

DELEGATES ALL ELECTED AFTER TWO DAY'S VOTING

Conference Disposed of Troublesome Matter in Which Was Great Rivalry WILL HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES TODAY

Several Matters of Routine Business Cleared up During Two Sessions

HICKORY, N. C., Nov. 20.—With the completion of the delegations, lay and clerical to attend the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Asheville next May, the state conference today disposed of one of the most troublesome matters with which it will have to deal outside of the appointments.

The elections yesterday left two lay alternates and four clerical delegates to be elected. These remaining places were filled today by the election of J. S. Martin and A. S. Hayes as alternate lay delegates, and Rev. J. C. Rowe, Rev. H. K. Boyer, Rev. G. H. Detwiler, and Rev. W. L. Sherrill as clerical delegates.

The conference heard several interesting addresses at its two sessions and cleared up considerable routine business.

Morning Session. Conference was called to order promptly at nine o'clock by Bishop James Atkins, Rev. Z. Paris conducted the opening exercises.

The second ballot for the clerical delegates to the general conference which was taken yesterday, but was not announced, was announced this morning. It showed no election. The ballot taken for the lay alternates was announced and showed no election had been made. Another ballot for each was taken. This ballot showed that J. S. Martin and H. A. Hayes were elected as alternate lay delegates.

Bishop Atkins called questions 17 and 18 and the characters of the supernumerary and supernumerated ministers were passed. Those who were present spoke to the conference. Three additional names were referred to the committee on conference relations and one for the supernumerary relation.

The tellers of the election for the clerical delegates announced the result of the second ballot. It was as follows: (Continued on page three.)

MINERS RESCUED ALIVE AFTER WEEK IN TOMB OF DEATH

Searchers Bring up Score Who Survived Awful Experience in Which Hundreds of Their Companions Died.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 20.—The gamut from deepest despair to an hysteria of hope was run here today when twenty miners, entombed in the St. Paul mine for a week, almost to the hour, were brought to the surface alive.

The story of their sufferings and the heroism of their resourceful leaders is one of the most thrilling in all the black history of mining disasters.

Dawn broke with the bearers of stretchers moving from the pit mouth to the tent which served as a morgue with bodies swollen and scorched almost beyond human semblance. Forty of them had been brought up and most of them identified when the marvelous report shot through the prostrate community.

"They've found them alive—they've found them alive!"

Desert Dead for Living. In a moment the morgue was deserted scarcely to be revisited while the crowd, fairly insane with the great hope which had sprung like a miraculous flame from the ashes of despair, rushed to the pit.

All thought was of the men who were alive. It took six hours to bring the survivors to the surface. Meanwhile a report spread that seventy or more men were alive in a far reach of the mine, cut off from escape by a bank of black damp between their barricade and the main shaft.

Further Search Fails. But two oxygen helmets remained at the mine, the others having been started back to Pittsburg today and with this scant equipment two experts began a new exploration. At 9 p. m. they emerged, their oxygen tanks being exhausted and reported no success.

There are other resourceful leaders among the missing and they like Wicks, Clelland and others may have led their men to comparative safety, said State Attorney M. L. Eckert tonight. "The search is now for the living."

Less optimistic notes were sounded by others, but the women, with hope born afresh, refused to believe anything but the best and haunted the mine far into the night, seizing frantically at every straw of encouragement.

Fire Breaks Out Again. At midnight a small fire broke out in the mine, cutting off the rescue work. Fire apparatus had to be lowered and a stream of water was turned into the mine. It is feared if the fire is not extinguished shortly many of the men supposed to be alive will perish. Up to midnight only twenty men had been brought to the surface.

The fire appears to be spreading and the heat grew more intense. H. E. Maxwell, a mining engineer in the rescue party was overcome and had to be hurriedly brought to the surface.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAVED FROM STEAMER

Over Hundred Persons Get Ashore From Burning Ship off California Coast.

