

ASSESSMENT INCREASED \$45,000 PER YEAR FOR EDUCATION WORK

Conference Decides to Collect \$95,000 Instead of \$50,000 - New Methods as to Appeals Adopted.

CHANGE MADE IN LAW AS TO COLLEGE TRUSTEES

This Lets in W. K. Vanderbilt and Two Others on the Board of Trustees of Vanderbilt.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in adopting a resolution which would permit boards of trust of schools and colleges, if they found it advisable, to go outside of the church to find men to fill not more than 25 per cent. of the board of trust, is thought to mean that in all probability the much discussed "Vanderbilt University affair" will be settled.

The conference also adopted a new method of settling appeals of preachers from the findings of the annual conference's trial committee.

The conference put itself on record as highly favoring the educational movement, when it adopted the committee on education's report increasing the assessment from \$50,000 to \$95,000 annually.

When the sixteen days' session of the general conference convened, with Bishop Waterhouse in the chair there was a great falling off in the attendance of delegates.

A resolution was introduced by Dr. John O. Wilson and Rev. M. J. Cofer thanking the persons who had made such generous gifts to Trinity college, Greensboro Female college and Louisville college in North Carolina and assuring them that the gifts would be properly used for educational purposes.

Secretaries Want No Pay. A resolution appropriating \$500 to Dr. A. F. Watkins, the efficient secretary, to be divided among himself and the assistant secretaries, was voted down.

Dr. Naphthali Luccock, the clerical fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal church, made an eloquent speech of farewell.

Ex-Governor Hanley, of Indianapolis, the lay fraternal delegate, thanked the conference for its generous welcome and superlative kindness.

During the morning a collection was taken for the pages who have rendered such efficient service.

In bidding these delegates farewell Bishop Mouson said: "I am sure I voice the sentiments of my colleagues when I say most sincerely that we have great love for you; we know that we are living in the morning of a great age. We are sure that God is leading us; just whether we are not sure. It may be that he is not leading us just as you would have him lead. Continued on page three.

PULPIT VACANCY BECOMES SERIOUS

Over 1000 Charges in Southern Presbyterian Church Reported Pastorless.

Lewisburg, W. Va., May 21.—With more than 1000 vacant pulpits in the church, the Southern Presbyterian church in general assembly today received an appeal from the executive committee on ministerial education and relief, for larger funds. The committee suggested the advisability of the preparation of a ministerial directory to facilitate the calling of pastors.

FLIGHT ACROSS ENGLISH CHANNEL

De Lesseps, the French Aviator, Duplicates the Daring Feat of Bleriot, in Aeroplane.

Calais, France, May 21.—Count Jacques De Lesseps, French aviator, started at 3:30 this afternoon on a double flight across the English channel. He reached the English side successfully.

WAKE JAILOR IS OVERPOWERED

As a Result Three White Prisoners Are at Large, on the Way to Durham.

Raleigh, May 21.—Three white prisoners overpowered Jailer Justice Keys and escaped from the Wake county jail. One pretended to be sick and when the jailer went to his aid all three attacked him.

WAS KILLED IN TUNNEL BY A FREIGHT TRAIN

Mareus West, aged 23, met a horrible fate late yesterday when he was struck by the west bound freight train N. 69, with Engineer William Brown at the throttle, inside of the Indian hill tunnel near the station of Rhoda, on the Murphy division of the Southern railroad.

A SLAVE DEALER SENTENCED

Marshall Marks Given Term of Not Less Than Four Nor More Than Six Years in Prison.

New York, May 21.—Marshall Marks, found guilty under the "White Slave" indictment, is sentenced to not less than four nor more than six years in prison.

Six Insurgent Senators Omitted From White House Guest List



They Are Bitterly Attacked by the Vice President in a Speech for the Administration.

New York Herald Syndicate, No. 1502 H Street, N. W., Washington, May 21.

It having become necessary to "do or die," President Taft has adopted a policy of more drastic action for the support of the republican majority in congress and for the defence of his administration than any one had expected at this time.

The president has further pointedly marked the line of cleavage between the regular and insurgent senators. He refused to invite to the White House the republican senators who have attacked him, and who are, in common with the "black from Ellis club," doing all in their power to discredit his administration, defeat him for re-nomination and cause the loss of the next house to the republicans.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana, and Senator Clapp of Minnesota, were particularly assailed.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 21.—At the first anniversary celebration of the Lincoln Vets' league, Vice President James Sherman and Senator Burrows of Michigan were the principal speakers.

DEMOCRATS SHOULD GAIN A MILLION MORE VOTES

Whether Next President Is Democrat Will Depend on Congress—He Sails for Scotland.

