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

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.

Memorials were sent to the secre

Mann, who yesterday led the fight for

quorum present at either meeting. He

Missouri conference sent a number

men, and to define the duties of trus-

A memorial from one of the Wo-

man's Home Mission societies of the

North Texas conference petitloned

against the rights of laity for women

while a great batch of memorials

from other women's societies petition-

Oklahoma conference sent a mem-

orial for the removal of the time limit

societies asking for rights of laity for

Church Federation Report.

The commission on church federa-

ion made its report through Bishop

ommission had one meeting; that it

had met with a committee from the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The report rec-ommended that the two churches

have a joint commission from which

there shall be no appeal and to which

standing, etc., shall be referred. The report further recommended that the

closer touch in the world-wide work and missions. There was, however, no

recommendation for a union of the

churches. The report was signed by

Bishop Wilson, chairman, and Bishop

Hoss, secretary, and was received

referred to the committee on church

Day of Prayer and Fasting.

A motion was made and seconded

Dr. William Haven, one of the sec-

"We went to work with deter-

mination to meet the terms of

offer and raise the money," said the

At the conclusion of Dr. Haven's address a resolution was offered by

his work and that of the Bible society

elso Mrs. Sage for her generous gift

The resolution was not in duplicate there was some discussion; the chair

raied that until the resolution was in duplicate it was not before the house. A motion, however, was adopted call-

ing for the appointment of a com-

mittee of five on resolutions relative to the American Bible society. The conference instructed tha

greetings be sent the negro Methodist

church of the south.

A motion was adopted requiring the publishers of the Daily Advocate to place two copies of the paper daily on the scat of each delegate.

Resolution as to Mine Disaster.

A resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted extending sympathy to those bereft and bereaved as a result of the Palos mine accident near Birmingham yesterday afternoon. The resolution also asked those in authority to throw around such dangerous work as mining greater safeguards.

which shall

with enthusiastic applause.

Sunday,

matters of friction, misunder-

Hoss. The report recited that the

the baptism of infants.

Announcment was made

this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

flood of "suffragette" | ship of Vanderbilt university was sent memorials praying for equal laity to the educational committee. rights in the church for women; the report of the cammission on church tary asking changes in the ritual for 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 the introduction of the word "temperfeatured today's session of the quad-rennial general conference of the that owing to a confusion as to place Methodist Episcopal church, South.

The session was a bit noisy at times committee met at two places with no out always wit and good humor and that spirit of brotherly love so char- stated that the committee would meet acteristic among those self-sacrificing, devoted men of the Methodist church prevailed. The memorials seeking the rights of laity for the women began ouring in when rule three was taken tes. up. Arkansas sent up a batch of 20 nemorials and during the reading. one after the other, by the secretary the conference burst into laughter. This spirit of levity over the demand for woman's rights did not go just well with one of the Arkansas delegation ed for women's rights, who, arising to a point of personal Oklahoma conference privilege, protested against what he termed "this unseemly levity." The and also memorials from women's protest brought forth even greater laughter, and during time morning hours when many other memorials of like character were sent up to be

ead an occasional titter went over The conference went dangerously near what would be termed in a political convention the wrangle when an effort was made by Dr. Wilon to have adopted a resolution thanking Mrs. Sage for her generous gift; also thanking Dr. Haven for his address and his work as one of the secretaries of the American Bible society and pledging anew to the society the conference's hearty support. When Dr. Wilson first sent the resolution up to be read the point was raised that it was not in duplicate. Dr Wilson said he would put it in duplicate, but before this was done a comnittee of five on the American Bible society had been appointed. When the resolution made its re-appearance in duplicate one of the delegates op posed adopting the resolution, that he or the conference did not deen, but because if the conference took questing that the action at the time, why the committee would not have anything to re- devoted to prayer and fasting Some of the delegates desired guidance in the selection of bishops. the resolution adopted while others opposed it. Dr. Wilson was insistent. that the resolution be adopted. The Once or twice there were as many as resolution was unanimously adopted six or eight delegates on their feet at by a rising vote. 'rising to a point of order."

