

MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORT ON TIME LIMIT; GOES TO CALENDAR

Majority and Minority Reports on "Women's Rights" Memorial, Too—They Also Go to Calendar.

FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT SESSION OF CONFERENCE

The Tobacco Question Scheduled for Tomorrow—"Time Limit" Debate May Occur Friday.

BY far the most important of the sessions yet held of the general conference was that today at which a number of highly important committee reports were submitted; among these being reports affecting the proposed change in time limit; reports as to the granting of the equal rights and privileges of the laity to the women of the church, and a report approving the plan to appoint a federal council which shall have jurisdiction over the missionary world-wide movement of the Methodist Episcopal church.

It is expected that the debate on the "time limit" subject will be reached Friday, and it may be that consideration will be given the woman's rights business that day—if the two can be considered in the same day.

The Sunday school committee's report was not completed when the time for adjournment arrived, but the first four sections had been adopted after various and sundry amendments, especially regarding paragraph 4, were voted down.

The Report, by Sections.

The first section adopted included the home department and the eradication of the use of tobacco, which reports must be made to the quarterly conferences, etc. The second extends the duties of the editor of Sunday school literature to travel in the interest of Sunday school work throughout the church's territory as chairman of the general Sunday school board; the third section provides for the organization of each Sunday school into a missionary society to be conducted under such a plan as to missionary education (effort and offering) as shall from time to time be agreed upon jointly by the Sunday school board and board of missions, and emphasized the monthly missionary day. The words "effort" and "offering" were eliminated after a rather lengthy and heated discussion on the part of those who objected to too much "red tape," as they termed it, being thrown about the work of the Sunday schools.

The report of the committee on church extension was adopted giving any annual conference board, city board, church extension, power with the consent of the annual conference to employ a secretary to give his entire time to the interests to the board in the territory represented by it.

The seventh day session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, convened at 9 o'clock this morning with Bishop E. H. Jones in the chair. Hymn No. 2, "Come Thou, Almighty King," was sung and Rev. T. C. Schuler of the Holston conference led in prayer. "A Charge to Keep" was read, and the second hymn, "The Scripture Reading was from the third chapter of the first Epistle to the Corinthians, read by Rev. Mr. Schuler. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. Bishop James Atkins of Wayneville took the chair and presided at today's session.

Motion to Reconsider Carries. A motion was made that the conference reconsider its action of yesterday on report No. 2 of the committee on publishing interests, by which the conference refused to order an enlarged edition of the Hymn book. The conference agreed to reconsider and adopted a motion that it be recommended to the committee.

Bishop Key Asks to Be Relieved. In a message full of tenderness and love, Bishop Joseph S. Key of Nashville, requested that he be relieved from active service in the Episcopacy and that his place be filled by a younger man. He stated that he is now 51 years old, was elected to the episcopacy 24 years ago at Richmond; that he had discharged the duties to the best of his ability and in unbroken fear of God. He had served in the ministry for 63 years—nearly from a family which had taken an important part in religious work. Continued on Page Four.

COL. ROOSEVELT ON THOROUGHbred

Thus Mounted the Former President Witnessed Manoeuvres on Field Admirably Adapted to Such Work.

Berlin, May 11.—Col. Roosevelt, in company with Emperor William, today witnessed the mimic battle in which 12,000 men of the German military engaged in the vicinity of Doberitz. Col. Roosevelt wore a riding costume and rode a superb thoroughbred from the imperial stables.

His majesty also took a mount, both riding together over the manoeuvring field of 20 square miles, observing the working out of the army problem. The scene of the evolutions was admirably adapted to bringing out the resources of the officers and men.

SENATE CONSIDERING THE RAILROAD BILL

Senator Simmons Speaks in Favor of Long and Short Haul Amendment.

Washington, May 11.—When the senate began consideration of the railroad bill today Senator Simmons of North Carolina took the floor in support of the long and short haul amendment. The railroad bill passed by the house yesterday was referred to the senate interstate commerce committee. The senate bill will be substituted for it and differences settled in congress.

Senator Simmons declared the fact that North Carolina was wedged in between Virginia and South Carolina, and all basic points of the section were in those states, has the effect of dwarfing the towns of his state.