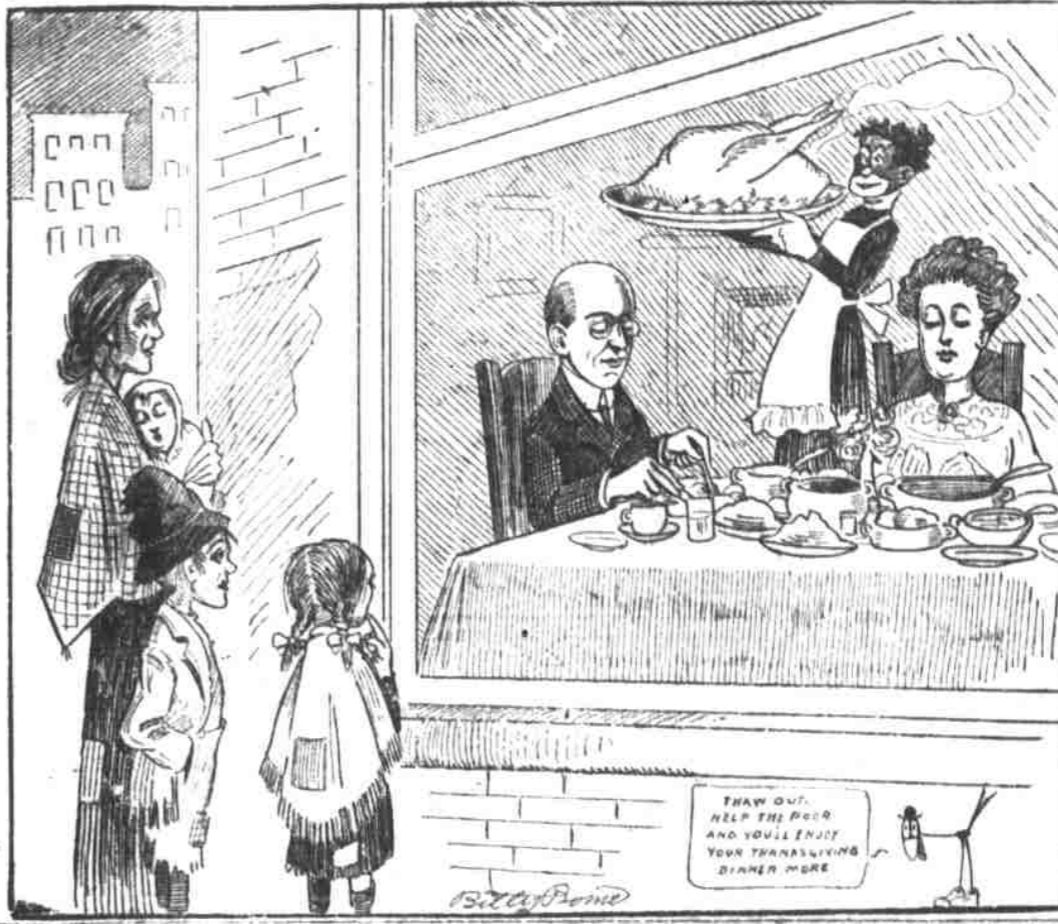
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 20.—The City of Topeka arrived at Redondo at 8 o'clock and reported passing the burning hulk of the steamer St. Croix three miles off Point Duma at about 5 o'clock this evening. Not a person was in sight in the wreck. The steamer was a mass of flame and the City of Topeka was unable to get close to her.

The sea was calm but a heavy fog had settled over the water. The City of Topeka after ascertaining that no life was aboard the doomed vessel, proceeded to Redondo and reported the wreck. The St. Croix left San Pedro at 5 o'clock this morning for San Francisco.

The St. Croix had one hundred and twenty passengers and a crew of thirty-five on board.

A telephone message has just been received from first officer F. Mills of the steamer St. Croix saying that all on board are safe ashore at Point Duma.

Don't Forget The Poor, On Thanksgiving.



POSTAL TELEGRAPH CABLE COMPANY GAINS FOOHOLD IN ASHEVILLE

Right-of-Way From Knoxville And Morristown to This City And Thence to Spartanburg Secured.—Expects to be Operating Here in Ninety Days.—Step of Unusual Importance.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable company will be operating in Asheville within ninety days.

Such is the statement and expectation of Mr. S. B. Price, general superintendent of construction for the Postal company, who has been in this section for the last two weeks, securing the rights of way from Knoxville and Morristown to Asheville, and also from Asheville to Spartanburg, the last "leg" of which will connect Asheville with the Postal service in all parts of the world.

