

ALL METHODISM IS AWAITING ACTION

Question of Unification of Southern and Northern Branches of Churches Under Discussion at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., May 20.—All Methodism is awaiting the action of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the proposed unification plan for wedding the Southern branch with the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Northern branch, after a separation of eighty years, which if adopted would give the combined church a total membership of around 7,000,000.

The plan of unification, approved by the joint commission on unification which met at Cleveland, Ohio, on July 24, 1923, was ratified by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting at Springfield, Massachusetts, on May 7, 1924, by an almost unanimous vote and the Southern College of Bishops, then in session, were formally advised of the action taken.

The official heads of the Southern branch, at a special meeting on the day following, set May 20 for a meeting to be held at Nashville, when they would formally consider the calling of a general conference to take up the question of combining with the Northern church.

Under the plan adopted by the commission in Cleveland, the churches would be joined together as one religious organization, with two jurisdictions under a constitution with a general conference and two jurisdictional conferences, while the episcopal areas of each would remain separate without any change in the bishopric jurisdiction. The plan follows:

Article I.
Declaration of union.—The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be united in one church with two jurisdictions under a constitution with a general conference and two jurisdictional conferences.

Article II.
Name.—The name of the church shall be (The name was left to be selected by the first general conference of the united church.)

Article III.
Jurisdiction, section 1. Jurisdiction number one shall comprise all churches, annual conferences, mission conferences, and missions now constituting the Methodist Episcopal Church and any other such conferences and missions as may hereafter be organized by its jurisdictional conferences with the approval of the general conference.

Section 2. Jurisdiction number two shall comprise all the churches, annual conferences, mission conferences, and missions now constituting the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and any other such conferences and missions as may hereafter be organized by its jurisdictional conference with the approval of the general conference.

Article IV.
Composition of general and jurisdictional conference.—The general conference and the jurisdictional conferences shall be composed of the same delegates. Said delegates shall be elected by and from the annual conferences, provided said general and jurisdictional conferences shall have not more than one ministerial delegates for every 45 members of each annual conference and not less than one ministerial delegates for every 120 members of each annual conference and an equal number of lay delegates, chosen according to the regulations of each of the two jurisdictions; but for a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed by the general conference as the ratio of representation an annual conference shall be entitled to an additional ministerial and an additional lay delegate, and provided further that each annual conference shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate.

Article V.
The general conference: Section 1.—Every vote on the general conference shall be by jurisdiction and shall require the accepted majority vote of each jurisdiction to be effective.

Section 2.—Subject to the limitations and restrictions of the constitution, the general conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional and in exercise of said matters shall have authority as follows:

1. To define and fix the conditions, privileges and duties of church membership.

2. To define and fix the qualifications, local preachers, exhorters and deacons.

3. To make provisions for such organization of the work of the United Church outside the United States as may promptly consummate the unity of Episcopal Methodism in foreign lands.

4. To define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the episcopacy, to fix the number of bishops to be elected by the respective jurisdictional conferences and to provide in harmony with the historic practice of Episcopal Methodism for their consecration as bishops of the whole church.

5. To alter and change the hymnal and ritual of the church and to regulate all matters relating to the

FAMOUS BRITISHER DIES AT LONDON HOME

London, May 20.—Sir Edward Coschen, the man to whom Chancellor Von Bethm Holweg is reputed to have characterized the Belgian neutrality treaty as a "scrap of paper" died at his home here today.

He entered the British diplomatic service in 1869 and at the outbreak of the war was ambassador to Berlin.

STATE CAPITAL SCENE OF SORROW

Body of Chief Justice Walter Clark Lies in State While the People Pay Last Tribute of Respect.

Raleigh, May 20.—The body of Chief Justice Walter Clark lay in state in the rotunda of the State Capitol this morning and until the funeral at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The funeral will be conducted at Central Methodist Church with interment at Oakwood Cemetery here.

The Associate Justices, Council of State, and other State heads of departments and several Superior Court justices, are the honorary pall bearers, while his sons and nephews are the active pall bearers.

The State Capitol will remain closed until tomorrow.

SAYS JESS SMITH GAVE THE ORDERS

Washington, May 20.—Upon the authority of former Attorney General Daugherty orders given by Jess Smith, his friend and companion, were taken and obeyed by the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, Lewis Bailey, its former acting chief, today testified before the Senate Daugherty committee.

Bailey said he was told by Daugherty to take up all questions with Smith.

