

Chicago Is Methodism Capital During Three-Day United Methodist Council

Much Jubilation Over Forthcoming Union of the Divided Houses of Methodism

REPRESENTATIVES OF 20,000,000 PRESENT

Branches of Methodist Church Have Been Split for Over 100 Years; Council to Discuss Whole Range of Religion; Prominent Speakers to Appear

Chicago, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Chicago became the capital of Methodism today with bishops and laymen, ministers and executives assembled amid jubilation over the forth-coming union of the church rites divided house.

Bishop Earnest L. Waldorf, of Chicago said "the whole range of the religious state in modern civilization will be discussed in the three day meeting of the United Methodist council on the future of faith and service."

The council represented 8,000,000 communicants and 12,000,000 Methodists adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Methodist Protestant church, divided more than 100 years ago, but which have voted to reunite.

Assistant Secretary F. B. Sayre, one of many prominent laymen scheduled as speaker said in an address prepared for delivery today, "the age in which we live constitutes terrible selling to Christianity," because: "Educational systems which failed to supply any unified system of life or teach integrity of character are faltering. Churches lost in material concern are disintegrating."

SPY PLOT RELATED TO BRITISH COURT

Copies of Britain's Most Secret Armaments Made at Arsenal

London, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A blonde woman "British agent" told from the stand of Bow Street court today how for nearly a year she has been helping copy plans of Britain's most secret armaments smuggled from the Big Woodwick, arsenal in combatting an alleged spy plot.

A slim, black-clad girl, identified as "Miss X" testified against P. E. Glading, former arsenal employee and three arsenal workers accused of duplicating blue prints of army, navy and air force weapons, and allegedly intended for delivery to an unnamed foreign power. The four defendants arrested under the official secret pact were remanded until February 7, after "Miss X" had corroborated the prosecution's story involving a mysterious couple from Moscow.

Speaking under apparent stress, "Miss X" told how she entered the War office's counter-espionage service, in 1931 for volunteer work for "friends of the Soviet Union."

RED HEADED GIRL GIVES OFFICERS AID

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Detectives, following the trail of a red-haired showgirl, captured in a smashing raid Tuesday two men described as aids to the \$100,000,000 lottery racket of New York's Dutch Schultz.

Led by Charles P. Grimes, assistant to District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey a squad broke down the door to an apartment occupied by Hope Dare and arrested J. Richard (Dixie) Davis and George Weinberg. Davis was attorney for Arthur (Dutch Schultz) Flegelheimer, who was shot down in a Newark restaurant two years ago.

Japs Mark Area For Conquest

All Foreigners In Large Area Notified to Evacuate; Marking Property

Shanghai, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Japan's armed forces marked out a huge area in central China as a war zone today, and asked Americans and other foreigners there to move out.

The Japanese embassy spokesman announced the decision under which the main points virtually subjected to

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Telephoned a King



Gus Phillips ... calls King Boris

Anybody in or near Omaha, Neb., who wants to know the latest news about King Boris of Bulgaria only has to go to Gus Phillips, 48-year-old railroad engineer. For Phillips recently telephoned the Bulgarian king, and the two had "quite a chat. Phillips met King Boris in 1932 when he visited Bulgaria and became friends through mutual interest in rail-roading. The call, put through on the king's birthday, cost Phillips \$31.

—Central Press

Two Navy Bombers In Collision

Believe Seven of 14 Crewmen Dead; Four Rescued; Three Are Missing

San Pedro, Calif., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Two navy patrol bombers flying through a sudden rain squall, collided in sight of the maneuvering United States fleet off the Southern California coast late last night, killing at least seven men of the 14 crewmen.

Admiral Claude Bloch, radioed the Associated Press early today that one bomber, the 11-p-3 fell in flames. The other 11-p-4, cracked up when it struck the sea.

