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METHODIST CONFERENCE OPENED MANY MORE

THE SESSION GETS DOWN TO WORK AT ONCE

Bishop Wilson Called the Conference to Order at 9:30 O'clock at Edenton Street

THE COMMITTEES

The 73rd Annual Session of the Conference—Bishop Conducts Service and Administers Sacrament—Rev. W. L. Cunningham Was Re-elected Secretary of the Conference—Committees Appointed on Books and Periodicals, Conference Relations, Church Property, Temperance, Sabbath Observance, Etc.—Communications Read—Reports From Colleges.

The 73rd annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Episcopal Church, South, convened in Edenton Street Methodist church, this city, at 9:30 o'clock this morning with the senior bishop of the connection, Alpheus Waters Wilson, of Baltimore, who opened the session by reading a selection from the third chapter of Ephesians, at the close of which he announced hymn No. 222, "Jesus, the name high over all," which was sung to the tune of "Orionville" as only such a body of trained male voices can sing, and the bishop lead the conference in the dedicatory prayer, which dedicated to God the elements of bread and wine, preparatory to administering the sacrament of the Lord's supper, before which he called Revs. L. L. Nash, W. L. Cunningham, J. E. Underwood and F. A. Bishop into the chancel, who partook with the bishop and then administered to their brethren, as altar after altar full approached and partook of the elements.

Rev. W. L. Cunningham, the secretary of the last conference, called the roll of ministers and lay delegates, their being present a very, very large number responding to their names for the first session.

The roll call in this conference is arranged according to age in membership in the body, which put "Uncles" Marcus C. Thomas, Andrew D. Beis and R. A. Willis as the first three called, the last two of which superannuated at Durham last year after fifty or more years in the regular itinerancy.

On motion of L. L. Nash, Rev. W. L. Cunningham was re-elected secretary, and he appointed N. H. D. Wilson as assistant and Geo. T. Simmons as recording secretary, the statistical secretary to be named later.

W. H. Humphrey was put in place of W. I. Everett, lay delegate from Rockingham district, and A. C. Braswell in place of G. I. Watson.

On motion of R. B. John further call of the roll was dispensed with, and on motion of the same the hours of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 9:30 a. m. and 1 p. m. of meeting and adjournment was fixed at the fourth window.

On motion of N. H. D. Wilson the presiding elder of the district and the Methodist pastors of the city were appointed a committee on public worship.

Rev. A. McCullen, for the presiding elders, nominated the usual committees, all of whom were elected, as follows:

Books and Periodicals. Clerical—J. H. Buffalo, M. Bradshaw, R. W. Baily, W. E. Hocutt, H. A. Humble, G. B. Perry, B. H. Black, J. M. Benson, W. F. Craven, Lay—M. Mial, J. H. Southgate, A. D. Muse, A. S. Thompson, J. T. Flythe, Richmond Johnson, J. C. Braswell, J. W. Evans, W. B. Cooper.

Conference Relations. Clerical—N. E. Coltrane, C. O. Durant, D. N. Caviness, H. M. Eure, E. H. Davis, R. R. Grant, T. A. Sykes, D. C. Geddie, J. C. Humble.

Church Property. Clerical—G. B. Starling, C. M. Lance, N. L. Seabolt, V. A. Royall, J. M. Wright, F. E. Dixon, Rufus Bradley, J. T. Stanford, B. C. Allred, Lay—J. D. Riddle, J. T. Ware, W. H. Humphrey, D. H. Wood, J. H. Bridges, O. H. Wetherington, C. G. Morris, W. M. Bateman, F. W. Hargett.

District Conference Records. J. M. Culbreth, C. R. Ross, J. A. (Continued on Page Two.)



Mr. Brown is a Leading Official Member of Edenton Street Church. He is a Member of the Conference.

STOLE PAPERS FROM SEC. KNOX

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 24—Mystery surrounds the robbery of Valley Forge farms, the magnificent country home of Secretary of the State Philander C. Knox last Thursday night for only documents were carried away and it is surmised by the police that who ever committed the crime did so for the purpose of securing important state or legal papers although it seems strange that Secretary Knox should have kept such documents at his home which was looked after only by the care-taker, Samuel Toner, and wife. It is hinted that papers in the Nicaraguan affair were desired. The value of the papers stolen is known, however, only by Mr. Knox who is in Washington. So far as the detectives can learn, the only thing taken by the thieves was an alligator traveling bag, used to carry the missing documents. The robbery was committed hurriedly. The intruders left a broken drill in the safe in the secretary's study. Several candles had been taken from the candelabrum in the breakfast room and shaved for lubricant for the steel drill. The thieves made their entrance through a back door which was forced by some powerful pressure, exerted very slowly.

