

SEVEN BISHOPS TO BE ELECTED

Ministerial Tobacco Prohibition Issue Is Lost in Conference, but by a Margin or Only Three Votes.

CONTINENT OF AUSTRALIA WAS ALONE UNREPRESENTED

A Solemn and Touching Incident of the Day Was the Adoption of Memorials to the Departed Bishops.

With representatives of every continent of the world, save Australia, seated upon the rostrum of the Auditorium the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, today held a highly interesting and important session.

Today was the last day, under the rules, in which petitions, memorials and resolutions could be presented as well as the reports of connectional officers and commissions.

It is understood that the committee on episcopacy will set the salary of the bishops at \$4,500 instead of \$4,000 as at present and that the superannuated bishops' salary be increased to \$2,250, and the widows of bishops be allowed \$1,000.

The Auditorium this morning was filled with the largest crowd which had been present so far, showing that the interest in the proceedings is increasing greatly.

Among the visitors today was Bishop J. H. Vincent of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a resident of Indianapolis.

Historic Gavel. Bishop Hendrix used a gavel this morning made from wood from the house in Kentucky where Bishop Asbury held the first conference.

passed out to the great beyond since the last general conference. The memorial for the late Bishop J. C. Granberry was read by Dr. B. F. Lipscom of Richmond.

The memorial of the late Bishop Charles B. Galloway of Mississippi was read by Dr. H. M. DuBose of the Mississippi conference.

The memorial of the late Bishop James J. Tigert of Missouri was fittingly commemorated by the memorial read by Dr. F. M. Thomas of the Louisville conference.

The memorial tribute to the late Bishop Seth Ward of Texas was read by Dr. E. D. Mouzon of the West Texas conference.

The report was adopted by a rising vote, and the conference in a body sang "We Are Traveling Home Together." This was one of the most touching scenes of the conference, as the vast Auditorium was filled with true Methodist singing.

Bishop Vincent was introduced and was greeted by the conference. He said he was glad to be greeted by a part of the great body of Methodists when all would be known as one body, as they now are in reality in the great work.

Seven Bishops.

Dr. Denny introduced report No. 2 of the committee on episcopacy recommending that seven bishops be elected. A motion was made that the report be put upon immediate passage.

A motion was made that "six bishops" be substituted in the place of seven.

The motion to table this substitute was made and a division called. The vote stood 163 for tabling the substitute, and 100 against. It was tabled.

The committee on episcopacy reported non-concurrence in a memorial from the Virginia conference limiting the term of service of a presiding elder and also that all appointments be made in open session and that no appointment can stand if there is an objection of two-thirds of the members.

As to Change of Name. The committee on revisals after consideration of the memorials asking for a change of name, recommended that the name be changed to "The Methodist Church."

The committee on church extension offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate relative to removing the headquarters of the board of church extension from Louisville to Dallas and to report to the next general conference.

Bishop Honda followed with a talk in which he gave statistics concerning Japan. He said that his church had three native missionaries but that these were not enough.

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The committee on missions submitted its report recommending the adoption of the report of the commission on union of the church board of missions, woman's foreign missionary society, and Womans' Home Mission Society.

Memorials. The committee on episcopacy submitted report No. 1 providing for memorials for the bishops who had



New York Herald and The Gazette-News. A PROMISING CHILD

HUNDREDS LIVING BY SLAVE TRAFFIC

"White Slaves," According to the Statement of Federal Attorney Todd in Seattle.

Seattle, May 12.—"There are between 700 and 800 men in Seattle who live from revenue of the 'white slave traffic,'" declares Federal Attorney Todd, discussing recent grand jury disclosures.

MOTHER'S VAIN EFFORT TO SAVE BABY DAUGHTER

Saw Her Child Crushed to Death, and Received Injuries from Which She Is Dying.

New York, May 12.—Mrs. Cella Rosenberg is dying as a result of her vain effort today to save her three years old daughter, Freda, from being run over and killed by a trolley car.

NO NEED OF A PULP TAFFET SAY NORRIS AND BURBANK

Publisher and Paper Maker Present President Tariff Facts in Proof of It.

Washington, May 12.—President Taft had a conference this afternoon with John J. Norris, representing the Newspaper Publishers' association, and A. N. Burbank, president of the International Paper company.

50,000 ASKING FOR CLEMENCY IN THE CASE OF J. R. WALSH

Petition Bearing That Number of Names Will Be Sent to Washington in a Few Days.

FIVE BLUE JACKETS ARE KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

Berlin, May 12.—Five blue-jackets were killed in an explosion which occurred while the mine laying division was manœuvring off the coast, according to a report from Wilhelmshafen.

Washington, May 12.—The state department has begun negotiations with the Cuban government to secure permission for raising the battleship Maine.

KING'S BROTHER VIEWS THE BODY

Duke of Connaught, Uncle of the New King, Just Arrived from Africa Today.

London, May 12.—King George's uncle, the Duke of Connaught, arrived this evening from his African trip. He was met at the station by the King and Queen Mary.

F. A. HEINZE ACQUITTED BY FEDERAL COURT JURY

The Delay, He Says, Cost Him Four or Five Million Dollars in Depreciation of Securities.

New York, May 12.—Fritz Augustus Heinze was acquitted in New York last night of charges of misapplying the funds of the Mercantile National bank while he was president of the institution in 1907, and he was cleared of the charge of overcertifying the checks of his brother's firm, Otto Heinze, A. J. in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court after a trial lasting nearly three weeks.

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GIVEN THREE DAYS IN WHICH TO LEAVE TOWN

Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, May 3.—The police have given forty Jewish families, declared to be residing here illegally, three days in which to leave town.

