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THE WORLD'S CONVENTION MEETS TODAY

Sixth Sunday School Con- vention in Session in the City of Washington

MANY WERE PRESENT

With An Attendance of 3,500 Delegates Convention Began Here This Afternoon and Will Continue Until Next Tuesday—Fifty-two Countries Are Represented in the Convention—Called to Order by President Meyer, of London—President Taft Will Speak at Welcome Service This Evening.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, May 19—With an attendance of 3,500 delegates, the World's Sixth Sunday School Convention began here this afternoon to continue until Tuesday next.

From every quarter of the world the delegates came and when the gavel fell this afternoon 52 different countries were represented in the body, which was called to order by the Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, president of the World's Sunday School Association.

"We are going to have the greatest Sunday School convention ever held," he said. "Our object is twofold—first, to stimulate a missionary interest in Sunday schools, and, secondly, to organize Sunday school work and promote its ideals throughout the world.

Many visitors, not delegates, but attracted to the meeting, also have come to Washington and it is expected that during the week of the convention 10,000 strangers will be within the gates of the national capital. The delegates from the 52 nations will in turn represent 26,000,000 Sunday school students.

The program includes the services in various churches throughout the city, the larger meetings being held in Convention Hall with a capacity of more than 5,000 people.

President Taft will speak at the welcome service this evening. The convention sermon was delivered this afternoon by Rev. Dr. F. B. Meyer.

Other prominent workers who took part in today's exercises, were Bishop Cranston, of the Methodist Episcopal church; Bishop Harding, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of the District of Columbia; Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell, Africa; Bishop Yoitsu Honda, Japan; the Rev. Dr. J. Monroe Gibson, England; the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Greene, of this city, and John Wanamaker.

The most spectacular feature of the convention will be the parade on Friday afternoon, when 10,000 men will march up Pennsylvania avenue and around the capitol, from the steps of which they will be reviewed by the women workers.

PINAR DEL RIO UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Havana, May 19—Martial law was today declared at Pinar del Rio, where 3,000 pounds of dynamite exploded yesterday afternoon destroying the Rurales barracks. Advice received here state that the number of dead will be greater than was first supposed, totaling fully 125 and that more than 200 are seriously injured.

More troops were rushed to the scene today by special train, under General Montenegro. A close watch is being kept about the ruins. Though many physicians and nurses have been despatched from Havana, more are needed. The scenes among the injured are described as terrible.

Although the government is closely investigating the report that the explosion was the first manifestation of the negro uprising threatened to start yesterday, the belief is general here that this theory is wrong. The fact that the Rurales were transferring the dynamite at the time of the accident is regarded as sufficient explanation of the affair.

Nevertheless the leaders of the campaign against the negro leaders are preparing to make the most of the explosion. According to them, it was a similar attempt to the late Senator Morcu Delgado's attempt to start a revolution by murdering sleeping Rurales in their barracks at Guanabacoa.

THE COMET'S TAIL

The Thousands Who Watched Were Dissatisfied

No Phenomena of Interest Observed. One Astronomer Says the Passage Through the Tail Was Not Made Until This Morning.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, May 19—Did the earth pass through the tail of Halley's comet last night? Scientists say it did. They have no physical manifestations for absolute corroboration. Certain it is that millions of inhabitants of the United States, from coast to coast, who examined the heavens were disappointed, for the most part.

The comet's tail was not visible in New York until 2:30 a. m., after the moon had set. Then Miss Mary Proctor, the astronomer, discovered, stretching 100 degrees in length, a band of light 10 degrees in width, running from the horizon at the point of sunrise through a great square of Pegasus and Aquarius to Aquilla. It appeared to be a second milky way, its brilliance equalling that of the great belt of star dust.

The phenomenon remained visible for some time, and the last of it was not seen till the summer sun began to smother the stars.

This belt of light was not the only manifestation attributable to the comet's approach, however. Shortly after 10:30 p. m. a light auroral glow was observed in the northeastern sky, flashing for an instant only.

Then, for an hour, there were intermittent flashes, occasionally ruddy but generally white. Few of them took definite shape; Miss Proctor, however, noted one which resembled an arch of glowing white surmounted by a crest of crimson.

Many scientists today declared that these flashes were in reality due to the sun-spots seen yesterday by various observatories.