Plans for a temporary recess in the investigation have virtually been agreed upon and the committee has ordered preparation of a partial report for presentation before the end of the month.

REVERSE DECISION FOR SECOND TIME

Springfield, Mass., May 20.—Reversing for the second time its former decision the Methodist Episcopal General Conference today voted to keep intact the number of bishops and to elect five to fill the vacancies created by death and retirement. Today's action was regarded as final.

The charge that "Steel Trust" desired the removal of Bishop Francis McConnell from the Pittsburg area was made by Rev. William Connor of Pittsburg in the course of the discussion when elimination of that area was proposed.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR MAY RESIGN SHORTLY

Tokio, May 20.—Ambassador Hanhara may be "permitted to resign" his Washington post shortly, Foreign Minister Matsu today told Japanese newspaper men after a cabinet meeting at which he admitted that the subject had been discussed. His statement was the result of insistent inquiries.

form and mode of worship, subject to the limitations of the first restrictive rule.

6. To provide for a judicial system and for a method of judicial procedure for the church, except as herein otherwise provided.

7. To govern any and all enterprises and activities which may be agreed upon as being of a connectional character.

8. To provide for the transfer of member, preachers, churches, pastoral charges, districts, annual conferences, mission conferences, and missions in the United States from one jurisdiction to the other, provided that no transfer shall be made without the consent of the member, preacher, church, pastoral charge, district, annual conference, mission conference or mission that it is proposed to transfer.

Section 3.—In making rules and regulations for the church the general conference shall be under the following limitations and restrictions:

1. The general conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our articles of religion, or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

2. The general conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away with episcopacy or destroy the plan of our itinerant general superintendency.

3. The general conference shall not revoke or change the general rules of the United Societies.

4. The general conference shall not do away with the privileges of our ministers or preachers of trial by a committee and of an appeal; neither shall they do away with the privileges of our members of trial.

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Old Tires Make New Streets



Rubber paving blocks, made from old auto tires, are being tried out in Boston streets. They are said to take the noise out of traffic and to wear better than many paving materials. John A. Rourke, a Boston city official, is shown laying the first blocks.

PASSAGE OF BONUS HITS MARKET HARD

New York, May 20.—Stock prices crumbled sharply today at the opening of the market under an avalanche of selling orders undoubtedly inspired by the passage of the soldier bonus bill over the President's veto. Industrial favorites broke one to six points on initial sales.

The Senate passed the bill over the Presidential veto Monday afternoon by a vote of 59 to 26, the House having taken similar action on Saturday.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS WOODS' RESIGNATION

Washington, May 20.—The resignation of Cyrus Woods as Ambassador to Japan was today accepted by President Coolidge.

MINNESOTA CHAMBER POSTERS DIVERSIFICATION OF CROPS
Brainerd, Minn., May 20.—Twenty five pure bred dairy sires valued at \$3,000 have been given away by the Chamber of Commerce to stimulate breeding of high grade stock and diversification of farming in this section.

REFUSE TO ENDORSE BAILEY'S CANDIDACY

Raleigh, May 20.—The State Farm and Labor Conference here yesterday refused to endorse J. W. Bailey's candidacy for Governor and requested J. Frank Flowers to withdraw from the Corporation Commission race as it would remove him too far from those laboring elements whom he serves so effectively.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 20.—Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon, advancing 20 points. Middling 31.85. Futures closed at the following levels: May 31.45; July 29.90; October 25.40; December 24.63; January 24.38; March 24.53.

New York, May 20.—Cotton futures this morning were quoted at the following levels: May 30.95; July 28.60; October 25.07; December 24.45; January 24.12.

Fond Farewell For Novices Given By Shriners Tonight

Public Invited to See Stunts on Main Street But Asked Not to Do Candidates Bodily Harm as They'll Get Enough That at Rocky Mount Thursday

In the springtime a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love and a Shriner's fancy turns to thoughts of the new candidates about to cross the hot sands of the desert.

With such a thought in mind, the Elizabeth City Shrine Club is sponsoring a free, novel entertainment this evening at the corner of Main and Poindexter streets at 7:30 o'clock.

An elaborate program has been arranged and there is no doubt that this entertainment will be greatly enjoyed except by the novices, and even they are offered the privilege of enjoying it if they can.

The first thing on the evening's program will be a song entitled "Halg & Halg's Love Lyrics," which it will be the lot of Evans Blades to sing, while at the same time Grover Falls will give his interpretation of the Russian ballet in America.

