

GOING TO WRECK OUR MATERIALISM

Indian "God-Man" On Way to America to Amalgamate Creeds.

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BOMBAY, India, March 25.—(AP)—Meher Baba, the Indian spiritual leader whose disciples call him "the messiah" and the "god-man" set here today for a new crusade in America.

He intends, he said to break down all religious barriers, destroy America's materialism and amalgamate all creeds into a common element of love.

For eight years Meher Baba has been observing a vow of silence, which he said he would break upon his arrival at Harmon, N. Y., where he plans to establish a spiritual retreat similar to Mahatma Gandhi's in India.

Giving his first interview to an Associated Press correspondent by means of a blackboard, Meher Baba, who in the eyes of his followers has performed many miracles, said Gandhi had promised to come with him to the United States as soon as his political work has been finished a year hence.

Many Indians regard Meher Baba as Gandhi's guru, or spiritual adviser.

Meher Baba is a parsee (priest) of the Zoroastrian faith, and says he is God and man. He explained that he attained a super-conscious state in which he merged into God and returned again to the universe to carry out his mission of redeeming the world.

Meher Baba said he expected to convert thousands of Americans from sin and by faith to heal the sick and help the halt.

"The only miracle for the perfect man to perform is to make others perfect too," he said. "I want to make Americans realize the infinite state which I myself enjoy."

The parsee said he first realized his mission on earth many years ago by coming in contact with Baba Jan, the Indian saint who died recently in Poona at the age of 80 years.

For nine months after meeting Baba Jan, Meher Baba said he lay in a state of coma, neither sleeping nor eating, and swallowing only an occasional drop of water. It was after this, he said he saw the divine light and realized his mission in the world.

He said he had received overwhelming offers of money and land from Americans who believe in his teachings.

The doctrine of Zoroaster holds that at the beginning of things there existed two spirits, good and evil. The history of their conflict is the history of man, and in the soul of man is the object of the war. The parsee, in and around Bombay have taken Zoroaster, a Persian prophet of ancient times, as their own and have adopted the ancient religious usages of his faith, but their doctrine is a pure monotheism.

BOMBAY YARN.

Vinegar drained from pickles can be used on salads and in cole slaw.

Cream-colored silk cloth bound with colored bias tape makes attractive kitchen curtains.

Windows are easily washed with cloth soaked with vinegar, then polished with a newspaper.

The ball of twine will not unwind and snarl if it is hung up in a large funnel with the end of the string through the neck of the funnel.

Four boiling water over potatoes before baking them and let them stand for twenty minutes. They will bake faster and be more mealy.

When the knob comes off a pot cover, put a screw up through the hole and thread a good-sized cork on it for a heat-proof and easily replaceable new knob.

Pin to the outside of the patch bag by a large safety pin a sample of each material placed in it. This saves time looking for desired fabrics for patches.

HOME BUREAU MEETING.

District Conference Will Be Held in Auburn Next Month.

Home Bureau women of Cayuga county are busy laying plans for the northern district meeting of the State Federation of Home Bureaus in Auburn on April 12-13-14.

The Woman's Union will be used as headquarters during the conference and a banquet will be held in Osborn Hall on Tuesday evening, April 12. Dr. Kerr Duncan Macmillan, president of Wells College, has invited the group to visit Aurora on Wednesday afternoon as guests of the college. On Wednesday evening Dr. Ruby Green Smith of Cornell will speak, and this will be followed by an illustrated garden talk by Mrs. Henry Burden, successful gardener of Cazenovia.

There are nine counties constituting what is known as the northern district including Oneida, Oswego, Madison, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Herkimer and Cayuga.

THOUSANDS MOUNT STAIRS ON KNEES

Faithful Go to Rome Churches Where Christ's Relics on Display

ROME, March 25 (AP)—At the altars of Rome's numerous churches priests today commemorated Good Friday, the anniversary of the death of Christ.

Processions of the faithful went this morning to the churches of St. Peter, St. John and Holy Cross, where relics of Christ's passion and death were on display.

Thousands crowded the holy stairs next, to St. John Lateran church. These they believed were the stairs Christ ascended in Pontius Pilate's house after he had been crowned with thorns. Tradition has it that St. Helena, mother of the first Christian emperor of Rome, Constantine, brought them to Rome from Jerusalem.

The worshippers ascended the steps only on their knees, stopping on each step to recite a prayer. At the top of the stairs they knelt before a little chapel containing a painting on wood of Christ, supposed to have been made by St. Luke.

Organs and church bells were silent today. Principal parts of the masses were announced to the congregations by wooden clappers shaken by altar boys. At one point, in the ceremonies, priests took off their shoes, knelt and kissed a large crucifix on the altar steps.

Between noon and 2 P. M., the hours when Christ hung on the cross, Rome was like a dead city, most every one being either at church or at home.

In Trapani, Sicily, in accordance with an ancient custom, there were carried through the streets in an enormous procession 20 life-sized carved wood statues of the characters in Christ's passion. They were more than 300 years old, and represented the 18th century instead of biblical times.

Tonight all theaters, movies and dance halls throughout Italy will be closed.

CRASHES UNION LEAGUE CLUB THROUGH COAL BIN

PHILADELPHIA—Former Judge Benjamin Renshaw (Dem.) crashed the Union League club (Rep.) and came out black in the face. Hauntering in his office, he stepped on a loose grating and did a short the abuts to the club's coal bin.

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