New York carried out its plan of making the night a holiday, but there was little reward in the way of phenomena for the thousands who flocked to the roofs of hotels and other high buildings.

The only harm caused by the comet was the death of Amy Hopkins, a 16-year-old girl, who fell from a roof in Brooklyn.

Dr. Harold A. Jacoby, Rutherford professor of astronomy at Columbia University, today said:

"We are compelled to conclude, after last night, that the tail of Halley's comet is composed of matter so extremely tenuous as to remain unseen and unfelt by us when the earth was passing through it.

"Some astronomers had anticipated that the tail would show itself composed of numberless particles of a size that, conflicting with the air, would fall in shooting hail or clouds of small meteors. Nothing of the kind was seen."

The comet did, however, clarify the atmosphere to a certain extent, according to Thomas W. Evans, a chemist employed by the Standard Oxygen Company, who made an analysis of the air. The usual standard of New York air, he said, contains 21 per cent, of oxygen, while that last night showed 21.75 per cent, the equal of that found in mid-ocean.

On the whole, however, astronomers are not one whit wiser than they were before. The passage of the earth through the tail, if the passage occurred, has merely substantiated their predictions that no harm would result.

They had said no cyanogen gas would be apparent, and none was. Indeed the presence of cyanogen gas in the tail is now doubted and it is believed that the spectroscopy which detects the chemical constituents of the heavenly body, was fooled by the play of the sun's light on the tail. Cyanogen gas was recorded, then disappeared, and then seemed to be re-recorded again, as the comet neared, circled, and left the sun.

Interest in the comet now centers in its future, particularly from now until the middle of June, when it will become invisible as it rushes on its great journey to the edge of the solar system.

Invisible last night, it will not be seen tonight, but in a few days will form a magnificent spectacle. Friday evening, about 8:00 o'clock, it will light up the western sky, not far from Mars, and for two hours will glow with the intensity that has won it a place in history.

Had Bent Tail.

Princeton, N. J., May 19—"The earth did not begin to pass through the tail of Halley's comet till 8:00 a. m. today."

Prof. Henry Norris Russell, professor of astronomy at Princeton, (Continued on Page Five.)

PHOTOGRAPHS BY TELEGRAPH.



Samples of photographs sent by wire from the office of the Boston American to the New York American. The invention is the work of a foreign scientist and has created great interest among scientists in this country. The pictures shown at the right and left respectively of E. H. Gary, chairman of the U. S. Steel Corporation and C. A. Mynn, of the Scientific American. They are retouched. The photo in the center was sent and appeared just as reproduced here.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE FIELD WORKERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, May 19—When the senate met today Senator Borah of Idaho, introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of the wages and hours of employment on the field workers throughout the United States.

Senator Cummins of Iowa then discussed his amendment to the railroad bill, proposing that no increase of rates should become effective without the approval of the interstate commerce commission, which should have the 120 days in which to investigate the matter.

Surgeon General Wyman of the United States marine hospital service and George M. Sternberg appeared before the committee on public health to advocate the Owen bill to establish a bureau of health. In opposition to them appeared former Governor Bates of Pennsylvania who claims that this bill is intended to discriminate against several forms of medical practice.

THE HOBSON BILL.

To Prevent Disclosure of Defense Secrets May Become Law.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, May 19—Representative Hobson, of Alabama, author of the bill to prevent the disclosures of national defense secrets has appeared before a sub-committee of the house judiciary committee and explained the importance of his bill and the urgent necessity for the enactment of such a law. The sub-committee seemed favorably impressed by the argument made by Representative Hobson.

It was said today that a copy of the Hobson bill will be forwarded to the war and navy departments with the request that the secretaries of the departments advise the committee on the matter. The heads of the departments are said to favor the bill and it is believed the measure may become a law at this session.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Again Reported in the Senate Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, May 19—The naval appropriation bill was again reported to the senate today. Three amendments were adopted by the committee since it first reported. One of them provides that not more than one of the two dreadnoughts authorized shall be built by the same contracting party. A second abolishes the bureau of equipment and makes provision for the distribution of its duties. The third amendment increases the pay and allowances of retired bureau chiefs. This will affect the case of Rear Admiral Rogers, whose friction with Secretary of the Navy Meyer has just resulted in his displacement as chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts.

