

METHODISTS DELIBERATE.

First Day's Session North Carolina Conference.

MRS. HARGROVE SPEAKS

Conference opens with Administration of Lord's Supper, Naming of Committees and Examination of Ministers—Addresses from Bishops Chesire and Maitley other details.

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its first session in the city of Raleigh yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with Bishop R. K. Hargrove, of Nashville, Tenn., presiding.

The opening religious services were conducted by Bishop Hargrove, who read the commission service, after which the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. J. A. Cunningham, E. A. Yates, R. A. Willis and J. N. Cole. An address by Bishop Chesire followed, in which he spoke of the great work of the church in the South.

After the celebration of the Lord's Supper Rev. W. E. Cunningham, Secretary of the conference, called the roll, which showed a full attendance of ministers and lay delegates.

After the reading of the minutes of the last year's conference, the roll was read, and the names of the members were read. The roll was read by Rev. J. H. Hall, who was elected Secretary, and Rev. G. T. Simmons was elected Recording Secretary.

The daily sessions of the conference were held at 10 o'clock a. m. and adjourn at 4 p. m.

It was ordered that a line across the church from the rear of the third window from the pulpit be designated as the bar of the conference and the Bishop remarked that all within the line would be recognized as members of the conference, and those to the rear of the line would be recognized only as visitors.

On motion, it was ordered that the President of the conference nominate the standing committees of the present session. In compliance with this the secretary for the preceding Elders reported nominations as follows, which were confirmed: On Books and Periodicals, J. W. Jenkins, J. N. Cole, W. W. Rose, E. Pope, G. W. Fisher, R. B. Johnson, J. B. Hurley, E. H. Davis, J. L. Rumbley.

On Church Property, J. M. Ashley, R. K. Hargrove, M. Rice, H. J. Satterly, M. D. Hays, H. B. Anderson, J. A. Leve, C. O. Durrant, A. J. Parker, J. H. M. Giles.

pleasants relations will continue to exist as they have in the past. He expressed the belief that the time would come when the two churches would again be united, though he knew not how, yet God knew, as "He moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." The address was a very happy one and caused a good brotherly feeling to prevail over the Conference, making the members forget denominational lines and to remember that it is only for the kingdom of God we labor, and that Christians of all denominations are traveling the same road to that better world which is to come.

Rev. Jno. R. D. Brooks and Rev. Dr. J. J. Henn, of the Western North Carolina Conference, were also introduced to the Conference.

A communication from the Board of Education was presented and was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from the Board of Church Extension and was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The second annual report of Rev. Jas. Atkins, Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was presented, read and referred to the Sunday School Board.

The report of the Missionary Secretary was received and referred to the Board of Missions without reading.

The report of the Book Committee was also presented and went to the Committee on Books and Periodicals without reading.

The report of the Secretary of the Epworth League took the same channel and went to its proper committee without reading.

A communication from Mr. Joseph G. Brown, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the present session of the conference, was presented, read and referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

SHORN OF ALL ITS POWER.

Now Interstate Commerce Commission Wants Congress to Restore it a Bit.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Col. William R. Morrison, of Illinois, and the interstate commerce commission, appears to be greatly worried over the way in which the powers of the commission have been taken from it by degrees, until now it practically has none left.

In the recommendations which the commission will make to Congress next week, Col. Morrison states that the chief recommendation of the commission to Congress will be that "a law be enacted conferring some kind of authority upon the commission."

The colonel complains, with much justice, that "the courts have nullified the law by which the commission was created," and he left it a mere advisory body. It can collect statistics. It can prepare reports which are printed and distributed. But it can do nothing. It has been shorn, little by little, of all the powers which Congress fancied it had conferred on it.

LOOKS MORE LIKE BOYD.

