

### HE IS HOPEFUL

#### President Taft Speaks on Administration Railroad Bill.

### MIS-STATEMENTS CORRECTED

#### Thinks the Measure Will Be Passed By Both Houses Within The Next Two Weeks.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Pascaic, N. J., May 9.—In a speech before the Pascaic board of trade here tonight, in which he discussed the legislative situation at Washington, President Taft declared with a great deal of emphasis and amid an outburst of applause that the railroad bill has not been transmitted in any vital way and predicted that a satisfactory law would be passed.

"The bill," said the President, "still retains its important features, and I am hopeful that within the next two weeks we shall see the passage of the bill in both houses, the adjustment of the differences between the two houses and its final enactment. It means a great step forward in the power of regulation entrusted to the interstate commerce commission subject to a court of review. It does not transfer—and I should be loath to do this—from the board of directors of the interstate commerce commission the power of running and operating the railroad. It still leaves wide discretion in the owners of the property; but the power exercised by the commission I feel confident can be exercised for good and will not remove the existing motives of enlightened selfishness for the improvement by the owners of railroads in the methods and cost of transportation."

The President declared that the newspaper reports of the crippling of the railroad bill had been greatly exaggerated, and he set out in detail the provisions of the measure as it now stands. He said he hoped the provisions which permit a road owning 50 per cent. of the stock of a competing road to acquire the remaining stock would be removed and hold only.

In his view of pending legislation, Mr. Taft expressed the belief that the following measures will be enacted into law:

Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

Postal savings banks.

Anti-injunction.

The so-called validating bill of the conservation measures.

The publicity of campaign expenditures.

The railroad bill.

In his comment on the delay in passing the statehood bill, the President acknowledged that there was "a hesitation" on the part of the Republicans in the Senate to pass a bill which is "so likely to add four Democrats to the Senate."

"Or, if not Democrats," he added, "in taking which was regarded as a little passing reference to some incidents. "Republicans of that radical type that are entirely out of sympathy with the more conservative notions of the east."

In spite of this, the President said he was very anxious that the party should carry out its statehood pledge, and he did not think he would be disappointed.

Passage turned out its entire population to honor the President, who arrived this afternoon. The streets were crowded and school children waving flags lined many of the thoroughfares.

In the evening the President's way from the home of Victor L. Mason, where he stopped, to the banquet in Turnverein hall led through the business section, where a splendid court of honor had been constructed and where dense crowds were congregated.

Governor Fort, of New Jersey, aroused a great deal of enthusiasm with a speech in which he denounced the criticism of an executive on the ground that he should be held responsible for legislation "and everything else."

**MRS. MORSE IMPORTUNED CONGRESSMEN TO SIGN**

Washington, May 9.—Dressed in a modest gray suit and black hat, a sad-faced, gray-haired little woman stood nearly all afternoon at the main entrance of the House and Senate today and quietly importuned members of Congress to sign a petition to the President to pardon her husband from the penitentiary. The woman was Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wife of the New York financier now in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., serving a sentence of 14 years for working his bank in New York.

### INTEREST IS GREATEST OVER BISHOPS' ELECTION

#### Several Days May Elope Before This All-Important Matter Will Be Taken Up—Mrs. Luke Johnson Made Eloquent Plea for Women.

(By E. M. Phillips.)  
Asheville, May 9.—The general conference met promptly at 9 o'clock, called to order by Bishop Chandler. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. D. W. Carter, of the Mexican Border Mission conference, who read the scripture lesson and led in prayer. Two hymns were used, "Come, Thou Almighty King" and "Jesus, the Name High Over All," the tunes being "raised" by Bishop Chandler. The North Carolina delegations are now complete, ex-Governor Jarvis and Col. John E. Bruton, lay delegates, having arrived. Rev. Mike Bradshaw, alternate, is here, also. I noticed among the visitors yesterday Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Alderman, of Greensboro. Rev. G. T. Rowe, of Charlotte, and Rev. C. L. Reader, of Williamston, are also among the visitors. Many more visitors are coming this week.

Following the reading of the Saturday's journal this morning Bishop Morrison took the chair and presided over the day's deliberations. Many petitions and memorials were today added to those that have already gone to the committees, and it is likely the sessions from now on will be enlivened by debate on the various reports. A tender and feeling message of greeting from Bishop Fitzgerald, who is unable to be present, was read to the conference today.

In the pulpit Sunday.  
Yesterday was a rainy day, but in spite of the inclemency the people went to church. The senior bishop, the reverend and beloved Wilson, preached at Central church in the morning, and in spite of his feeble health, I have never heard him deliver a sermon with more earnestness, force and vigor. He was eloquent, clear and strong, and was heard by a packed congregation.