Several times everybody seemed to retaries of the American Bible society, want to talk at once; the presiding was introduced to the conference and officer pounded his gavel for order; spoke at some length on the work of the delegates in sounds continued to the society. He said the society seek recognition and for ten or 15 more than 100 years old and that its minutes, perhaps, the reference or work during the past four years was non-reference of the resolution to the the most remarkable in its history. committee on the American Bible so- Dr. Havens referred to the offer mad they was thrashed out. A vote was some time ago by Mrs. Russell Sage finally to be and the resolution was when she offered the society \$500,000 finally integ and the resolution was when she offered the society \$500,000 prierred. Even then one delegate, every provided the society raised an equal identity not seen that the society raised an equal identity not seen that the society raised and the society state of th idently not understanding what phase of the subject had been voted on, insisted that the vote had not been taken. The secretary's records showed speaker, "and I am happy to be able that it had and the matter ended. stand here today and tell you that that it had and the matter ended.

A resolution setting aside Sunday as a day of prayer and fasting for divine guidance in the selection of hishops called forth a sharp remark the statement of Dr. Haven. from one of the delegates. The resolution was read when promptly one of the brethren suggested that an amendment be incorporated to the effect that "there be no electioneering The presiding officer ignored the amendment.

Devotionar Exercises.

The third day of the conference opened with the usual devotional ex-ercises, Bishop Hendrix in the chair. After the reading of the minutes Bishop Key took the chair.

Communication from the blahops relative to the Vanderbilt question was on a divided vote, referred to the littee on education

New arrivals, lay and cierical delegates, were announced from several

Several requests were made by con ference delegates for changes on dif-

ferent committees.

Dr. Parker presented the greetings

Dr. Parker presented the greetings of Mr. Shalter of Brazil, a missionary there, who could not be present on account of great financial loss.

When rule 3 was taken up and the Arkansas conference called every church in the conference sent memorials asking for the latty rights for women in the church. As memorial after memorial was read, ever the rame, the conference gave vent to some laughter, when a delegate arose and remarked that the thought this mention of women's rights was anything save a laughing matter and asked that the reading of the memorials be given serious altention.

A request was read from the Florida delegation taking that bishops covarily presides olders relative to amountments at sample covaries plantice of

## IN EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS MANY HUNDRED PERISH

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

### 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 arrivnews of the destruction wrought by a series of earthof meeting yesterday afternoon, the quake shocks in the province of Cartago, Costa Rica, Wednesday night. Estimates of the dead and injured are conof memorials, including rights of wo- flicting. It is agreed the first report of fatalities of 500 was conservative.

> Most of the structures of the Birmingham. 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, Gau-Central American Arbitration

terrupted. Much damage was done along the railway line be in the district investigating the to Port Limon. The shocks The authorities kept their two churches co-operate and get into heads, martial law being declared, and began the work of

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

Official Announcement.

New York, May 6 .- Dr. Juan Ulloa 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 de-stroyed Cartago. There were several hundred victims. Other nearby cities have escaped loss of life."

No Known American Dead. Washington, May 6.—The American consul at San Jose advises the state department that so far as known no Americans were among the casual ties in the earthquake disaster.

Shock Felt in California. Fresno. Cal., May 6.—A snarp earth shock was feit here ut 9 o'clock today. The vibrations lasted morthan a minute, shook windows and caused dishes to rattle. The court ouse shook, and employes ran out

### MR. ROOSEVELT DUBBED DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

King Frederick and Many Dignitaries Attend the Ceremony in Nor-

wegian College.

Christiania, Norway, May 6 .- King Prederick's university today conferred on Theodore Roosevelt the degree of doctor of philosophy. This is the hird time in the history of a century hat the degree has that the degree has been given to a coreigner. The exercises occurred in the amphitheater of the university. King Haakon entered with Mr. Roosevelt at his right and faced a notable assemblage including the premier and other members of the cabinet, the Noble prize committee, the diplomatic corps, the university faculty and many persons distinguished in civil-life. The newspapers comment favorably upon Mr. Roosevelt's pouce program, set forth in yesterday's address.