Our "Jeems" May Yet Become Attorney General of the United States.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE MORNING POST. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The name of one of the present Assistant Attorneys General of the United States, Hon. James E. Boyd, of North Carolina, which has been prominently mentioned and by influential men with the Administration, too, since the retirement of Justice Field of the United States Supreme Court, as the new generally understood appointment of Attorney General Kenna to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench, is now more generally believed to be the winning one than ever.

When asked last night whether there was any truth in the often printed reports that he had been tendered the Attorney Generalship, Assistant Secretary Day of the State Department, said: "The President some time ago was kind enough to tender to me the position of Attorney General, in the event of a vacancy in that office, which, after consideration, I have been reluctantly compelled to decline for reasons entirely personal." There is every reason to believe that Judge Day will continue work in his present position in the State Department.

BUTLER AND PRITCHARD CHUMMY?

WHOLE THING RESOLVED INTO AN INTERROGATION POINT.

Butler's former condition probably making him willing to stoop to any depths the only possible solution—but what would the Governor say? SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE MORNING POST. Washington, Dec. 1.—If there is anyone in the world who knows anything definitely about the rumor sent out here two or three days ago to North Carolina papers, to the effect that Butler and Pritchard were to be reorganized as the Republicans, reorganizing the Senate, and thus give Senator Butler's dear friend Russell's very dear friend Grant Gen. W. R. Cox's position as Secretary of the Senate, your correspondent has not been able to come within speaking distance of him.

The North Carolina delegation here are aware of the desperate straits in which Butler finds himself since the delivery and proof of that will-not-down Rocky Mount speech, but we hardly think he is even yet ready to help in the reorganization of the Senate.

But Butler's utter unworthiness is such that those who know the fox would not be dumb-founded, at least, were he to enter into such a compact for his own benefit.

OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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An Ocean's Stretch of News From the Old World.

UNCLE SAM'S EYE IS ON ALL.

Big Guns and Their Movements—Secretary Long and Our Proposed Armor Plate Factory—Uncle Sam Will Make Love to the Cuban Girl—Arrangements for a Courtmartial.

By Cable and Telegram to THE MORNING POST. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The report that the famous tug, "Dauntless," had landed another expedition for Cuba, caused the Treasury officials to wire collectors at Jacksonville and Key West regarding the whereabouts of the tug. The Key West officials replied to-day that "Dauntless" sailed from Savannah upon receipt of the news that some vessel was in distress off the Southeast coast of Georgia. Failing to find the distressed vessel, she kept on down the coast. Suffering considerably from bad weather, she was compelled finally to put into Key West for repairs. These being completed, upon the Master making out that he would proceed to Jacksonville, she was permitted to clear for that port, and sailed November 5th. The Collector at Jacksonville reported that the tug had sailed thence ten days ago for Savannah, and was supposed to be cruising about there. Then the Collector at Savannah was asked for news about the vessel, but up to closing time the Department had not received any reply.

Capt. Shoemaker, chief of the Revenue Cutter Service, believes she has landed a big expedition in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The Newport News Ship Building Company informs the Secretary of the Navy that the sister battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky will be ready for launching by the middle of January. The firm asks that elaborate preparations be made to celebrate the event, believing as it does that ships are the largest and heaviest now bearing readiness for service, they call for special notice. Secretary, however, prefers that the ceremonies shall be simple.

President O'Leary of the company says the Department should not hesitate to assemble the North Atlantic fleet at Newport News, as he did when two of the smaller gunboats were launched during Herbert's administration. He expects to win the Secretary over.

THE GERMAN-HAYTIAN AFFAIR AGAIN.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—State Department officials say here that the trouble between Germany and Hayti affair over Lueders affair has not blown entirely over; that there will be no hostilities as the result of Hayti's refusal to pay the heavy indemnity which Germany demanded. Everything indicates settlement mutually satisfactory by diplomatic means. The department, through Ambassador White, has been assured that the German cruiser "Marblehead" has been ordered to Hayti merely to protect American interests, and not to interfere in the Lueders case.

