

Will Be Notable Week in History of Great Convention

CONVENTION BEGINS ITS REAL WORK TO-DAY

Many Important Matters to Come Up This Week in Both Houses.

GREAT THANK OFFERING

Contribution of Men Will Probably Amount to More Than Million Dollars.

BY THE REV. JOHN H. BROWN, Secretary of the Diocese of Florida.

Never again can the General Convention of the Episcopal Church be assembled under exactly the same conditions that prevail in Richmond. It was an inspiration to the religion of this city, and from this meeting has been derived an inspiration that will live and be felt for many years.

The church in America has at no time been brought quite so close to its origin as has been during the past week; never before has so realized quite as much as she does now the real relationship between herself and the Church of England; nor has she been shown as clearly the connection between herself and the earliest ages of the church.

Past and the Present. It is true that at most of the General Conventions there are representatives from the English Church, never before have they come under like or similar circumstances and conditions.

There is no doubt that those who visited Williamsburg last Saturday have had impressed on them a knowledge and idea which can never be effaced, and which they will take home with them and use for the welfare of the great work.

It was a linking of the past with the present which pointed out the possibilities, the hopes, the duties of the future. In everything that has happened we hear voices from the distant past telling of God's power which has done noble works and points men on to the great future. To miss this opportunity is to miss the whole meaning of the great historic events and memories that have been brought before this General Convention.

It has been very fitting that this missionary note has been so loudly sounded at the very beginning of the convention, which is to face the great negro question, for it will probably have much to do with the form the discussion and final action will take.

To-day begins the real work of the convention. So far nothing has been done save to prepare for work. To-day, however, work will begin with the consideration of the report of the committee on rules of order, which is made the special order for this morning, being carried over from last week on a vote taken more for the sake of the principle involved of not acting on what had not yet been placed clearly before the house, than for any other reason. This being done, the reports of committees and the consideration of same will be the order.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons will be given up to the consideration and discussion of the report of the committee on the negro question, which will be presented on Saturday morning in a body by boat to Jamestown Island.

Men's Thank Offering. There are two matters of real interest and importance to the General Convention which arise on the program of this week. On Wednesday morning the men's thank offering is to be presented. At the last General Convention it was decided to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the church's life in America by presenting a thank offering, and it was decided that this should come from the men alone.

Every three years, since 1883, the women of the church have through the Woman's Auxiliary made their offering which has been presented yearly from \$2,000 to the magnificent sum which they presented last week. There is absolutely no doubt, as each successive increase shows, that these women's interest has been greatly aroused and increased since they began to make their offering. It was also hoped that when the men made their thank offering they would likewise become greatly interested, and having been brought into real contact with what has been done in the past, and learning the needs of the church, might be induced to have an interest by great efforts. Where the idea has been carried out in accordance with the original idea of the promoters of the men's thank offering, an educational campaign has been organized and carried through, for it is absolutely impossible for any man to be thankful if he is ignorant of having received anything to be thankful for. If, however, such educational work has been done and men have been shown the great blessings which have been derived by them as members of the church or as citizens of the United States from the planting of Christianity in America and God's care of the church during three centuries, they must feel compelled to respond by a feeling of gratitude.

It is hoped that this offering will amount to at least a million of dollars. It will not, however, be as large as it should be because in most of the dioceses work was begun on it too late, not through any fault of the secretary of the committee in charge, because he did his work faithfully and well but because of either the delay of the local diocesan or parochial committees. The fund derived is intended to be used for some permanent work in the church and not to pay current expenses, thereby making it in the nature of a memorial to commemorate this great blessing. It is a unique event, being the only time in the history of this church that the men have united to make an offering. It is one more touch that will make this convention one to be long remembered.

Sunday-Schools. The other event of importance scheduled for this week is the Sunday-school exhibit and the mass meetings to be held in connection with it. One of the greatest and most difficult problems of the present day is the Sunday-school. There are many series of lessons published, all claiming to be the best, while in fact the greater part of them are far from the best, and the question arises, what shall be taken, of course, the system of instruction adopted in the Sunday-school, is peculiarly fitted to defeat the whole aim of the Sunday-school, to waste the few hours of a child's whole life that are devoted to religious study and instruction. In other words, it is against all the laws of pedagogy. Out of the present chaotic condition there must be some order brought which can best be done by adopting in the Sunday-school the graded system similar to that in the public schools in a more or less modified form. The Sunday-school exhibit will be the greatest help and benefit and should therefore be carefully examined by all who are confronted with the Sunday-school problem.

