

HOME EDITION

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## WE HAVE SALOON UNDER OUR FEET

That's Sentiment of Delegates at Methodist Conference.

Interesting Feature From the Retired Ministers Today.

THIRD DAY OF CONFERENCE

Dr. Frank Lynch, Formerly of Topeka, a Speaker Tonight.

Anniversary of Board of Home Missions-Extension.

The answer to roll call by the retired or superannuated ministers was a feature of the morning session of the Kansas conference of the Methodist



Dr. Benjamin Young, Pastor First Methodist Church, Topeka, Who Has Taken Active Part in Conference Arrangements.

Episcopal church. One of the most interesting characters who responded was the Rev. C. R. Rice, the story of whose life was given in the Wednesday issue of the State Journal. It was the fiftieth consecutive year that this veteran Methodist preacher and pioneer has answered to roll call of Methodist ministers in Kansas. Among the many churches which he organized were the first Methodist churches in Eureka, Wichita, Independence, Fort Scott, Eldorado, Augusta, Marion and Chetopa.



Dr. Ward Platt of Philadelphia, who will speak on home missions and church extension at Methodist conference tonight.

At the place last named the church was organized over a saloon. "We've got the saloon under our feet and by God's grace will keep it under our feet," said Rev. Mr. Rice on the night the church was organized.

"For four years I rode over the prairies on horseback," he told the ministers today. "I slept with a blanket rolled around me and was as snug as a bug in a rug."

Another interesting figure who responded to roll call was William Prout of Baldwin City, who is the father of Senator Joseph Bristow.

The Rev. Jackson Brown of Topeka, who was retired in 1902, said: "I rather be a humble and faithful Methodist than a rich and powerful one."

## SCARY "PUBLISH-THE-NAME" LIQUOR BILL IS KILLED

Senate Committee Reports Adversely on Caudill Measure.

No Necessity Now of Seeing Your Name in Print.

FAVOR STONE MEASURE

Point of Delivery and Sale Identical Under Provisions.

Troutman Attempts to Push Action to Third Reading.

Senator I. M. Hinds, chairman of the committee on temperance and hygiene of the senate, this morning reported favorably upon the Stone bill making the point of delivery of a liquor shipment identical with the point of sale. The bill carried amendments approved by the attorney general's office removing the application of the act from church wines and from liquor shipped legitimately for private use. The purpose of the bill is to give law enforcement officers grounds for injunction proceedings to

prevent deliveries to persistent violators. The bill carries no penalty clause. Senator Troutman voted to advance the bill to the calendar over the heads of other important measures but his proposal was turned down by the senate.

The committee on temperance reported adversely upon the Caudill bill requiring the publication of the names of consignees of liquor shipments, this recommendation being approved by the temperance workers lobbying at this session in the belief that it might endanger the operation of the Mahin law now in force.

Yesterday the senate killed the Jewett bill authorizing the governor to appoint a person to examine the records of the federal collector of internal revenue and report the names of holders of liquor licenses to county officers. As that same information has been collected for several years by representatives of the State Temperance union without public cost so that the enactment of the bill meant only the creation of another superfluous office, the senate voted the measure down.

"I am in favor of prohibition and stand for the prohibitory law," declared Senator Francis Price of Clark county, who voted against the Jewett bill, "but such measures as this merely make the prohibitory cause top-heavy. It means the creation of an unnecessary office and such legislation as this can only operate to the discredit of the prohibitory movement. While the legislature has been deceived by a proposition intended merely for the creation of a new political job because it comes disguised behind the word 'temperance.'"

It's Fifteenth Day of Gloom, To Be Sure, But Who Cares Now?

This was the fifteenth day of gloom for this month. And it constitutes a record for March. The previous high mark was fourteen cloudy days in March, 1906. The thirty-day period ending today has been the cloudiest similar period on record in the twenty-eight years that the government reports have been made in Topeka.

But the atmospheric conditions have been favorable for fruit and wheat. While the temperature has averaged below normal in the last six weeks there has been no severe weather.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy weather tonight with a slight drop in temperature. There may be some sunshine Saturday—here's hoping. The official opening of spring will take place at eight o'clock next Sunday morning. February weather has been the order of things thus far this month.

An Unusual Showing.

