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## WORLDLINESS IN CITY CHURCHES

### Bishop Asks Close Questions at Conference.

### SECOND DAY'S WORK

### Galveston Minister Tells of the Great Storm.

### THE BISHOP'S REMARKS FOLLOWING CENTRAL CHURCH'S REPORT CREATE A PROFOUND IMPRESSION.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 22.—The second day of the Western North Carolina conference opened auspiciously. The weather is perfect, and all seem happy. At 9 a. m. promptly the conference was called to order and opened with religious services by Dr. D. Atkins, presiding elder of the Asheville district.

That part of the roll which failed to answer to roll call yesterday was called and quite a number answered to their names.

Rev. T. A. Smoot of Greensboro Female college read a report of that institution, which was referred to the board of education.

In the report of Dr. Pencock, president of Greensboro Female college, a cordial invitation was extended to the members of the conference to visit that institution in a body Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A communication from the secretary of the North Carolina conference, with reference to the Methodist orphanage in the city of Raleigh, was read and referred to special committee consisting of T. F. Marr and H. M. Blair.

Question 20 was called, and the names of R. S. Abernethy, J. F. Craven, H. F. Wiley, James Willson were called and referred to the committee on conference relations for the supernumerary relation.

Question 18 was called and the following were referred to the same committee for the supernumerary relation: C. M. Anderson, J. W. Bird, W. H. Cooper, W. B. Lyda, L. T. Mann, R. W. Pickens, Z. Rush, M. V. Sherrill, J. C. Thomas, T. L. Triplett, J. W. Wheeler, J. W. Wiggins.

J. C. Troy made a touching speech, asking for light work. His case was postponed till S. B. Turentine could be present to represent him.

Question 20 was called. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of T. F. Marr, W. C. Willson, W. H. Willis, J. C. Mock, C. A. Wood, R. A. York, Z. Paris, W. H. Perry, A. H. Hoyle, P. E. Parker, H. H. Jordan, W. H. L. McLaughlin, M. H. Vestal, W. M. Curtis, T. H. Pogram, L. A. Falls were called, their characters passed, and made reports of their work which were quite satisfactory.

### GALVESTON STORM RECALLED

Rev. Mr. Bradfield, a visitor from the West Texas conference, was introduced. Mr. Bradfield is pastor of St. John's church, Galveston. He made a very touching speech. He said he had read less than most of us about the storm. He did not have time to read. Mr. Bradfield then gave a graphic description of the storm, as he saw it, being at the time the storm arose in the pastor's study of St. John's church, from which place he was rescued and taken in a small skiff, by a negro man, through the street to his home six blocks away. When daylight dawned he found that the city lay in ruins and it slowly dawned upon them that between 6000 and 8000 of their people had perished; 4200 houses with all out-houses had gone down, and formed a great bank of ruins three miles long, a hundred yards wide and 20 feet high. This great bank of ruins served as a protection to the quarter of the city which lay back of it.

"Will Galveston ever be rebuilt? It looks so now. I believe it will. Will it pay to rebuild it? I think not. But where the people go, and live and work, and die, Methodism must go. Where Methodism has raised her flag she will never haul it down. Methodism will stay in Galveston while people stay there. She is better fitted to do the work needed in our cities than any other agency."

Bishop Morrison called upon the conference to respond. The secretary called the roll, and a good collection resulted. The amount was \$433.35.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. R. Ware:

"In view of the fact that our Southern Methodist churches in Galveston, Tex., were destroyed by the great flood which swept over that city during the year, that we, as a conference, request the pastors of the various churches to take a collection in all their churches as early a date as possible and forward the same to Dr. Whisner, Louisville, Ky., to help our brethren there rebuild their houses of worship."

"W. R. WARE."  
"T. A. BOONE."  
"F. H. WOOD."

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.  
Rev. L. W. Crawford, D. D., editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, S. M.

## GRAND DUCHESS HELEN BETROTHED

### She is to Wed Prince Louis Napoleon Bonaparte.

### THE MARRIAGE CANNOT FAIL TO STRENGTHEN THE BONAPARTIST CAUSE IN FRANCE.

New York, Nov. 23.—A dispatch to the Journal from St. Petersburg says:

"The betrothal of Prince Louis Napoleon Bonaparte to Grand Duchess Helen, daughter of Grand Duke Vladimir, is officially announced. It cannot fail to strengthen the Bonapartist cause in France and correspondingly weaken the republican government. Prince Louis, who has been serving for the last 15 years in the Russian army, is a general of cavalry at the head of the crack regiment of Czarina's Lancers of the Guard. He has all along been treated at court as a member of the Russian imperial family circle.