There is probably nothing of more importance to be looked into by the church people now in Richmond, for in residing in the city, the training must begin in early childhood, and it must be of the right kind or be an utter failure. Therefore the matter bespeaks the careful attention of all who are interested in the spiritual welfare of the coming generation of men and women.

Duke of Newcastle Here. Distinguished English Visitor Spending Several Days in Richmond. The Duke of Newcastle is also numbered among the distinguished English visitors now in the city, having arrived here on Monday with Mr. Fisk, of New York, who is attending the Episcopal Convention.

The Duke of Newcastle came in quietly and unostentatiously, not desiring any publicity, as he is a man of very unassuming demeanor and simple tastes. He is spending the week with Mr. Fisk at 200 East Franklin Street, which residence Mr. Fisk rented for his stay in the city.

On a noteworthy occasion which brought the Lord Bishop of London to Virginia at the time of the convention, the duke stated that in regard of the reports of the duke, where he is known for his attractive personality and his lack of "side," as the bishop himself puts it. He stated also that there is quite a deal of interest manifest in England over King Edward's presentation of a Bible and President Roosevelt's presentation of a copy of the Holy Bible to the Duke of Newcastle, which is looked upon as another bond between the two countries.

The Duke of Newcastle, who arrived in America at the middle of last month, will probably remain here for some days yet.

Convention Gossip

Farewell to Hoyt. So greatly were the students of William and Mary taken with Dr. Ingram Saturday that they followed him down to the train, cheering him with cries of "Speech! Speech!" They lined up opposite the car in which Dr. Ingram was sitting, and the other bishops, and they became so insistent in their cries for a speech, accompanied by vociferous cheering, that he was fain to come out to quiet them.

"Well, my boys, he said, "I'm just going to say this: If you ever come over to old England and say that you are from William and Mary, or Williamsburg, I will make you welcome. Good-bye!" He said no more, and the crowd seemed satisfied that he had given them such a kindly farewell.

Negroes Were There. Among the 5,000 or more people who attended the presentation of the Williamsburg on Saturday were many old negroes, who, remembering, once largely attended by the race, demonstrated great interest in the services and the fact that the Lord Bishop of London was in their midst. They came to the presentation from all country-side, and mingled with the white people about the windows of the church.

"This is a big day, ain't it?" asked one of the others. "Yes," replied the latter, "some gentlemen bring a big Bible here from the States and give it to Mr. Goodwin. They got a stool to put it on, too."

Polite and Bishop. The Lord Bishop of London sat in the House of Bishops for some time on the morning, and then accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Christopher, strolled outside to wait for his automobile. A Capitol policeman came by, and the lord bishop engaged him by the name of Mr. Christopher, and the policeman, who was standing in the square, the green grass and the squirrels, the bishop said:

"This is a beautiful city of yours," "Yes," said the bishop, "this is God's country."

"Why should you call it God's country," said the bishop, "are the people there any more religious than those of other places?" "Oh, yes, sir," answered the officer. "Nearly all the people here are either Baptists or Methodists."

The Rev. Henry B. Bryan, canon missionary of Garden City Cathedral, Diocese of Long Island, conducted service by special request, at St. James M. E. Church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The congregation completely filled the church, and responded heartily to the services. The subject of the sermon was "The Realization of the Love of God."

SHOOTS WIFE, THEN SELF. Baltimore Man Commits Double Crime in Presence of Daughter. BALTIMORE, MD., October 6.—With the eleven-year-old daughter of the couple in the witness, Albert Fleider, a milk dealer, aged forty-five, yesterday fired five bullets into the body of his wife, Ida, killing her instantly, and then shot himself in the head, dying in an ambulance in which he was being hurried to a hospital.

The couple had been living apart.



INTERIOR VIEW OF BRUTON CHURCH DURING IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES HELD THERE SATURDAY.