The temperature today was 32 degrees. There was no variation between 6 o'clock this morning and 2 o'clock this afternoon. A record of this kind rarely is reported, but it occurred once previously this season.

The hourly readings:

6 o'clock	32
7 o'clock	32
8 o'clock	32
9 o'clock	32
10 o'clock	32
11 o'clock	32
12 o'clock	32
1 o'clock	32
2 o'clock	32

## THE LAST WORD HAS BEEN SAID

No Hope Apparent for an Adjustment of Differences

Between Italy and the Empire of Austria-Hungary.

MUST PLEDGE HER NEUTRALITY

Vienna Says That Is Term of Promise From Rome.

Radical Changes in Europe's Map Are Inevitable.

BULLETIN.

Rome, March 19.—Italy is preparing to renounce the triple alliance treaty linking her with Austria and Germany, according to reports from various sources this afternoon. Minister of Foreign Affairs Gonnino is making ready to take this drastic step to force Austria to cede territory to Italy or face Italy's participation in the war on the side of the allies.

Rome newspapers today warned the public that a crisis in the Austro-Italian relations is at hand. The Massagero appeared with the flat announcement that Prince Von Buclow's efforts to obtain concessions from Austria have failed and that the foreign minister is now actively engaged in negotiations that may plunge Italy into war.

Rome, March 19.—What purports to be an outline of Austria's attitude with relation to the cession of territory to Italy, is contained in a dispatch to the Tribuna, dated Vienna, but telegraphed from the frontier. The statement is made that Austria, without reflecting upon Italian good faith contends it is only natural that the dual monarchy, if she is ready to grant territorial compensation, should wish to insure Italian neutrality. For this reason, the dispatch says, Austria feels she should carry out her part of the proposed agreement only when an Italian pledge of neutrality is made, especially in view of the fact that the cession of the province of Trent would imply a weakening of Austrian military resources with regard to Italy.

Commenting on this report, the Tribuna says the condition which Austria demands is absolutely unacceptable and that no agreement would be possible under any friendly agreement. No ministry would accept as a satisfaction of national aspirations, a simple promise to insure Italian neutrality.

The Austro-German point of view, the Tribuna says, is wrong because they think Italy is asking for compensation for neutrality. The tribuna is totally different. Austria provoked the war through aggression against Serbia, partly against repeated Italian warnings and partly without Italy's knowledge. This action is entirely contrary to mutual Italian-Austrian pledges and conflicted with the fundamental interests of Italy. Thus the European equilibrium was upset and radical changes in the map of Europe are inevitable.

"Italy sacrificed her national aspiration by adhering to the triple alliance and by making a promise to preserve European equilibrium. Since Austria shattered it Italy can no longer postpone the realization of those aspirations."

Several Ships of the Allies Are Reported Damaged.

Constantinople, March 19.—The French battleship Bouvet, bombarding the Dardanelles forts, has been hit by the guns of the Turkish forts, the war office announced in an official statement today.

The Bouvet is one of the older French battleships, having been built in 1893. Several times she was mentioned in the French and English statements for efficient work in the bombardment of the Dardanelles.

The Bouvet displaced 12,265 tons and carried a crew of 600. The Constantinople official statement carried no mention of the fate of the crew. The battleship's length was 397 feet. She carried 2 twelve inch guns, 2 ten inch guns and several smaller pieces. She was completed in 1898 at a cost of about six million dollars.

The Turkish warships, the war office announced, have bombarded the Russian torpedo boat base west of Theodosia, in Crimea, setting fire to many buildings and damaging Russian war craft. This was the first official communication of reports circulated two weeks ago that the Turkish fleet has withdrawn from the Dardanelles strait and is operating in the Black sea.

The official statement indicated that the Bouvet was sunk inside the strait. The allied fleet, the war office stated, opened a heavy fire upon the Dardanelles forts, swinging in at close range and hurling shells at intervals of less than a minute.

The forts returned the fire and shelled the allied fleet with shells with great effectiveness. Official reports state that several of the enemy's warships withdrew from the battleship's firing, swinging in at close range and hurling shells at intervals of less than a minute.

Following the disaster to the Bouvet, the allied fleet withdrew, stemming out of sight of Tenedos Island. Rumors were circulated here that the attempt to force the Dardanelles may be abandoned before the Bouvet suddenly withdrew and began to go down.

