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WOMEN OPEN FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS

Questions Fired at Methodist Conference Committee on Laymen Privileges.

ELOQUENT PLEAS MADE BY FAIR SEX MEMBERS

Female Speakers Are Heard As to Why They Should Not be Given Representative Voice—Disputed Points on Control of Vanderbilt University Are Debated.

(By Associated Press.)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 9.—It is not impossible that had the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, heard the eloquent plans made before the committee on revisals this evening, the women would have won their plea for laymen's rights. The committee announced that it would hear argument for and against the memorials that have been pouring in. The chairman of the committee, Dr. E. W. Anderson, of the Texas conference, asked if the women had any plan to offer at the hearing. In answer, Mrs. McDonald, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, stepped forward and announced that Mrs. Luke Johnson would open for the petitioners.

Church in the Way.
Mrs. Johnson made a stirring plea for the women. She declared that for centuries women had been gaining their rights and that it remained for the church to be the one institution that stood in the way.

Church Law Breakers.
Mrs. Johnson was followed by Miss Head, prominent in the women's Foreign Mission Society, who declared that in many places women were serving as stewards illegally because there were no men competent to do the work and that the church was putting these women in the position of church law breakers. She asked that if for only this one reason, the church should make such work legal.

Vanderbilt University Case.
The committee on education listened to the disputed points in the Vanderbilt University case. This is the argument as to whether the Nashville University shall be taken out of the hands of the church and made a national university, almost nonsectarian in character, or whether the church shall control. On one side are arrayed the cancellors, Dr. Kirkland and the board of trustees who elect their own successors, and on the other, the college of bishops.

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bill would be done by the leaders of both parties. No conclusions were reached in relation to any other matters, however.

DOCTOR'S SERVANTS ARE MURDERED BY BURGLARS

New York Physician Returns Home and Finds Dead Bodies.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 9.—Evidently the victim of burglary, Charles W. Beman, a Hindoo butler, and Margaret Mihan, an aged housekeeper, were found dead in the residence of Dr. J. D. Cannon, at 131 West One hundred and Twenty-second street.

Explains Position.
Taft Sends Press Message on Frauds.

Handicap Prosecution.
President Gives Reasons Why He Thinks It Inadvisable at This Time for Congress to Investigate Into the Case.

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RICHMOND STARTS HER GRAFT PROBE

Will Investigate Charges of Two Councilmen Receiving Bribe Money.

MAYOR TAKES MATTER UP AT BOARD MEETING

Richardson Presents Message to Board and Committee is Appointed With Power to Summons Witnesses—Rumor Says a Deal Was Made With Health Officer Regarding Ordinance.

(Special to Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., May 9.—Mayor Richardson this evening presented his message to a special meeting of council regarding the charges against Councilmen Gilbert K. Pollock and George Wise, who have been charged with having accepted a bribe of \$500 from the dairymen, in payment for certain influence they were to exert in regard to the health department allowing the feeding of distillery waste to milk cows, and the paper was read. This was followed by the appointing of a committee of five, with the power to summon witnesses.

Rumor of Deal.
The investigation may go still deeper. There is current rumor here that a deal was agreed to whereby the dairymen were to be protected, and in consideration of this an effort was to be made to increase Dr. E. C. Levy's salary, as chief health officer, from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year.

History of Measure.
The history of this salary ordinance, as shown by the records in City Clerk August's office, is as follows:

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dicted that Panama would be shaken by an earthquake during the night, and the city of Colon disappeared beneath a tidal wave, panic prevailed when the alarm spread from this city to Ancon and Colon.

Many persons fled into the country and those who stayed in the towns camped in the streets and parks. Many spent the hours in prayer. The firemen and police remained at post ready for any emergency.

Says North Carolina Is Treated Unfairly.
Senator Overman Offers Amendment to the Pending Railroad Bill.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Taking up the railroad bill today, the senate resumed consideration of the long and short haul amendment. Senator Overman was the principal speaker.

Tireless Wife Works for Husband's Liberty.
Mrs. Morse Gets Several Congressmen to Sign Petition.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Dressed in a modest gray suit and black hat, a sad faced, gray-haired little woman stood nearly all afternoon at the main entrance of the house and senate today and quietly signed a petition to the President to pardon her husband from the penitentiary.

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TAFT BELIEVES HIS BILL IS YET SAFE

In Speech at Passaic, N. J., the President Discusses Legislative Situation

RAILROAD MEASURE IS NOT BADLY DISFIGURED

Chief Executive Declares the Proposed Corporation Statute Has Not Been So Much Clipped as Reported and Has Hopes of Its Passage of Both Houses in Good Shape.

(By Associated Press.)
PASSAIC, N. J., May 9.—In a speech before the Passaic Board of Trade here tonight, in which he discussed the legislative situation at Washington, President Taft declared, with a great deal of emphasis, and amid an outburst of applause, that the railroad bill has not been emasculated in any way and predicted that a satisfactory law would be passed.

Reports Exaggerated.
The newspaper reports of the crippling of the railroad bill had been greatly exaggerated, and he set out in detail the provisions, which permits a road owning fifty per cent of the stock of a competing road to acquire the remaining stock, would be restored and told why.

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PANAMA LIBEL SUIT IN FEDERAL SUPREME COURT

Action Against the New York World Takes Its Place on Docket.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The famous libel suit by the United States against the Press Publishing Company, proprietor of the New York World, was docketed today in the Supreme Court of the United States. The case comes to this court on a writ of error from the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern district of New York, where the indictment by a federal grand jury was quashed by Judge Hough.

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VOICES RING CLEAR FOR WORLD PEACE

New England Arbitration Congress Convenes at Hartford, Conn.

LEADERS OF NATION WRITE ON SUBJECT

Great Gathering is Presided Over by Dean Henry Wade Rogers and Letters on the Momentous Question from President Taft, Bryan and Gompers Are Read.

(By Associated Press.)
HARTFORD, CONN., May 9.—The New England Arbitration and Peace Congress began its first session here today. The congress was called to order in the hall of the house of representatives, Dean Henry Wade Rogers, of Yale law school, presided, and addresses were made by Mr. Rogers and by Benjamin F. Trueblood, of the American Peace Society. The delegate body was large and enthusiastic.

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KILLED OVER WHISKEY

Staunton Man on Rampage Because Liquor is Drunk.

ENRAGED, HE MURDERS TWO

Finding His "Wet Goods" Gone and the Town "Dry," Arch Brown Becomes Angry and Shoots up Neighbor's House—Two Are Wounded.

(By Associated Press.)
STAUNTON, VA., May 9.—Angry because some one had stolen his whiskey in a prohibition town, Arch Brown, 35 years old, shot up a neighbor's house this afternoon, killed two persons and wounded two others, one of whom may die.

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