Earl Griggs will recite several verses of "The Courtship of Miles

CHOWAN COLLEGE SESSION CLOSES

Commencement Speakers are Rev. J. A. McMillan and Dr. W. L. Potat of Wake Forest College.

Murfreesboro, May 20.—The seventy-sixth annual commencement of Chowan College had a most auspicious beginning Saturday night, May 17 with the rendition of the Shakesperian play, "As You Like It," presented by the Dramatic Department.

The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. John Arch McMillan of Wake Forest College was well attended. The seating capacity of the church was overtaxed exceedingly. The church, beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers blending warmly with the music, made an effective setting for a most impressive service.

Mr. McMillan also preached the missionary sermon in the college auditorium on Sunday night.

On Monday afternoon the board of trustees held their annual meeting, and the Alumnae Association had a conference at which plans were made for some extensive and constructive work. The class of '24 was admitted to the Association at this meeting. At four o'clock the Senior class gave a play, "What Think They?" The music department gave an operetta, "A Day in Roseland" on Monday night.

On Tuesday morning, May 20, the following were awarded diplomas: Mary Henry Lewis, Gladia Parker, Camilla Manson, Christie Whitley, Mabel Jenkins, Boyette, Jennie Ward, Willie Mae Horton, and Catherine Fleetwood. Dr. W. L. Potat of Wake Forest delivered the literary address.

SIX KILLED WHEN TWO CARS COLLIDE

Roanoke, Ind., May 20.—Six were killed and 30 injured in a collision yesterday between two electric cars.

ORDERS REDUCTION IN EXPRESS RATES

Washington, May 20.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered a ten per cent reduction in express rates on fruit, vegetable and eggs when shipped in carloads.

The order was an amendment to an order on November 10 last year which reduced express rates on food articles ten per cent.

NEGRO IN JAIL TELLS OF DREAM

Moses Barco, Awaiting Trial, Feels It His Duty to Warn People of the Judgment to Come.

Moses Barco, colored, in Pasquotank jail, on a charge of forgery and awaiting trial at the August term of Superior Court, dreamed a dream Sunday night which convinced him that it was his duty to warn the people of Elizabeth City of judgment to come.

"This is the dream, in Moses' own words: "Sunday night I prayed, sang a hymn, then went to bed. I was woken by a soft voice, 'Moses, why do you sleep? Awake and see what is to come and tell the people to be on their watch.'

"What did I see? I saw a wonderful scene, a beautiful river, clear as crystal, only one large boat, and only two places to land.

"I saw a tall man and a low sot man and a real light woman trying to make it to the boat before it left. The tall man had with him a loaf of bread and an extra suit of clothes. The low sot man had nothing with him. They came to a hill where the roads crossed. The low sot man fainted and fell. The extra suit which the tall man had laid on the man who fell and laid the loaf of bread beside him. The tall man ran on. The woman called him back. She says, 'I don't want to go that way.' He says 'Well go the other way, then,' and he went on running and was just in time for the boat. The boat left the landing with the people singing. The woman remained standing by the low sot man, her hair white, her shoes like fire and her clothing red as blood.

"I saw another wonder. A great number of people were standing on each side of the street. Three boys dressed in white rode through the crowd, not speaking a word. One of them came to me and gave me a piece of silver. They bowed to the ground, joined hands, and then looked up to the sky and cried with a loud voice, 'Why not join our band?'

"Then seven men dressed in blue with caps on their head came running with guns in their hands and the words printed on their backs, 'What shall I do.' They cried, 'Can't you help us?'

"Then, I saw fire come down from the sky. The walls of the city began to fall. The people were running and crying at the top of their voices, 'Help me, Lord help me.' The fire burned higher and hotter. The seven men were killed in the fire and the city was destroyed. All those who had bowed their heads to the ground, I saw them flying high beyond the fire.

"Dear people, I have notified you as the Lord told me. Now I am satisfied. When I die your blood cannot be required at my hands. Look to the future. I have told you what I saw. The meaning I have not told you, but look to the Lord and He will open your eyes and give you understanding and bless you."

DEPRESSION IN COAL FIELDS RESULT OF LOW PRICES

Big Stone Gap, Va., May 20.—Southwest Virginia's coal fields are suffering depression due to low prices offered by coal buyers. The properties of the Virginia Iron and Coke Company have almost entirely closed down. The bid at the mine's mouth is \$1.60 a ton.

WOOL PRICES LOW

Walla Walla, Washington, May 20.—(Special).—Raw wool was sold in the last few days in this district at the low price of 34 to 37 cents a pound in the grease.

