

ANOTHER FLOOD OF MEMORIALS, MANY URGING "WOMEN'S RIGHTS"

Church Federation Commission Report Recommends Joint Commission, of Final Appeal—No Recommendation for Organic Union Included—Goes to Committee for Action.

RESOLUTION AFTER RESOLUTION, ON WOMAN QUESTION PROVOKES LAUGHTER; ONE DELEGATE RISES TO PROTEST

And Is Laughed at—Announcement That Mrs. Sage Had Given American Bible Society Her Check for Half a Million, and That Society Has Raised Equal Sum, Is Made.

Another flood of "suffragette" memorials praying for equal laity rights in the church for women; the report of the commission on church federation and the report of Dr. Haven to the effect that Mrs. Russell Sage had handed to the American Bible society her check for \$500,000...

Memorials were sent to the secretary asking changes in the ritual for the baptism of infants. Announcement was made by Dr. Mann, who yesterday led the fight for the introduction of the word "temporarily" in the temperance committee...

The conference went dangerously near what would be termed in a political convention the wrong stage when an effort was made by Dr. Wilson to have adopted a resolution thanking Mrs. Sage for her generous gift...

Church Federation Report. The commission on church federation made its report through Bishop Hoss. The report recited that the commission had one meeting; that it had met with a committee from the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church...

Day of Prayer and Fasting. A resolution was presented requesting that the conference set aside Sunday, which shall be devoted to prayer and fasting for guidance in the selection of bishops. A motion was made and seconded that the resolution be adopted...

Official Announcement. New York, May 6.—Dr. Juan U'loa, consul-general of Costa Rica to the United States, today received the following cablegram from Minister of Foreign Affairs, Fernandez at San Jose: "Earthquake last night destroyed Cartago. There were several hundred victims. Other nearby cities have escaped loss of life..."

IN EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS MANY HUNDRED PERISH

No Habitable House Left in Cartago, and More Than 400 Bodies Have Been Found.

NO AMERICAN KILLED SO FAR AS IS KNOWN

Other Nearby Cities Felt the Shock of series of Quakes but no Other Loss of Life Has Been Reported.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 6.—Refugees arriving at San Jose bring further news of the destruction wrought by a series of earthquake shocks in the province of Cartago, Costa Rica, Wednesday night. Estimates of the dead and injured are conflicting. It is agreed the first report of fatalities of 500 was conservative.

Most of the structures of the town are in ruins. Among them was the Palace of Justice, erected by Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$500,000. It is believed Dr. Becanegra, Gautealean magistrate to the Central American Arbitration court, was killed. His wife and children are said to have perished.

Communication between Cartago and outside points is interrupted. Much damage was done along the railway line to Port Limon. The shocks threw 10,000 people into panic. The authorities kept their heads, martial law being declared, and began the work of rescue.

Some 400 bodies have been taken from the ruins and the injured will add several hundred to the casualties. The injured are being brought to Costa Rica.

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MR. ROOSEVELT DUBBED DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

King Frederick and Many Dignitaries Attend the Ceremony in Norwegian College.

Christiania, Norway, May 6.—King Frederick's university today conferred on Theodore Roosevelt the degree of doctor of philosophy. This is the third time in the history of a century that the degree has been given to a foreigner. The exercises occurred in the amphitheater of the university.

MINE EXPLOSION BURIED 200 MEN

About Half the Male Population of Palos, Ala., Victims—Eleven Bodies Have Been Taken Out—All Those Caught Are Probably Dead—45 of Them Are Whites, the Rest Negroes.

Palos, Ala., May 6.—The little mining town of Palos is mourning today. More than half of the male population is believed to have perished, the result of an explosion in mine No. 3 yesterday. About 200 men, 45 white and 150 negroes, are believed to have been killed. Eleven bodies have been found. In the 2,300 feet level the greatest number of men were working.

Coming soon after the disaster in the Mulga mine when 41 lives were lost, the disaster has spread consternation throughout the mining villages. Black damp is being rapidly dispelled and rescue parties are being equipped with oxygen helmets and other paraphernalia to bring bodies to the surface.

Eight bodies were removed from mine No. 3 shortly after daylight this morning. Their condition indicated that death was instantaneous. Palos is 35 miles west of Birmingham and the mines are owned by the Palos Coal and Coke company of Birmingham.