Four of 11-p-4's 11 men crew were rescued from the sea by a boat from the fleet's flagship, U. S. Tennessee and rushed to the hospital ship "Relief," lying near San Clemente islands. All seven of the 11-p-3's crew were believed certain to have perished. Search for three possible survivors from 11-p-4 was begun immediately by surface craft of several battleships

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UMSTEAD WILL NOT SEEK REELECTION

Decision Surprises 6th District; Scramble Begun for Congressional Seat

Greensboro, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Representative William Umstead's surprised announcement that he would not seek re-election to Congress today gave the sixth district more political pondering, and it is catching into the campaign for Umstead's seat, and brought out still another "very probable" candidate.

First to make an unqualified announcement to succeed the Durham man was Oscar Atkinson, Jr., Greensboro attorney, chairman of the Guilford Democratic Executive Committee and long an active worker in the party.

John W. Gaffey, Guilford legislator in the Senate, who for several months has been mentioned as a potential candidate, said he had given even more serious attention to the matters since the announcement from Washington of Umstead's retirement.

NAZI RELATIONSHIP SHOWDOWN SOUGHT BY GERMAN ARMY

Fall from Grace and Resignation of Von Blomberg Believed to Have Led to Demand

VON BLOMBERG'S WIFE CARPENTER'S CHILD

Some German's Refer to Minister's Quitting As 'Wallis Simpson Affair' Goering May Get Minister of War Post in Nazi Cabinet

Berlin, Feb. 3.—(AP)—An insistent demand by the general of the army staff corps for a showdown on the whole question of relationship between Germany's armed forces and Nazi party became apparent today.

The fall from grace of Marshal Werner Von Blomberg and his attendant resignation as war minister, highly reliable informers said, led to the demand.

Colonel Gen. Werner Von Fritsch commander of the Reichswehr, is said to have insisted for one point, that the no-pagan philosophies of Dr. Alfred Rosenberg were having a deleterious effect on the morale of the army. It was Von Fritsch, who acted as army's spokesman on Blomberg's resignation. The army officer's corps opposed his marriage to Erika Gruhn, a carpenter's daughter and socially "impossible."

Von Fritsch had gone on leave, and is believed to have offered his resignation.

Some Germans referred to Von Blomberg's quitting as another "Wallis Simpson affair," likening his resignation to the abdication of former King Edward VIII, of England. They said that the war minister, realizing the opposition to his marriage, remarked:

"Well, I love her, and I would rather give up my job than leave her. At first Hitler was reported to have chosen General Walter von Reichenau, commander of the Munich garrison, as von Blomberg's successor, but was said to have given up the idea after he found the army objected

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SEEK INVOCATION ACT

Washington, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The Japanese foreign minister's assertion that a "state of war" exists between Japan and China brought renewed demands today from some congressmen for invocation of the neutrality act.

Administration leaders indicated, however, that in the absence of a formal declaration of war there was little likelihood that President Roosevelt would apply this act forbidding arms shipments to belligerents.

NEGRO TO DIE FOR WAYNE BURGLARY

Says "I'm Sorry" and "I Wouldn't Kill Anybody; Hoey May Intervene

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—(AP)—James Marshall, Wayne county Negro, said "I'm sorry that I did what I did, but I'm glad that I did not kill anybody," as he prepared to be executed at State Prison for first degree burglary. Marshall will be the first person executed for burglary in several years if Governor Hoey does not alter his announcement declining clemency.

Recently, however, Governor Hoey granted a reprieve to a convicted burglar only an hour before the hour of the execution, and then commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Appearing very nervous and talking in a shaking voice, Marshall said he had "made my soul right with God" but insisted that "I wouldn't kill anybody."

Meekins To Decide On 'Silent Salesmen' Monday

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Judge I. M. Meekins heard this afternoon the petition of J. A. Powers, of Kinston, that he rescind then modify a recent injunction restraining officers from interfering with "silent salesmen" slot machines.

Arguments were completed before the jurist at noon, and said he would render a decision "by Monday." He left for his home in Elizabeth City this afternoon.