OFFERS STOCKHOLDERS ADDITIONAL STOCK

New York, May 20 (By Associated Press) The American Telephone and Telegraph Company today announced that it would offer to stockholders the right to subscribe to approximately \$150,000,000 additional stock. The offer will be made to holders of the record on June 10 at par at the rate of one share for each five shares sold.

SAYS PENNSYLVANIA STRONG FOR COOLIDGE

Philadelphia, May 20.—The Pennsylvania delegation at the National Republican Convention will be "heartily and loyally behind Calvin Coolidge," Senator George Wharton Pepper declared today at the reorganization meeting of the state committee.

JAILED FOR DEBT CLINGS TO PEARLS

Woman Who Skipped Thousand and Dollar Hotel Bill Goes to Jail Rather Than Give Up Necklace.

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Los Angeles, Calif., May 20.—A string of pearls small enough in size and rich enough in color to be real, but which could be matched to deceive almost any one but an expert, is playing a tragic part in the career of Mrs. John Wesley Tomblin, who recklessly wasted a fortune in the attainment of her ambition for social position and fame.

The bauble that she wears about her throat is a strange ornament for a prisoner in the county jail—a prisoner virtually for debt. It is said to have a value of \$20,000. A small part of that sum would bring about her instant release from prison, but she says that under no circumstances will she consent to part with her necklace.

"They represent my last contact with the world of fashion and wealth that I loved," says Mrs. Tomblin. "That is her woman's reason for retaining the pearls against the advice of her friends and counsel, and against all reason, as they claim.

Only a few weeks ago, Mrs. Tomblin was a winter guest at a fashionable Pasadena hotel, enjoying social popularity. She left an unpaid bill amounting to more than a thousand dollars when she departed. Arrested in San Francisco and brought back to Los Angeles, she said she was practically penniless, but spoke easily of obtaining large sums of money.

Her fellow prisoners gave the elderly and modestly gowned woman scant attention. The necklace about her throat attracted scarcely a glance from any but one.

Pearl Redmond, "flapper bandit," recently found guilty of a bold robbery, had sharper eyes than the rest. While Mrs. Tomblin slept Pearl Redmond stole her necklace.

When Mrs. Tomblin discovered her loss, all prisoners of the jail were searched, but the necklace could not be found. Mrs. Tomblin was on the point of collapse. Pearl Redmond, unsuspected, was taken before a judge and sentenced to prison.

Mrs. Gladys Ellars, a sister of Pearl Redmond, who had come to the jail with her small daughter, Gladys, to pay a last visit, hurried back to the jail with the string of pearls. Pearl Redmond had slipped them into the little girl's pocket. And thus it became known that Mrs. Tomblin had the small fortune in jewels which she wore in the jail. Her creditors now are clamoring to get them.

Mrs. Tomblin was housekeeper, then wife and then widow and heir of the wealthy John Wesley Tomblin, one-time member of the Chicago Live Stock Exchange. She spent her wealth so recklessly in social entertainment that an attempt was made to have her declared incompetent, but she won the right to handle her own affairs.

Later she told a strange story of a marriage to an unnamed man in New York who had made over a great fortune to her provided their marriage be immediately dissolved and his name kept secret. Her marriage to August E. Rickenbacker, a wealthy Connecticut manufacturer, followed, but she soon returned to California and continued to be known as Mrs. Tomblin.

Now comes the strangest part of all—this attachment to the string of pearls, which raises the question of whether the strand she wears are pearls or paste.

Transmit Photographs Over Long Distance

New York, May 20.—The transmission of photographs over long distance from Cleveland to New York City was accomplished successfully yesterday.

WIFE RESCUES HUSBY FROM THE CHAIN GANG

Wilmington, May 20.—E. H. Sexton, serving a road sentence, made a sensational escape from the road gang yesterday when his wife drove by in an automobile and he jumped in. He has not yet been found.

AYDLETT HEARD BY CROWD AT BELHAVEN

Belhaven, May 20.—(Special).—E. F. Aydlett, candidate for Congress, arrived here yesterday from Swan Quarter where he had spoken at noon. He spoke here last night to a large crowd and his speech won him many votes in this part of Beaufort County.

THAW FREE AGAIN

Philadelphia, May 20.—After a 17-year fight for freedom from the insane asylum Harry K. Thaw was released last night absolutely free to regain his fortune and live as normal man.

Thaw plans, his counsel said today, to go to New York at once and face the last charge against him, an alleged assault on Frederick Gump, Jr., in 1917.