DR. KILGO TO PREACH

Will Preach the Conference Sermon at Edenton Street Tonight. Rev. Dr. John C. Kilgo, of Trinity College, will preach the annual conference sermon tonight at 7:30 at Edenton Street Methodist church. Dr. Kilgo is one of the finest speakers in Southern Methodism and when he gets up to preach or to speak, he always has a message to deliver. He will be heard with the greatest pleasure by the members of the conference and the people of the city.

SELLING SHOES.

The best way to sell shoes, like everything else, is to advertise them. The best way to advertise them is to select a medium that the people read. In the early fall the new firm of Peebles & Edwards bought an enormous stock of children's shoes. They had to be sold and they decided that the quickest way to do it was to advertise them in The Evening Times. The result has been that they have had an enormous sale, both from the people of Raleigh and the surrounding country. They sold out and then placed another order and now they are buying more. The Evening Times is the great medium that is read by the people who buy shoes, by the people who buy everything. The merchants who use The Evening Times have stores full of people and money drawers full of coin. Here is the testimony of a progressive firm, what it has done for them it has done for hundreds of others, and it can do the same for you:

PEEBLES & EDWARDS, Shoes and Custom Tailors, 12 E. Martin St. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22, 1909.

Mr. George C. Hall, Advertising Manager of The Evening Times, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir: We find the little Button Shoe ad. we have in your paper to be a trade-winner. During fair week we had a great many out-of-town customers, all new ones, too, come in with the adv. out of the paper, to make no mistake in getting the same little shoe. We took this adv. feeling at the time we were over-stocked in children's shoes, but we have had to re-order and now we are sizing up on this shoe again. We find to get business we have to go after it, and put before the people in their homes what we have to offer them. An advertisement in your paper works while we are busy at something else. It pays to advertise when in the right medium. Yours very respectfully, PEEBLES & EDWARDS.

BODIES ARE FOUND TODAY

With Finding of 168 Bodies All Hope of Finding Others Alive is Given Up

WERE SUFFOCATED

Bodies Found in Tangled Mass at Foot of Escape Shaft—Show Little Signs of Being Burned and Believed That All Were Suffocated—Some of Them May Have Lived For Some Time—Had Made Fans Out of the Top of Boxes and These Were Still Clamped in Their Hands. Record Shows That 269 Bodies Have Been Found.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Cherry, Ill., Nov. 24—The bodies of 168 miners were found at an early hour today, huddled in a tangled mass at the foot of the escape shaft of the third vein of the fire-wrecked St. Paul mine. Few of the bodies showed indication of being burned and it is believed that all were suffocated. The time of their death is a matter of conjecture.

The finding of the dead bodies clears up the mystery as to whether any of the men were still alive, walled in a pocket by a barrier erected by themselves.

It was evident that the men rushed for the escape shaft only to be met by the terrible sweep of flames and driven back. Some of them evidently fell down and died almost instantly. Others who had started up the wooden stairway fell back to their death.

Some who may have lived for some time had made fans out of the tops of boxes lying about and the boards were still clasped in their hands when they were found.

The bodies were hurried immediately to the surface in loads of 25. The coroner and Dr. E. E. Crawford, president of the state board of health, immediately ordered the burial of the bodies, fearing the spreading of disease on account of the extreme decomposed condition.

The east end of the third vein has yet to be explored. It is believed that there the rest of the mine victims will be found dead.

No hope of finding a living man exists today. Thomas McAllister, the mine expert and inspector appointed by Governor Deneen at the request of state executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, arrived at the scene of the disaster today. He assumed immediate and personal charge.

The work of recovering the bodies will be hurried along today. The east end of the third vein is expected to be explored before noon.

Every hour the danger of explosion of the terrible gases accumulated in the mine becomes more imminent. At an early hour the firemen started anew the fight on the fire in the second vein which is gradually but surely making its way towards the point where the gases have gathered.

The official record of the coroner shows that 269 bodies have been found.

The remaining number down in the mine may be found at any hour. It is now declared by Thomas Hudson, mine expert, and State Attorney Eckert, that the men in every instance were suffocated by the fatal black damp. The bodies were bloated horribly and blackened, appearing on first examination to have been burned to death.

