

MINORITY IS VINDICATED

First Baptists' Ex-Parte Council Report Is So Construed. A Mutual Council Is Recommended While Secession Is Discouraged.

The decision submitted by the ex-parte council of Baptist laymen and clergymen after considering the evidence presented by the committee of the dissenters in the First Baptist church of this city, was reached last night at a meeting in the West hotel. It is practically a vindication for the minority and suggests a mutual council.

The ex-parte council called by certain members of the First Baptist church of Minneapolis to consider the differences existing in that church, has made careful investigation of the case, and as the result of its deliberations, makes the following recommendations:

First—There were presented for our consideration many questions of vital importance to our denomination and to the cause of Christ, on which the majority and minority are divided, and which we cannot properly enter into at this time.

Secondly—We recognize the fact that a large and influential portion of the First Baptist church, consisting of men and women, are so disaffected toward the administration of the church that there is danger of a permanent division in its ranks, and that its unity will be seriously impaired, if not destroyed.

Thirdly—We greatly regret that the church, through its officers, has declined to submit the existing differences to a mutual council, or to further our efforts to bring about a reconciliation, and that the representatives of the church have gone so far in their opposition as to use their church pews for their deliberations.

Fourthly—We recommend the so-called minority council for the consideration of these difficulties, according to the usage of our denomination, and we express our judgment that no case could more properly be referred to a court than the one which for two days has absorbed our attention.

MISS DOWIE IS DEAD

Her Hair Caught Fire in a Gas Jet and She Was Severely Burned. Dr. Dowie Spent the Day in Prayer but She Died in Great Agony.

Chicago, May 15.—Ester Dowie, daughter of "Dr." Alexander Dowie, proprietor of "Zion," died last night of burns, having suffered for hours while "Elijah II." prayed over her.

Miss Dowie was 23 years old and a student at the University of Chicago. Yesterday morning her hair caught fire from a gas jet and her head and face were horribly burned. Nurses placed saline on the patient's wounds, and the Dowie doctrine allows the use of medicine externally.

Meanwhile the "Divine Healer" was hurrying to the bedside from his new city of Zion at Waukegan. Upon his arrival the attendants were excluded from the room and Dowie sunk to his knees in prayer. His supplications lasted all day. He refused to cease even to take the nourishment which his followers would have pressed upon him.

The patient was unconscious much of the time. The patient died at 9 o'clock in great agony, having returned to consciousness a short time before. News of the death did not come out until today, when the coroner was notified. An inquest was set for 11 o'clock today.

PLUMBERS OUT

Strike for a Higher Wage May Become General at La Crosse. Special to The Journal. La Crosse, Wis., May 15.—A strike is threatened in this city which will take in all trade and labor organizations. Every plumber in the city is idle to-day. The men walked out on a demand for \$3.50 a day of eight hours work. They have been getting \$3.25 for nine hours. The demand has been refused by the boss plumbers. All numbers were outside the city for local firms have been called in and all work suspended.

TOOK \$2,300,000

William S. Stenger of Philadelphia Buys the Record at Auction. Philadelphia, May 15.—By order of the United States court of eastern Pennsylvania, James M. Beck, special master commissioner, to-day sold at public auction 9,650 shares of the 10,000 shares of the Philadelphia Record Publishing company, par value \$100.

William S. Stenger, of Philadelphia, bought the stock for \$2,300,000. Mr. Stenger is an attorney and was secretary of the commonwealth during Governor Patterson's first term. Mr. Stenger also bought 470,000 of the issue of \$500,000 6 per cent bonds of the Record company, paying \$654,000 therefor.

HURD INDICTED

Alleged Murderer, When Arraigned, Pleaded Not Guilty. Special to The Journal. St. Cloud, Minn., May 15.—John Hurd, who shot and killed Robert Charles in Eden Lake township about two months ago, has been indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree. The case will be tried May 27. Hurd was arraigned to-day and pleaded not guilty. He maintains he acted in self-defense.

EVERYBODY OUT

A General Strike in Sweden With a Complete Tie-up of Business. Stockholm, Sweden, May 15.—The general strike decreed by the social democratic party in support of the suffrage bill, the debate on which begins in parliament to-day, was carried out as arranged and the tie-up of business has been practically complete since this morning. Traffic generally is suspended. The street



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COAL STRIKE

The Men Are Still Hard at Work Debating the Situation. Hazleton, Pa., May 15.—The convention of anthracite mine workers called to decide the matter of making permanent the present suspension of work in the hard coal field, resumed its session this morning. The question of the hour was introduced by President Mitchell, in the form of an exhaustive report of his negotiations with the civic federation and with the president of the coal companies. They are even willing to accept the bill, which fixes the limit of cost for constructing the Nicaragua or Panama canal at \$180,000,000.

MULCT LAW

Sales by Agents of Non-Resident Dealers Cannot Be Prohibited. Des Moines, Iowa, May 15.—The supreme court ruled to-day that the sale of liquor to bootleggers and other resident violators of the Iowa law cannot be prohibited when the sales are made by agents of non-resident dealers. The court holds that the section of the Iowa mulct law, prohibiting such sales, is in conflict with the interstate commerce laws and unconstitutional. The decision is given in the case of the state versus Pat Huahany of Jefferson county. The defendant was an agent at Fairfield for an Illinois liquor house, which filled orders by shipment direct to the purchaser.

CANAL BILLS

The Democrats Are Anxious to Force Action on One of Them. Washington, May 15.—The beet sugar senators took alarm yesterday when they learned of the purpose of the republican steering committee to sidetrack canal legislation and make the Cuban reciprocity bill the unfinished business of the senate after the Philippine civil government bill is disposed of.



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CANAL RIGHTS

Treaties With Colombia, Nicaragua and Costa Rica Completed. Washington, May 15.—The negotiations between Secretary Hay and the ministers from Colombia, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, looking to the acquisition of the necessary rights for the construction by the United States government of either the Panama or the Nicaragua canal have at last been concluded and to-morrow the



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CARIBS SACRIFICED TO THE FIRE GOD

An Ancient Prophecy Handed Down Among the Race First Seen by Columbus Has Come True. So terrific were the thunders that it seemed to the terrified that the universe was being rent to pieces. Friday brought a slight respite. Soufriere became less agitated. The lava streams did not decrease but the showers of rocks stopped for a time. Then those of stout heart ventured out to take stock of the wonderful ruin that had been wrought.



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