HANCHO DEL PASO SOLD

Sacramento, May 12.—The Rancho Del Paso, the former home of the Haggis string of thoroughbreds, is sold to a Minneapolis land company for approximately \$2,000,000.

Paris, May 12.—Former President Loubet, while walking across Pont Neuf during the noon hour, was knocked down by an automobile, and slightly bruised.

COL. ROOSEVELT IN BUCH TODAY

The Former President Is Now Giving Attention to the Matter of Public Dependents.

Berlin, May 12.—Theodore Roosevelt this morning motored with Burgomaster Kirchner to Buch, a suburb where a colony of 1,500 worn-out workers are maintained in comfort by the city of Berlin.

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KEEPING TAUT CHURCH LINES

Southern Baptist Mission Board Endorses Church's Policy of "No Entangling Alliances."

"CHURCH UNION" EFFORTS PRESENT DIFFICULTIES

Mission Board Says This Is Felt in Panama and Cuba, Where Denomination Lines Are Endangered.

Baltimore, May 12.—More than half the delegates to the Southern Baptist convention went on a sight-seeing expedition to the immigrant pier at Locust Point this morning.

Dr. Burrows reported a general increase of \$114,000 during the past year for the home and foreign mission boards.

"Entangling Alliances." The home missions board strongly endorsed the policy of the Southern Baptist convention of having no "entangling alliance" with other Christian bodies that "can in any way endanger the purity of Baptist doctrines or practices as Baptists."

This referred specifically to the labors of the boards in Panama and Cuba where, it was stated, the work is progressing rapidly, but difficulty to the work of the Sunday school developed in the trend towards "so-called church union efforts and obliteration or disregard of denominational lines."

Special to The Gazette-News. Baltimore, May 11.—The arrangements for caring for the great crowds are ideal. The headquarters are at the Hotel Belvedere. The hotel accommodates 600 guests but cuts have been placed in the rooms in order to accommodate those who wish to stay at this elegant hotel.

Rev. W. M. Vines, D. D., and Mrs. Vines, of the First church; Rev. A. E. Brown, D. D., superintendent of the Mountain School department of home mission board; Rev. A. J. Justice, Hendersonville; Prof. N. A. Melton and Miss Sullinger of Fruitland institute; Rev. Mr. Wall of Marshall; Prof. E. E. Hawkins and E. F. Watson, east of Burnsville; Rev. J. B. Owen of Brevard; Rev. Mr. Harris of Mars Hill; Rev. J. M. McManaway, D. D., of Waynesville.

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May Contracts Gained 19 Points Over Last Night's Closing Figure Before Midday, Reaching 15.72.

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Shorts Urgent Buyers—First Government Report for Season Is to Be Issued Noon, June 2.

New York, May 13.—There was a sharp advance in the cotton market today, assuming sensational proportions.

May contracts, which sold as low as 13.99 during April, touched 15.72 before midday, making a gain of 19 points from the closing figures of last night and of 174 points from the recent low level, July selling at 15.74.

Shorts were urgent buyers. The demand for new crop months reflected uneasiness as to the crop outlook which seems to be increasing with the approach of the first government report for the season, to be issued at noon, June 2.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DROWNED IN OLD POND

Eight Boys and Girls of Luzerne County, Pa., of Party of Twelve, Boat-ing, Are Lost.

Wilkesbarre, May 12.—Eight high school students, six girls and two boys, whose ages ranged from 16 to 18 years, lost their lives yesterday while boating on what is known as the "old paper mill dam" at Hunton mills, about 20 miles below this city, in the lower end of Luzerne county. The dead are:

Maud Suttiffe, Town Line; Caroline Koons, Watertown; Ruth Bonham, Townline; Iris Davenport, Town Hill; Madeline Good, Watertown; Robert Minnich, Koonsville; Roy Dodson, Fairmount.

Twelve students of the Huntington High school secured two boats at the noon hour and started for a row on the pond. When the two craft had reached the center of the body of water it was noticed that one of them had sprung a leak. The two boats were then pulled together and an effort was made to transfer the girls from the leaky boat to the safer craft.

The last one of the party had scarcely set foot in the boat when it began to sink owing to the combined weight of the party. The girls were helpless to save themselves and the boys of the party with the exception of Dodson, being expert swimmers, struck out for the shore, which all reached in safety. Minnich, in the excitement it is presumed, thought that all the young women had succeeded in reaching land. He had no sooner gained the bank than he noticed the girls hanging to the rapidly sinking boat. The boy dashed into the water and swam swiftly to the water-filled craft. Only two of the girls were clinging to the boat, the others having gone down for the last time. Seizing Miss Davenport Minnich again started for the shore, but the exertion was too much for the gaunt lad and the two went down together when they were within a stone's throw of the bank.

As soon as the sound craft began to fill with water it appeared as though every one in it became terror stricken. The shrieks of the drowning girls could be plainly heard on the bank, but there was no one to go to the rescue of the imperiled party. The terrible accident has cast a gloom over the lower end of Luzerne county where the families of all the victims are prominent.

Three of those who were drowned would have graduated this summer, young Minnich and the Misses Bonham and Good. As soon as the accident became known hundreds of persons soon began a search for the bodies. Strangely enough that of Minnich and Miss Davenport were the first recovered. After grappling for less than two hours all the bodies were recovered. Not one of the parents of the drowned boys and girls knew of the accident until all of the bodies had been brought ashore.

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Fairbault, Minn., May 12.—Bert Perry, his three children and their grandmother, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home in this city. Mrs. Perry and two of their children were saved.

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