

## SLEPT ON THE BOWERY, ATE AT THE RITZ HOTEL

### Strange Hoards Occasionally Are Found in the Effects of Derelict Misers

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 14—Every lodging house in the Bowery section of the city has its misers, but often are not discovered until they have died and the authorities take charge of their possessions. One such person passed on recently leaving in bank several hundred dollars. He ate at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and slept in a cheap hotel on the Bowery. By day, on part time, he was a cleaner of silver at the Ritz. For this he got small pay, but he did have good food. He was Nathan Fernlein and 84 years old at the time of his death.

Back in 1922 Robert Innes died in Bellevue Hospital. Being thrifty and a native of Greenock, Scotland, he chose the Mills Hotel in Bleecker street as his home. A carpenter, he picked up such work as he was able to do but for fourteen years before he died he lived a carefree existence. He paid thirty cents a day for his room at the hotel and his food cost about fifty cents more a day. He often complained that the post-war prices for food and lodging were too high.

When Innes died the public administrator found he had \$103,533. How he accumulated so much money no one ever found out but almost all his life he saved and kept his surplus in a tin box that he kept securely locked in his little cell like room at the hotel. He was to be found about the hotel day and night but he said little and other lodgers in the place called him a miser and he never denied it but no one thought he had a tin box containing a small fortune.

One of his cronies said after his death that once he told him he had made his nest egg in the market and had added to it as the years went on. Other men of the down and out class tormented Innes at every chance. They would say to him:

"What are you going to do with all your money. You can't take it with it. No wonder you got money. You never had a good time in your life."

## PRESIDENT HOPKINS WOULD WELCOME STALIN, HITLER, MUSSOLINI TO COLLEGE

### Scoffs at Reports of Red Menace in Colleges in the United States

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14—An emphatic assertion that freedom to discuss and study all forms of government should be preserved in American colleges came today from President Ernest Martin Hopkins of Dartmouth College.

Dr. Hopkins came here to make an address to alumni last night in which he called for preservation of democracy and said: "Thank God dictatorship has not come to the United States".

Declaring that he would be willing to have Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini lecture at Dartmouth, he explained that a knowledge of other points of view and of what is going on in other parts of the world is necessary for a comprehension of social values.

"That is Americanism", he said, "that is democracy and we are going to keep it despite any political pressure or what Mr. Hearst (William Randolph Hearst, publisher) or any one else tries to do".

"There is no red menace in American colleges", he told why communism and fascism should not be studied and analyzed in our higher institutions of learning.

"The quickest way to eliminate Americanism is by curtailing knowledge of speech. You can't go too strongly in quoting me on that."

"Why I would welcome an opportunity to have Stalin, Hitler, or Mussolini speak at Dartmouth."

"What about Huey Long?" he was asked.

"Yes we'd even have Huey Long. You often run afoul of something unpleasant in being consistent in these theories", he said with a laugh.

Hopkins also spoke of the "decline

"What have you got to laugh about?" replied Innes. "How many laughs have you got left out of all the good times you have had? The laughing you did and whatever money you had are gone together, ain't they? If there is anything to laugh at I am the one to laugh".

Then Innes would go to his room and the rest of his cronies would talk about him. The old man had a brother and sister in Scotland and they eventually got the estate.

Fernlein went to the Ritz as an employee in 1922 and like all of us type talked little. He was methodical in his habits and his three bank books showed he made regular deposits although of small amount of late years. Always neat in appearance although one suit lasted him a long time he lived a secluded life at the lodging house but behind it all was his thriftiness. He paid \$1.75 a week for his room and getting his food free his only other expense was carfare to and from his business. In his pocket was found \$45. Up to two years ago he earned but \$18 a week and then he was put on part time at \$7 a week. But he had three meals each day for which he paid nothing. Originally the estate was reported as \$8,571, but it was later cut because of foreign money in it.

About the Montauk Hotel Fernlein as a conspicuous figure, for all his fellow lodgers suspected he had money but did not think in terms of real money. He was a great newspaper reader and his use of a magnifying glass made him noticeable to others who did not even have glasses with which to read. Occasionally he was known to stake one of the men who tried to make friends with him but as a rule he was taciturn and let them know he did not care to be annoyed by their attentions.

When no relatives are found the body of a miser is buried by the city and the remainder of the estate reverts to the city.

## PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCHES

### Last Sunday Before Easter Marked by Interesting Messages to Congregations of Respective Churches in This Vicinity.

Yesterday, Palm Sunday, the last Sunday before Easter was marked by interesting sermons to the congregations of the various churches in this vicinity. The sermon titles were specially appropriate for the Eastertide.

At Wilmot United Church Rev. J. W. Bartlett, the minister, preached on "The Renewal of Loyalty", at the morning service and in the evening he delivered sermon "The Passion Play at Oberammergau", which was beautifully illustrated. A large congregation attended the service.

The theme of the morning service at St. Paul's United Church on Sunday was "The Renewal of the Church's Loyalty", the sermon being preached by the pastor, Rev. George Telford. "Was Jesus Mistaken?" was the evening sermon subject and the music was from Maunders' "Olivet to Calvary". The junior choir sang hymns at the morning service.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross delivered the ninth of his series of messages on Practical Christianity—"World Relationship", in the evening. "Renewal of the Church's Loyalty", was the morning theme. Large congregation attended both services.

Service at Christchurch Parish on Sunday morning was featured by its being broadcast over station CFNB. Venerable Archdeacon A. F. Bate preached at all services. Holy Communion was served at eight o'clock, and at 3:45 in the afternoon a confirmation class was held.

At Brunswick Street Baptist church preparatory prayer meeting was held at 10 o'clock in the morning. The theme for the day was "The Suffering and Triumphant Christ", continuing the special renewal services. Sunday school and Brotherhood Class were conducted at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Guion preached at all services.

A special service in which the Junior B. Y. P. U. of the church participated, was carried out at the Devon Baptist church on Sunday, the pastor David L. Kennedy, B.Th., officiating. The morning sermon was based on the theme of "Renewal of Church Loyalty". Church School and Brotherhood were held at 12:15 o'clock.

Yesterday, Palm Sunday was the first day of Holy Week, observed at St. Dunstan's church by the blessing of the palms before the first mass. The passion was read by Right Reverend Msgr. F. L. Carney at High Mass. Palms were distributed to the congregation after each Mass in commemoration of the entry of our Saviour into Jerusalem.

At St. Anthony's Church the palms were blessed by the pastor, Rev. Walter Donohoe and distributed to the congregation. Last evening Vespers were sung by the choir at the evening service for the first time in several years. Members of the Holy Name Society received holy communion in a body.

## MARIA RASPUTIN IN THE CIRCUS

NEW YORK, April 15—Maria Rasputin, daughter of the monk who exerted so powerful an influence on the Russian Court, until slain by outraged imperialists, arrived on the liner Bremen to join a circus as an animal trainer.

A former cabaret dancer in Paris, Miss Rasputin, who is 37, will go at once to the circus headquarters at Peru, Indiana.

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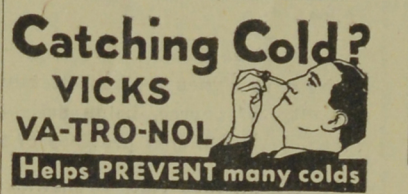
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