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Magic Still Commonly Practiced Among Indians of the Interior Says Father Allard in Interview

Missionary Declares it is a Blot Upon Civilization and one That is Being Gradually Rooted out by the Church

FATHER Joseph Allard, O.M.I., missionary to the Indians of Central British Columbia, who is here in connection with the witchcraft case against Chief Billy Williams of Kispiox, a recent convert to the Catholic Church, interviewed yesterday, stated that witch doctors or medicine men were still common among the tribes in the interior. They still made their magic at Hazelton, Kispiox, and many other villages, and so deeply rooted has been the custom for the natives to appeal to them in time of sickness that it has been hard to eradicate it.

When I was at Kispiox on March 6 last and I was about to make Chief William renounce Indian doctor's business or magic, I saw his neighbor coming early to his home with all the regalia of an Indian medicine man on his back. Several times during the course of last year I heard that an Indian medicine man came to practice his magic on a Catholic sick woman at Hagilget and I refused her the sacraments for allowing in her house that which is forbidden by the laws of the church. The church is trying to root out this evil.

Father Allard said the Catholic cyclopedia, a universal authority, says the following on witchcraft:

"In witchcraft, as commonly understood, there is the idea of a diabolical pact or at least an appeal to the intervention of the spirit of evil. In such cases this supernatural aid is usually invoked either to compass the death of some obnoxious person or to awaken the passion of love in those who are the objects of desire or to call up the dead or to bring calamity or impotence upon enemies, rivals and fancied oppressors.

TRADITIONAL BELIEF

"In the traditional belief, not only of the dark ages but of post reformation times, the witch or wizard addicted to such practices entered into a compact with Satan, performing infernal rites, which often took the shape of a parody of the mass or the offices of the Church, paid divine honor to the prince of darkness and in return received from him preternatural powers such as riding through the air upon a broomstick, assuming different shapes at will and tormenting their chosen victims."

The belief in witchcraft and its practice seems to have existed among all primitive peoples. An exaggerated estimate of the evil has led many thousands of its followers to be punished by death mostly at the hands of the state in different countries of Europe. The last death punishment for witchcraft was inflicted on a girl in Switzerland in the canton of Glaurus in 1783.

The question of the reality of witchcraft is one upon which it is not easy to pass a confident judgment. In the face of Holy Scriptures and the teaching of the Fathers and theologians, the abstract possibility of a pact with the Devil and of a diabolical interference in human affairs can hardly be denied, but no one can read the literature on the subject without realizing the awful cruelties to which this belief led and without being convinced that in 99 cases out of 100 the allegations rest upon nothing better than pure delusion.

NONE AMONG INDIANS

There are no witches among the Indians but there are magicians pretending to heal with their magic, failing which they are sometimes accused of witchcraft or causing somebody harm. Neither the Indians nor the magicians themselves believe they have power over life and death but most Indians are still believing in the superstitutions that with magic incantations an Indian would-be healer can help the sick. And when they accuse someone of causing harm through magic, it is usually done because of ill-feeling coming from other causes.

No matter how mild is the present state of superstition, said the visiting priest, it is a blot on the intelligent human being and I thank God that Chief Billy Williams has renounced the same.

MAGIC

Speaking of magic, as distinguished from witchcraft, Father Allard said "a magician is a person endowed with secret knowledge and power." In a restricted sense he said it was understood to be an interference with the usual course of physical nature by apparently inadequate means, such as recitation of formulas, gestures, mixtures of incongruous elements and other mysterious actions, the knowledge of which is obtained through secret communications with the force underlying the universe, such as God or the Devil. It is an attempt to work miracle not by the power of God but by the use of hidden force beyond man's control. Its advocates, despairing to move God by supplication, seek results by evoking powers reserved ordinarily to God. It is a corruption of religion.

Visitors to the Salt Lake say the ground recently graded by the Parks Board near the landing will have to be drained before it will be of any use. It is very wet at present.

M. Y. Alvazoff, who has been in the city for the past week on business in connection with the new theatre for which he has left the contract to Mitchell & Currie, will sail tonight by the Prince George on his return to Vancouver.

GURVICH MEETS HIS WATERLOO

VISITING BOXER WINS BIG BOUT ON POINTS AT SPORT EVENT LAST NIGHT

McDONALD HAS SKILL

FIRST AND LAST ROUND DECLARED EVEN AND LOCAL BOY GOT THE SECOND

JUDGE'S DECISION

First round—Even.
Second round—Gurvich.
Third round—McDonald.
Fourth round—McDonald.
Fifth round—McDonald.
Sixth round—McDonald.
Seventh round—McDonald.
Eighth round—McDonald.
Ninth round—McDonald.
Tenth round—Even.

Outskilled and outgeneralled by his Vancouver opponent, Battling Dido Gurvich of Prince Rupert met his Waterloo like a man last night at the hands of Jimmy McDonald of Vancouver who was given the unanimous call of the judges on a wide margin of points. It was a ten-round return bout between McDonald and Gurvich for the title of middleweight champion of Northern British Columbia and a purse of $400—$240 for the winner and $160 for the loser. Promoter Ralph Smith offered one of the most attractive boxing cards ever presented here and a crowd of over seven hundred persons was packed into the Exhibition Hall for the occasion—the gate being estimated at something in the neighborhood of $600. There were five lively preliminaries which were worth the price of admission, to say nothing of the main event which, as far as action was concerned, left little to be desired.

Dido Gurvich was very much on his feet right to the end and fought the battle of his life. Though he lost the decision, he had little to be ashamed of. It was a case where experience and more skilful boxing won the day. McDonald merely demonstrated his superiority. The local boy did plenty of attacking but was blocked most of the time. At that, he got the odd one across though his opponent was fairly awarded the majority of the honors.