Forced Americans from Cars.

## MINE EXPLOSION Evidently Believes He Will **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 5.—The little min-ing town of Palos is mourning today. mets and all other necessary para-More than half of the male popula-More than half of the male popula-tion is believed to have perished, the result of an explosion in mine No. 3 of the Palos Coal and Coke company 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 work-

Coming soon after the disaster in ing at San Jose bring further 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 para-phernalia to bring bodies to the sur-

> Eight bodies were removed from mine No. 3 shortly after daylight this Their condition indicated morning. that death was instantaneous.

Palos is 35 miles west of Birmingham and the mines are owned by the Palos Coal and Coke company of

Shock Felt for Miles.

The flames resulting from the explosion got in the air shaft at the mouth of the slope and the shock was felt for miles. Timbers from the slope the mouth very difficult.

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court, was killed. His wife
and children are said to have
perished.

Communication between Cartago and outside points is interrupted. Much damage was Coal, Iron and Railroad company was miners.

mets and all other necessary paraphernalia for entering gaseous mines. The first rescuers who went into the mine after the explosion were overcome by fire damp and had to be carried out. Mr. Rutledge was among the first to enter and after working his way 400 feet down the slope, found the second right entry caved in: James Gousby, a mail carrier, was killed 30 feet from the mouth of the slope and his body was hurled 30 feet

into the Warrior river. He was walk-ing along the railroad track and was directly in front of the slope when the explosion occurred. It was judged from this that none of the men on the interior could possibly be alive. Great Crowd Gathers. There are a number of mining

amps within two or three miles of the Palos mine and within a short time after the exposion a great crowd had gathered about the ill-fated mine. The Palos mines have been worked for a number of years and the entries were extensive.

Especially Distressing

This disaster is regarded as espec ially distressing as it comes after the Mulga explosion Thursday, April 21, in which 41 men lost their lives. The Red Cross and other relief work for were hurled several hundred feet from the widows and orphans at Mulga its mouth and rocks from the roof of has not yet been completed. E. P. temalean magistrate to the the slope caved in and made access to Bricknell, general director of the Na tional Red Cross, made a special trip from Washington to investigate relief needs at Mulga, and this accident bids many lives as did Mulga.

The government experts, J. J. Rutledge and George F. Rice, have been in the district since the Mulga explosion investigating it cause and both of them hurried out of Palos.

H. A. Drennen, treasurer of Palos coal and coke company said last disaster at Mulga, eight physicians night that the company was fully in-and surgeons, four undertakers and sured against losses from explosions. threw 10,000 people into panic. a number of special helpers. The The company is one of the few in hospital relief car of the Tennessee this section that employ only union

The Entire Hamlet Destroyed, Although Vast Mass of Rock Crashes Through **Buildings Were Some Dis-**

tance Apart.

Correspondence of The Gazette-News. Special to The GazetteNews. Waynesville, May 6.-The little lumber station of Willets, 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 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.

Nothing but ashes now stand to show where the village of Willets was. Mr. Snyder, proprietor of the store is said to have lost about \$1800 worth of goods, including the building, fo which he carried no insurance.

### 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 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 anyons may ride on them. It gives a splendid opportunity for people along the Murphy division to come to Ashaville on shopping expeditions.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather, with probably showers lite tonight or on Saturday; warmer Saturday.

For North Carolina: Fair in eastern portlon, showers late tonight or on Saturday in wastern portlon; alightic varmer Saturday. Light to

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 I. & 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 Mr. Guthrie, his wife and children sat down for a rest.

The heavy mass of granite seemed to have kept compact in the air. It made splinters of the roof. Mr. Guthrie and one of the children es caped with their lives, although they were only a few feet from the vic-

### **DEMOCRATS BELABORING** LUCKLESS RAILWAY BILL

"Cut Its Tail Off Behind the Ears" i 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

He condemned the commerce court, traffic agreement and merger sections. Adamson of Georgia, democrat, assailed the merger section.

