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DOWIE GOOD-BY BITTER;
REVIVES WIFE AND SON

Scores Exeutes 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 denounced of his wife and son, John Alexander Dowie yesterday had farewell to his people at Zion City, Tuesday of next week he proposes in start for Mexico. He promised to return early next year strong and well, and to build a house on Mount Carmel for Jesus, whose early return to earth to rule for a thousand years, at a Zion City and there at an asylum he predicted: His listeners thrilled through every room and piled the stairways in Union House.

Unable to stand unsupported, his features the face of death and small hands trembling, Dowie died in his gorgeous apostolic robes, but his arm of two stairway negroes from his room to the platform in the big windows, During a talk of half an hour. However, his voice at times to something of his usual sonorous and penetrating yet in the greater apartments, which, like the rooms below, were stung with waking residues.

SCORES WIFE AND SON.

"It may be possible," said Dowie, "that the first apostle is going into the faces of the people for the last time, but I do not think so. When I had been and learned of the treachery hatched in Zion City, that the wife and son had taken my heart, had maligned me, that my son had cut down my flag and turned the Zion guards against me and that the friends whom I had true, I honored and had treasured, I wanted, but God otherwise. Now I have Zion City, with a platform and the platform intact.

"I am not a rich man, My disease is a broken heart. For many years I have lived with my wife a broken-hearted man. My private life was a sham, she was never every day. She told me I had less than to beg of me for a hundred and times. I do not know that I shall 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. No. But I forgive her. Forgive, but restate, her? No. The banker forgives the thief who repents. But he, not again give him the key, to the strong.

GIVES MONEY PRECEPT.

"Get all you can honestly. Have all you can and give all you can," was Dowie’s precept to his auditors after he had made a search for financial help, to which made an assistance. Thus he had these present repeat the song in chorus.

Dowie announced that when he returns he will build a house on Mount Carmel, a large palace in the southern section of 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 Zion, and I believe He will come to Zion City first."

Dowie ordained George W. Blazer, a former negro attendant, as an evangelist, and after the consecration prayer, in which was asked for victory in the appeal from Judge Landis’ decision, he began the discourse, "God be with you till we see each other again," in which sobbing women and men joined. Then as he was being carried the stairs he gave the peace. "Peace be with you.”

AS CALENA KNEW PARNAM

MLN WHO AVOIDS TO VOLIVA'S PLACE AT ZION CITY REMEMEBED

The prominent places in the news and editorial columns of the leading metropolitan papers, which Rev. Clas. F. Parham has secured for himself the last few days in his crusade of Zion City, is causing Calena people to live over again the stirring scenes which progressed in the city in his first arrival here several years ago.

It is claimed that he came to Galena after an invitation of a member of the Methodist church of this city to give a series of sermons. At the time of his entrance into the city Rev. Frank Otto, pastor of the Methodist church, was out of town. For a week after his arrival he held services in the Methodist pulpit, and for awhile everything was smooth.

However on the return of Rev. Otto matters assumed such a shape that Parham was soon denied admission to the church. By this action several of the people, whom he had grown to love, 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 formed things began to pick up right away, and people, from all over the entire mining district began to return to it. His language gained rapidly and for a short time his church numbed several hundred.

UNDER VOLIVA’S NOSE RENTED TEBNACLE

In connection with the SUN’s story of yesterday concerning the coming of Evangelist Parham to Zion City, it is known that Voliva, 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 use. Receiver Hately being the lessor, will proceed to open his camp.

The coup is one of the cleverest in the city of cops. 
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 thin
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 motheaten, too,
A miracle might save him, but
That's what he can not do.

CONVERTS IN ZION CITY GET "GIFT OF TONGUES"

Miraculous Power to Speak in Strange
Languages Credited to Followers
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 report
reached the outer world and inquiry was made, it was learned
that the "gift of tongues" is considered by Parham as a Pentecostal
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 was 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 got the "power."

________ has been much concerned by the inroads 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.