The Bishop of London at Jamestown Island

When they built this church I wonder if the great King's river there Seemed to their eyes, awed with this strange new world, A wondrous stream, fraught in its ebb and flow With Mystery and Hope and shining dream— Yonder curves, where the bright water winds Showed gorgeous panoramas of Autumn leaf, Tree massed on tree, painted with lavish hand— If roses bloomed—October's blossoms pale Pouring their sweetness on the brazen air— If this new island, to their sea-worn eyes, Seemed dazzling fair and good: If such a sky Arched azure overhead, Thus might their soul Have grown with sparkling days till all was done: And in this church, completed with their hands, They raised a psalm of thankfulness to God.

And all the islands in the nearer seas; And there he held him high authority And strongly ruled, by order of the King. Long years have rolled And crumbled into ruin the quaint old church, Till only stands, to mark the spot, the tower, Lichened with age, encircled by gray tombs Where sleep the Bishop's subjects. Gone is he And in this fair land his ancient power. And yet to-day Virginia stands again enthralled by one Who bears the title of their long-died Lord: Who holds no dread command of King or State, But bears within himself such qualities As win men's souls and gain within their hearts A most complete and hearty sovereignty. Once more we are his people—with one lip His praise mounts high. Again a Bishop wise, Of London, rules in old Virginia. R. N. G.

MARTIN'S ELECTION AROUSES A STORM

for some time and Mrs. Fleider, finding the task of supporting her five small children too much for her, had asked the advice of a police magistrate. He told her to call upon her husband for \$5 a week, and in the event of his refusal or failing to give it to her to swear out a warrant against him. Fleider heard of this, and this afternoon went to his wife's home and unbranded her. He, according to the account of his little daughter, declared that his wife should never live to cause his arrest, and immediately commenced firing. The child was leaning against her mother with the latter's arm about her at the time, and that she was not herself shot is accounted for by the fact that the pistol was held so close to Mrs. Fleider that her clothing was ignited by the flashes from the weapon, and was still burning when neighbors, attracted by the noise of the shots and the cries of the children, rushed into the house.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK

Engineer Boney, Formerly of Manchester, and His Fireman Victims. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WILSON, N. C., October 6.—This morning about 2:30 o'clock, at Sharp's Bluff, on the Atlantic Coast line, a passenger train No. 82, for Washington, ran into an open switch while running at a high rate of speed. The train rushed into freight cars on the siding, and the engine turned over, killing Engineer George W. Boney and his fireman, The five postal clerks were hurt, none seriously. Though the engine, baggage and express and one passenger coach were reduced to kindling wood, a single passenger received a scratch, though they were all badly shaken up. The accident was due to a faulty switch lever. Though the switch lamp was set to show the switch properly closed the lever had become disconnected in some manner and the train rushed headlong into a string of freight cars standing on the siding.

Train 82 arrived in Richmond three hours late yesterday, and so far as officials of the Atlantic Coast line at this end were able to say none of the passengers was hurt. Engineer Boney ran from South Rocky Mount to Florence, S. C. He formerly resided in Manchester, running out from that point. He was a member of the Elder Lodge of Manchester, and had many friends in that city. The name of his fireman could not be ascertained. Most of the Atlantic Coast Line firemen are negroes.

Personal and Briefs. The statement that the recent fire at Blenner's garage was caused by sparks from the engine at the Ferry Laundry nearby is declared by officials of the laundry to be incorrect. The fire in the engine is allowed to die down early in the evening, and by 7 P. M. is usually entirely out. The sparks came from some other place.

Miss Mary Withers Roper, of Houston, Tex., is stopping at the home of Mrs. D. J. Wright, No. 103 South Third Street.

Mrs. William Tomasek, the wife of a prosperous farmer near Granite City, Ill., thinks she has solved the problem of getting and keeping farm hands. Three times a day Mrs. Tomasek feeds the laborers while at their work with delicious pastry.

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leader of Norfolk county, and carries the political fortunes of the county in his pocket. He is influential even beyond the borders of Norfolk county, having exerted a powerful influence in the nominations in important State contests. Directors Drop Out. There were about sixty of the 105 directors of the exposition present when the meeting was called to order. A block of these left when the resolution not to accept Barr's resignation was defeated, and later another block left in protest of the election of Martin. There is no objection to Mr. Martin as a Republican, for there are many Republicans connected with the exposition who personally have the entire confidence of the people; but Mr. Martin is seriously objected to here and in other parts of the State. When the vote for director-general was cast Martin received twenty-six and S. Southgate sixteen, the forty-two directors voting for Swanson. A large number of those of Norfolk county, Portsmouth city. None of his supporters have been elected at a full meeting of the board. A legislative investigation of the election, if it closes is a foregone conclusion. Swanson is known to favor it, and there are others who are ready to force it.

