

CONFERENCE SESSIONS BEGIN WITH FULL ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY AND DELEGATES

First Day's Meeting Given Over To Formal Organization And The Episcopal Address

COMMITTEES REMAIN PRACTICALLY INTACT

Suggestion For Changing Method Of Selection And New Committees Not Adopted By Conference



BISHOP J. S. KEY

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face? Glory and praise to Jesus give For His redeeming grace.

At the conclusion of the hymn, Bishop Morrison led the opening prayer.

Bishop Key read the scripture lesson from the Old Testament, which was the Second Psalm, and Bishop Atkins read the second chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, as the scripture lesson from the New Testament.

Bishop Candler read the second hymn, No. 188, beginning: "O, Spirit of the Living God! In all Thy plenitude of grace, Where'er the foot of man hath trod, Descend on our apostate race."

and five bishops in the active service of the church have died, those in active service being Bishops John J. Tigert, A. Coke Smith, William W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway and Seth Ward.

There is always special interest attaching to the opening session of any great legislative body, secular or religious, and the session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, held yesterday morning was no exception to this rule.

A short time before the hour for the session to begin the College of Bishops, with the exception of Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, who is not able to be present, took their seats on the platform.

Bishop Wilson Opens Session. In the course of his opening remarks to the conference, Bishop Wilson made touching remarks concerning the bishops who have passed away since the meeting of the general conference, held in Birmingham four years ago.



REV. FRANK RICHARDSON, D. D. Holston.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS CONSERVATIVE IN TONE

The Episcopal address covered carefully every phase of the work that is being done by the church, and emphasized the need of all of the interests which tend to the extension and upbuilding of Southern Methodism.

At Bishop Nelson's request it was read by Bishop Hendricks. The following are the leading facts that were brought out in the address: The Methodist Episcopal church, south, is now the second largest Methodist church in the world, and the third largest Protestant church in America.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society has contributed \$941,898.

The M. E. church, south, was the first Methodist church to give a complete example of lay representation alike in the annual and general conference, and was followed only in part by the Wesleyan Methodist and the Methodist Episcopal churches.

The demand of the laity for better equipped and more efficient preachers must be met in part by the laity in providing greater facilities for ministerial education.

After deducting all indebtedness the church owns not less than \$75,000,000 in property.

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DUKES HAVE RECEIVER APPOINTED TO FORECLOSE TOXAWAY COMPANY

Control Majority of Bonds and on Their Petition Judge Pritchard Names A. H. Burrough Receiver With Authority to Sell The Property.—Have Broad Plans For Development.

In the United States Circuit court at Richmond yesterday, Judge J. C. Pritchard appointed A. H. Burroughs trustee of the Toxaway company, receiver of that concern after hearing the petition of the complainants in the case of A. H. Burroughs, trustee, and R. B. Arrington against the Toxaway company and George A. Shuford.

and waterpowers in Transylvania and Jackson counties; that there are several large hotels and three magnificent lakes on the property; that there has been no interest paid by the company for the past six months; that insurance premiums to the extent of \$5,000 are unpaid and notes for the same have been protested; that on February 7, 1901, George A. Shuford, attorney, recovered a judgment for \$540 and as the hotel was unable to pay this an execution was levied on furniture and furnishings of the hotels; that taxes are unpaid; that R. B. Arrington, the holder of the majority of the bonds had A. H. Burroughs appointed as trustee and this trustee has taken possession of land and improvements; that there are various and sundry debts on titles of tracts embraced in said deeds of trust.

plaintiff's attorney, Judge Henry B. Stevens, of this city.

Own Vast Tract. As seen from the above, the Dukes have through Arrington, their representative, a practical control of the Toxaway company, and to protect their bonds they will be active bidders at the sale. Other bidders will probably include the Pittsburg capitalists who own the minority bond holdings and stockholders of the Toxaway company. The lands of the Toxaway company extend to, within a mile of the South Carolina line and adjoin the tracts recently conveyed by the Carolina Lumber company to the Carolina Timber company. In this conveyance a reservation is made of the waterpower rights which are held by the Southern Power company on an option.

At the present time Judge Stevens, of this city, and Mr. E. G. Lucas, of Charlotte, are examining the titles to these waterpower reservations. It is believed that the combined development of these waterpowers will result in a monopoly.

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JUDGESHIP AT STAKE IN WAKE COUNTY SQUABBLE

Editor Daniels Has Raised Rumpus to Get Place on Bench for Relative.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 4.—In discussing the "true inwardness" of the pending bitter conflict between the "reform" element of the Wake county democratic party, and what they term the "machine" faction of the party, which was fully launched in the sensational mass meetings of last Saturday, there are many who are attributing the whole difficulty to the impending contest in this judicial district between C. C. Daniels, of Goldsboro, and J. C. Clifford, of Harnett county, for the nomination in the district judicial convention for the judgeship. They point out that Charles Daniels is a brother of Editor Joseph Daniels, who is leading the "reform" crusade; that the Wake county organization, headed by Chairman Armistead Jones, is sure to return a set of judicial convention delegates committed to Clifford for the nomination for judges if it is not overthrown or its influence broken into. On the other hand, if the "reform" faction succeed in dominating the convention delegations a Daniels delegation for the judgeship can be assured. In this way the argument is that the sixth judicial district judgeship contest is really responsible for all this contest and political bloodthirstiness that is stirring Wake county.

