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"Would you sign with me for the game of life?" he whispered tenderly.

"That will depend somewhat on your batting average and your capacity for making home runs," she replied.

Pastor Russell and the Brooklyn Eagle.

One Russell, whose initials nor given name do not appear in the petitions as published in "People's Pulpit," has sued the Brooklyn Eagle for \$100,000 damages for its publications concerning and reflecting on him. Pastor Russell is and has been for 30 years, pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle, and his petition for damages avers that from the day he set foot in the city of Brooklyn, the pastors of practically all other churches in that city have been against him, doing all in their power publically and privately to destroy his usefulness in the pulpit and thru the press, home and foreign in which his sermons are published and circulated to more than ten millions of people, and that the Eagle incited by the ministry, had openly charged him with all sorts of high crimes and misdemeanors.

Pastor Russell, meek and lowly in spirit, bore the burdens unjustly cast on him, until the Eagle traced down the history of "Miracle Wheat," and charged that he, Pastor Russell and one Bohnet had perpetrated all kinds of fraud on the farmers of the country by selling wheat called Miracle Wheat, at \$1 per pound, and that the Tabernacle was the headquarters of the swindlers. This straw overburdened Pastor Russell, so the Eagle claims, and the wheat industry put out of business. Pastor Russell engaged in a damage suit in an effort to recoup losses. Perhaps the interview Pastor Russell permitted and which was published in part in Peoples Pulpit, edited by P. E. Thompson, will throw better light on the wheat deal, and it is as follows:

"Pastor Russell, the Brooklyn Eagle has attacked you in connection with 'Miracle Wheat.' It has given the inference that you are a wheat speculator and gulling the farmers by selling ordinary wheat for \$1 a pound. Your neighbors and the public would be interested in hearing your explanation of the matter."

"I have nothing to do with 'Miracle Wheat.' I am not in the wheat business in any sense or degree. The Eagle is merely following out its nagging and slandering policy which it has toward me since my coming to Brooklyn. Slander, misrepresentation and vilification seem to be the policy of The Eagle for some years—a very different policy. I understand from the one which gave it its reputation originally. My friends tell me that its course toward me is much the same that it pursued toward Dr. Talmage. Indeed, one Baptist minister remarked,

"The filthy Eagle killed Dr. Talmage—literally. He died of a broken heart." I know nothing about that, but I do know that The Eagle has not killed me and I do not propose to let it."

"But, Pastor Russell, was there

not some wheat sold at the Tabernacle and was it not called 'Miracle Wheat'?

"Contrary to our wishes, a reporter of The Eagle purchased one pound of 'Miracle Wheat' at the Tabernacle. He bought it from Mr. Bohnet's representative, who obtained the privilege of using a basement room at the Tabernacle for preparing the wheat to be sent out by mail in pound packages. Mr. Bohnet had promised that the proceeds of his wheat would be donated to our Free Tract Fund for sending out the Bible Message in all languages. Mr. Bohnet has an interest in a farm in Pennsylvania on which he grew this 'Miracle Wheat.'

"Where Mr. Bohnet got his seed will interest you. Three years ago the newspapers contained extensive accounts of this 'Miracle Wheat' which was found in Virginia by a man named Stoner, who gave it its name. He claimed that he found it in answer to prayer. The newspapers quoted the U. S. Agricultural Department's Report made by Assistant Secretary Miller. The report declared that the 'Miracle Wheat' yielded between two and three times as much crop to the acre as other wheat and that it required only about one-fourth as much of it for seed. I copied the newspaper accounts in my Journal, The Watch Tower. Subsequently Mr. Stoner's agent called at my study and showed me samples of the 'Miracle Wheat,' one with as many as one hundred and twenty stalks from one seed, and told me that most of his orders for the wheat had come from my free notices.

"I gave the item as news and as evidence of fact that we are entering the New Dispensation in which God has promised to bless the fields and to increase their productiveness. I recognized at once what a value such wheat would have to all mankind. If it would merely double the crop it would mean an increase of five hundred million dollars in the value of the wheat crop of our country and give us cheaper bread. If it would increase the crop still more, returns would be still larger.

"About then my friend, Mr. Bohnet, came to my study and collected a few grains of the wheat which was shown to me by Mr. Stoner's agent. Mr. Bohnet planted those grains and this year wrote me that he had a sufficiency to sell; that he would dispose of it at \$1 per pound and give the proceeds to our Free Tract Fund. Does it seem strange to you that The Eagle holds up my friend as a criminal because of his desire to benefit the farmers of the world and his further desire to turn the proceeds of his wheat into tracts? Yes, that would seem strange. But that is not what The Eagle attempted to do. It merely wished to slander me—to kill me, by inferring, insinuating, hinting, caricaturing, etc."

"But is not a dollar a pound a new price for wheat?"

"I had nothing whatever to do with the price of the wheat. That was the concern of Mr. Bohnet and those who sent him their mail orders. I know nothing about wheat nor about farming. I have heard of forty or fifty cents per pound being paid for seed wheat of specially productive strains, but I never before heard of wheat which would produce two hundred kernels from one, as many testify of the 'Miracle Wheat.' If I were a farmer I would pay, if necessary, not only one dollar per pound, but even ten dollars per ounce, in order to get a start in wheat of this character."

WHY MINISTERS OPPOSE HIM

"Pastor Russell, you are aware that Protestant ministers of nearly all denominations are opposed to you—some of them, apparently, to the extent of hatred. You yourself have intimated that The Eagle is fighting you and slandering you, especially to

please the Protestant ministers here. Would you now care to say what is the basis of this ministerial hatred toward you? Before you answer, let me tell you that, while some ministers are non-committal, and a few speak well of you, others are very bitter and indulge in insinuating and slander, just to the extent that they think their hearers unprincipled enough to enjoy hearing them. Some speak boldly against you. For instance, two ministers were coming away from one of your crowded meetings. One said, 'If that man had lived two centuries ago he would have been burned to the stake.' The other answered, 'That is what they ought to do to him now.' On another occasion a gentleman asked a minister whether or not he had been to hear you. The reply was, 'I had rather have joined in stoning him out of town.' I suppose you know, too, that many ministers endeavor to keep their congregations from going to hear you and advise them to burn your books without reading them? Now, Pastor Russell, I believe the public would be interested in knowing just what is the true explanation of this condition of things. It seems the more remarkable because we are living in the day when all denominations are shouting for Church Union, Christian Brotherhood, Federations, etc."

PASTOR RUSSELL'S EXPLANATION

"The question is a large one and no one answer would, probably, fit every case. Apparently there are noble-minded, true Christian men in the ministry of all denominations—men who love righteousness and hate iniquity. But, alas, there are others who, apparently, are possessed of the same spirit which controlled the Chief Priests and Pharisees of the Jewish nation and made them bitter against our Redeemer, to the extent of plotting His death. The fact that Saul of Tarsus had the same spirit and became the murderer of St. Stephen and a persecutor of the church, and nevertheless in all good conscience verily thought that he was doing God service, proves to us that opponents of God and His Message and servants today may number amongst them noble characters similarly deceived in respect to what is the Truth and its spirit. I cannot attempt to judge the hearts. Some of my bitterest opponents may be sincere and honest. I can judge only of the fruits, as the Master told us we should do—'By their fruits ye shall know them.' Some of those who oppose me are probably actuated by jealousy.

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