Dr. Von Holleben, the German ambassador, says the attitude of Germany has been very much exaggerated.

THE PLATE-ARMOR FACTORY.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The Board of Naval officers appointed to prepare plans for the government armor plate factory submitted their report to-day. The Board does not make any recommendation in regard to site, but calculates the plant capable of producing six thousand tons yearly, if necessary. The aggregate cost is about \$3,700,000.

The Board condemns the practicability of building a plant, unless Congress provides enough big ships yearly to keep the plant busy.

CAPT. CARTER ON THE ENG. CORPS

The Gentleman Is In Trouble and Will Be Court-Martialed.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Capt. Carter, an officer of the Army Engineering Corps, charged with mismanaging the Improvement of Savannah Harbor funds, was at the War Department to-day, and was told to prepare for a court martial trial. The detail of the court are being arranged at the headquarters of the army, Brigadier General Otis, commanding Department of Colorado, President; Lieut. Col. John W. Clous, Judge Advocate.

The likelihood that the evidence at the trial, and the findings of the court, will be used as a basis for Congressional investigation of the present system of contract work on government engineering projects, has induced the War Department to exercise the greatest care in arranging the details. Only officers of the highest ability and professional standing will be selected.

The court meets at Savannah. It had been intended to have it assemble in Washington, but as most witnesses are in Savannah, and the court will probably be obliged to inspect the improvements of which Carter had charge, it was decided that the Georgia city was the best place for the meeting.

A REAL SPANISH-CUBAN BATTLE

AMONG THE HILLS OF ROMERO, MADAMA AND LOS PALADOS.

Insurgent General Puel—Spanish Columns Headed by General Bernal and Hernandez—Both Sides, As Usual, Claim a Victory.

By Cable to THE MORNING POST. HAVANA, Dec. 1.—The fiercest battle fought in Province Pinar del Rio since the death of Gen. Maceo, is reported here today by an official Spanish account, published in all the newspapers, and by communications from insurgent lines.

Though Spanish reports boast as usual, of a great victory, it confirms, in many details, the Cuban story. Special information from trustworthy sources leaves no doubt that the result was the most serious defeat sustained by the Spanish army since the battle of Cacajicara, in the same province.

The battle was fought among hills of Romero, Madama and Los Palados, in which insurgent General Ducazi was encamped with his army in five hundred huts, made of palm-tree leaves. At Cuchilla and Calmitos, two other mountains, Ducazi had also two hundred men, strongly fortified. Insurgents numbered in all some three thousand five hundred men well armed with modern rifles and dynamite bombs.

The Spanish columns of Gens. Bernal and Hernandez de Velasco combined to dislodge the insurgents from their positions at Romero, Madama and Los Palados. They bravely fought to attain that end all day Monday, but were repeatedly repulsed. Several bayonet attacks by the Spanish columns ended disastrously for them, and after over 100 Spanish soldiers had been killed, and their lines thrown into confusion by several dynamite explosions, both Spanish Generals decided to retire and ask for reinforcements.

Tuesday morning the battalion of Aranguez came to the help of Generals Bernal and Hernandez de Telasco. Then the Spanish, numbering 5,000, made a desperate attempt to take stronger positions of Camite and Cuchilla. Captured Calmito at bayonet's point, losing sixty-seven killed. But new bomb explosions prepared by insurgents soon dispersed the force. Ducazi took Cuchilla again before noon, and three Spanish battalions retreated.

An official Spanish report says: "The losses of insurgents are immense. They fled in a panic. General Bernal Cervera's forces are still pursuing them." The Spanish officers confessed that their losses were over 200, and that it was the hardest fight they ever had.

BOHEMIA'S OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

Attempt to Make it German Causes Big Riots and Bloodshed.

By Cable to THE MORNING POST.

