

With Christ In Alaska

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With Him

The words of the Master, "Lo, I am with you," have often given confidence, courage and direction to his followers. If he is *with us*, then it is also true that we are *with him*. What a magnificent partnership it is. Christ, the senior member of this alliance, is indeed the pioneer, the trail blazer, as regards the writer's Alaska missionary experience. Does he not say of himself, "He goeth before them and the sheep follow him"?

It is over forty years ago that the Reverend A. E. Karlson came with Christ to Unalakleet and many have adventured with him as Covenant missionaries up here during the ensuing years.

When we accepted the Covenant's call to supply at Unalakleet during the absence of Brother Ernest Larsson who is now on furlough, we were conscious of guidance by the Master of missions. In fellowship with him whose guidance is unailing, we gladly set out on a five thousand mile journey to a land and people of which we know very little.

It is with thoughts of his ever blessed presence up here in the Northland that we have chosen the above caption for a series of articles which we shall submit to the COMPANION editor as subject matter and time permit.

Alaska Bound

On the morning of June 19 we left Essex, Iowa, and began our trip by car to the west coast with Seattle as our specific destination. We reached Aurora, Nebraska, in the afternoon. It was here we had our first church, our first home. We have many dear friends in Aurora, so naturally a visit for a couple of days in this place was included in our itinerary. A picnic supper, brief visits in the homes and the hospital, together with seeing friends at the church comprised our stop at Aurora.

Our good friends, the Samuel T. Berg family in Boulder, had invited us to visit them on our trip west. Samuel studied at North Park while we were there, so our visit in their home brought back memories of former days. Bergs took us up to a beautiful mountain lake. We asked to get far enough up in the mountain so that we might tumble in the snow. While the coffee was cooking over our camp fire, a heavy hail storm, ending with snow, descended and covered the ground, putting

out the fire, leaving us with coffee uncooked. We were in the snow sooner than we had expected. On our way down the mountain we met an artist friend of the Bergs who invited us to stop at his cabin and cook our coffee. While the coffee boiled, we viewed several of the beautiful paintings from the brush of our new acquaintance and later made a picture with our movie camera of the artist and Berg cleaning the snow off the top of the sedan. The mayor of Boulder, who was also a physician did not give us the keys to the city, but he did give us our final inoculations for diphtheria.

In Wyoming we drove for stretches of twenty-five miles without passing through a town, and the scenery would have been rather monotonous, vast areas of grass-covered, treeless hills, were it not for the many-hued wild flowers that grew along the highway. We counted twenty-three varieties in one day's trip. On Sunday, June 25, we stopped for the morning service at a Baptist church in Thermopolis, Wyoming. We were just twenty worshippers in the audience, but God was there and a realization of his presence always enriches the communing soul. After the sermon, the pastor received into church membership three boys in the early teens. "Why is it that in our Covenant churches one so seldom witnesses the reception of early youth into church membership?" was the question that came to our minds that Lord's morning.

The two days spent at Yellowstone Park were crowded with seeing the wonders of nature which are unfolded by the hand of the Almighty to the ecstasy of the delighted traveler. Standing on Fishing Bridge early one morning we caught two trout apiece in just a short time. Would a night in an "Old Faithful" cabin be true of Yellowstone if the bears failed to awaken one by tipping over the garbage cans in search for food?

Seattle, city of hills, friendly people and comfortable summer weather! We located an apartment overlooking Puget Sound and within walking distance of the downtown district. Here we made our home for six days before sailing. It was indeed a welcome change to wear a coat on a July day and feel very comfortable. The weather back east had been 90 to 100 degrees and on the coast the temperature stood around 70 degrees.

On Sunday we attended Bible school and services at the Swedish Tabernacle. The pastor, Reverend Mr. Hjelm, had just returned from the Covenant's National Young People's Convention at Geneva and the Annual Conference in Chicago. The greetings he brought the congregation from these two successful assemblies inspired to greater Covenant interest among a large membership so far distant from the center of Covenant affairs. After the morning sermon, two young Christians were received into church membership. Believe they were members of this year's confirmation class. What a happy achievement for any pastor and congregation. One of the boys was Brother Hjelm's son, so the pastor had reason to be especially pleased over this membership increase.