Bishop Hendrix preached at the First Presbyterian church, Bishop Morrison at West Third street church and Dr. Young of Canada a fraternal delegate, presided at the First Baptist church in place of Dr. Kilgo, who was at first expected to preach there. Dr. Collins Denny preached in Hendersonville.

At Central church last night Dr. John E. Simon, of the British Wesleyan church, preached, and after the sermon there was a brief memorial service in honor of the dead British king.

**Women's Rights Agitation.**  
The older and wiser heads of the conference do not believe the present agitation in favor of the "rights of the laity" for women will result in any change from the present status. The cry of "equality without representation" in this particular seems to be regarded as far-fetched. However, the question is a very live one, and must be reckoned with. Many petitions and memorials are coming up for its consideration. Some of the sharpest controversy of the session is expected when the question comes before the committee.

**The Greatest Interest.**  
By far the matter that is most in the minds of the delegates is the election of bishops. It is not known just when the committee on Episcopacy will make its report. Dr. Denny is chairman, and he is reported as saying that it will be several days yet before the matter will be taken up. It is believed by some of the leaders that the election will take place the last of this week, while the consensus of opinion is that it will be the first of next week. At any rate, the interest will not lag, but grow more intense as the time draws near.

As when I wrote last on this subject, the general opinion is that Drs. Kilgo and Denny will most assuredly be elected. Beyond these, there is a lot of speculation. Among those whose names are frequently mentioned I hear Dr. Simon and Rainey, of Texas; Dr. Linscott of Oklahoma; Dr. Tillet, of Nashville; Dr. McMurray, of St. Louis; Dr. Dullose, of Mississippi, and others.

These all have strong followers in most of the delegations. Dr. DuBose is from the state of the lamented Galloway and many of his warmest acquaintances think he would be a worthy successor to the great Galloway. All the men mentioned are deemed worthy, capable and safe for the highest office in the church.

A test—the first test—of the conservative and radical strength of the conference came today when the proposition to elect stewards by the congregation was voted down by a vote of 167 to 108. Applause greeted the announcement of the result.

**Proceedings in Detail.**  
The fifth day's session—and the first day of what promises to be a memorable week—was opened this morning with devotional exercises, led by Dr. D. W.

### NOT KNOCKED OUT

#### Daniels-Bailey Crowd Call Another Mass-Meeting.

### SATURDAY SET FOR FUCTION

#### Invitations Limited to Those Who Are Opposed to the Conduct of the Democratic Machine.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Raleigh, May 9.—The call for the second Democratic mass meeting, limited this time to those desiring the overthrow of the alleged "ring Democrats" in Wake county, is issued, the date being Saturday, May 14, in Metropolitan hall. It is signed by 76 Democrats in various sections of the county, including J. W. Bailey and Josephus Daniels, leaders of the movement. It declares that the conduct of the leaders and representatives of the Wake county Democratic ring prior to and on April 30 makes it necessary that the party's leadership shall be purged of men who have proven so unworthy. The purpose of the convention is declared to be to denounce and rebuke the conduct of certain men using the party for selfish ends and who sought recently to prevent the rank and file of the party from assembling to express their will; to take action against these objectionable ring leaders and with respect to candidates and policies for the June primaries; to devise plans for execution of the will of the rank and file in the primaries; to redeem the party from the disgrace of the present party.

A resolution providing for the change of the word "man" in the marriage ceremony to "husband" produced laughter. The Louisiana conference introduced a memorial concerning the appointment of preachers and the removal of the time limit.

Kansas City district conference presented resolutions for union of church and for flexible time limit.

### REFORMED CHURCH CLASSIS TO MEET IN THOMASVILLE

(Special to Daily News.)  
Lenoir, May 9.—The session on the classis of the Reformed church of North Carolina concluded its business Saturday noon. The opening devotional services of the closing session were conducted by Rev. D. E. Bowers, of High Point.

Dr. C. Banks McNaury, preacher of the Foothills sanatorium, tendered the body a ward in the hospital to be known as the Reformed Church ward. The offer was heartily commended and accepted by the body, and a committee was appointed to make the proper arrangements for the ward.

The regular business of the body was next taken up, and reports on religion and statistics discussed and adopted. From these reports it was shown that the church had made much progress during the past year.