The "Water Cure." Under these conditions, he said, it is impossible to develop anything like a wholesome business. He predicted the time would come when the situation would be relieved by the development of water transportation.

The house yesterday passed several resolutions calling for the identity of the real purchasers of the friar lands and adopted the conference's report on the bill to create the bureau of mines and mining which now goes to the president for approval.

There was three hours of general debate on another of the administration measures, the Mandell bill for agricultural entries on coal lands as amended in committee. Mr. Craig of Alabama lamented the interest in a measure for the conservation policy, barely a dozen members being in their seats most of the time. No action was taken on the bill. Continuing the consideration of the railroad bill the senate heard arguments by Senator Brewster in support of the section prohibiting a greater charge for short than for long haul on the railroads, and by Senators Lodge and Piles against it.

There were many interruptions and much sharp colloquy. Towards the close of the session a resolution authorizing an investigation into alleged abuses of franking privileges was adopted. President Taft last night said he was deeply gratified over the passage of the railroad measure; he was especially pleased with the comfortable margin by which the commerce court feature was kept in the bill, for he regards this court as probably the important forward step in the proposed law.

As to the amendments and additional provisions added in the house, the president said he did not feel that this was a time to discuss them nor that he was fully enough acquainted with the changes to discuss them. Referring to the clause providing for the physical valuations of the railroads, Mr. Taft pointed out that power now rests with the interstate commerce commission and that the difficulty in carrying out such a plan always has been found in the enormous cost of the undertaking.

The bill makes many changes in the existing law, that if accepted by the senate will greatly affect interstate commerce commission. The court of commerce is created to adjudicate cases on appeal from the interstate commerce commission. It is provided that this court shall be organized by the justices of the Supreme court of the United States, future appointments to membership on the court to be made by them.

Another Query for Wickersham. The house judiciary committee voted to report to the house the resolution offered by Representative Craig of Alabama, asking the attorney general if any investigation or prosecution was ever begun against any persons for "illegally combining and conspiring to advance the price of wheat in the United States in May and July, 1909." The resolution is directed at the "bull-pen" maintained at that Continued on Page Four.

Notables Gathering in London to Attend Funeral of Edward VII.



KING GEORGE V (FROM THE PALACE)

London, May 11.—Parliament met this afternoon to pay national tribute to the memory of King Edward and welcome his successor, King George. A message from the new monarch, announcing the death of his father, and his own succession, was read in both houses, which subsequently adopted addresses of condolence and congratulation to the new king. The British royal family's kin are arriving to attend King Edward's funeral. The Empress Dowager Marie of Russia, sister of the queen mother, Alexandra, has arrived, accompanied by Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, Emperor Nicholas's younger brother. They were met at the railroad station by King George and Queen Mary, who drove them to Buckingham palace.

While the rulers and representatives of foreign nations are assembling here for the obsequies of the dead sovereign, the various necessary formalities incident to the event are being gradually completed. The widowed queen has sent a touching personal message to the nation, written in unassuming style, and recalling similar intimate messages which Queen Victoria was in habit of addressing to her people.

ALL IS IN READINESS FOR LAUNCHING FLORIDA

It is Expected 5000 Will See the New Monster Battleship's Dash into the Waves.

New York, May 11.—Everything is in readiness for the launching of the battleship Florida at the Brooklyn navy yard tomorrow. It is expected that 50,000 persons will witness the launching. Miss Elizabeth Leger Fleming, who will christen the Florida, is the daughter of Francis L. Fleming, formerly governor of Florida. Among the notables to attend are Senators Tallafiero and Fletcher and Representatives Sharkman, Clark and Mays.

TWO BUNCOMBE CONVICTS PARDONED BY GOVERNOR

They Are Thomas Hodge and Wesley Ingle, Sentenced for the Larceny of Ginseng.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, May 11. Governor Kitchin pardoned four and commuted two convicts today. Thomas Hodge and Wesley Ingle of Buncombe county, sentenced to the roads August, 1909, four and three years respectively, are among those pardoned. They stole ginseng. Pardon was strongly recommended and there was no opposition.