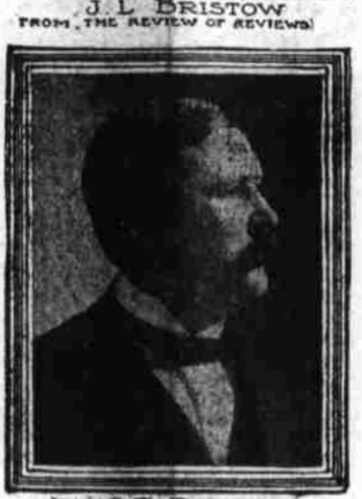
New York, May 21.—It will be up to the next congress to determine whether the next president shall be a democrat, according to William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan sailed today on the steamer "Celtic" for Scotland, where he attends a missionary conference.

Mr. Bryan states that if congress makes a favorable record, the democrats should win a million votes, in addition to the six and one-half million they polled in the last presidential election.

Mr. Bryan was non-committal about the personalities likely to figure in the race for the democratic presidential nomination. He believed a year must pass before there will be discussion of presidential possibilities.

"COMET COLDS" EPIDEMIC IN GREAT CITY OF NEW YORK

New York, May 21.—"Comet cold" is epidemic in New York city. A marked increase in the number of cases of cold and grip is attributed by physicians as the outcome of early morning roof parties watching for Halley's comet.



SPENCER'S STATUE TO PUT SALOONS OUT OF NATION

Presented to State of Georgia and City of Atlanta by Employees of Southern.

Atlanta, May 21.—In the presence of a large assemblage, including a great number of employees and officials of the Southern railway of every rank and from every branch of the service, the heroic bronze statue of Samuel Spencer, first president of the company, was unveiled this afternoon at 2 o'clock, being presented to the state of Georgia and the city of Atlanta as the gift of 30,000 employees of the railway system which is the fruit of his genius.

The statue is the work of Daniel Chester French, one of the most famous of American sculptors, and is said to be one of his masterpieces.

The cords which held the veil were unrolled by Mr. Spencer's four year old granddaughter, Violet Spencer, the daughter of his son, Henry T. Spencer.

LEAVING TODAY FOR THEIR HOMES

Envoys Who Attended Edward's Funeral Are Leaving London, Alfonso Hurrying Departure.

London, May 21.—Most of the members of royalty, special envoys, and deputations who attended King Edward's funeral are leaving today for their homes. King Alfonso is hurrying his departure, as a consequence of the disappointing news of Queen Victoria's premature accession.

SPANISH ROYAL FAMILY'S FIRST STILL-BORN CHILD

Madrid, May 21.—Queen Victoria was delivered of an infant, still-born, at 4 o'clock this morning. The sex was male.

The unhappy outcome is attributed to premature accouchment. The body will be buried without ceremony in the Royal Pantheon of the Royal Escorial monastery.

When told of her loss the mother wept bitterly. King Alfonso is in London, where he attended King Edward's funeral.

Philadelphia, May 21.—The large woodworking mill of Hall Brothers & Wood has been destroyed by fire with a loss of \$75,000.



TO PUT SALOONS OUT OF NATION

This Is the Goal Set by the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly.

Dickson, Tenn., May 21.—Denouncing the legalized saloons as the nation's most heinous evil the temperance committee in report to the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly set today, as a goal for the church, the entire elimination of the liquor traffic in the United States.

The liquor press freely announces the doom of its own cause, the report says.

Frequently digressing from his prepared report, R. L. Baskette, secretary of the board of publicans of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, discussed the property interests of the denomination and referred caustically to those of the Presbyterian church of America, who are contesting in court for the property.

The report as published recited the resignation of the control by the Cumberland church of the publishing house at Nashville on a decision of the state court and the present status of the appeal pending before the Supreme court of the United States.

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SHARP ADVANCE IN COAL

This Will Be the Result, in Chicago, of the Strike of 72,000 Men in the Coal Business.

Chicago, May 21.—Coal dealers say the immediate effect of the strike of 72,000 men in the coal mines' interests in Illinois today will mean a sharp advance in coal prices in Chicago.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS DECIDE TO LAUNCH IT AT A BANQUET TO BE HELD JUNE 2

St. Louis, May 21.—The democrats have fixed June 2 as the date for a banquet at which the presidential boom for former Governor Joseph W. Folk will be formally launched.

PAYNE-ALDRICH TARIFF MEASURE IS BUT A TRANSPARENT HUMBUG

MORE THAN 16,000 MARCH IN PARADE

Impressive Feature of Yesterday, Incident to the World's Sunday School Meeting.

Washington, May 21.—The world's Sunday school convention held a monster re-union meeting in convention hall today. William N. Hartshorn reported for field work in North America. Rev. S. D. Zeymer told of the needs of the Moslem world.

An army of more than 10,000 members of men's Bible classes from all parts of the world marched down Pennsylvania avenue late yesterday and around the capitol of the United States on their way to a monster mass meeting in Convention hall. This was the feature of the day's session of the World's Sunday school association.

A Most Enthusiastic Body. Pennsylvania avenue never witnessed a more enthusiastic parade than the "Soldiers of the Cross" which then tramped along its rain-washed street. To the tunes of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and other hymns they marched bearing banners inscribed with numerous Christian mottoes.

"I WAS HUNGRY; I STOLE," HE SAYS

Little Black Waif Makes Confession in Court, While Tears Course His Cheeks.