SPLITS LEG OPEN

Hilton Harris's Mother Thrown Into Convulsions at Sight of His Injury. While coasting down the side of Gamble's Hill yesterday afternoon Hilton Harris, an eight-year-old white boy, living at 113 East Canal Street, ran upon the jagged end of a rock and split his leg open nearly from the ankle to the knee, a distance of fifteen or sixteen inches. The wound was very painful, and Dr. Hinchman, of the city ambulance corps, was hastily summoned. Twenty sutures were necessary, and the boy was taken home. There the physician had further trouble, for the boy's mother was thrown into convulsions at sight of her son's injury, and Dr. Hinchman, who had been upon her an hour and finally had to administer chloroform to restore her to consciousness.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Alice Bugbee Pitts. Mrs. Alice Bugbee Pitts, wife of Dr. Henry B. Pitts, U. S. N., died at her residence 1331 Thirtieth Place, Los Angeles, Cal., on September 25th. She was the oldest child of the late George P. Bugbee and of Mary A. Bugbee. She is survived by five children: George B., Nadie, Margaret R., Chandler H. and William W. Pitts. Enoch Clayton. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., October 6.—Enoch Clayton, United States shipping commissioner here, and one of the pioneer citizens of the city, died this morning at 4 o'clock, in his seventy-ninth year. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but he came to this State about thirty years ago and located in Richmond, where he was one of the best Chesapeake and Ohio Railway coal contractors. Later he came here and was sheriff of the county before lower political office. He is survived by a widow, several children and grandchildren. Mrs. Emma J. Slusser. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLACKSBURG, VA., October 5.—Miss Emma J. Slusser, died yesterday morning at the home of her father, Mr. James P. Slusser, four miles from Blacksburg, in the forty-sixth year of her age. Miss Slusser was a member of one of the oldest families of Montgomery county, and leaves several brothers and sisters, her father and a large collection to mourn her loss. She had been an invalid for some years. Mrs. Myrtle Drake. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SALISBURY, N. C., October 5.—Mrs. Myrtle Drake, wife of Mitchell Drake, an employe of the Southern Railway at this place, died suddenly at her home in this city yesterday, after an illness of one day. She was twenty-seven years of age, and leaves a husband and two small children.

DEATHS.

FISHER.—Entered into rest, on Sunday morning, October 6th, at 1:30 Mrs. ELEANOR HETH TAYLOR, daughter of the late Edwin M. Taylor, of Staunton, Va., and widow of Robert Tuxill Fisher, of Richmond, Va. Funeral TUESDAY MORNING at 11 o'clock.

WANTS \$50,000 FOR NEW CHURCH

Father Jeffords Asks Episcopal Convention to Give Him a Hearing.

The most candid man in Richmond to-day is the Rev. Sydney G. Jeffords, rector of St. Stephen's Parish, of Peoria, Ill. Mr. Jeffords is out for money and lots of it, and makes no concealment about saying so. In fact, he wants \$50,000, and purposes to raise it right here in Richmond while the Episcopal Convention is in session. All he asks is a chance, an opportunity to tell the convention about his work, and he is certain that the result is assured.

Mr. Jeffords has placed in the hotels and public places red savings banks where contributions may be left for the building of his new church in Peoria, Ill., a town which he says is too much taken up with investing in dilapidated to take interest in church building.

Father Jeffords, as he calls himself, is a breezy, interesting, enthusiastic man, and expresses the fullest confidence in getting the money if only he can get a hearing. As an example of his fairness he takes the newspapers to give warning to the wealthy men in the convention that he is camping on their trail, and will shortly hold them up. Yesterday Father Jeffords issued the following:

To the Members of the General Board of Missions and Churchmen of Richmond, Va. Dear Brethren—Since 1889 I have labored in the city of Peoria, Ill. for the redemption of the souls of the people. The result of my labors is: Two stone churches, one since erected on parish hall, by baptism, 840; confirmed, 580, being more than three times as many communicants as found at the beginning of the work.