## RAZORS FOR TROOPS.

Paris, March 19.—An order for 500,000 razors has just been placed by the British government with the French cutlery factories at Thiers. They are for part of the personal equipment of the new troops now being organized in England. When the war in England discovered that in spite of her own immense cutlery factories there was hardly a razor to be had in all England the aid did not bear the mark "Made in Germany." The soldiers themselves resented the fact that a razor to be used in the trenches was to be made in Germany. The British government called on the French factories to help it out of the predicament.

## TORPEDO 2 SHIPS

German Submarines Are Busy With British Steamers.

Both Crews Escape With Exception of One Man.

Glasgow, March 19.—The British steamer Hyndford was torpedoed today in the English channel by a German submarine. It is reported that one member of her crew was killed.

London, March 19.—The British steamer Bluejacket, with wheat, from Liverpool, has been torpedoed by a German submarine off Beachy Head. The crew took to the boats. The steamer, although badly damaged, remained afloat.

The steamer Hyndford was of 2,775 tons net burden. She was 375 feet long and 45 feet deep, and was built in 1905. She was owned by the Scottish Ship Owners' company of Glasgow.

The Bluejacket was of 2,271 tons. She was 335 feet long and belonged to J. L. Thompson & Sons Limited. She was built at Sunderland in 1904.

Beachy Head is a promontory on the south coast of England, projecting into the English channel, about 20 miles east of Brighton.

## ON FIRST READING

Ordinance Reducing Electric Light Rates Up Today.

Provides for Seven and Forty Cents Edison Schedule.

At a special meeting of the city commission today an ordinance reducing the rates to be charged by the Topeka Edison company for electric light current was given first reading. The ordinance as read provides for a reduction of 7 cents per kilowatt-hour. It also provides that the company must extend its service to any point in the city when ordered so to do by the city commission.

The ordinance reads: Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, company or corporation, furnishing electric light to the city of Topeka or its inhabitants, to charge any user of electric light in excess of 7 cents per thousand watt hours for residence or commercial lighting; provided, however, that if any electric light bill of any user is not paid on or before the 10th day of the month in which such bill is rendered, an amount equal to ten per cent (10 per cent) of such bill shall be added thereto and collected from such user; provided, further, that any extension shall the amount so added be less than twenty-five (25) cents for any such bill.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, company or corporation, furnishing electric light to the city of Topeka or its inhabitants, to fail, neglect or refuse to maintain in good order its electric light wire lines when ordered so to do by a majority vote of the board of commissioners of the city of Topeka.

Sec. 3. Any person, company or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee of any person, company or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense.

## FOR PUBLIC PENSIONS

Kansas Statute Books Carrying New State Sentiment.

Public pension measures are gradually creeping into the Kansas statute books in a way that would indicate that the sentiment of this state has been largely remodeled in recent years.

Last night the senate adopted the Zutavern idea passing the bill by the representative from Barton county under which Kansas counties will be permitted to pay pensions not to exceed \$50 a month to persons totally disabled by the loss of limbs or vision. Such a pension may be granted only on unanimous vote of the board of county commissioners, a provision inserted by the senate.

This legislature has passed a mother's pension bill which will be of farther reaching effect than the present law. The bill, according to complete returns which have been announced by the government. Supporters of local no-license also lost their fight. The vote on both questions, which was close, follows: For national prohibition, 247,217; for continuance, 257,442. For local no-license, 229,474; for continuance, 244,495.

Since 1911 the percentage of no-license votes has fallen from nearly 50 to 45 1/2.

## GERMAN BACK TO THE WALL

All the Kaiser's Forces Needed on Both Fronts

To Prevent Enemy's Advance Into Teutonic Territory.

RUSHES BACK AND FORTH

Are Stopped by Increasing Strength of Allied Armies.

French Battleship Sunk in Attack on Dardanelles.

London, March 19.—Apparent failure of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's attempts to reach Warsaw re-appearance of Russians over the East

## ITALY ASKS MUCH AS PRICE OF PEACE



Italy's demands upon Austria-Hungary as the price of peace include a sweep of territory to the north and boundary around the northern end of the Adriatic sea as far south as Fiume on the eastern coast. This would include the Austrian naval base at Pola, as well as the provinces of Trent and Trieste, acquisition of which has been Italy's long cherished aspiration. The concession to which Austria is believed to be willing to make are insignificant as compared with the demands.