"I stole because I was hungry." The words fell from the quivering lips of a mere child in police court this morning; a child of the black race; a waif; an outcast; just a bit of floatman. He was charged with breaking into the store of Mr. Hitt on Southside avenue and Victoria road. He pleaded guilty and while doing so stained his cheeks with weeping tears.

"Daddy," Smith they call him over in police court circle. He was arrested and when accused of the breaking-in at first made denial and then "fessed" up. For several nights, it is alleged, the boy had slept on the steps. Thursday night, he said, he was hungry. He had nothing to eat and the temptation was strong. He broke one of the window glasses at the store and went in. There were canned goods and cheese and crackers in there and the young thief helped himself. Satisfying the "inner man" he stole pennies from the cash register, and cigarettes. Then he went out in front and lay down and went to sleep.

Peaceful and undisturbed until Patrolman Smith came along and, finding that the store had been entered, aroused the sleeping waif and took him to police court. In city jail the appetite of the waif was again whetted and the food which the prisoners left from their morning meal was eagerly gobbled up.

EXODUS OF FASHIONABLES TO RESORTS OF EUROPE

Seven Steamers, Sailing from New York Today, Carry 2695 Persons on Pleasure Bent.

New York, May 21.—The tide of wealth and fashion toward Europe reached its height today when a fleet of seven outgoing steamers carried 2695 persons bound for the pleasure resorts of Great Britain and the continent.

Democratic Leader Delivers a Speech Regarded as Key-note of Congressional Campaign.

ASSAILS PRESIDENT TAFT FOR SUPPORTING THE BILL

He Says There Ought to Be so Many People in the Jails That Their Legs Would Stick Out Windows.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Denouncing the Payne-Aldrich tariff law as a "transparent humbug" attacking the tariff views of its author, Representative Seneca Payne, republican of New York, and vigorously assailing President Taft for his support of that law, Democratic Champ Clark of Missouri, leader of the democratic minority, today delivered in the house what is regarded as the coming congressional campaign. Mr. Clark had prepared his address with great care and spoke at length, giving facts and figures in support of his contention that the tariff had not been honestly revised and that the republican majority in congress had endeavored to trick the people. Mr. Clark also paid his respects to the \$25,000,000 item in the sundry civil appropriation bill for the creation of a tariff board. He said in part:

"During the debate we have witnessed a spectacle perhaps without parallel in the annals of congress. First, we heard the gentleman from New York (Mr. Payne), chairman of the ways and means committee and the republican floor leader, make a vitriolic attack on the speech of the Hon. Jonathan Prentiss Dolliver, a republican senator from Iowa, recently delivered in the city of Des Moines, both speeches being upon the subject of the tariff, a subject which will not down at any man's bidding, and which, like the poor, we have with us always. Nobody appointed me to defend Senator Dolliver. This much, however, I will say for him, I have for years regarded him as the greatest orator in the republican party. I would travel far to hear a debate on the stump between him and the gentleman from New York. When it was over, I am certain that the country, for a considerable distance around, would be so fairly saturated with all that it would be dangerous to strike a match in the neighborhood, and it would not be oil out of Mr. Dolliver's coporosity.

Fordney's Assault on Beveridge. "The next day we heard the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Fordney), who is a republican of high degree, deliver a most bitter and vicious assault upon Senator Beveridge, the republican boss of Indiana, on account of a speech delivered recently at Indianapolis. A stump debate between these two eminent republicans would double discount in interest any speech ever pulled off in America. Listening to the attack of the republican gentleman from New York upon the republican senator from Iowa, and the attack of the republican gentleman from Michigan upon the republican senator from Indiana I recall the words of the Psalmist: 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity,' and then comes to my mind the question now ringing through the land, 'What is a republican?'

"In making a speech in defense of his tariff bill Mr. Chairman Payne appeared to be performing a disagreeable stunt. He did not exhibit his usual enthusiasm of his old-time ferocity of expression. He appeared to be in about as cheerful a frame of mind as a lawyer appointed by the court defending without fee a man that he feels certain will be convicted and hanged. Clearly, it was to him a repulsive job but it had to be gone through with some way. He appeared to be in the frame of mind of Macbeth when about to murder Duncan: 'If it were done, when 'tis done then 'twere well it were done quickly.'

"Mr. Chairman Payne was evidently in a very fretful state. He also seems to be afflicted with a new disease, intermittent foolishness. He remembered with great vividness the soup houses of 1893 and 1894, but when it came to the soup houses of 1907, a very recent occurrence, and the soup houses of 1873, his memory failed him utterly. It does not need a psychologist or phenologist to account for this state of mind on his part, the reason being that the soup houses of 1873 and 1907 were under republican administration and under tariff laws passed by the republican party, while the soup houses of 1893 and 1894 were the result of a republican tariff bill sprung up when a democratic president was in office.

Both Ends Against the Middle. "The gentleman declared they put up the tariff on 'boomers' and as a consequence the price of history has gone down. Continued on page three.