"Louis has long been attentive to Grand Duchess Helen, the wayward princess who two years ago created a sensation by jilting the heir to the throne of Baden on the eve of the appointed day of the wedding, and who was since credited with an infatuation for her cousin, Grand Duke Michael, younger brother and heir to the czar.

read his report as editor of our conference organ. On motion of Dr. D. Atkins, a special committee of five ministers and two laymen was appointed to consider the question of conference ownership growing out of the report of Dr. Crawford. The committee is as follows: Clerical, D. Atkins, R. S. Webb, J. D. Arnold, A. W. Jacobs, J. H. Weaver; lay, J. A. Lackey, S. F. Graves.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was called. The following were admitted: L. Burge, Bernethy, James Braxton Craven, Wm. F. Elliott, John W. Ingle.

Rev. J. C. Troy's name, by his own request, was referred to the committee on conference relations for the superannuated relation.

Question 20 was again called: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The name of J. H. Weaver was called and he made his report.

WORLDLINESS.  
Bishop Morrison asked some close questions about worldliness in our city churches. He said if our 6000 preachers of Southern Methodism were in a position to rightly administer discipline there would follow a great revival. Ninety-five out of every 100 who are proper subjects for discipline would be saved to the church. We have no right to relegate the discipline. His remarks made a profound impression.

Dr. J. J. Renn followed with a strong talk on discipline. In all that was said no particular reference was made to Central or any other particular church, but the remarks were doubtless intended to apply in general.

Bishop Morrison asked "How many young people among us go from the evening prayer meeting to the theater? There is something back of the theater, the ballroom, and the card table. There is a prayerless home, a godless family." Many "Amen's" came from the audience.

The names of J. N. Huggins, J. J. Gray, R. M. Taylor, R. B. Shelton, H. G. Tuttle were called, character passed, and made their report.

D. Vance Price, who gave up his work on Hendersonville station on account of his health, asked, through his presiding elder, for a location. J. D. Bule, A. W. Jacobs, J. D. Gibson made reports of their work.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Dr. J. D. Hammond was called to the rostrum by the bishop, to explain his work as secretary of the board of education. Dr. Hammond said of the \$1,500,000 asked for for the 20th century thank offering for our educational work, about \$1,200,000 had been subscribed. He said what our work needs is a close sympathy of our Methodist people with our institutions of learning.

On motion of G. F. Kirby it was ordered that Saturday morning at 10 o'clock be set apart as the time to consider our educational work.

Ira Erwin, T. F. Glenn, R. S. Howie, J. J. Edwards, E. Myers, J. H. Bradley, Z. V. Cordell, J. E. Abernethy, A. P. Foster, J. C. Rowe, T. E. Wagg, R. S. Webb, J. R. Brooks, E. J. Poe, W. S. Hales, R. F. Bryant, J. F. England, J. B. Tabor, A. W. Plyler, J. F. Allred, T. D. Ellington, J. P. Lanning, J. M. Price, J. R. Scroggs, G. H. Crowell, L. W. Crawford, T. A. Smoot, W. L. Grissom were called and reported their work.

### CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

J. W. Jones offered the following:

"Resolved that the secretary of the conference be authorized to edit and publish 3000 copies of the Conference Journal for distribution, giving him discretion as to the number furnished each charge and that he be allowed \$50 for his services.

"Resolved that the Journal be furnished without charge, but that the pastors may sell them if they choose and apply the proceeds to the minute fund."  
J. W. JONES.  
M. C. Field, who gave up his work during the year on account of ill health, was referred to the committee on conference relations. J. E. Armstrong, who supplied the work the rest of the year, read a fine report.

After announcements, the conference adjourned at 1 o'clock with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Bradfield of Texas.  
George R. Stuart preached at 3 a. m.