These rights have been secured, and Mr. Price will return to Asheville within a few days to effect a location for the telegraph offices in this city. It is more than likely that one of the most prominent buildings on Patton avenue, not a thousand miles from The Citizen office, will be secured for this purpose. Offices have already been selected at Morristown. Mr. Price says his company will not follow the railroads entirely when it erects its poles. The best possible construction will be placed along the rights of way that have been secured. It is understood that the company will buy existing telephone pole lines where independent companies desire to sell same, but no purchase will be made by the Postal people with a view of consolidation with the independent companies, the purchase of pole lines being made solely to simplify the acquisition of construction routes.

It is a well known fact that the Postal Telegraph company furnishes the highest priced equipment known in the telegraph and telephone world, and its offices are the most handsomely appointed in the country. It is the intention of the company to place a large office in Asheville with a strong force of operators and clerks. This city will probably be made division headquarters with a local superintendent. This means that Asheville will be made a large distributing point for this territory. Should this latter plan be followed out it would bring to this city a force of high priced clerical help, and naturally a heavy pay roll.

Asheville to Spartanburg. The rights of way from Asheville to Spartanburg have been secured and a force of men will start on construction work from that point to Asheville when the force now working between Knoxville and Morristown starts this way from the latter city. When the loop between Knoxville, Morristown, Asheville and Spartanburg has been completed it will give this city a telegraphic outlet through the eastern seaboard, direct to the western market, without having to go through Atlanta or Birmingham as is now the case.

Asheville being about the center of this loop, it naturally follows that this city will be a large relay office. Few people can realize at this time what an important step this would be toward the prosperous era which is generally anticipated. It means not only an important step for local interests, but also one that makes for the national advertising of Asheville as a telegraph center.

PROFESSOR COULD NOT STAND BABY SO HE TOOK THE POTASSIUM ROUTE

Life Made Unhappy Because He Was Not Made for Married State.

LEFT HIS HOME.

URBANA, Ill., Nov. 20.—Professor Wilfred C. Wheeler, first assistant chemist in the engineering experiment station of the University of Illinois, committed suicide on the college campus yesterday by taking a dose of potassium. He was an expert on poisons. He left a note to his wife saying that he was "tired of living."

The suicide of the chemist, who was thirty years old, and was absolutely free of financial worries, was the culmination of months of brooding. Everything discovered today about the man tended to show that he was unhappy in his married life, not the fault of Mrs. Wheeler, but because he was so peculiarly organized that he could not endure domestic life.

Confessing to a dislike for babies, Wheeler had viewed the arrival of a child at his home with an indifference that was a scandal. This was heightened when he left his family table and took his meals at a hotel, saying that he could not stand the noise of the child.

Wheeler had threatened some time ago to end his life, and his associates were somewhat concerned but there appeared to be no reason at all for such a deed. Last night he determined on the step, and mixed himself the poisonous dose with which he committed suicide.

Mrs. Wheeler, fresh from Lawrence Kan., where she met her husband when he was a student in Kansas university, bore her lot with patience and was never heard to talk about the strange life into which she came. She explained her husband's idiosyncrasies as the result of his extreme nervousness. Not a long time ago she appeared with a badly discolored eye, which was jokingly alluded to by Wheeler's associates, who accused him of being guilty.

Their jokes ceased when it became known that the bruise was the result of his own hand in reality. (Continued on page four.)

COMMANDMENTS WHICH HE LAID DOWN FOR HIS WIFE HE BROKE HIMSELF

Four Read in Court Show That He Wanted All the Glory and Honor.

RESTRAINTS ON HER

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 20.—When Mrs. Minnie Root was married she promised to "love, honor and obey" her husband, Frank. But that was not enough for him. He laid down ten commandments for her government as a wife. She vows she has tried to obey them. But she declares, too, he has broken all the commandments that should rule the conduct of a truly good husband. So she is suing him for divorce. Four of his ten commandments were read during the trial of her suit in the Circuit court today:

"First—Thou shalt wed none but thine own true love, neither for money or social position, nor because thou art lazy.

"Second—Thou shalt look with one hundred eyes upon a man before thou marriest him, but thou shalt wear blinders after marriage.

"Third—Thou shalt accept thy husband as he is, and add not to him nor take away from him thine vain imaginings, for behold, the man thou did marry is a good fellow and the one thou dreamest of does not exist.