THE MANHANSSET HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

New York, May 11.—The Manhansset House, a well known summer resort on Shelter Island, was destroyed by fire this morning. The management of the hotel also conducted the Hotel Chamberlain, Old Point Comfort, Va.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IS FELT AT SAN DOMINGO

No Lives, However, Were Lost, and There is No Report of Any Property Damage.

San Domingo, May 11.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here at 3 o'clock this morning. No lives were lost, nor was any property damaged. More in Costa Rica. San Jose, Costa Rica, May 11.—Heavy earthquakes were felt here today. Thousands of people are leaving the city in alarm. A series of severe shocks were experienced yesterday.

TWO ARE TERRIBLY HURT IN COLLAPSE OF BALLOON

Aeronaut and Astronomer Hurlled to Ground and Balloon Wrecked.

Center, Ky., May 11.—A Holland Forbea, the New York aeronaut, and J. C. Yates, an astronomer, who were injured in a balloon ascension yesterday, were this morning reported alive. It is not known whether they will recover.

FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING IN WISCONSIN

Milwaukee, Wis., May 11.—Forest fires are raging to the north and northwest of Bayfield. Many farms have been devastated.

COLUMBUS POSTOFFICE BROKEN INTO AND ROBBED

Unknown Thieves Got \$74.83 in Cash, but Did not Touch Any Postage Stamps.

Special to The Gazette-News. Columbus, via Tryon, May 11.—The postoffice here was broken into last night and \$74.83 was stolen. As yet no trace of the robbers has been found. Entrance was made through a window. Over \$500 worth of stamps was left untouched.

BLIND TIGERS, PROBABLY, SHOT UP THE SOLDIERS

Several Privates from Fort Fremont Reservation Are Wounded—Will Recover.

Beaufort, S. C., May 11.—Privates Calahan McCarthy, Stansberry, Sleder and Quigley McNally were shot and wounded today by men believed to be keepers of "bling tigers," who sold whiskey to the soldiers off the Fort Fremont government reservation. The soldiers will recover.

HEAVY STORM ENCOUNTERED BY THE STEAMSHIP CARONIA

One Sailor Was Drowned, and Several Others Were Injured—Vessel Arrives in New York.

New York, May 11.—The steamship Caronia, arriving from Liverpool, has brought reports of a heavy storm, during which one sailor was drowned and several others were injured.

CORPORATION TAX RETURNS

The Total Number of Returns 231,243, Total Assessments \$25,704,045; Total of Penalties \$101,570.

THIS REVENUE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT IS \$30,625

Total Returns in State 2939—This is the New Net Income Federal Tax of One per Cent. on Corporations.

Washington, May 11.—Figures showing returns, assessments and penalties on account of the tax of one per cent. on net income of corporations under the new tariff act were made public today by R. E. Cabell, commissioner of internal revenue. The total number of returns is 231,243, and the total assessments are \$25,709,045; penalties for failure to furnish returns by March 1 aggregate \$101,570.

The record of the following states shows: Florida, 858 returns, assessments \$61,332; Georgia 2376 returns, assessments \$154,276; fourth North Carolina internal revenue district 1289 returns, assessments \$36,506; fifth North Carolina, 1650 returns, assessments \$30,625; South Carolina 236 returns, assessments \$82,334; second Virginia 1373 returns, assessments \$236,457; sixth Virginia 1327 returns, assessments \$108,584.

HENDERSONVILLE HEARS SOME EXCELLENT NEWS

To the Effect That Town is to Have \$75,000 for a Federal Building.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Gates, Hendersonville, May 11. News that in the bill for appropriations for federal buildings which passed the house last week was included one for Hendersonville, it is said, reached here in a private message from Congressman John G. Grant to friends. There is some doubt as to the erection of the building, but when the news reached the town there was much gratification among the citizens.

GOV. BROWARD LEADING IN FLORIDA PRIMARY

The Primary System Was Endorsed by Democrats of Every County in the State.

Jacksonville, May 11.—Returns from the democratic primary election held throughout the state yesterday, indicate that former Governor Broward leads United States Senator James Tallafiero in the race for the senate and that the two candidates must run the race over again.