PRAGUE, Dec. 1.—Angered by apparent success the German party is compelling Parliament to make German the official language in Bohemia. The Young Czech party has been rioting all day, wrecking German clubs, cafes, houses, etc. This afternoon they pillaged the German University, badly wrecking all the valuable scientific instruments.

The police interfered vainly, then the troops were called out. In the Zikow quarter they fired on a mob, killing two and wounding many. In the Snichow quarter the gendarmes attempted to disperse the mob, which was burning for German booty. The mob threatened to shoot, and the gendarmes fired a volley, killing and maiming several.

Among the centers of attack have been the palaces of Count Salm and Baron Aerenbal. The latter's palace was boarded up when the riots began, but the mob tore the planks off the doors and windows, bombarding the ground floors with stones.

Germs and Jews were completely terrorized. Nobody dared to utter a word of German on the streets. German sign-boards were hastily removed. Ladies were compelled to don Slav tricolor in order to avoid insult or attack. There is hardly a building, public or private, known to be owned by Germans, that has a whole window. The damage done amounts to many thousand florins. Shortly before midnight order was restored in the city itself, and many of the 5,000 troops withdrawn. In the suburbs, however, the streets were strongly patrolled.

More than 300 injured Germans have been taken to the hospitals.

CONGRESSMEN SLOWLY ARRIVING.

Apparently in no Hurry to Begin Business at Washington.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Members of Congress are still unusually slow in putting in their appearance for the regular session, which convenes next Monday. The arrivals during the past week have hardly been a half dozen a day. Yesterday it was not up to that figure. The most notable accession was Representative Joseph Walker, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency. He sent a letter some time ago to every member of his committee, urging the importance of currency legislation, and asking each member to be prepared, as soon after the opening of the session as possible, to work to the end that some measure may be submitted to the House for action.

Few of the leaders will be here until late in the week, especially on the House side. Gen. Henderson, of Iowa, however, came today, and more of the Western members are expected on the afternoon train. Gen. Grosvenor, statistician of the last Presidential campaign, and the man to whom civil service opponents in the House are looking for leadership, will come Friday. Speaker Reed and Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the majority, are expected Saturday or Sunday. Most of the members of the New England delegation will arrive at about the same time. Senator Allen is expected tomorrow, and Senator Hale, who was the leading opponent of the recognition of Cuban rights at the last session, will probably arrive today. A very full attendance of members of both houses is expected on the opening day.

THE NOTED MRS. NOBLES.

Who Has Occupied Georgia Jails for Years, Saved by the Legislature.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 1.—The Legislature has come to the rescue of Mrs. Elizabeth Nobles, an aged woman, under sentence of death for killing her husband. At tonight's session in the House of Representatives the bill was introduced by Mr. Berry, providing that no woman shall be executed for murder in Georgia, except when the jury stipulates that such punishment shall be meted out. The bill will get an early hearing and indications are that it will pass.

To Extend Their Lines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The board of trade and commercial bodies of the citizens of Burlington, Greensboro, Winston, Salisbury and Charlotte are making strong and united efforts to have the postal Telegraph Company to establish offices with them, and we wish them success. Raleigh well knows the advantages of having the services of two telegraph companies.

PAT WALSH ELECTED MAYOR

The Talented Editor Becomes Augusta's Executive.

WAS HIS BIGGEST "SCOOP."

Special Dispatch to THE MORNING POST. AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 1.—The most exciting municipal election ever held in this city occurred today, in which there were three candidates, one of them the popular editor-politician and Ex-United States Senator, Patrick Walsh, the Citizens candidate, was elected Mayor of Augusta over William Dunbar and Daniel Kerr by a majority of 84. Dunbar was drawn into the campaign by popular sentiment in favor of municipal reform, while Kerr was the candidate of the ring politicians, as backed by the present city government. Senator Walsh had pretty much of a walk-over in three wards, and was only beaten in the fourth by a majority of 15. Kerr carrying that ward. Kerr also carried the fifth ward. In the fourth, which is the largest in the city, Kerr boasted that he would receive 1,500 before election, but when seen at the polls at noon today he was convinced of his defeat, which was then staring him in the face. He fainted and was sent home in a carriage. The total vote of the city for mayor was as follows: Walsh 3,358, Kerr 2,534, Dunbar 1,610. There was no opposition for Councilmen except in one ward. There Garret (Walshman) defeated Martin (Kerrman) by a majority of 10, the vote standing finally at Garret 698, Martin 688.