Mrs. Morse in Washington.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, May 19—Mrs. Clara W. Morse, whose husband is a prisoner at the Atlanta penitentiary, was at the capitol again today securing signatures of senators and representatives to a petition asking the president to pardon her husband. She obtained quite a number, among those Senator Frye, of Maine, and Clay, of Georgia.

LAWLER ON THE STAND

Assistant Attorney General Looking Somewhat Serious

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, May 19—Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general for the interior department was recalled to the stand for cross examination by Attorney Brandeis this morning when the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating commission resumed its hearing.

Lawler was much more subdued and calmer today than when he began testifying on Tuesday.

If Mr. Lawler had been sitting on the mourners bench at a funeral he could not have looked more grim and serious than he did this morning. His answers were curt but they were not so disrespectful as when he first took the stand.

He kept his eyes fastened on the table before him and never cast so much as a glance at Attorney Brandeis while being questioned.

Letters which passed between Ballinger and George W. Perkins of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Company and which were asked for by Mr. Brandeis and transmitted to the committee were not placed in the record as they did not refer to the subject of the committee's inquiry. Mr. Brandeis pointed out that letters mentioned in the correspondence already read had not been produced.

Taking up the cross examination of Lawler, Mr. Brandeis sought to ascertain whether Mr. Lawler in writing his letter "as if he were the president" had approached the matter in a judicial frame of mind. Mr. Lawler thought he had.

"Didn't you have any prejudice one way or the other?"

"Only the prejudice which one honest man has for the truth."

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ROOSEVELT VISITS ROYALTY AGAIN

(By Cable to The Times)

London, May 19—Theodore Roosevelt today visited the continental monarchs staying at Buckingham Palace. Shortly after the kaiser arrived at Buckingham Mr. Roosevelt drove up in a state carriage. The kaiser appeared delighted to see him. The ex-president was cordially greeted also by the other royalties.

Kermit and Miss Ethel today inspected Windsor, being taken over the extensive grounds and through many parts of the historic edifices there. Kermit also visited Eton College, where he was cheered by the students. Under the guidance of the provost, he went through the entire establishment, paying special attention to the sporting equipment and fields.

Earth Tremors in Mexico.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Mexico City, May 19—Earth tremors today shook the slopes of Colima and the country about the volcano, according to advices received here. Coming on top of rumblings and detonations extending over several days, the shocks created panic among the inhabitants, who believed the volcano is about to erupt.

NEWSPAPERS GET \$32,000

Rich Haul From the Adams Express Company

Theft a Most Mysterious One and Robbers Get Away Without Leaving Any Clue Behind—Money Was Left Unguarded for a Moment and Disappeared.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Oil City, Pa., May 19—Thirty-two thousand dollars was stolen from the Oil City office of the Adams Express Company early today. The theft is one of the most mysterious crimes of the kind committed in Pennsylvania in years. Not a clue was left by the robbers. The money belonged to the Pennsylvania Railroad.

It was taken from the office in the absence of Night Manager Truby. He left the office unguarded for a few minutes, about 4 a. m. When he returned there was no trace of the money.

The theft had evidently been planned carefully by practiced criminals. It is believed they had kept a careful watch on the office for days, possibly for weeks, till the opportune moment arrived.

More than 200 detectives took up the case within a short time after the robbery was discovered. The Pennsylvania Railroad, the Express Company and the local authorities detailed their best men.

A close investigation of the neighborhood of the office brought to light no clue that would all the searchers.

How the robbers escaped could not be determined with any degree of certainty. While some of the detectives are inclined to believe that they got away disguised as common hobo on a freight train, the search in the main is being conducted with the idea that a resident or residents of the town are guilty.

A report received here this morning sent the detectives working on the possibility of the robbers having escaped by automobile. A speeding car was declared to have been seen speeding out of town not long after the robbery.

A dragnet was today thrown over Pennsylvania from one end to the other, the large cities notified of the robbery.

The money was in three bags. The exact total was \$32,024.24. It had been turned over to the day agent yesterday by S. Montelius, of Philadelphia, cashier of the pay car of the Pennsylvania road, when he had finished paying on the Buffalo & Alleghany division, and later turned over to Truby. It was consigned to the treasury at Philadelphia.

SIX NEW BISHOPS.

