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WHOLE VILLAGE AWED

HOUSE BECAME NOTED AS HAUNTED AND PEOPLE OF VASSAR WERE SCARED STIFF

WINNIPEG, Nov. 29.—For more than two months a spirit, that walked in Vassar, Manitoba, has had the countryside in what can only be described as a ferment. In the cold grey dawn of Thursday morning, the spirit was laid, and wizened old Joe Perrier, who, because the devil was abroad, swore off drinking, again nestles a jug and leaves his doors unlocked.

Vassar is a tiny hamlet exactly 85 1/2 miles southeast of Winnipeg, on the Canadian National Railway. The population is mainly French, its chief industries hay and wood. Little Annette Lefebvre, aged 12, was the medium, so the legend ran, through which some restless other world spirit chose to manifest itself. Annette lives with her mother and seven-year-old sister, Aurora, in a little wooden house about half a mile west of the station. This little house had gradually become a centre for pilgrimages by the curious for miles around. People passed it by night only in twos and threes, if they could pluck up courage enough to pass it at all. Even during the day some gave it a wide berth, for it was generally felt an evil spell hovered over it.

POOR LITTLE ANNETTE

Many who had sat in the house swore of strange doings in the misty half light of morning. "That little girl is too young to do anything wrong. I don't know why the ghost should haunt her," several remarked with gloomy mien. There was talk of making a collection of money in the neighborhood and having a special mass said for the confounding of the spirit. In short, there was a great restlessness over the countryside of Vassar.

The legend started with mysterious raps on Annette's toy box, which was in her room. Every morning the raps grew louder and more insistent. Thundering raps were heard on the walls outside, on the partitions inside. Meanwhile the child would be sleeping and groaning as though hands were about her throat, choking her. Every time there was a rap the bed clothes would be lifted from around her shoulders and whisked back by an invisible hand. As one witness put it, "as though caught up in a whirlwind." Many people had seen these things.

SCPTICS CONVINCED

Sceptics examined the place, and came away convinced. On one occasion Annette awoke and said she had seen a tall, pale lady crying at the foot of her bed. Spectators stated she appeared to be in a trance at such times, and nothing could awaken her. A close watch had been kept on her movements when the ghostly proceedings were going on, and she had not stirred except to moan. Only the bed clothes flew back and the raps shook the house. Men had been posted outside to watch but had seen no trickery. The child had been held by the heels and shaken, but did not waken. Meanwhile interest in the Lefebvre house and its unearthly denizen grew until last Sunday morning 30 people gathered in the little place to see and hear for themselves; and 30 people came away to spread the legend further.

Monday, people drove up in cars from distant points. Those who came to laugh afterwards remained away. The legend thrived and grew, fattened and nourished on the pale lips of the countryside, and the simple-minded inhabitants took to bolting their doors at nights, a thing rarely done there. After dark they drew their blinds, and if someone on a friendly visit knocked he was admitted with hesitation. Once he was in, the door was hurriedly barred behind him. Some evil thing, it was felt, was afoot.

LEGEND COLLAPSES

Thursday morning the legend collapsed; and the manner of its coming about was as follows: Upon investigation, it developed the ghostly affairs took place only between 6.30 and 7.30 o'clock in the morning. Annette, apparently slept on after her mother and younger sister got up. The father is away working in the bush.

It should be explained here that the house is about 16 by 18 feet, with a woodshed built on one side. A partition runs through the length of it, dividing the house in two, and another partition makes two bedrooms of the divided portion. There are thus two bedrooms, living room and kitchen. The kitchen is at the back of the house, which can be entered either by the back door, through the kitchen, or by a door at the front.

Thursday morning there were five men watching. All sat in the kitchen. Mrs. Lefebvre and Aurora were with them. The ghostly grey of dawn veiled the house, and the tiny grove of dark spruce trees at the back of the Lefebvre home rustled mysteriously as a thin, bitter wind swept through their branches. The five men shivered slightly, despite the fire that crackled in the kitchen stove. Nearly all had been in the house before and seen and heard the apok sonata.

NERVES ON EDGE

Prayed nerves were on edge. The men listened with strained attention. Groans as from a person in great pain came from Annette's bedroom. And what they were listening for happened. Two sharp, metallic raps were heard. The men

BRINGING UP FATHER



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rushed in. The bedclothes were found whipped off Annette's body and piled at the foot of the bed. Annette continued to groan although, apparently, asleep. The men exchanged awed glances. Like an uneasy spirit the mother wandered restlessly from room to room.

The clothes were laid over Annette again, and the extra precaution taken of pinning down the sheets and blankets to the mattress with a stout safety pin. In the confusion and noise of leaving the bedroom again for the kitchen—for it was said the spirit would not operate when the bedroom was watched—one of the men slipped back into the living room and took up a position whence he could see any movements in the bed without being seen by the occupant. The rest of the company went into the woodshed. The lone watcher by the bedroom leaned forward from the seat in the living room he occupied as he was able to see the bed almost three-quarters of the way up. And at what he saw the watcher smiled. First there was a quivering of the springs and they sagged in the middle as when a person is sitting up. The clothes were folded back by a most substantial hand, that could have been none other than Annette's; there came two sharp raps, and the watcher was at Annette's head.