## KRUGER'S ADIEU TO MARSEILLES

### No Incident to Mar the Old Statesman's Welcome.

### A FAREWELL SPEECH

### Hopes for Sympathy in All Cities He Will Visit.

### EXTENSIVE POLICE PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT TROUBLE AS FORMER PRESIDENT LEAVES.

Marseilles, Nov. 23.—Although the enthusiasm attending Kruger's departure from Marseilles was not so boisterous and there was no crowd present as awaited him on the quay when he landed yesterday, he had no reason to complain of any diminution of warmth on the part of the people of Marseilles.

Kruger was up early and ready and waiting when the landau reached the hotel to convey him to the railroad depot. Amid the cheering of a large assembly the former president entered the carriage and was driven to the station.

He was accompanied by Dr. Leyds and Messrs. Pearson, Wessels, Hamill and others. Just before the departure of the train Kruger appeared on the steps of the railroad carriage in response to the shouts of the crowd and said:

"Citizens of Marseilles: I thank the people of Marseilles for the warm welcome. I trust I shall find the same enthusiastic sympathy in all the cities which I am going to travel through and I hope it will be followed by actions which will continue to assist us and result in abating our cause."

As the train left a great cry arose: Kruger will spend the night at Dijon, where he will arrive at 5:20 p. m. Extensive police precautions were taken this morning. Detachments of policemen were massed along the route from the hotel to the station, but Kruger's departure took place without any disagreeable incident.

### PARIS PROGRAM.

Paris, Nov. 23.—The program of welcome to Kruger has been held in abeyance for the scrutiny of the president. Extraordinary police precautions have been taken about the Hotel Scribe, in the vicinity of which are many English stores, which it is feared the crowd in its enthusiasm might injure. The whole of the second floor of the Hotel Scribe has been retained for the use of Kruger and his suite. It is expected the municipal council will offer the former Boer president a reception.

### STEYN AND DEWET.

Maseru, Basutoland, Nov. 23.—Native report that former President Steyn and General Dewet, with a thousand men traversed the British lines between Alexander and Warrington's store and attacked the British post, subsequently retiring by the road to Dewetsdorp in Orange River colony.

### A WONDROUS STORY.

Kroonspruit, Nov. 23.—General Bruce Hamilton's column arrived here yesterday after scouring the Lindel and Heilbron districts. The troops brought in a number of prisoners. The latter relate the remarkable assurance received at Tnabon Nchu from General Dewet a fortnight ago. Dewet, they say, urged the Burghers to hold out till December 10, when "all the British were going home."

He added that the British had permission from Prussia to fight for a year only; that Queen Victoria was at Capetown, whether she had fled to escape the Chinese, who had captured half of England; that General Botha had driven the British out of the Transvaal and had taken Pietermaritzburg; that Dewet himself was fighting in Cape Colony, burning farms, and that Lord Roberts, wounded by three bullets, had been taken to Heilbron to die and had been buried there before the town fell.

### DISQUIETING FOR BRITISH.

London, Nov. 23.—The Star today commenting on the report that General Botha with a commando is close to Dewetsdorp regards the news as most disquieting and says:

"We have heard many strange and unverified stories, but the thing we know is that French was pursued all the way from Middelburg to Standerton and got through a terrible neck of the mountains only by the skin of his teeth."

Proceeding the Star suggests that General Botha pursued the British, marched south and joined hands with General Dewet, and that thus Bloemfontein is endangered and the Orange Free State will have to be reconquered before subduing the Transvaal can be commenced.

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## STATE OF TERROR EXISTS AT PANAMA

### Business Suspended There and at Colon.

### REPORTS OF SEVERE FIGHTING WITH HEAVY LOSSES TO GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 23.—The British steamer Barberton, which has just arrived from Colon, reports that severe fighting occurred Monday and Tuesday at Culebra.

The government forces attacked the rebels, who occupied a good position, with the result that the losses of the former were heavy. Fighting was proceeding when the steamer left Tuesday night.

Stores and restaurants at Colon were closed and the rebels hold a portion of the railroad line.

A rebel force is reported to be engaging government troops near Panama.

Business is entirely suspended at the latter place and both Panama and Colon are in a state of terror.

### BANKRUPT DUKE.

### MANCHESTER'S EXAMINATION ADJOURNED TO FEB. 2.

London, Nov. 23.—The Duke of Manchester, who sails for the United States tomorrow, appeared before a registrar in bankruptcy today. The receiver told the court the case must be adjourned, as the accounts were not yet filed although fully prepared. The liabilities disclosed, he added, amounted to \$7,700 pounds, assets 7545. The receiver asked for time to examine the accounts and interrogate the creditors.