Six Priests Consecrated Today—Unusually Large Number at One Time.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

St. Paul, Minn., May 19—With solemn ceremonial unprecedented in the history of the Catholic church in America, six priests were today consecrated bishops in the little chapel of the Catholic Theological Seminary in this city.

The consecration of the bishops and their investiture of the mitres and St. Peter's ring took place amid impressive scenes and rites that mark a new epoch in Roman Catholic history. Only once before in the last hundred years have an equal number of bishops been consecrated at the same time. That ceremony took place when Pope Pius X consecrated a number of French bishops at St. Peter's, Rome, following the separation of the church and state in France.

Mgr. Falconi and Archbishop Ireland in their robes of office invested the bishops with the powers granted them by the pontiff of the Roman church.

Those who became bishops today were: Rev. Father John J. Lawler, rector of the Cathedral, consecrated auxiliary bishop of St. Paul; Mitted Abbott, Right Rev. Vincent Weirle, consecrated bishop of the See at Bismarck, N. D.; Rev. Patrick Richard Heffron, consecrated bishop of the See at Winona; Rev. Timothy Corbett, consecrated bishop of the See at Crookston, Minn.; Rev. Joseph Busch, consecrated bishop of the See at Lead, S. D.; Rev. James O'Reilly, consecrated bishop of the diocese at Fargo, N. D.

The little chapel was filled to overflowing with prelates of the church who gathered from the west for the ceremony. Besides those there were present the leaders of the church in St. Paul, Minneapolis and other western cities.

Shot By Robber.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Wapanucka, Okla., May 19—A member of a posse was shot in a running fight with a band of robbers who broke into a bank here today. The robbers fled and the citizens pursued them, many shots being exchanged.

LAST TRIBUTE BY PEOPLE TO KING EDWARD

Thousands In Line Waiting For Opportunity to Pass King's Bier

MANY WOMEN FAINT

Last Tribute of People Paid to Late King Today—When He is Laid in His Sepulchre Tomorrow Pomp of Kings Will Overshadow Nation's Grief—Despite Rain and Cold Great Throngs Kept in Line Last Night an O'When Dawn Came Police Estimated Crowd in Line the Largest London Had Ever Seen so Great Was Crush That Many Women Fainted and Had to be Carried Away.

(By Cable to The Times)

London, May 19—The last tribute of his people to Edward the beloved was given today. Tomorrow, when the dead ruler will be laid in his sepulchre, the pomp of kings will overshadow the nation's grief. Today the populace had its last opportunity to pass his bier in Westminster Hall. Despite the rain and cold, great throngs kept in line the night through. When dawn came a crowd which the police estimated to be the largest ever gathered in London was twined in a monster line five miles long from Westminster through the heart of London, along the embankment, doubling back.

It was increased at the rate of 100 a minute.

That fewer might be disappointed, it was intimated this afternoon that the doors of Westminster would be kept open till midnight, instead of 10 o'clock. This would have been done last night were it not for the sheep-like crush snapped triple cordons of police and threatened to send the historical crowd of mourners into panic.

Extra details of police guarded the lines today to guard against the repetition of the danger.

So great was the crush today, however, that many women were overcome. Their removal in ambulances tended to alarm the crowds.

The court removed today from Buckingham Palace to Windsor, where the final funeral services will be held tomorrow. The removal was accomplished quietly.

This afternoon the vanguard of the 30,000 troops that will participate in tomorrow's pageant, began to arrive from Aldershot and other military centers.

In the squares, parks and streets, bivouacs were established, and by (Continued On Page Seven.)

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IS AGAIN TO THE FRONT

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Asheville, May 19—After adopting a resolution changing the basis of lay representation in annual conferences to one for every 150 members of each presiding elder's district, provided each district should have at least four, the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today by a large majority rescinded its action. Woman suffrage was the principal topic of the day and Dr. Frank Richardson's speech favoring the women's demands was enthusiastically received. The conference extended the privileges of the floor to Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Kentucky, president of the Women's Home Mission Society.

Miss Bennett made an argument in favor of giving the women voice in church affairs.

"God made man and woman co-ordinate and they stand equal in the home and should stand so in the church," she declared. The opposition is due entirely to fierce sentiment, she declared, which is burning incense to an ancestral cabinet.

The petition to the conference asking for equal rights of laity for women was refused by a vote of 18 to 74.