

CONFERENCE ELECTS TRUSTEES FOR VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

That Problem Amicably Settled, and in a Way Thought to Be Satisfactory to All Concerned—Report Adopted Without Debate.

CONFERENCE WILL HARDLY COMPLETE BUSINESS BEFORE SATURDAY; WILL ADJOURN AT NOON MONDAY

Leave of Absence Granted Only in Urgent Cases—All the Connectional Officers Elected—Working on Report of Revisals Committee on Ritual Commission.

At this afternoon's session the conference adopted a resolution to adjourn at noon Monday.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, today showed a disposition to dispatch the remaining business as quickly as possible.

TRANSIT BEGINS TONIGHT AT 10:17 EASTERN TIME

Cambridge, Mass., May 18.—The exact time of the transit of Halley's comet across the sun's disk has been calculated by Dr. Kobold of Kiel observatory, Germany.

HE WILL AGAIN VISIT THIS CITY

President Patterson of Greenville-Knoxville Railroad Company to Meet Board of Trade Committee.

Interest in the proposed Greenville-Knoxville railroad, a project in which Messrs. Candler, Patterson and Oliver are interested, was rekindled today when it became known that Mr. Patterson, the president of the company, would visit Asheville again within the next day or so.

DR. PINSON ELECTED

Dr. W. W. Pinson was elected secretary of the board of missions, receiving 185 votes to 82 for Dr. O. E. Brown of Vanderbilt university.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the finance committee was read recommending the following men as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, south: Goodloe Cowell, Preston Vaughn, A. J. Lamar, Thomas S. Webster and J. R. Stewart, each for eight years and A. F. Watkins for four.

BLUEFIELDS VICINITY MUST KEEP THE PEACE

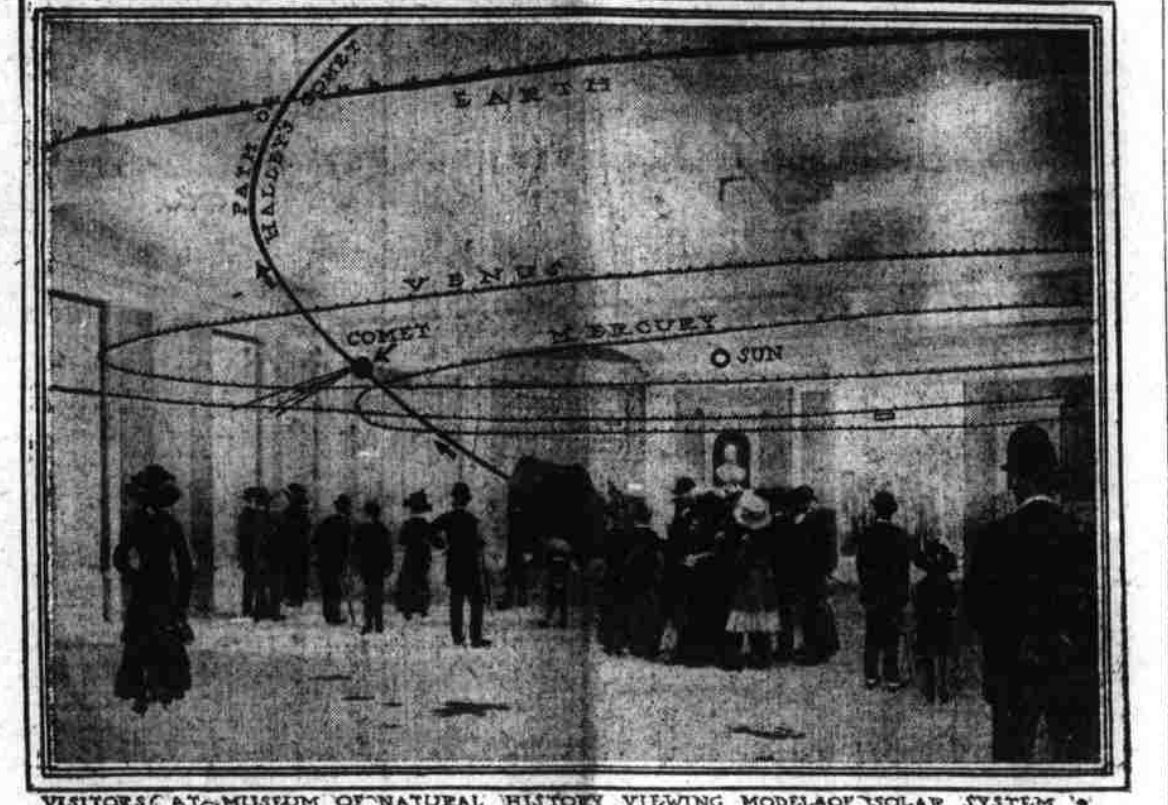
Commander of the Paducah Serves Notice on Generals Irias, Estrada and Madrid.