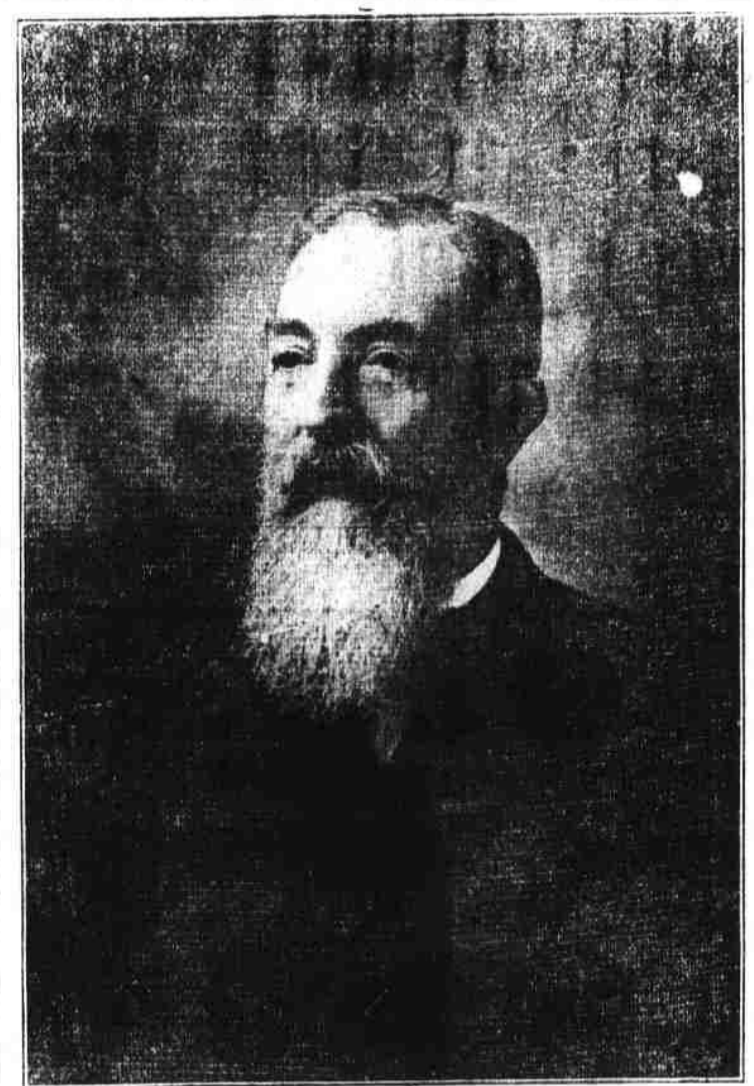
The men had constructed a large crude wooden fan of four paddles and they evidently had taken turns in turning the handle to drive back the black damp that was killing them.

The hands of some of the victims were found burned and their torn clothing and distorted features showed the awful convulsions attendant on their death.

PLEASED WITH PASTOR.

Wadesboro People Welcome Rev. J. H. West Back Again. (Special to The Times) Wadesboro, Nov. 24—The people of Wadesboro are universally pleased with the appointment of Rev. J. H. West as pastor of the Wadesboro Methodist church for another year. During his pastorate of two years he has accomplished much for the church and cause and is generally liked.

Bishop Alpheus Waters Wilson



Bishop Wilson, who is heading the conference, is the Senior Bishop of the church. He is greatly beloved and the conference members everywhere delight to have him preside over their meetings.

RALEIGH CHURCHES FITTINGLY OBSERVE THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving, a day set apart to return thanks to God for the blessings of the year will be observed in Raleigh tomorrow by religious churches. Raleigh people have much to be thankful for and the congregations will be large. Beautiful music in all the churches will help each a beautiful day. It is customary at this time to remember the orphanages of the different denominations with a special Thanksgiving offering. In many cases these offerings from the churches all over the state add in large measure to the support of the orphanages through the year.

The services will be of unusual interest tomorrow. The meeting of the North Carolina Methodist conference in this city at Edenton Street Methodist church has brought to the city many noted ministers, laymen and delegates, several of whom will occupy pulpits of other churches of the city.

Edenton Street Methodist Church. Of chief importance will be the services at Edenton Street church, where the conference is being held. At eleven o'clock Bishop Alpheus Waters Wilson, senior bishop of the conference, will preach the Thanksgiving sermon. Bishop Wilson is a splendid orator and preacher. It is expected that he will have the pleasure of leaving him on this occasion.