Petty Officer Instructor Young, R. C. N. V. R. refereed all bouts and the judges for the main event was Ralph LePine and Jack May who, sitting on opposite sides of the ring, agreed in awarding McDonald seven rounds; Gurvich, one, and two even. After the bout, McDonald, who has become very popular here, was carried out of the ring on the shoulders of his rejoicing admirers.

First to enter the ring, McDonald was given an ovation when he appeared. Gurvich was in soon after. McDonald's weight was announced as 144¾ pounds; Gurvich's, 146¼. New gloves were thrown in and the referee gave his instructions to the principals. They seemed to satisfy Brick Skinner, Gurvich's handler, but Charlie Brown, managing McDonald, was apparently not pleased.

ROUND BY ROUND

First Round—Gurvich led twice with rights into close fighting. He seemed to have the left working better. He was also making a better showing in the infighting. McDonald sent over a couple of lefts which did little if any damage. He was working the old rabbit punch and Gurvich was making a showing in return. There were some pretty hot exchanges but few direct hits. It was a pretty even round.

Second Round—They danced around for a while waiting for openings and mixed it well again. Dido rocked McDonald with some head blows at close range and also placed some on his opponent's body. Jimmy handed out some punishment as they embraced. After the break, Dido rushed in again and leading off with the left, put a long one across. He was rocking McDonald with more head blows. It was Gurvich's round.

Third Round—McDonald led in the attack and carried the fight to Dido. He got in close ones though Dido was working hard and missing in the rushes. McDonald inflicted some more rabbit punches. Dido led off again after the break. McDonald's round.

Fourth Round—They went into a clinch. McDonald was blocking Dido's rushes effectively and was ducking some wicked plunges. McDonald chased Dido around the ring for a while. Dido rushed in and was missing continuously. McDonald was probably the best in the infighting though he seemed to lack customary punch. Toward the end, they did some open fighting. It was McDonald's round.

Fifth Round—Dido missed again and went into a clinch. He landed a couple of nice ones though he was working hard for them. McDonald landed some heavy body blows which seemed to tell on Gurvich who was slowing up. It was all McDonald's round.

Sixth Round—Dido led off and McDonald landed in some short rushes. Gurvich was missing and the clinches were saving him. McDonald was the best in the short fighting and took the round fairly.

Seventh Round — There was close fighting and Gurvich was attacking but McDonald was blocking well. Dido rushed out and the exchanges were not to his advantage. He walked into a tough one on the end of the nose. McDonald's round by a shade.

Eighth Round—There was clinching and McDonald took the lead, Dido receiving some hard ones including a tough left on the nose. Gurvich's rushes were not so effective. McDonald's left was working well and he was finding Dido frequently. It was clearly McDonald's round.

Ninth Round—Dido rushed into it and here was free mixing. Probably Dido realized that his only salvation now was the chance of a knock-out. But McDonald was wise and waited out the furious rushes. Then he landed and had Dido holding on. Dido was plunging blindly and taking them all. His rushes had little effect on McDonald who took the round without dispute.

Tenth Round — Dido continued his rushing tactics and there was slugging and clinching. Dido showed his gameness and was carrying the fight to his opponent though he looked tired. McDonald was holding him against the ropes and then Dido broke loose and hit once or twice again. It was a pretty even round, but there was no necessity for McDonald to force the fighting.

The judges were consulted and the result announced.

PRELIMINARIES

The first preliminary was a smart three two-minute sparring exhibition between Tod Morgan and Howard Keefe. It was little Keefe's first experience in the ring and he made a creditable showing. Both boys were willing and Morgan forced the mixing. The referee adjudged it a draw and a shower of silver rewarded the boys' efforts.

Battling Rudolph Nelson and Cyclone Eddie Smith mixed with a will. Nelson was one of the toughest little opponents Smith has had. They both landed hard ones and Smith hit the floor twice in the first round. Smith did the most of the leading and fighting in the second round, Nelson showing clever eluiveness in both this and the third round. Smith was given a doubtful decision.

Fred Boulter and Curly Donald provided the crowd with some fun. There was a great deal of open fighting, Donald having lots of heart and looking ferocious enough. Donald received some hard jolts in the second round and was rocked down twice. He was a wild looking man with a bloody nose and a wicked gleaming eye. Boulter had all the best of the third round and only ducking and holding on saved Donald from going out. The decision was clearly enough for Boulter.

George Bard clearly demonstrated his superiority over Jack Holroyd. There were some lively exchanges in the first round and also in the second round with Bard all to the good. Holroyd was a sorry looking object when they threw in the towel from his corner in the third round. Holroyd was down once and then twice for the count of four. He weakly got up only to meet more slaughtering rights. Holroyd was bloody, staggering, and just hanging to the ropes when they called it off.

In the semi-wind-up, Benny Wendle, who is looking better all the time, gave George Boulter all he wanted. There was vigorous mixing in the first round. In the second, Wendle attacked hard and had Boulter down for the count of six. The pace was telling on them both and Wendle was unable to finish it. They were both tired to start the third round. Boulter was nevertheless coming to life, Wendle had saved something up for the fourth and final round. He landed with vigor and Boulter, his face a mass of blood, was almost out again when the final gong sounded. Wendle was given a well earned decision.

Max Heilbroner was time-keeper for the evening while Harry Pickering kept count of the knockdowns.

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4 cups granulated sugar
1 cup corn syrup
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tall tin Borden's St. Charles Milk
¼ lb. butter

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Capt. E. Mabbs of the C.N.R. steamer Prince John, from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands, wirelesses that he expects to arrive here some time tonight.

Nomination of 1928 officers of the Women's Canadian Club were received at a meeting last night in the City Hall. The election will take place on the first Wednesday in May.

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