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Nothing Worth Observing Tonight; Look for Great Sight Friday Night

—PROF. HAROLD JACOBY.



NEW YORK, May 18.—Prof. Harold Jacoby of Columbia university will not remain by his telescope during the period of contact between the earth and the comet's tail tonight, being convinced that no phenomena worth observing will be noted.

NEGRO LABORERS MOST BENEFITED

Although Farmers Make More at Present Prices of Cotton Than When It Brought 6 Cents—Price of Things Used in Growing Crop Have Advanced Greatly.

Washington, May 18.—R. P. Stackhouse of Dillon, S. C., and J. C. Hickey of Henderson, Tex., large producers of cotton testified today before the senate committee investigating the cost of living.

LIEUT. COL. R. F. AMES TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

The Widow of Lieut. Janney, Who Committed Suicide, Will Be the Chief Witness.

DRS. FEW AND SOUTHGATE MENTIONED FOR TRINITY

One of Them Is Likely to Be Chosen to Succeed Dr. Kilgo as President.

MANILA, MAY 18.—LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT F. AMES WILL BE COURT-MARTIALED ON CHARGES OF CONDUCT BECOMING AN OFFICER AND TO THE PREJUDICE OF MILITARY DISCIPLINE.

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STRIKE AVERTED. Erie Railroad Offers to Submit New Proposition on Question of Increased Wages.

New York, May 18.—The Erie railroad has averted a strike of conductors and trainmen by offering to submit a new proposition on the question of increased wages.

WAREHOUSING COTTON CROP

Ideal System, From Point of View of Investors and Patrons, Outlined by Mr. Bullard.

TWO KINDS OF HOUSES NEEDED, IN HIS OPINION

He Believes Maximum Service at Minimum Cost and Fair Profit on Capital Are Possible.

Charlotte, May 18.—A notable address on the "Warehousing of Cotton in the South," was delivered yesterday at the opening session of the Cotton Manufacturers' association at the Academy of Music, by L. H. Bullard of Memphis.

Mr. Bullard went into elaborate details in the discussion of the subject, which is recognized to be of vital importance to both cotton planting and cotton shipping interests.

Two Kinds of Warehouses. The speaker said, in beginning, that he was expected to recommend a system of warehousing and handling of cotton which not only would be remunerative to the investment interests, but also profitable to patrons of those interests.

First, a warehouse for shippers of cotton, at which the product could be quickly handled in and out at a reasonable cost, but one that would not affect the shipper's interest with respect to insurance under a marine cover.

Second, warehouses for farmers, merchants, factors and others who hold cotton and who use the regular fire insurance covers instead of marine contracts.

Each warehouse plant should be located at a point convenient to the cotton trade, more particularly at a point of construction. The reason for locating the warehouses at points of concentration are that there should be strong buying competition to enable the owner to realize the maximum price at short notice and for the further reason that volume is required to insure a strong and reliable organization and management and to minimize the cost of handling.

Compress Machines Needed. Mr. Bullard thought that at present the warehouses at each concentrating point probably would have to be equipped with compress machines. He thought it would not be possible to obtain any system of warehousing of cotton that would yield maximum results at a minimum of costs without a close co-operation on the part of the transportation interests.

"The location of warehouses of any system," said he, "will necessarily have to be fixed or controlled by the carriers, for the reason that cotton cannot be economically handled without the concentrating and reshipping privileges. The present compress points seem to be the best places for the construction and maintenance of the character of warehouses needed by the trade."

Memphis as an Illustration. Mr. Bullard instanced Memphis as an illustration of a city possessing admirable facilities for the handling of cotton. It is estimated that 800,000 bales of cotton are grown within a radius of 100 miles of Memphis and that within that radius there are 21 concentrating and reshipping points, at which are handled in the aggregate, 1,278,000 bales of cotton a year.

Mr. Bullard asserted that there were no monopolistic features connected with the Memphis plan of warehousing cotton. He described in detail the methods and advantages of the system in operation at Memphis to illustrate the necessity of the co-operation of the carriers for the proper and economical warehousing of cotton. Some of the necessary restrictions which should hedge about the warehousing of cotton, Mr. Bullard indicated as follows:

"The rules of the company should provide that receipts for cotton shall be given only when the cotton is actually in its possession. That 'good order' receipts shall not be given for cotton in a damaged condition. That cotton shall not be delivered until the outstanding receipt has been surrendered and cancelled—and so on. Then, so draft your bond as to protect the company against any claims arising through failure of the officers or employees to comply with these rules.