Central Methodist Church. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock services will be held at Central Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Harry North, of Trinity College. The conference quartet will be present and furnish good music. There will be no services at the other Methodist churches, Epworth and Jenkins Memorial. The Thanksgiving offering at these services will be for the Methodist Orphanage in this city.

Episcopal Churches. The annual services will be held in the Episcopal churches of the city, as is the custom the churches will be decorated in harvest grains and fruits of the earth. The offerings will be a great help.

YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Will you live up to your resolution? After it was all over last year you said, "I'll shop early next year and avoid all the discomfort I've experienced this season." And if you intend to keep faith with yourself, "I'll shop too early to begin now!" The Christmas goods are ready, the stocks are new, the days are bright, the clerks are able to give you their undivided attention—now! Will you do your Christmas shopping—now?

WILL COMPEL NICARAGUA TO APOLOGIZE

Grimmest Naval Display Since the War With Spain to be Made

OUTLINE OF PLANS

United States Will Demand \$100,000 Indemnity and Full Apologies for the Execution of Groce and Cannon—This is Believed to be the Plan Outlined by Secretary Knox and Approved by President Taft—Action Will be Prompt and Stern. Believed That All the Essential Orders for the Display Have Been Issued.

Washington, Nov. 24—The grimmest naval display that the United States has made since the war with Spain will soon be knocking at the doors of Zelaya, the Nicaraguan despot, with a demand for \$100,000 indemnity and full apologies for the execution of Groce and Cannon, the young Americans who were shot because they incurred Zelaya's displeasure.

This is believed in well informed quarters here today to have been the program outlined by Secretary of State Knox to have been approved by President Taft.

Action will be prompt and stern. It is believed that all the essential orders have been issued to the navy department today and transmitted to the cruisers and gunboats now in Nicaraguan waters or speeding there, as well as to the various navy yards and marine officers with regard to a supplemental force to back up the ships already sent.

Zelaya's plight is viewed by military authorities here today as desperate. Estrada's forces for more than a week have had the greater part of the administration forces penned up and now in addition to the masterful programme mapped out by the United States, comes the news that the Pacific side of the Nicaragua has been invaded by a well equipped army of extra men from Honduras and Salvador, who have already taken two towns and to whom the inhabitants are reported flocking by hundreds, anxious to avail themselves of the chance to war against the tyranny of Zelaya.

The internal situation of the republic alone assure the speedy downfall of Zelaya and his adherents, it is believed, while the action in progress by the United States is not thought to leave him a fighting chance.

The state officials here are reported today to have taken the unprecedented action of consulting Senator Salvador Castrillo, representing the provisional government of General Estrada, although the existence of that government has not yet been recognized by the United States nor has Castrillo been accorded any official status.

Senior Castrillo is familiar with every inch of Nicaraguan territory, knows Zelaya's resources and dispositions, and in the long conference he has had with W. T. S. Doyle, acting chief of the Latin-American bureau, he is reported to have supplied information upon which a campaign could most advantageously be waged.

Secretary Meyer of the navy has arranged to have reports sent through his department to the state department from the commanders of American warships in the vicinity of Nicaragua. Reports are expected today from Commander John H. Shipley, of the Des Moines, now at Port Limon and from Commanders Frank K. Hill, of the Marietta, and Alexander S. Halstead, of the Vicksburg.

Grave fears are entertained here by those best acquainted with conditions in Nicaragua and more particularly with the character of Zelaya, that dictator in his desperation will kill everyone of the hundreds of Americans and notable Nicaraguans he has thrown into his prison on the flimsiest of pretexts before his power is ended unless that end is brought suddenly. Having dared to execute two American citizens in the face of all the rules of war, it is pointed out there is little likelihood that fear would stay him from killing others, or his countrymen who have protested against his tyranny.

Port Limon, it is said, will be the base of the American warships being on the Atlantic and in easy communication with Washington. It is reported that the rate of exchange in western Nicaragua has reached 1,000 percent, and that business is paralyzed.

ISLAND FOR COTTON GROWING

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Honolulu, Nov. 24—J. T. McCrosson and Frank Thompson, capitalists, are negotiating with W. G. Erwin for the purchase of Lanai Island for \$350,000. Their plan is to devote this rich island to the cultivation of cotton. Dr. E. V. Wilcox, director of the United States Agricultural experiment station at Honolulu has studied the soil and climate of the island and declares it is an ideal place for growing cotton. Russian laborers from Siberia will be secured to work the land if the deal goes through.