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After the explosion, local rescuers at Palos began at once to do what they could, but relief work was not started in earnest until the special train from Birmingham arrived shortly after 4 o'clock. This special train carried State Mine Inspector James Hillhouse, J. J. Rutledge, government expert in charge of the government station at Knoxville, who happened to be in the district investigating the disaster at Mulga, eight physicians and surgeons, four undertakers and a number of special helpers. The hospital relief car of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company was also taken. This car contained helmets and all other necessary paraphernalia for entering gaseous mines.

LIGHTNING BURNS WILLETTS STATION

The Entire Hamlet Destroyed, Although Buildings Were Some Distance Apart.

Waynesville, May 6.—The little lumber station of Willetts, with its neat railroad station and two store houses, was swept off the map by fire last night. The three buildings were some distance apart, but during an electric storm Wednesday about midnight lightning struck the buildings, simultaneously setting fire to them. Before the scattered inhabitants could be aroused the flames had gained good headway.

CONFERENCE SPECIALS WILL BE OPERATED

The First of These Special Trains Will Leave Waynesville Sunday Morning at 7:30 O'Clock.

Effective tomorrow afternoon the first of the Southern railway's "conference specials" will leave Asheville at 5:15 for Waynesville, arriving there at 6:45 p. m. The first train from Waynesville, leaves at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning, arriving at Asheville at 9 o'clock. These trains will be run daily until May 21, for the accommodation of any persons who may desire to come to attend the sessions of the General conference, but anyone may ride on them. It gives a splendid opportunity for people along the Murphy division to come to Asheville on shopping expeditions.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather, with probably showers tonight or on Saturday; warmer Saturday. For North Carolina: Fair in eastern portion, showers late tonight or on Saturday in western portion; slightly warmer Saturday. Light to moderate northwest winds.

MOTHER AND CHILD KILLED BY BLAST

Vast Mass of Rock Crashes Through Roof Upon Guthrie Family, Near Murphy.

Murphy, May 6.—A 500-pound blast of stone from an overcharge of dynamite used in blasting at the Evans quarry, six miles from here, on the L. & N. road, landed on the roof of Charles Guthrie's dwelling yesterday about 1 o'clock, crashing through the light roof, instantly killing Mrs. Guthrie and her eight years old child. The Guthrie home stands near the place of blasting and frequently through the day large quantities of stone have fallen upon the house-top. Mr. Guthrie, his wife and children had just finished dinner when they entered the bedroom, next door, and sat down for a rest.

DEMOCRATS BELABORING LUCKLESS RAILWAY BILL

"Cut Its Tail Off Behind the Ears" is the Advice of the Minority Leader, Mr. Williams.

Washington, May 6.—"Cut the tail off behind the ears; that is the way to protect this bill," said Minority Leader Clark, when the administration railroad bill was taken up in the house today. He denounced the commerce court, traffic agreement and merger sections. Adamson of Georgia, democrat, assailed the merger section.

Chicago, May 6.—Seven Illinois legislators whose testimony bears on the allegation that William Lorimer's election to the United States senate was brought about by the purchase of democratic votes appeared before the grand jury today.

"IT IS OVER," SAYS KING

Evidently Believes He Will Not Recover---Royal Family Summoned to Palace.

London, May 6.—"Well, it is all over, but I think I have done my duty." These words fell from the lips of King Edward VII. in a waking interval late this afternoon. His majesty's condition is declared critical by the attending physicians. Gloom has settled over the city and provinces, following the issuance of tonight's distressing bulletin.

All members of the royal family have been summoned to the palace. London, May 6.—A bulletin issued this afternoon by the king's physician says the king's symptoms became worse during the day and his condition now is critical. London, May 6.—An atmosphere of great depression surrounds Buckingham palace today. A bulletin describing the king's condition, issued by five eminent physicians shortly before noon, while in vague terms, inspired profound gloom throughout the city. It was generally construed to mean that the outlook was not favorable.

The suddenness of the transition from yesterday morning, when the king was receiving politicians, to the present time when it is believed he is critically ill has shocked the country. Business and politics are at a standstill. The Prince of Wales arrived at the palace at 10 o'clock this morning, entering almost unobserved. Official Bulletins. An official bulletin issued by the physicians at 11:06 o'clock this morning read as follows: "The king has passed a comparatively quiet night, but his symptoms have not improved and his majesty's condition gives rise to grave anxiety."