Prussian frontier near Tilsit, and the allied offensive in the west, has according to British observers, but Germany in a position where she dare not shift any substantial force from either east or west. Although there are rumors of reinforcements being hurried from Poland to France or Belgium to meet the French and British thrusts, military writers in London declare Germany must maintain her present armies in both areas of fighting intact. This will necessitate the finding of new forces for both the east and west, if she would effectually meet the increasing strength of her enemies.

It is pointed out that the plan to deliver a crushing blow in one theater and then to rush across the country to the other has miscarried on both fronts. This was seen first in the dash to Paris; second, in the rush to Calais; third, in the battle of Ypres, and then repeatedly in the east as Field Marshal von Hindenburg sought to break through the Russian lines to the Polish capital.

The next movement of the Germans, according to the prevailing belief here, will be a big offensive in the west, probably against the British front.

Great Britain has made no official reply to the German allegations that a British squadron fired on the German fleet near the Polish coast.

## IT'S CLEANUP DAY

Despite Weather, Topeka Is Washing Her Face.

Municipal Wagons Out Searching for Rubbish.

Today is official cleanup day regardless of the weather. It is the time for attics and cellars to be explored in search of rubbish and for yards to be raked. Everything which will burn should be piled either close to or at one side of alley at a place convenient for the city garbage wagons.

An extra force of men and wagons will start Monday noon and will cover the entire city in search of the heaps of rubbish which should be awaiting them.

## COL. BRYAN IS 55.

He Celebrates Birthday Anniversary by Ratifying a Peace Treaty.

Washington, March 19.—Secretary Bryan celebrated his 55th birthday anniversary today by exchanging ratifications of the peace treaty with Italy, with the Italian ambassador, Count Di Celler.

Later at his home Secretary Bryan entertained all the employees of his department at his birthday party. He also entertained the cabinet at luncheon. On his way to the cabinet meeting, wearing a cluster of lilies of the valley in his lapel, Secretary Bryan smilingly announced: "I have just celebrated my birthday by ratifying the peace treaty with Italy."

## SENATE, IRRITATED, TAKES \$8,000 FROM INSURANCE

Upper House Turns Down Present From the Lower Body.

Result of Claims of Improper Application Marshal Fund.

DIDN'T ACT IN GOOD FAITH

Senator Shouse Criticizes Methods of Insurance Agents.

Money Due Companies From Fight With the State.

The state senate this morning prevented the house of representatives from presenting to a lot of the big fire insurance companies a neat package of eight one-thousand dollar bills, as provided for in House Bill No. 772 by Representative Williams of Sedwick.

The proposition was to hand back to certain fire insurance companies some money claimed to have been prevented by the state by them under an improper application of the fire marshal fund law. The senate looked

carefully at the bill which the house of representatives still along, so it might find a better way. The "bug" consisted in an increase of what appeared to be a legitimate claim for \$2,500 up to \$8,000. Irritated, the senate killed the whole bill.

Last summer the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance company and a number of other insurance companies which carry fire, hail and tornado risks in Kansas, brought an injunction suit to prevent the Kansas insurance department from collecting fees on the bill and tornado branches of their business for the benefit of the state fire marshal fund. Some of the companies paid money to the state under protest. Some of them, it is claimed, paid but did not protest. The insurance companies were represented by their attorney, Robert Stone, who is now speaker of the house.

They won their case by a decision of the supreme court which held that the state could not collect contributions to the fire marshal fund on any but fire insurance business.

For Other Companies, Too. That left the insurance companies which had paid under protest with a claim against the state amounting to about \$200,000. Representatives of the insurance people who appeared before the senate during the present session claimed that only about \$2,500 of the \$8,000, evidently intending to reimburse the companies which forgot to file notice of protest as well as the expenses of their litigation. The senate claims and accounts committee sifted the matter down and found that the insurance companies had overstated their case and the claim for \$8,000 was turned down.

Better Luck in the House. But they had better fortune in the house of representatives. The lower house, having its eyes glued on the educational budget, was not paying so much attention to other matters. The bill and means committee, which body got hold of the Williams bill, carrying "\$8,000 or so much thereof," and so forth, and its chairman, Mr. Keene, introduced it favorably upon the claim in its entirety. Then the house passed it and sent it to the senate.