MEDALS FOR HEROISM GIVEN N. CAROLINIANS

Thirty Two Awards Made But Thirteen of Recipients are Dead

PITTSBURG, May 4.—Thirty-two awards of medals for acts of heroism were made by the Carnegie hero fund committee at its spring meeting today. Seven silver and twenty-five bronze medals were ordered struck off for the fortunate ones, while monthly pensions aggregating \$198, death benefits of \$4,880 and special awards to others were made. The cash awards were to liquidate mortgages and other indebtedness and for educational purposes.

In thirteen instances the heroes met death either in the act or as a result of injuries received. Five rescues were made from injuries or from death by trains, two from fire, one from electrocution, fourteen from drowning, four from suffocation in wells and tanks, five in a mine cave-in, and one from a runaway.

NEW CHIEF INSPECTOR. WASHINGTON, May 4.—Robert Sherman Sharpe today was conducted into office as chief postoffice inspector. The oath of office was administered by Chief Clerk Weed, of the postoffice department, in the presence of a company of personal friends of the new chief inspector.

FLOOD RE-NOMINATED. LYNCHBURG, Va., May 4.—The democratic committee of the tenth Virginia congressional district in session here late today declared H. D. Flood the democratic nominee for re-election.

COLORED METHODISTS IN SESSION AT AUGUSTA

Decline to Take Any Action Limiting Power of Bishops or Shortening Tenure

AUGUSTA, May 4.—The tenth annual session of the general conference of the colored Methodist Episcopal church opened here today with impressive religious services at which the Bishop Isaac Lane, of Jackson, Tenn., preached the introductory sermon on the "Faithful Ministry."

Besides senior Bishop L. H. Holsey of Atlanta, who presided at the opening session and Bishop Lane, Bishops R. S. Williams, of Augusta, Ga., Elias Cottrell, Holy Springs, Miss., and Charles H. Phillips, Nashville, Tenn., are attending.

THE COMET TODAY. May 5: Halley's comet rises today 2.41 a. m.; tomorrow at 2.58 a. m. Sun rises 4.49. Comet's speed today about 1,729 miles per minute. Comet's distance from the earth 45,900,000 miles. Comet's astronomical location, Right Ascension, 9 hours (same as sun + March 21); Declination, 9 degrees north.

SIMMONS SCORES WICKERSHAM FOR HIS COTTON SUIT

Prosecution is Usurpation of Authority Not Given Government

MAKES MISTAKE IN KEEPING PRICES DOWN

Did Nothing When Bears Attacked Market Some Time Ago

WASHINGTON, May 4.—In a speech delivered in the senate today Senator Simmons of North Carolina attacked the methods of the department of justice in the matter of its prosecution of the cotton pool. He did not complain because of the merits of the suit, but because the cotton producers and spinners had been involved in the matter.

Complaining of partiality in the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law, Mr. Simmons declared that in undertaking to prosecute the bulls and not the bears, the department had undertaken only a partial prosecution. He said that the proceeding amounted to a usurpation of authority.

Senator Simmons made bitter complaint against a notice which he said that the effect of placing the cotton men in the light of speculators when their efforts had been in exactly the opposite direction. "If the cotton spinners of the country will cooperate in the same line which the cottons spinners of the south are pursuing, all the exchanges will be on a spot basis," he said.

He contended that contracts for future sales of cotton should be for a real and not a sham delivery.

Wickersham's Mistake. The attorney general's attitude toward the price of cotton was sharply criticized. He was not blamed for having attacked prices because of the fact that he had considered them a national evil. "He has the whole matter wrong; prices are not abnormally high," said Mr. Simmons. "They certainly are not above the level of prices fixed by the tariff and in the interest of monopoly."

He said that there had been no protest from the attorney general when the bears had squeezed \$15 out of the price of cotton. He contended that the high price of the present day was due to short crops and other national causes. He said prices were not high enough and he thought they would go higher.

Mr. Simmons refused to concede the government the right to interfere with the bulls purchase affecting the price of the staple. "It is as startling as it is unpatriotic and it is unpatriotic as it is untenable," he declared, speaking of the attorney general's course. As our chief article of export he declared that the price of cotton should be kept up. He said that while the price always would be the first to receive the benefit of any increase the whole community would profit.

HARRIMAN'S DAUGHTER ENGAGED TO SCULPTOR

Reported That She Will Marry Man who Designed Memorial to Father

NEW YORK, May 4.—Mrs. Mary Averell Harriman, widow of the late E. H. Harriman, declined tonight to discuss a report that her daughter, Mary, will marry Charles Cary Rumsey of Buffalo. When informed this afternoon that news of such an engagement was current she sent back word: "I will neither confirm nor deny the report." She would add nothing to this laconic statement.



WASHINGTON, May 4.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Thursday, preceded by showers near the coast; Friday fair; light to moderate north-east winds.