"Fourth—Thou shalt beat upon thy cymbals and proclaim thy husband 'Master.'"

It is whispered that the other injunctions in this marital decalogue are:

"Fifth—Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's costly gown, nor her diamond earrings, nor her sable coat, nor her silk stockings, nor her complexion, nor her husband, nor anything which is thy neighbor's.

"Sixth—Thou shalt not run up bills.

"Seventh—Thou shalt not waste kisses and attention upon a cat nor take to thy bosom a ki-yl.

"Eighth—Thou shalt not commit thyself of such follies as the festive cocktail and the insidious cigarette. (Continued on page four.)

MORE WARSHIPS WILL BE SENT TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS

Situation Between This Country and Nicaragua Reaches Critical Stage.

KNOX IMPERATIVE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—That the critical situation between this country and Nicaragua has reached the acute stage was evidenced tonight when Secretary of State Knox sent for his colleagues in the state department and for the acting secretary of the navy and his aides to meet in conference in his home. For nearly three hours the statesmen went over the situation. The result of their deliberations was not made public, but it was not denied that more warships are to be dispatched South at once.

Acting Secretary Winthrop, flanked on either side by two rear admirals, leaving seemingly was impressed by the weight of the responsibility the conferees had placed on his department.

"When does she sail?" he was heard to ask Rear-admiral Potter as he came down the steps of Secretary Knox's residence.

"Monday," responded the naval officer laconically. Neither would explain the meaning of their question or answer. The others likewise refused to dwell on the result of their deliberations.

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The state department received a telegram today from the American vice-consul at Managua in which he says that the Nicaraguan minister for foreign affairs had informed him that the Americans, who were executed on November 12 at ten a. m., had made a confession in which they had admitted laying mines in the sea San Juan river with the object of blowing up Nicaraguan ships. The minister also stated that the Americans were tried by court martial.

PRESIDENT TAKES HOLD AS TRUSTEE OF HAMPTON

Attends Meeting of Board With Many Prominent Educators.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 20.—Assuming his duties as a member of the board of trustees and declaring that he wished by that representation to testify to the interest of the American people in the problems being worked out by the school, President Taft spent all of today at the Hampton Normal Institute for Indian and negro boys and girls. He attended during the morning a meeting of the board, inspected the buildings and gunk, reviewed the students, was entertained at luncheon and together with a number of prominent educators gathered on either side by two rear admirals, leaving seemingly was impressed by the weight of the responsibility the conferees had placed on his department.

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FEDERATION REELECTS ALL FORMER OFFICERS

Three Executives May have to Spend Large Part of Their Term in Jail.

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 20.—After unanimously re-electing President Samuel Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell, Secretary Frank Morrison and other executive officers and selecting St. Louis as the place for holding the next meeting, the twenty-ninth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor which has been in session here for two weeks adjourned finally today.

Uncertainty as to whether an appeal to the United States Supreme court will be allowed in the Bucks Stove and Range company contempt proceedings and the possibility that Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison may have to go to jail in the near future, hung like a cloud over the closing days of the convention and the resolution of the trio was the signal for noisy demonstrations of approval.

President Gompers in thanking the convention for its action, declared that it meant that the principles for which he and his colleagues had dared to stand, have the unanimous approval of the labor men and women of the entire continent, and pointed out that the injunction in the Bucks Stove and Range company case applied to every one of the two million workers in the federation.

Most of the delegates left here today but the members of the executive council will remain over for a meeting on Monday.

TECH DEFEATS UNIVERSITY OF GA.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 20.—Georgia Tech defeated the University of Georgia here today in one of the cleanest, hardest fought games ever seen on the local gridiron. Score 12 to 6. Tech made frequent fumbles at critical periods, twice with the ball with in one yard of Georgia's goal line. The star player was Doc Wilson, Tech's quarterback, who enjoyed the play with sensational running and his successful manipulation of the forward pass several occasions.

LAWYER KINDLY OFFERS TO MARRY MRS. BELMONT

Her Suffrage Views Meet His and Thinks They Would be Happy.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont has disapproved one of the chief arguments of the anti-suffragists—that the ballot for women would prove an effective non-conductor to matrimony. She received an offer to matrimony yesterday as the immediate result of her campaign for votes for women at the suffrage headquarters, No. 505 Fifth avenue.