The writer was invited to speak at the evening service which happened to be on the first anniversary of Hjelm's pastorate in Seattle. Following my message, Brother Hjelm spoke on "Launch Out Into the Deep." A good response to the pastor's plea for a rededication and consecration of lives to the church's task was evidenced by the many who remained for an after-service.

We had a very enjoyable Fourth together with folk from the Tacoma and Seattle Tabernacle churches. As guests of the Hjelm family we drove out to Covenant Beach on Puget Sound for a picnic. The Hjelm cabin newly painted like a Swedish "stuga" added to the attractiveness of these fine Bible camp grounds. Covenant Beach witnesses to progressive, daring and farsighted leadership with confident following.

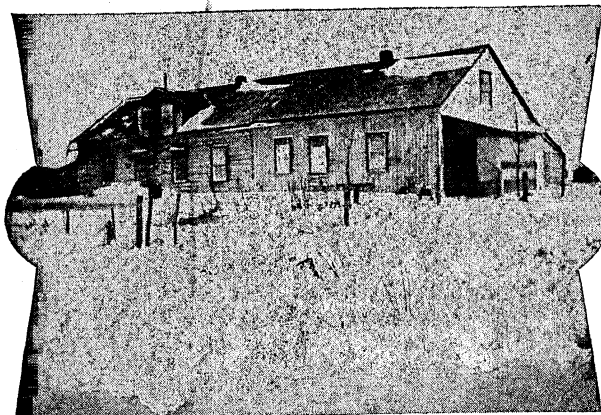
Alaska missionaries have in Seattle one who has a keen interest in this field of Christian activity. It is Mrs. Hannah Karlson, wife of the first Covenant missionary to Unalakleet who though a resident of Seattle, yet often in thought and spirit finds herself at the place where she labored together with her husband for many years. We were her guests one evening and enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Karlson and relatives very much.*

July 6 was a busy day for us. The "Victoria" was scheduled to leave for Alaskan ports at five o'clock p. m. Since

*In last issue of the COVENANT COMPANION we told of Mrs. Karlson's death.—Editor.

we sold our car to Dr. Raymond Seth, son of the late Reverend Seth, we had the use of the machine until the time we went on board the ship. Two trips and all our baggage was landed on the pier and we bid farewell to the vehicle which had served us so well for over 10,000 miles.

We appreciated very much to have some one at the pier to bid us bon voyage. It lessened the sense of loneliness when embarking from the homeland. A funeral hindered the Rev. and Mrs. Hjelm's presence, but a beautiful floral bouquet spoke for



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them. Mrs. Karlson and two nieces and Emanuel Peterson waved farewell. The latter, an active member in the Seattle Swedish Tabernacle, came from Salem church, Minneapolis, so it was a pleasant surprise to find one from the home church out on the coast. As the gangplank was lifted and the ship moved slowly from the pier, we realized for the first time what it means to leave native shores and set out for a land of new adventure with Christ.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

By C. W. Agnew

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Here is a new international development in Europe:

Poland has for many years been at odds with both Germany and Russia. Now we see Poland becoming **friendly** toward her two powerful neighbors. Germany has withdrawn two suits against the Polish government from the World Court at The Hague. A new non-aggression declaration has been formulated between Hitler of Germany and Lipski, Polish minister in Berlin. With friendly relations existing between these two nations there will be no further anxiety over such controversial questions as the Corridor, Danzig, and Upper Silesia. On the other hand, when Poland thus favors Germany, France will be displeased and will probably void her "intervention" treaty with Poland.

The Polish foreign office at Moscow has, by tactful diplomatic attitude toward the Soviet regime, brought about a gradual but decided improvement of relations with that government. Thus national harmony is developing between Poland, Russia and Germany. (Russia and Germany are already on good terms.) These three countries, with large populations, lie *outside* the Roman empire boundaries. Also, there is nothing in Scripture to prevent the recent accord between Russia and the United States.