ANNETTE HERSELF THE GHOST

"Come on, Annette, I caught you that time." But Annette only snuggled her face into the pillow to smother what looked suspiciously like a smile. The safety pin was stuck in the mattress beside the pillow as a woman would stick it. Annette refused to wake up and one more trial was made. But two watchers were in the room this time. Annette rose up in bed, caught sight of one of them, and then decided she would get up. No amount of questioning could elicit any information from her. Asked to confess she had made the knocks herself, she would either reply with a bashful "No" or shrug her shoulders in a non-committal manner. A bribe of a package of nuts and raisins was no more successful than the questions. She denies all knowledge of the raps. Mrs. Lefebvre states she does not believe yet as was her daughter who manipulated all the ghost knocks. Annette is a bright girl in manner, although her teacher says she is distinctly of a nervous temperament. No common sense reason for her protracted scare of the inhabitants can be given. But the scare is almost over. Friday morning there were no raps, nor happenings of any other kind.

Fears of impending evil are allayed. The vision of Vassar is shattered, but an entire countryside licks its spiritual wounds.

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SUGGESTS THAT SHIPS STOP AT ALEUTIANS

Seattle Representatives of Washington Chamber of Commerce Sees Importance of Islands

SEATTLE, Nov. 29.—J. J. Underwood, the Seattle representative of the chamber of commerce of Washington, D.C., who recently returned from an Oriental tour, informed the local chamber of commerce that a change is practical in the route of the Admiral Line ships from Seattle to the Orient.

He said they "should stop at the Aleutian Islands, on the coast of Alaska. My idea," he continued, "is to urge the establishment of a government coaling station in the Aleutian chain, preferably at Atka Island.

"It would be a welcome break in the long trip to the Orient, and an added advantage to ships. They would go through Unimak pass and skirt the north side of the picturesque Aleutian chain of islands. This is also the safest

SPORT CHAT

The program of sport fixtures for this week will be as follows:

Monday (Tonight)—Basketball: Junior League—Tuxis Boys vs. Colts; Ladies' League—Maple Leafs vs. Adanacs; International League—Grand Terminals vs. Bankers; Senior League—Sons of Canada vs. Elks.

Cribbage League: Grotto vs. Orange Lodge; Canadian Legion vs. Sons of Canada; Dry Dock vs. Prince Rupert Hotel; C. N. Operators vs. C. N. Mechanics; St. Andrew's vs. Knights of Columbus; Moose vs. Cold Storage.

Billiards: Grotto vs. Gyros.

Tuesday—Ladies' Whist: Pythian Sisters vs. St. George's Ladies; Moose Ladies vs. Orange Ladies.

Thursday—Men's Whist: Knights of Pythias vs. Oddfellows; Moose vs. Sons of Canada; St. George's (city) vs. Elks; St. Andrew's vs. St. George's (Seal Cove).

Friday—Billiards: Moose vs. Grand Terminals.

Ladies' League: Basketball—Junior League—Stars vs. Tuxis Boys; Adanacs vs. Maple Leafs; Intermediate League: Grotto vs. Terminals; Senior League: Terminals vs. Native Sons of Canada.

Owing to certain social affairs being set for tomorrow night the basketball games originally scheduled to take place then will, instead, be played to-night at the Exhibition Hall. In the Junior League, the Tuxis Boys will endeavor to defeat the Colts as the Stars did Friday night and the closeness of games in the past makes it look as if they might. The Adanacs, who have the spirit and ability to do it, will make another attempt to beat the Maple Leafs in the Ladies' League. The Bankers, who would have beaten the Grotto Friday night but for a fluke, will try their luck with the Grand Terminals tonight while the Sons of Canada will take another fling at the champion-looking Elks in the Senior.

Grotto and Gyro Club will meet to-night in the Billiard League, the line-ups being set as follows:

George Waugh (Grotto) vs. W. H. Long (Gyros).

J. Andrews vs. W. J. Nelson.

J. Hamilton vs. A. Macdonald.

Dr. J. A. West vs. Ben Self.

G. Howe or G. Anderson vs. F. Aldridge.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Program Was Enjoyed by Large Congregation Last Night

Last evening a special thank-offering program, sponsored by the Woman's Aid of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, was enjoyed by a large congregation. The appreciation of the congregation was manifested by the generous silver offering. The program as rendered was as follows:

Hymn—"Come Ye Thankful People Come," the choir and congregation.

Scripture lesson and prayer.

Exercise—"Let Us Give Thanks," several Sunday School girls.

Selection—Norwegian mixed quartette.

Recitation—Charlotte Edwards.

Selection—"Come Unto Me," Male Quartette.

Recitation—George Dybhavn.

Recitation—Eleanor Edwards.

Selection—"Praise Ye Jehovah," the Choir.

Pantomime—Inger Myrvold.

Recitation—Clara Stegavig.

Selection—Norwegian Mixed Quartette.

Song—Emily Skattebol.

Remarks—The Pastor.

Offering.

Recitation—Lillian Ytreberg.

Recitation—Evelyn Edwards.

Selection—"Sweet By and By," Male Quartette.

Hymn—"Love Divine," the Choir and Congregation.

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