Emphasizing he was not asked the question "for press circulation" explaining "I have not decided what I will do," the judge said to Attorney A. A. F. Seawell:

In Hardy Case



Mrs. Elizabeth Connor Buchanan, beautiful law clerk of the Department of Justice, is pictured above. She identified herself as the woman who was with Russell Hardy, Special Assistant Attorney General, when Hardy was mysteriously shot in the leg in Alexandria, Va. (Central Press)

RESCUERS DRIVE TO AID SNOWBOUND MICHIGAN PEOPLE

State Police and Conservation Officers Carry Supplies to Many on Toboggans

DOZENS ISOLATED IN THE NORTHWEST

Lumber Campers and Homesteaders in Need of Food; Women and Children Are Caught In Winter's Grip; River Mouth Blocked by Ice Jam

Marquette, Mich., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Michigan State police and conservation officers labored today under extreme conditions to assist the dozens of persons snowbound in camps and homesteads in this vicinity. A rescue squad of five troopers, traveling on snow shoes, and pulling three toboggans, loaded with supplies, started north at daylight today for the Garv lumber camp, two shacks and a home stead, thirty miles northwest of Marquette.

Earlier, conservation officers visited Gary camps and reported its eight

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INSURGENT CABINET TAKES UP DUTIES

First Work to Give Insurgent Spain "Enlightening Dictatorship"

Hendaye, France, Spanish Frontier Feb. 3.—(AP)—Insurgent General Francisco Franco's first ministry began its work today to give insurgent Spain an "enlightening dictatorship."

The cabinet, created by Franco to administer the Spanish territory, which he controlled, details its policy thus:

A labor charter, "based on the working class," and providing separate unions for workers, technicians and employers.

A press statute guaranteeing freedom of the press.

Municipal organizations in charge of local government.

A public works program for reconstruction of devastated regions and an agrarian plan for loans to farmers and "judicious" redistribution of land.

"If I rescind the decree of Dec. 2, I wouldn't do it unless the plaintiff was given 10 days to get the machines out, and would that be acceptable?"

Seawell asked that he be allowed to confer by telephone with solicitor Powers before answering. This was granted.

There are from 700 to 1,700 of the machines in the eastern part of the state.

Anti-Lynching Bill Friends Want Bill Come To Vote, Senator Wagner Declares

Small Business Talking Turkey



Mrs. Jessie Taylor, of the Typewriter Exchange, New York City, is shown applauding the speaker at the Small Business Men's Conference in New York as a program was outlined for presentation to President Roosevelt at Washington. Five hundred proprietors of small concerns were invited to confer with the President. (Central Press)

BUSINESSMEN END CONFERENCE WITH MANY PROTESTING

Two Delegates Forcibly Tossed Out of Auditorium In Vain Effort to Quiet Session

ASKS SUPPLYING OF FINANCIAL HELP

Claim Such Aid Would Stimulate Private Credit; Wagner Characterizes Every Lynching As "Challenge To Nation As A Whole"

Washington, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, said today that friends of the anti-lynching bill were "determined to have" a vote on the much talked about legislation that has been filibustered for a month. Defending its constitutionality Wagner, the author of the measure, told the senate "easily we can vote down an anti-lynching bill, but announcing once and for all that we will use nothing about the lynching bill or that we could promptly pass the measure before us."

Characterizing every lynching as "a challenge to the nation as a whole," Wagner said "a recent exhaustive study of the law has confirmed me in the bill, steered by many others in and out of Congress that this bill is constitutional."

The administration's "little business" conference adjourned in an uproar today, after voting a program of economic advice to President Roosevelt. Two delegates were forcefully tossed out from Secretary Roper's Commerce Department's auditorium, in a vain effort to quiet the feverish tumult before Chairman Fred Roth, Cleveland, Ohio, pounded the gavel for the last time.

Despite shouting reports, the Congress adopted the report of nine committees, which recommended among other things that government supply financial aid by stimulating private credit.