Counsel for the trustee said the committee of inspection had agreed to an adjustment. The Duke of Manchester, he asserted, was prepared to enter the box if desired, but counsel explained that he was going abroad and anticipated returning to England February 2. The examination was adjourned to that date.

### ALARMING SITUATION.

### CALIFORNIA TOWN LIKELY TO BE SWAMPED.

Anaheim, Cal., Nov. 23.—The flood situation here is alarming. The break in Santa Ana river has brought the water to within a mile of the town, which is 15 feet below the level of the river. If the rise continues the town will be swamped.

The Catholic cemetery is under a foot of water. Over 100 families have been driven from their homes and there is fear that people in isolated sections have been drowned.

The Southern Pacific has lost a mile of track on the Los Animas branch. Ten miles of the San. F. roadbed beyond Fullerton is unsafe, while 3000 feet has been washed away.

### BROKER ARRESTED.

### WARRANT ISSUED ON GENERAL SICKLES' COMPLAINT.

### NEW YORK, NOV. 23.—J. Fletcher Shera, a stock broker and member of the New York stock exchange, who failed last week, was arrested yesterday, charged with grand larceny. Lemuel W. Baxter, Shera's bookkeeper, was also arrested.

Both men were arrested on warrants issued at the instance of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, the charge being the securing of \$10,000 of Sickles' money under false representations.

Sickles alleges that some time last summer he gave Shera \$10,000 to invest in stocks and since that time Shera has refused to give an accounting.

### AFTER MANY DAYS.

### BOWDEN TURNS UP AT HIS HOME IN GEORGIA.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 23.—W. O. Bowden, who resides near here, returned to his home last night. He disappeared while in bathing at Tybee Island last summer, and no trace of him could be found. He says he has been ill at Richmond, Va.

Effort was made to collect between \$20,000 and \$30,000 life insurance, but no part of it was paid by the company.

BLAZE ON PATTON AVENUE.—This was caused by several gentlemen striking matches to light Ko-We-Ba, Benjamin Franklin, Graf and other cigars bought at Wells' (high grade cigars sold only), 14 Patton avenue.

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## TRANSFER THE PRELIMINARIES

### Opinion of Competent Independent Judges.

### SITUATION IN CHINA

### Critical State of Affairs Demands Change.

### WHEN THE TERMS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON THEY SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO CHINA AS A DEMAND.

London, Nov. 23.—A dispatch to the Reuter news agency from Peking, dated November 22, says:

"Competent independent judges of the present critical state of negotiations are of the opinion that consideration of all peace preliminaries should be transferred to Washington or a European capital, and be placed in the hands of plenipotentiaries possessed of full powers to arrange the terms that are to be imposed on China.

"Once the terms are agreed on they should be presented as a demand, not requiring negotiations with Chinese commissioners.

"It is felt that the present discussions of ministers who do not possess powers to decide on the multiplicity of propositions without reference to their governments are bound to interminably drag out the preliminaries and result in a long delay, causing the greatest uneasiness in the foreign communities, who anticipate vastly increased difficulty in reaching a settlement, owing to the alleged waste of time."

Dr. Morrison, wiring the Times from Peking says:

"The appointment of Yu Chang as governor of the province of Hu Pei has been cancelled. This was due to the strenuous British protest. Ching Hsing, treasurer of the province of Ho Nan, who has been appointed in his place, is regarded as almost equally objectionable.

"The foreign envoys have agreed that the consistent bad faith which the Chinese have shown in disseminating abroad misleading intelligence shall be recorded in the preamble to the joint note.

"It is reported that Chinese troops have repulsed a German expedition, but no details have been received."

Berlin, Nov. 23.—Field Marshal Von Waldersee cables that Colonel York's column reached Hsuehghwa November 17. The weak garrison immediately surrendered. A column commanded by Colonel Mulefueis, the dispatch adds, is proceeding to Aukhachian. The health of the troops is good.

### THE CZAR.

Livadia, Nov. 23.—The czar passed a quiet day yesterday. His majesty also passed a very good night. His condition and strength are very satisfactory.

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