
That ~~he~~ he can not do.

CONVERTS IN ZION CITY GET "GIFT OF TONGUES"

Miraculous Power to Speak in Strange
Languages Credited to Follow-
ers of Parham, Head of the
Apostolic Movement.

A "gift of tongues," or the sudden and apparently miraculous ability to talk in a language before unknown to the worshiper, is the latest phase of the Parham apostolic movement at Zion City.

No less than twenty-four converts are said to have had the "experience." Last night at a largely attended meeting Hubert Grant, formerly stenographer for Dowie, was giving "testimony" before the people when he stopped, a pallor swept across his face and he commenced to talk in a strange language. After he had spoken some time it was declared that he was speaking Chinese. His friends say he has had no previous knowledge of the language.

Grant had barely taken his seat when another convert, James Lang, arose and talked in Chinese. When the remarkable "port" reached the outer world and inquiry was made, it was learned that the "gift of tongues" is considered by Parham as a miraculous visitation. Of the twenty-four persons who are said to have been seized with any sudden ability to talk in other languages than their own, some have spoken German, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish and a few Norwegian.

In no instance, it is said, has the subject possessed any previous knowledge of the language "sent to him." Nor has he any choice in the matter. He must speak whatever language "comes."

The German and the French spoken in the meetings by persons of American birth is said by those who have a knowledge of those languages to be the real article. None as present last night who has made a study of the Chinese tongue, or who could tell what either Grant or Lang was speaking about, but what they said had all the characteristics of laundry talk.

The fervor aroused at the Parham meetings is said by those who have attended to surpass the old-time camp meetings or the gatherings at which the circuit riders drew the people to get the "power." Voliva has been much concerned by the broads made upon his flock by Parham. It is only a few weeks ago that the leader of the cult came to Zion City from Topeka, Kan., claiming he had been told in vision to go and save the people of Zion City from their sins.

DOWIE GOOD-BY BITTER; REVILES WIFE AND SON

Scorns Enemies in Zion, Gives Financial Precept to Followers and Promises to Return to Build Home for Jesus.

With parting shots at his enemies, fatherly advice to his followers and bitter denunciation of his wife and son, John Alexander Dowie yesterday bade farewell to his people at Zion City. Tuesday of next week he proposes to start for Mexico. He promised to return early next summer strong and well, and to build a house on Mount Carmel for Jesus, whose early return to earth to rule for a thousand years, first at Zion City and then at Jerusalem, he predicted. His listeners thronged every room and filled the stairways in Shiloh House.

Unable to stand unsupported, his features the hue of death and his small, white hands trembling, Dowie, clad in his gorgeous apostolic robes, was borne in the arms of two stalwart negroes from his room to the platform in the bay window. During his talk of half an hour, however, his voice rose at times to something of its old-time resonance and penetrated even to the upstairs apartments, which, like the rooms below, were thronged with eager listeners.

SCORNS WIFE AND SON.

"It may be possible," said Dowie, "that the first apostle is looking into the faces of his people for the last time, but I do not think so. When I was in Mexico and learned of the treachery hatched in Zion City, that the wife whom I had taken to my heart had maligning me, that my son had cut down my flag and turned the Zion guards against me and that the men whom I had trusted and honored had betrayed me, I wanted to die, but God willed otherwise. Now I live in Zion City with a clean score and the saints intact."

"I am not a sick man. My disease is a broken heart. For twenty-five years I lived with my wife a broken-hearted man. Her private life was a shame. She abused me every day. She told me I had less sense than my dogs. I forgave her a thousand times. I do not know that I shall ever see her again. The rest of my life I shall live only for the kingdom of God."

"I have been asked whether I could forgive my wife. Yes, I forgive. But can I restore her? No. The banker forgives the cashier, who has robbed him, but he does not again give him the key to the strong box."

GIVES MONEY PRECEPT.

"Get all you can, honestly. Save all you can and give all you can," was Dowie's precept to his auditors after he had made an appeal for financial help, to which all pledged assistance. Then he had those present repeat the precept in chorus.

Dowie announced that when he returns he will build a house on Mount Carmel, a high point in the southwestern section of the Zion tract, saying:

"Jesus is coming, and I believe He is coming soon. I must build this house for the coming king. I want to be able to say: 'Here, Lord, if there is no other place in the world for you, take this house.' He is to reign here a thousand years. He will establish His throne at Jerusalem; but I believe He will come to Zion City first."

Dowie ordained George W. Slater, a former negro attendant, as an evangelist, and after the consecration prayer, in which God was asked for victory in the appeal from Judge Landis' decision, he began the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," in which sobbing women and men joined. Then as he was being carried up the stairs he gave the parting, "Peace be with you."

VOLIVA ISSUES WARNING.

At the meeting in the tabernacle Overseer Voliva warned the people against a former Methodist preacher named Parham from Kansas, who is in Zion City proselyting in the name of the Apostolic Faith sect. A few nights ago he held an all-night meeting on a farm in Zion City and preached until 5 o'clock in the morning. Dowie also inveighed against Parham, and told his followers to keep away from the man.

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MAN WHO ASPIRES TO VOLIVA'S
PLACE AT ZION CITY

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However, on the return of Rev. Otto matter assumed such a shape that Parham was soon denied admission to the church. By this action several of the people, whom he had won over to his cause, thought that he had been done an injustice, and in his defense rented large quarters and established a church of their own.

As soon as the new church was opened things began to pick up right away, and people from all over the entire mining district began to reverberate him as a second Messiah. His fame spread quickly and in a short time his church numbered several hundred souls.

UNDER VOLIVA'S NOSE RENTED TABERNACLE

In connection with the SUN'S story of yesterday concerning the coming of Evangelist Farnum to Zion City, it develops that the religious free lance has cornered all of the schools and the giant tabernacle and plans the conversion of the entire community.

He has rented every school house and the main tabernacle when it is not in other use, Receiver Hatley being the lessor, and will proceed to open his campaign.

The coup is one of the cleverest in the city of ours.

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