At 3 o'clock this afternoon a court official stated that so far as could be judged without an expert examination the king's condition was a shade better than during the night. Has Five Physicians. In addition to the three physicians in attendance throughout the night and now are spending the day in the palace, Sir Francis Laking, Sir James Reid, Sir Richard Powell, specialist, there were summoned this morning Dr. Bertrand Dawson and Dr. St. Clair Thomson. All the medical party remained within call of the sick chamber. The first unofficial news given out today indicated improvement, those with the king having been deceived by the fact that he had rested quietly throughout the night. The news was received with cheers by anxious crowds gathered throughout the city. This bulletin stated that his majesty's condition remained much the same. A subsequent examination developed that the patient's bronchial tubes instead of being in better condition were more seriously affected after the night's sleep than they were yesterday.

Messages are pouring into the Palace from all parts of the empire and foreign countries expressing hope for better news. King Edward's serious attack of bronchial trouble, accompanied with symptoms of asthma, was experienced a year ago. Since then his majesty has suffered several recurrences of the malady. The present illness came suddenly, without warning. Caught a Great Deal. Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador, who visited the king at the Palace Wednesday, said: "The king was coughing a great deal, and complained that his cough was distressing and very tiring. I thought he hardly realized how ill he was."

Worst Possible Time. The prospect of the death or long illness of the sovereign confronts the country at the worst time in years. From a political viewpoint such an outcome would be disastrous. The greatest constitutional crisis in generations hangs over Great Britain. The king's death would throw the court and country into mourning and end social activity. Incidentally, Roosevelt's visit, which all England anticipated, as a unique event, might be canceled, or at least be made extremely quiet.

The Archbishop of Canterbury telegraphed all bishops of England and Wales this afternoon as follows: "Prayers by the church and the people of England are desired on behalf of his majesty, King Edward, in his grave illness." The first intimation that anything was amiss was the failure of the king to meet the queen, who returned from the continent last evening. The queen hurried to the palace and soon the public learned by an official announcement that the king had been ill for two days. The fact that his illness has been thus concealed from the public caused alarm, when once it became generally known. The king suffered from a similar attack at Bournemouth on account of the inclement weather and cold winds, but it was supposed that he had completely recovered. The king spent the weekend at Sandringham with the object of combating the threatened attack and returned apparently better, but the sudden change in the weather this week finally compelled him to keep indoors. He still attended to state business, however, and granted audiences.

In fact, it was only yesterday that his physicians were able to induce the king, with great reluctance, to keep to his bedroom and take a complete rest. The bulletin issued at 7:30 o'clock last evening showed that the eminent specialist, Sir Richard Douglas Powell, had been called in, with the king's physician, Sir Francis Laking and Sir James Reid, signed the bulletin, which read: "The king is suffering from an attack of bronchitis and has been confined to his rooms for two days. His Majesty's condition causes some anxiety."

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SHOOTING FOLLOWS WHISKEY QUARREL

And Perry Ward Lies at Point of Death, While James Ward Is in Jail.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Bon Air, Waynesville, May 6. Perry Ward of Barker's creek lies at the point of death from a pistol shot in the stomach, inflicted, it is alleged, by his second cousin, James Ward, several days ago, says a report received here late yesterday afternoon. Both men are known here. The information coming here about the affair is scanty, but reads that the two men had just received a jug of liquor by express and had planned to take a day off in the woods. After getting pretty full Jim Ward began quarreling about the new stock law just passed in this section, it is said. He is said to have expressed disapproval of the law many times in the past. After the passing of hot words from both sides Jim Ward drew his pistol and fired on Perry. The shot took effect, after which Jim Ward fled. He was captured later in the night and placed in the county jail at Webster, and awaiting developments in the condition of his wounded cousin, he is held without bail. When not under the influence of liquor the two men are said to be the best of friends.

BROWN IS APPOINTED TO SUCCEED AYCOCK

Chosen by Governor from 18 Applicants for Position of Corporation Commissioner.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Hollemon Building, Raleigh, May 6. Henry Clay Brown is appointed corporation commissioner today, effective at once. He has been chief clerk to the commission since its establishment in 1891, and was cashier of a bank and mayor of Mt. Airy when appointed clerk. Governor Kitchin received about 18 applications for the position, made vacant by the death of H. F. Aycock, February 12, which was today. Car Goes Eight Feet Into Earth. Wilkesbarre, May 6.—An electric car plunged into a mine cave at Wardville last night. Seven passengers were cut and bruised. The car sank eight feet into the earth. Irving Hanchett Hanged. Deland, Fla., May 6.—Irving Hanchett, the 15 years old Connecticut boy convicted of the brutal murder of Cleve Tozler, a 13 years old girl, February 12, was hanged today. Hear Admiral McCalla Dead. Santa Barbara, Cal., May 6.—Rear Admiral R. H. McCalla, U. S. A., died at 4 o'clock this morning of an ailment on account of the inclement weather.