The second time the matter was in the hands of a senate committee where, mindful of their previous experience, the insurance lobby admitted that only about \$2,500 of the claim represented money covered by their protests, and watched the bill whittled down to that amount without saying anything about having been before the claims and accounts committee. The bill reached the floor of the senate today with a recommendation for the lower amount. Senator Walter Wilson of Washington, Klever Allen and others who had been on the claims and accounts committee recognized it as an old acquaintance and called attention to the peculiar conduct of the insurance companies interested.

Nine senators voted for the reduced reimbursement appropriation, one the theory that the insurance companies were legally entitled to the money under the supreme court's decision, but 27 others, including Chairman Shouse, and means committee, which had made the reduction, voted against it.

"Nothing was said before the ways and means committee," declared Shouse, "about this ever having been in the hands of the claims and accounts committee. I do not believe that the insurance representatives seeking this appropriation have acted in good faith with this committee and I vote 'no.'"

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Saturday fair and not much change in temperature.

## BIG BILL RECORD IN LEGISLATURE

Final Report on Cleanup of Important Legislation.

It Has Been a Bad Season for Platform Pledges.

NO AMENDMENTS ARE UP

House and Senate Killed Every Constitutional Attempt.

Many Legislators Will Leave for Their Homes Tonight.

With the state legislature almost on the eve of final adjournment, the record of the house and senate shows an almost even distribution between the two houses in the matter of important bills slaughtered and records show a score of bills of state wide importance that are ready for the statute books. It has been a bad season for platform pledges and even the bills dear to the heart of the administration have traveled a rough sea. Not one constitutional amendment has found its way through the legislature and it is quite probable that in 1916 Kansas will vote only for candidates and will find no opportunity to express a desire on proposed constitutional repairs.

Early in the session a dozen constitutional measures were proposed. They included the measures of long standing, the initiative and referendum, the three-fourths jury verdict, a new tax amendment, internal improvement for state highway building and even an increase in the pay of legislative members. Added to these were propositions for municipal home rule and for the submission of a half dozen amendments at a single election instead of three as in the present plan. But they have all fallen by the wayside.

Swat at Platform Pledges. In the platforms of all parties were provisions for presidential preference primaries. But both legislative bodies paid their respects to the reform by voting it down. Then the legislature took a free and generous swat at Governor Capper's promise to return the election of state officers to the people. The plan for the three-fourths jury verdict, a new tax amendment, internal improvement for state highway building and even an increase in the pay of legislative members. Added to these were propositions for municipal home rule and for the submission of a half dozen amendments at a single election instead of three as in the present plan. But they have all fallen by the wayside.

Important Bills Passed. Yet with it all, the legislature has passed a number of bills that are of importance.

TO TELL WORLD

Senate Passes Bill to Advertise Kansas.

Work in Charge of K. U. Department of Journalism.

Five of the minor appropriation bills still before the legislature were passed by the senate this morning and create in Kansas a public information department for the purpose of advertising Kansas to the world. It is the Keene bill which has already passed the house creating a public information department by the voluntary contributions of Kansas commercial institutions interested in increasing a public information department of journalism at the State university.

Under the Keene bill money may be obtained by railroads, land or other companies or individuals for use in obtaining favorable publicity for the state and its resources. The young men and women of the university journalism department will conduct this work and the money will be devoted to the distribution of booster news for publication in papers and magazines of general circulation. The plan involves no expense to the state. Appropriation bills passed by the senate today were the following measures:

For the maintenance of the live stock sanitary department, or other commission.

For the support of the state fire marshal department.

For the support of the Mother Bickerdike home and the Old Soldiers' home.

For the running expense of the state printing plant.

IN OFFICE TWO DAYS.

Governor Zayas at San Domingo Then Was Assassinated.

LOVELY GIRLS! Santa Monica, Cal. March 19.—The four sisters of John G. Wendell, said to be the richest man in New York, who died here recently, inherited \$60,000,000. They have never ridden in an automobile, yachts or never used a telephone. Never entered a theater. Never received callers. Have not been inside of a church in 20 years. Nor made a public gift to charity.