### MEMORIAL DAY WILL BE FITTINGLY CELEBRATED

(Special to Daily News.)  
Raleigh, May 9.—Tomorrow the people of Raleigh will fittingly celebrate Memorial day, the oration being by Governor W. W. Kitchin out at the Confederate cemetery, if the weather is good. In the Academy of Music if there should be rain. There are to be 25 young ladies representing the three college for women here who will decorate the graves of the Confederate dead after the exercises. There will be served, first in Capitol square, a dinner to the old soldiers under the direction of the Memorial association and the Daughters of the Confederacy. Then there will be a procession to the cemetery, where the address by Governor Kitchin will be delivered. There will also be the ceremony of presentation of the memorial arch, entrance to the cemetery, this being by Mrs. E. E. Moffitt of the Johnston Fetters Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, and acceptance for the Ladies' Memorial association by Dr. D. H. Hill.

### MRS. BELLE RHODES SHOT AND KILLED A NEGRO

(By The Associated Press.)  
Durham, May 9.—When she forbade him driving across her lands and so incensed him that he left his buggy and advanced towards her, Mrs. Belle Rhodes, formerly resident of Durham, yesterday shot Joe Kinton, a negro.

The shooting occurred 50 miles from Durham on the Virginia line and was not known to the officers until this morning. When Mrs. Rhodes was arrested and tried before a magistrate she testified that Kinton tried to attack her when she loaded a shotgun and fired upon him, Kinton dying ten hours later. The magistrate committed her to jail without bond. Application will be made tomorrow for habeas corpus.

### CLINT WAGNER MADE POST MASTER AT STATESVILLE

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 9.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate by the President today for postmasters were: Chiloppee, Va., Louis L. Whitcoates; Buckhannon, W. Va., Harrison A. Darvall; Statesville, N. C., I. Clint Wagner.

### FOUND MURDERED

(By The Associated Press.)  
New York, May 9.—Evidently the victim of burglars, Charles W. Beman, a Hinduo butler, and Margaret Moshan, an aged housekeeper, were found murdered tonight in the residence of Dr. Mort D. Casson, at 121 West 124th street.

### GEORGE V IS PROCLAIMED NEW RULER OF ENGLAND

#### Thousands of People Gather in Drizzling Rain to Witness The Ceremony—Route Was Lined With 7,000 Troops.

(By The Associated Press.)  
London, May 9.—With the time honored ceremony of a brilliant and impressive character, George V this morning was publicly proclaimed king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the British domains beyond the seas, defender of the faith and emperor of India.

Sharply at the stroke of 9 four heralds arrayed in medieval uniforms of scarlet heavily braided with gold mounted on bakewell of Priory court at St. James palace, where Queen Victoria presented herself to the people upon the opening of her memorable reign, and blew a fanfare through their long silver trumpets.

The precincts of the palace by this time were a great mass of people, many of whom could secure but the briefest glimpse of the proceedings. The balconies and roofs of the ancient palace, which had been draped with red cloths, were reserved for the nobles, all of whom were in deepest mourning. Members of the royal household, the ministers and their wives and high officers of state, all in brilliant uniforms, were gathered around the court. Gen. Sir John D. P. French, with headquarters staff in full dress uniform, stood surrounded by a troop of horse guards in their red tunics and breastplates of polished steel.

From the windows of Marlborough House immediately opposite the Duke of Cornwall, the young heir to the throne, the younger prince, and Princess Mary watched the ceremony.

The heralds having concluded their duties, the officers of arms, chief of whom is the Duke of Norfolk, the hereditary earl marshal and chief butler of England, took their places on the balcony, forming the great heraldic company. None wore mourning, this having

### ADDRESSES THE ACTORS KILLED AT CROSSING

#### President Formally Opened Fair For Two Young Clifton Men Meet Sudden And Awful Death.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Rocky Mount, May 9.—The city was shocked Saturday night by the news that two young men had been killed at a street crossing by a southbound passenger train. Their names were Wilbur Devault and Roy Gainsy, both of Clifton. The young men were both employed in the cotton mill at the falls and had come to the city to do some shopping.

Young Gainsy had just had his bicycle wheel repaired at a shop here in town and was carrying it home. A northbound freight train was passing as they reached the Thomas street crossing as they way home and as it passed them, they stepped across the track right behind the caboose on the southbound track, immediately in front of the oncoming southbound passenger train, the pilot of which struck them and threw them many feet over to the left. The noise of the freight train drowned the noise of the oncoming passenger and the young men were huried into eternity without an instant's warning. Some witnesses of the scene rushed up to where the bodies lay, only to find life extinct, the bodies being terribly broken and crushed, although the train did not run over them. Death was instantaneous for one, the other being knocked unconscious, dying a few minutes later.

The engineer knew nothing of the accident until reaching South Rocky Mount, where he was informed that his train had killed the boys.