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A headline of Nov. 20 reads: "Europe gives up effort to solve disarm tangle." Intrigue, suspicion, jealousy, pride, mistrust, are some of the causes of disarmament failure. The national leaders forget CHRIST! Without HIM they fail.

Another Nov. 20 headline reads: "Mussolini acts to pull Italy out of League." But there is scant likelihood of Italy withdrawing from the League of Nations. There is reason to believe that this is a shrewd political gesture by Mussolini, with the shifting of the League headquarters from Geneva to Rome as the motive. France wants to keep the international conversations at Geneva, but Mussolini's influence gains strength rapidly, and the prospects are that other nations will be seen ultimately bowing to his wishes. If, however, Italy, *does* withdraw from the League of Nations, as that body exists today, you will see Rome becoming the center of a New

Confederacy which will consist of *only* those nations definitely within the old Roman empire boundaries.

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A headline of Nov. 21 reads: "Japan is reported to be 'wooing' China as military ally!" Japan seeks in such an alliance to offset the American deal with Russia, which leaves Japan militarily isolated. In previous articles on the Signs of the Times we have made suggestions that China and Japan would eventually be drawn together, along with the masses of India. This headline, and what follows, supports our belief.

The course of world events indicates that in the time of the end the world may be divided into THREE great international camps: The first composed of nations *within* the Roman empire boundaries; the second composed of such nations as Germany, Poland, Russia, the Nordic races, and the United States; and the third composed of the heathen masses of the far East, Japan, China, India, and so on. Note: The inclusion of the U. S. in the group with Russia does not mean similar religious beliefs.

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On Nov. 19, in Warsaw, Poland, fiery anti-British speeches were made by Zionist leaders. The Zionist executive there is said to be preparing an international drive to change the Palestine regime. A league for the Polish mandate in Palestine has been founded. This league plans to urge the Polish government to initiate a general debate on Palestine at the next meeting of the League of Nations.

There are six million Jews in Poland and the Ukraine, or about two-fifths of the Jews of the world. Out of these two countries will come the largest group of immigrants to Palestine. But Poland will not be awarded the mandate over that ancient land, because Poland lies *outside* the Roman empire boundary as before stated.

Palestine rule will undoubtedly change hands, but when that does occur the change will be either to Rome from London or directly into the hands of the Jews themselves. The British mandate was to run for a period of twenty-five years beginning in 1918. That brings us to 1943, but a transfer is not impossible before that date.

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London, Nov. 10, 1933. — Again we see the Jew "dispersed" though on a moderate

scale. Thousands of German refugees are scattered throughout France, Holland and Poland. A fund of \$10,000,000 is being raised by an emergency association, in which are Jews and prominent Gentiles as well, to aid these refugees. Five million dollars of this fund will be devoted to relief measures, and the other five million will be employed to break into new territory in Palestine.

By this means the administrators of this large fund hope that Palestine will be able within five years to absorb 200,000 German Jews in addition to the regular quotas from other countries.

An interesting angle to this despatch is found in the statement that intellectual Jews, lawyers, doctors, professors, scientists, and so on, too numerous among the immigrants, are willing to start life anew as agricultural workers, clerks, laborers or servants. Their love for their homeland impels them to make this sacrifice.

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Let us make it very clear that "the whole earth" is concerned with events that foreshadow "the time of the end." When Christ comes in the air to gather his Church out of this world, he will gather them out of ALL nations, not from just a select few. That is why we watch events that are taking place throughout the world.

At the end of the tribulation period, when Jesus comes "in power and great glory" to destroy his Satanic enemies, "every eye shall see him." There will be no such thing as escape or isolation then. The whole world will be affected by that terrible event which shall close Daniel's seventieth week and usher in the Kingdom age.

In the next article of this series we shall enumerate several significant events that have taken place within the last fifteen years, indicating that the coming of the Lord is imminent.

Are we ready for the midnight cry: "Behold! The Bridegroom cometh!"

JULOTTA SERVICE TO BE BROADCAST

Seattle, Wash., Church to Broadcast By Remote Control

Regular **julotta** service will be broadcast by Seattle church on Dec. 25, at 5:30-7:15 a. m., over radio station KXA, 760 kilocycles — Pacific standard time.