Five years ago St. Stephen's parish was established among 45,000 laboring people, and I am now the rector of the general public. St. Stephen's Hall has been erected, and the parish is now numbering 1,500 individuals in every walk of life. This field is as important as any sustained by any of the United States of America—a parish which has never received one dollar from the diocesan or the General Board of Missions and Churchmen whose members have given to the limit of their power.

The new Free Manual Training and Commercial High School (cost \$300,000), now in course of erection, is located one block from the purchased site of the new St. Stephen's Church. The young men and women who will attend this school and their parents (the great majority of whom are in the church home) should be cared for spiritually as well as mentally and physically. It is my duty to present to you the importance, the providing for the laboring people a spacious church with seating free. Estimated cost, \$50,000. It is an impossibility to raise this amount alone in small amounts. I am giving my appeal to the benevolence and philanthropy to permit me to present in person the conditions of this undertaking. Will you do it? Grant this request, and I will subscribe the needed amount.

Subscriptions are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully acknowledged, and may be sent to the Home Savings and State Bank, Peoria, Ill., deposited in the bank, or to St. Stephen's Church, 705 Hoyt Street, Peoria, Ill., after the adjournment of the convention. SYDNEY G. JEFFORDS, Rector St. Stephen's Parish, Peoria, Ill., Richmond, Va., October 5th.

THANK OFFICER

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PRESIDENT READY FOR HIS BEAR HUNT

Quite a Goodly Party, Including Several Professionals, to Go With Him.

STAMBOUL, LA., October 6.—The President spent the day quietly in his camp on Tensas Bayou, with the intention of beginning his hunt early to-morrow. This report is not official, but comes through natives who are keeping as close an eye upon the movements of the Chief Executive as courtesy will permit. At 5 o'clock Assistant Secretary Latta, who is located about ten miles from the camp, reported to the press representatives here that he had received a word from his chief since he landed in camp, but he added that he was certain that he had not attended church. Residents who heard this statement confirmed it, because there is they say, no church for him to attend.

There is quite a canvas where the camp is pitched. It consists of seven tents, most of which are occupied as living apartments by the President and his party. The President's own tent is a walled structure about fifteen feet square, and there is a large mess tent, and also a cooking tent. The President has had a party presented by Manager Shields, of the Parker plantations, with a handsome bay horse, but will not use him when on the hunt, trained ponies being supplied for this purpose.

The hunting force of the party has been increased by the addition of Ben Lilly, a professional sportsman who emigrated from this section to Texas many years ago, but who had even then made so excellent a reputation as to cause him to be sent for, and he was brought all the way from Texas to be present in case of an emergency. He had in former days hunted all the cane brakes hereabouts, and is said to know every nook and cranny in them.

The party will be augmented by the addition of Mr. Metcalf, a guest of Messrs. Atkinson and Parker, who will escort the negro bear killer, Holl Collier, who will bring with him twenty-one of his own dogs. There will be, therefore, three professional hunters in the crowd.

ON VARIOUS CHARGES

Transients' Hotel No. 1 Has Many Names on Its Registry. Several arrests on charges ranging from assault and battery to the theft of skirts, were made in the First Police District Saturday night. Alexander Coleman (colored) was arrested on a charge of stealing articles of wear from Sadio James. Helen Thomas was arrested on the charge of stealing the person of E. A. Walker, a white man. Walter Babby, a white man, was brought in for resisting Officer Atkinson. He is accused of knowing something of a handsome diamond ring, for whose owner Sergeant Bailey has been looking for some time. The party of the person of E. A. Walker, who was arrested on the charge of assaulting Ed. Chancellor.

NAB SIX ROISTERERS

Alleged Gambling Den Is Raided, and Two Others Are Arrested Without License. Thomas McMahony (colored) and Charles McMahony (colored) were arrested Saturday night on the charge of selling spirituous and malt liquors without a license. When the men were caught the police were unable to find a license, from which it was promptly hauled forth. The police also raided an alleged gambling joint at No. 405 Pink Alley, where they captured six roisterers. The proprietor escaped. The negroes were lodged in the Second Police Station.

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