Few disturbances during the day and all passed off pleasantly.

MOORE PLEADED FOR MERCY.

Nebraska's ex-Auditor Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 1.—Ex-State Auditor Eugene Moore, found guilty yesterday of embezzling \$38,000 State funds, was today sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. The sentence was a crushing blow to the prisoner, who had expected but nominal punishment, and the scene in the courtroom was as affecting as it was dramatic.

Moore, with his wife standing by his side, pleaded with the court for mercy, making a long and somewhat rambling statement. At its conclusion he sank in his chair sobbing bitterly, his wife trying vainly to comfort him.

Judge Cornish, visibly affected, spoke slowly of the crime committed, and the entire absence of extenuating circumstances. He said he believed no less than ten years in the penitentiary would satisfy outraged justice. As he paused, Mrs. Moore threw her arms about her husband's neck, and cried: "Oh! please, judge, have mercy on him, have mercy!"

Judge Cornish then said: "On account of your devoted wife and your loving children I will reduce the sentence by two years. Therefore, the sentence of the court is that you shall be confined in the penitentiary for eight years at hard labor, pay the costs of prosecution, and be fined in the sum of \$10,816.10."

Moore's attorneys will appeal to the Supreme Court. Moore was twice elected State Auditor, and his family moved in exclusive society.

AWOKE IN A BURNING BED.

Hot Brick Proves a Dangerous Remedy of Rheumatic Attacks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Hearing screams of "murder, fire, police!" Officer Kimmell and Sergeant McTaggart, of the Eighth Precinct, rushed into the house of Eliza Carroll, and found a colored woman, nearly 90 years of age, screaming at the top of her voice, while smoke and flames were issuing from the bed in which she was lying. The policemen finally extricated her from her perilous position, and then learned the story of how it happened. The fire amounted to practically nothing, as only a few feathers in the bed were singed, but the old woman was semi-conscious.

Medical attention has been giving her considerable trouble of late, and a night she thought of a plan of heating a brick and taking it to bed with her in order to keep her feet warm. It was carefully wrapped in an old blanket and put at the foot of the bed on top of a feather mattress. The old woman dozed off, with her feet close to the comforting brick, when suddenly she was awakened by the smell of smoke and the intense heat. She discovered that her bed was on fire and screamed for assistance.

THIS DEVIL WAS A LUNATIC ALSO.

By Cable to THE POST.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 1.—Gustave Muller, watchmaker, who confessed killing eight persons and showed the police four pistols to prove that he had killed his wife, has been acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Spain Alleged to Have Enough of Cuba.

By Cable to THE MORNING POST.

HAVANA, Dec. 1.—According to cable from Madrid, the Spanish Government has resolved not to send any more troops to Cuba. In case Blanco should need 200,000 men, he will be authorized to reinforce Cuba among the inhabitants of the levy troops among the inhabitants of the island, sending to field militia for volunteers.

The returns are not all in, but the record of football casualties, as carefully collected by the New York World shows 8 players killed, 17 maimed or injured for life, and 126 jumped on until they were insensible or badly hurt.

MANA THREATENED WITH PNEUMONIA.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 1.—Senator Hanna is unable to leave his bed today. Pneumonia is threatened.

Fire at Memphis.

By Telegram to THE MORNING POST.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 1.—Fire tonight gutted a four-story building occupied by the ticket office of the Iron Mountain Railroad and Loeb & Co. Loss, \$200,000. Several firemen were injured.