### SEVEN SENATORS TESTIFY AS TO LORIMER ELECTION

Tell Grand Jury What They Know About Charges That Election-Was Purchased.

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

## Not Recover---Royal Family Summoned to Palace.

London, May 6 .- "Well, it weather and cold winds, but it was done my duty." These words val late this afternoon. His majesty's condition is declared critical by the attending physicians. Gloom has settled audiences. over the city and provinces, his physicians were able to induce the following the issuance of to king, with great reluctance, to keep to his bedroom and take a complete night's distressing bulletin.

All members of the royal family have been summoned to las Powell, had been called in, he. the palace.

London, May 6 .- A bulletin issued the bulletin, which read: this afternoon by the king's psysiclans 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 no 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 standutill.

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 morn-"The king has ing read as follows: passed a comparatively quiet night, but his symptoms have not improved and his majesty's condition gives rise

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 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 from both sides Jim Ward drew his throughout the night. The news was pistol and fired on Perry. The shot received with cheers by anxious took effect, after which Jim Ward fied, crowds gathered throughout the city. He was captured later in the night This bulletin stated that his majesty's condition remained much the same, ster, and awaiting developments in the A subsequent examination developed that the patient's bronchial tubes in- he is held without ball. stead of being in better condition were more seriously affected after the night's sleep than they were yester-

Messages are pouring into the Pal ace from all parts of the empire and foreign countries expressing hope for better news. ace from all parts of the empire and

King Edward's serious attack of stone have fallen upon the house-top, bronchial trouble, accompanied with Mr. Guthrie, his wife and children had just finished dinner when they entered the bedroom, next door, and sat down for a rest.

oronchia troube, accompanies with sympton of asthma, was experienced had just finished dinner when they entered the bedroom, next door, and has suffered several recurrences of the malady. The present illness came suddenly, without warning.

Caughed a Great Deal. Whitelaw Reid, the American am bassador, who visited the king at the Palace Wednesday, said: "The king was coughing a great deal, and com-plained that his cough was distress

ing and very tiring. I thought he hardly realized how ill he was." Worst Postble 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,

anticipated, as a unique event, might be canceled, or at least be made extremely quiet.

The Archbishop of Canterbury tel-

Roosevelt's visit, which all England

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 onything 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 suce it became generally known. The hing suffered from a similar attack at Ill-

is all over, but I think I have supposed that he had completely recovered. The king spent the weekend at Sandringham with the object fell from the lips of King Ed- of combatting the threatened attack ward VII. in a waking inter- and returned apparently better, but

rest. The bulletin issued at 7:30 o'clock last evening showed that the eminent specialist, Sir Richard Dougwith the king's physician, Sir Francis Laking and Str James Reid, signed

"The king is suffering from an attack of bronchitis and has been confined to his rooms for two days. His Majesty's condition causes anxiety.'

The Prince of Wales had been a constant attendant for two days and esterday afternoon the Duchess of Argyll was summoned to the palace. The Duke of Teck also came visitors left Buckingham before 11

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

fail.

Gazette-News Burenu, 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 after-

Both men are known here. information coming here about the affair is scanty, but reads that the two men had just received 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 and placed in the county jail at Web condition of his wounded cousin,

When not under the influence of liquor the two men are said to be the best of friends.

# TO SUCCEED AYCOCK

Chosen by Governor from 18 Applicants for Position of Corporation

Commissioner.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Hollemon Building,

Henry Clay Brown is appointed corporation commissioner today, affective 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 ap

pointed clerk. Governor Kitchin received about 18 applications for the position, made vacant by the death of B. F. Aycock.

Car Goes Eight Feet Into Earth

Wilkesbarre, May 6 .- An electric car plunged into a mine cave Wardsville last night. Seven puss gers were cut and bruised. sank eight feet into the earth.

Irving Hanchett Hanged.

Deland, Fla., May 6.—Irving Han-chett, the 15 years old Connecticut boy convicted of the brutal murder of Cievie Tedder, a 13 years old girl, February 12, was hanged today.