An unusual calm smoothed the disorderly confusion immediately after adjournment. Business men, who had been talking and shouting all over the auditorium, sat back in their chairs to pose for photographers.

Other developments: Secretary Morgenthau said the administration might ask a deficiency appropriation to care for needy farmers if it becomes necessary.

CIGARETTES BRING IN MUCH REVENUE

Washington, Feb. 3.—The cigarette continued as a rising source of federal revenue during 1937.

The little paper tube of shredded tobacco brought \$487,903,000 into the federal treasury last year, and internal revenue bureau reported today a \$28,000,000 increase over 1936 collections of \$459,920,000.

Tobacco tax collections as a whole jumped from \$536,102,000 to \$563,183,000 during the year, a \$27,000,000 gain.

Wright Is Grilled By Prosecution

Airport Executive on Trial for Slaying Wife and Friend Collapses in Court

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Fate faced Paul Wright, executive of an airport, in a merciless prosecution grilling on how and why he killed Mrs. Wright and John Kimmel, resumed his re-direct examination today saying he discovered his wife "cheating."

The airport executive's counsel Jerry Giesler led him back over much of the testimony which he gave during the exhaustive cross-examination of Prosecutor S. E. Roll, who pounded away at Wright's story until the defendant collapsed and had to be assisted from the court room.

At one point in the relentless questioning, Roll drew admission from Wright that he did not recall that he disarranged the clothing of his wife and Kimmel after he shot them.

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Labor Board Defended Before Senate Committee

ARMAMENT LIMIT NO AID TO PEACE

Previous Armament Agreements With Other Countries Prove Useless

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 3.—Some thing more than a decade ago Washington was agog with plans to insure world peace by limiting international armaments.

Today Congress is completely absorbed in consideration of the biggest Army and Navy program (particularly a naval program) in America's peace-time history, with a view to preserving peace by the "Unlimited armament" method.

Back in the earlier era, of the 1920's Congressman Fred Britten of Chicago

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COTTON CONTINUES TO HOLD ITS OWN

New York, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to one higher. Lower cables were offset by foreign buying. May fluctuated from 8.52 and 8.53 and shortly after the first half hour, the list was unchanged to two net higher.

May advanced to 8.56 and was 8.55 by midday when the market was two to five points net higher.

INSURGENTS BOMB AMBULANCE TRAIN

Three Killed and 12 Hurt When American-French Trucks Are Raided

Perpignan, France, Feb. 3.—(AP)—An American-French train of ambulance and food trucks were bombed today by insurgent planes in Spain with a loss of three lives, Spanish government border advisers said.

Chairman Maden Declares Board Has No "Allusions About Remaking Social Order"

EMPLOYEE, EMPLOYER GET EQUAL JUSTICE

Maden Denies Charges Nebraska, That Board Is Biased, Incompetent in Administering The Wagner Labor Act

Washington, Feb. 3.—(AP)—J. Warren Maden, chairman, of the NRLP asserted today his agency was neither biased nor incompetent and had no "illusions" about "remaking the social order."

That statement was made to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering a request from Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, to investigate "widespread reports" that board was biased and incompetent in administering the Wagner labor act.

Maden said Burke was basing his criticisms of the board on "supply of misinformation, half truths and generalities."

The labor board head denied that charges made before the committee

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HIGHWAY PROJECTS ALLOTTED BY BIDS

Washington, Beaufort and Wayne Counties to Get Highway Construction

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Highway and Public Works Commission announced low bidders on a number of projects in which proposals were opened this morning.

The list of projects and low bidders include:

19.51, Washington and Beaufort counties, grading and surfacing.

7.13 miles of route 27 toward Plymouth; Roadway, F. J. McGuire, of Washington, \$137,929.50; structures Bowers Construction Co., of Whiteville, \$12,862.10, 28.45 Wayne, sand, asphalt working and resurfacing on 3.57 of route 117 from Goldsboro south. Brown Paving Company, Lexington, \$41,254.60.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy and unsettled, slightly warmer in central portion tonight; Friday, partly cloudy.