The writer—for the offer came by mail—described himself as a Western lawyer, said he had been deeply interested in her work for the cause—so much so, in fact, that it had caused him great anxiety. He pointed out that while women should have the ballot, no woman should labor to obtain it—she "should always work through a man."

In order to make this possible in Mrs. Belmont's case, the lawyer told her, he was assured the union of her money and his brain would bring about a political revolution, and said he was willing to come on and marry her.

Mrs. Belmont last night refused to divulge his name. She admitted that he had omitted to give the color of his hair and eyes, his age, height, weight, financial position, and whether he had a disposition to be relied upon.

It was learned that others at the headquarters had also received offers of marriage since they have appeared on the fringe line of the suffrage movement in New York.

The suffrage headquarters is now besieged with cranks, who have all manner of schemes, requiring a large expenditure, by which the human race may be saved. A man who has invented a car wheel and a woman who wants to put up a million dollar hotel on a plot of ground at Fort Washington are two of the most persistent.

WRECKED VESSEL IS BELIEVED TO BE J.J. ASTOR'S YACHT

Steamship Reports Sighting Submerged Wreck Off The Cuban Coast

NO OTHER VESSEL HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING

Lying in Shoals so That Closer Investigation Could Not be Made

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 20.—That a submerged wreck in latitude 23:40, longitude 81 west, is that of Colonel John Jacob Astor's yacht Nourmahal, is generally believed by Maritime men here as no other boat in the path of the recent storm in Jamaican waters has been reported missing or unaccounted for. The wreck was sighted by the German steamship Wotan, which arrived here yesterday.

Captain Hans Schliakier, of the Wotan, who reported the wreck said that his ship did not approach close enough to make an investigation, the wrecked vessel evidently being in shoal water. With glasses he saw what appeared to be three spars above the water, one of them about fifteen feet above. He is not certain that the middle one was a mast.

According to the location given by Captain Schliakier, the Nourmahal was considerably out of her course, having been reported as bound from Port Antonio, Jamaica, for San Juan, P. R. If this really is Colonel Astor's yacht. But in the fierce blow recently this is readily accounted for. The submerged vessel was reported immediately after the arrival of the Wotan at Tampa.

Will Send Cutter. Tonight the wireless station here is seeking the revenue cutter Algonquin with instructions to proceed at once to the point designated in the report of Captain Schliakier, but so far the local station has been unable to locate the cutter. All other ships in the zone of the local station have been notified to look out for any submerged or crippled vessel and report immediately by wireless. But in the previous instructions no locations was given.

According to advices received here no other vessels in the storm zone have been reported missing without being accounted for, and this lends additional cause for belief that the ill-fated vessel sighted by the Wotan is Colonel Astor's yacht.

YAMACRAW SAILS. TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 20.—At 9:30 o'clock tonight the local wireless station spoke to the revenue cutter Yamacraw at Charleston, giving her the latitude and longitude of the submerged vessel. The captain of the Yamacraw advises that he will leave Charleston at once for the spot indicated. So far the Algonquin has not been located by wireless.

CUBA SENDS SHIP. HAVANA, Nov. 20.—When President Gomez was apprised of the probable loss of the Nourmahal, he said he would instantly dispatch a naval vessel to the scene of the wreck, which is off the north coast of the island.

MURDER OF SQUAW MAY INCITE TOKIO INDIANS TO BLOODY RETALIATION

Man Charged With Crime Rescued from Lynching Party by Officer.

DEPUTIES SENT OUT.

HOBART, Okla., Nov. 20.—The killing of A. H. Heape, a full-blooded squaw of the Tokio tribe at the Tokio Indian mission, fourteen miles southwest of here today has greatly incensed the Indians and a clash between them and county authorities is imminent tonight.

The slayer of the woman is unidentified. Indians, however, charge Richard Stanley, a part Cherokee horse trader, with the crime. Soon after the killing Indians captured him and threatened his life. He was rescued by Kiowa George, a government policeman and hurried away on horse back. Stanley's wife and ten-year-old daughter were left behind, however, and it is feared the Indians will torture and possibly kill them to get revenge for the crime they aver Stanley committed. Five special deputy sheriffs were sent from here by Sheriff Farham tonight to rescue the woman and her child. The deputies are heavily armed.