"Agents of transportation companies, banks and shippers should be furnished with the signatures of employees authorized to sign warehouse cotton receipts, coupled with a request that if receipts signed by other parties are presented such receipts shall be recognized as not genuine.

"The storage and handling tariffs should, as far as practicable, be uniform as between the warehouses located at the various points. The tariffs, however, will be affected by local conditions, and especially will you have to take into consideration the volume of business handled through each plant. In other words, a warehouse should be located at a point where the volume of business handled through it is large.

Forest Fire in Pennsylvania. Tidewater, Pa., May 18.—Forest fires are raging unchecked. Laurel Mills has been partially burned out. Residences and much lumber have been destroyed.

Big Fire in Faust, N. Y. Saratoga Lake, N. Y., May 18.—The village of Faust was swept by fire today and damage to the extent of \$100,000 resulted.

THRONGS GAZE ON THE BIER

Steady Stream of His Former Subjects Moves Through Westminster Hall, Where Edward's Body Lies.

SIXTY THOUSAND PERSONS SAW THE CASKET YESTERDAY

Half as Many Were Waiting Outside When the Doors Closed, and 100,000 Had Passed by Noon Today.

London, May 18.—From 6 o'clock this morning, when the doors of Westminster hall opened to the public, a somber-clad, silent multitude filed past the bier of Edward VII. The police kept the thousands moving steadily. When the doors closed last night between 50,000 and 60,000 persons had viewed the casket, while half that number were still waiting in the adjacent street. Every land and every color is represented in the throng waiting to pay tribute to the dead monarch. By noon today more than 100,000 had paid their meed of respect.

ROOSEVELT'S MOVEMENTS

Theodore Roosevelt is seeing many personal friends at Dorchester house, but he is accepting no dinner invitations. Friday he will be present at King Edward's funeral in his capacity as special ambassador of the United States. During the forenoon Roosevelt was received in audience by King Frederick of Denmark.

BOILERS EXPLODE; MANY ARE KILLED

Columbus, O., May 18.—State officials arrived today to investigate the explosion of seven boilers at the American Sheet and Tin Plate company's factory yesterday afternoon, resulting in the death to 14 men and injury to a score more.

A TERRIFIC COLLISION

The firemen and engineer who were in the boiler room are dead. One workman says that he heard three distinct explosions in quick succession. They came so close, however, that it was all over in a minute. The force of the explosion was so terrific that the big plant is in such a state of ruin as to be practically a total loss. A mere egg shell of the building is left. Identification of the men was difficult because many of them were so mutilated that even their most intimate friends could not recognize the features.

Heads were blown from several bodies. Arms and legs were torn from the trunks. Fragments of bodies were blown several squares from the scene and bits of flesh have been picked up on porches and roofs of houses and in trees.

There were 100 men at labor in the plant at the time of the accident and but a dozen or so escaped some injury. These and others who rushed to the plant as soon as the disaster was known worked heroically to rescue the injured from the ruins, which soon took fire, but the fire department extinguished the flames.

The superintendent of the plant last night put foremen and other trusted men at work to make a list of the dead, injured and missing; the injured had been rushed to three hospitals of the city. Members of the bereaved families rushed frantically to the plant and thence to the hospitals and residences near the ruined shops in an effort to find trace of their loved ones. It was thought at 8 o'clock that all the dead had been removed from the debris.

The body of one man, unknown, was blown through a house over 700 feet from the plant. The body entered the house from the east side and continued in a straight line through a bed room and out the other side of the house to Lewis avenue. The torso of another man was found in the garden of a yard about 500 feet from the scene, arms, legs and parts of bodies were strewn about the neighborhood.

BEGGED TO BE KILLED

The bodies of seven men, mutilated beyond recognition, were found in the north end of the mill. "For God's sake hit me on the head and kill me," cried one workman to a man who found him. The injured man had an arm torn off and a great hole in his side.

The plant had five mills. All the employees who worked at Mills No. one, two, three and four were either killed or injured, while the men on mill No. 5 farthest from the boiler escaped serious injury.

THE WEATHER

For Asheville and vicinity: Fair and continued cool tonight; Thursday fair, with rising temperature. For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight; Thursday fair, slightly warmer in west portion. Light to moderate west winds, becoming variable.