BAPTISTS OF THE SOUTH ASSEMBLE IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., May 11.—The Southern Baptist convention, which assembled this afternoon in the Lyric theater, is being attended by hundreds of delegates from all parts of the south. The convention continues until Tuesday. It is understood the convention will praise President Taft and congress for the passage of laws designed to prevent the shipment of liquor into "dry" territory.

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 5 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, with probably rain late tonight or on Thursday; cooler Thursday.

For North Carolina: Fair in east, showers in west portion tonight or Thursday; slightly cooler Thursday in west portion. Moderate south winds.

HONORS PAID DEAD HEROES

Statues of Pulaski and Kosciuszko Unveiled in Washington, With Very Elaborate Ceremonial.

FIRST POLISH NATIONAL CONGRESS IS ASSEMBLING

President Taft and Secretary Dickinson Were the Principal Speakers at Today's Exercises.

Washington, May 11.—Two monuments to the memory and deeds of Pulaski and Kosciuszko, the Polish heroes, both of whom fought and one of whom died that liberty in America might live, were dedicated here today. The time of the dedications was so arranged that President Taft could attend each.

While the president made the principal address at the unveiling of the monument to Pulaski, which stands in the triangle at Thirteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, Secretary of War Dickinson was making the principal address at the unveiling of the monument to Kosciuszko, which stands in Lafayette park, opposite the White House, and J. F. Smutski, of the Polish National alliance, made an address in Polish.

The monument to Pulaski was erected by an act of congress, but the statue to Kosciuszko is a gift to the nation from the Polish National alliance and other organizations of Poles who have made their homes in the free republic for which their distinguished countrymen fought. There was a double significance to the unveiling of the monument to Kosciuszko, for it marked the opening here tomorrow of the first Polish national congress to attend which thousands of Poles from all over the United States have come.

The purpose of the congress is to discuss in all its phases the condition of the Polish nation, to acquire familiarity with the needs of the Polish national life and find ways and means of fulfilling them.

The ceremonies which preceded the dedication of the statues were long planned and very elaborate. A military parade in which all the regular troops stationed at Fort Myer, as well as the national guard of the District of Columbia marched, was one of the features. Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., was in command.

Monument to Kosciuszko

In the heart of the bustling section of the city the monument to Pulaski stands 14 feet from the sidewalk in a triangular green. In the saddle of a charger is mounted the figure of the hero in the Polish Hussar uniform in which he won command of a brigade of Washington's cavalry for his gallant conduct at the Brandywine. Pulaski always wore the uniform of his beloved fatherland, and it clothed his breast through three years of valiant fighting on American soil until he fell at the siege of Savannah in 1779 and died on the United States brig of war Wasop in the harbor, two days after.

The sculptor, Chedzinski, gathered material for his work in Paris, Berlin and parts of Poland and secured from the descendants of Pulaski a life-size painting of the hero mounted on a horse, done by Pulaski's sister.

In Lafayette park, a beautiful shaded square across Pennsylvania avenue from the White House, the monument to Kosciuszko with the exception of one complete set of five planned there. The others are at General Lafayette and Count Rochambeau, who commanded the French allies at Yorktown. On the remaining corner will be erected the statue of Baron Von Steuben in 1779 and died on the American eagle guarding, is on the front of the pedestal. On the other side is the outline of Europe and Asia attacked by the snake of despotism with the Polish eagle fighting in defense. A Polish soldier, wounded and falling, is being defended by a Polish farmer with a scythe. Opposite, in the shackles of an American farmer which bind him to the foreign yoke. Mounted on the pedestal is the statue of Kosciuszko, a map of West Point in one hand, the other on his sword.

The valiant deeds of the man who fought consistently for liberty in an old world and a new—so consistently that he refused to lend himself to the plans of Napoleon for the restoration of Poland, are recalled by the inscriptions on the monument.

Driven to this country by an unhappy love affair, he saw the new republic established and did not return to his native Poland until 1793. When Russia attacked Poland in 1793, Kosciuszko with 4000 men held Dubienka against 18,000 Russians in a famous battle. After the second partition of Poland in 1794 he put himself at the head of a national movement and was proclaimed dictator and commander-in-chief. Covered with wounds he fell into the hands of his enemies.

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