### COMMENCEMENT WEEK IN RALEIGH CLOSE AT HAND

(Special to Daily News.)  
Raleigh, May 9.—Raleigh's commencement season for her four splendid colleges opens with the week of May 22. St. Mary's school will graduate 19 young ladies during the commencement May 22 to 26. The commencement sermon will be by Bishop Tucker, of Southwestern Virginia. For the graduating exercises Thursday, May 26, the address will be by Rev. C. Ernest Smith, of St. Thomas' church, Washington, D. C.

### SENATOR OVERMAN HAS HIS SAY ON THE RAILROAD BILL

Washington, May 9.—Taking up the railroad bill today the Senate resumed consideration of the long and short haul amendment. Senator Overman was the principal speaker.

Declaring that the present law contains "a joker" the North Carolina senator presented an amendment making it unlawful for any common carrier to charge more for a short haul than for a long haul except with the approval of the interstate commerce commission. He said that there is not a town in his state that is not discriminated against by the railroads.

### FORECAST

Washington, May 9.—For Virginia, Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; light wind to northwest winds.  
For North Carolina and South Carolina, Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; light winds, becoming variable.

### PEACE CONGRESS

#### Hartford Scene of Great Gathering of Enthusiasts.

### LETTERS FROM PUBLIC MEN

#### President Taft, Samuel Gompers, Ambassador Bryce, Wm. J. Bryan and Others Send Regrets and Sympathy.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Hartford, Conn., May 9.—The New England Arbitration and Peace Congress began its first session here today. The congress was called to order in the hall of the House of Representatives. Det. Henry Wade Rogers, of the Yale law school, presided, and addresses were made by Mr. Rogers and by Benjamin F. Trublood, of the American Peace society. The delegate body was large and enthusiastic. Official recognition of the importance of the gathering was given tonight when the letters were read from President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, Ambassador James Bryce, William Jennings Bryan and Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

The letter from President Taft was in part as follows:  
"I have on more than one occasion expressed myself as being in favor of international peace, and in favor of arbitration to secure it, and I also took on the subject in my inaugural address. That does not mean, however, that I am in favor of a country giving up that which we now use for the purpose of securing peace, to wit: our army and our navy, because I believe that the expense of armament is working toward peace."  
"I earnestly hope that your meeting will be productive of much good in the promotion of permanent peace, and I wish you every success in your efforts in this direction."  
"I assure you both personally and officially that I am in sympathy with the movement for the arbitration of controversies between nations as a means of securing brotherhood and of preserving peace," declares Secretary of State Knox in a letter.

William Jennings Bryan's letter expressed regret at being unable to attend. In addition Mr. Bryan said:  
"I am in hearty sympathy, however, with the arbitration movement. I hope that your meeting will endorse a proposition which I introduced at the London conference four years ago, and which was afterwards endorsed at the New York peace conference."  
"It is a declaration that all questions in dispute between nations should be submitted to an impartial international tribunal for investigation and report before any declaration of war or commencement of hostilities. This leaves the party to act independently after the report, but if we can secure time from investigation and report on the facts a peaceful settlement of the difficulty is almost certain."  
"I believe that this plan would really go further than arbitration agreement, because in all arbitration agreements an exception is made as to questions that affect the national honor and that exception is often sufficient to nullify the agreement, because questions of national honor are dragged in to justify the declaration of war. An investigation would separate all questions of honor or from pecuniary questions and thus expose the sordid reason which is usually at the bottom of war."  
President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, in his letter, said in part:  
"I want to express the hope that the growing injustice of the combined forces of the workers of the great movement of the citizens generally will make for the early realizing of a worldwide peace."  
"Organized labor stands for peace, industrial as well as international, carrying critics to the contrary notwithstanding. We want international peace. All mankind yearns for it; humanity demands it."  
"I am firmly convinced that if a growing tendency toward international fraternity among the workers of all countries is manifested, the more general recognition of the identity of interests of all peoples is established the world over, that these practical methods will contribute more than all else to the achievement of universal peace among the peoples of the nations of the earth."

### CONCORD GRADED SCHOOL

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Concord, May 9.—Commencement exercises of the Concord central graded school began Sunday with a sermon by Rev. P. T. Thurman, pastor of the Central Methodist church.

All the churches suspended services, the congregations gathering at the school building to listen to the opening exercises.

Though promptly at 4 o'clock the exercises were begun, and after an opening prayer by E. E. Smart, chairman of the school board, presented the certificates, making appropriate remarks as such, a most excellent presentation of certificates, delivered the annual address.

Rev. Mr. Smart is one of the foremost young ministers in the state and was given the closest attention during his address.  
The graduating exercises will take place tomorrow night.