

DELEGATES STILL FOUR

CONFERENCE REFUSES TO CUT NUMBER TO TWO MINISTERS ANXIOUSLY AWAIT APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Neely Expected to Name Charges Monday Night or Tuesday Morning—Women Hold Meeting

The past two days have been the liveliest of the session of the Southern California conference now being held in the First Methodist church.

Friday afternoon the spirited contest for the election of delegates, both clerical and lay, to the general conference next spring held the interest of the ministers and delegates and yesterday morning a spirited discussion was carried forth regarding the amendment offered to lower the number of clerical representatives from four to two.

Arguments for and against were heard, advocating that it was best to lower the number of delegates to the general conference in order to make that body more compact and hasten the business.

The argument against the amendment was that it would increase rather than decrease any tendency to politics in the conference and that each conference was entitled to an ample representation at the general conference of the denomination held every four years.

A large part of the morning session was given up to the arguments, but the amendment was voted down by 100 to 38.

Reports Encouraging The present conference is conceded to be the most enthusiastic that has been held in the history of the church in this part of the state.

Encouraging reports have been made from every department showing a large increase of benevolences and greater activities in the various churches. Many of the pastors have come to the conference with splendid records for the year's work.

Rev. J. B. Green, former presiding elder of the Fresno district, was re-elected secretary of the annuity fund and made the following report regarding the project of a permanent endowment for the care of superannuated ministers of the denomination:

The conference claimants' fund now amounts to about \$132,000. Of this amount the income of more than \$10,000 is disbursed as necessaries, funds, and the remainder, about \$20,000, is held for the claimants, but its income is distributed to them on a basis of service. The conference is seeking to increase this fund in order that it may meet the many and increasing demands made upon it.

During part of the day yesterday Bishop Neely was closeted with the presiding elders discussing and planning for the work of the churches for the coming year. The work of the cabinet has been somewhat behind that of the conference

lake Methodist church, made an address of welcome to the association. He said in part:

"The pastors' wives are entitled to enjoy among themselves the same fellowship that the pastors have each year in conference. The pastor's wife ought to be at conference because to her is due in a large measure the success of her husband. Back of all the glorious work of the church woman stands. It has taken a long time, however, for the church to recognize woman's great part in it."

George B. Cliff of Corona spoke words of encouragement regarding the members of the association assisting their husbands in their pastoral work.

Quartet Songs The women's quartet sang selections, which were followed by remarks by Rev. Eli McClish, pastor of the West Adams Street Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. McClish quoted several verses of the poem by Joaquin Miller, which, he said, illustrated the battle, but which did not terminate in a victory. Rev. Mr. McClish said that he thought there should be a showing of victory and had composed some verses covering the point of winning the battle, which he read to the amusement of the hearers. This was followed by the reading of "Good by, My Lover, Good by," which added to the amusement in his poetical recital.

The Ministers' Wives' association now numbers 125 members. The association was first suggested by Mrs. A. W. Bunker about twelve years ago, when it was organized.

Officers of Association The officers of the association were elected as follows:

Mrs. F. D. Woodcock, president; Mrs. A. E. Healy, vice president; Mrs. J. B. Green, secretary; Mrs. F. D. Ashley, treasurer.

Members of the program committee are: Mrs. J. A. Wood Jr., Mrs. A. W. Lampert and Mrs. D. F. Howe.

Members of the refreshment committee are: Mrs. J. A. McMiller, Mrs. I. L. Spencer and Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

Last night the Epworth league held a special evangelistic service at which Rev. J. W. Mahood preached an eloquent sermon.

The services today will be of special interest and are expected to be largely attended. At 9:30 a. m. a conference love feast will be led by Rev. T. S. Urean.

The main sermon of the conference will be preached by Bishop Neely this morning at 11 o'clock at the First Methodist church. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a missionary sermon will be preached by Rev. W. W. Cookman, which will be followed by ordination and consecration services presided over by Bishop Neely. At 6:15 o'clock an Epworth league service will be led by F. G. H. Stevens.

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Today the visiting clergymen will preach in the various Methodist churches. Heretofore a list of the churches and the visitors who will preach has been made out, but this year the innovation of each pastor securing his own preacher has been introduced.

Awards Contracts for Boats

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Secretary Metcalf today said it had been decided to award a contract for four of the submarine boats of the Octopus type and three additional submarine boats of the same type though of greater displacement to the electric boat company under certain conditions as to reduced price and guarantee for superior speed.

Editor Nominated for Mayor

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ATTENDANCE OFFICERS ANXIOUS TO KNOW COURT ISSUES ORDER TO HELP THEM OUT

Farical Rumpus Occurs at Los Angeles Theater Over the Age of Little Miss Daphne Pollard

Little Daphne Pollard got Manager Lotto of the Los Angeles theater into trouble again yesterday. Daphne is old enough to know, but she doesn't look the part. Her smile is childlike, her stature infantile, but her wisdom is the wisdom of years, and her figure shows adult development, albeit on a miniature scale.

The trouble yesterday came not from Humane Agent Reynolds, but from Attendance Officer J. C. Reinhard and his assistant, W. E. White. Back of them loomed the form of Judge Curtis D. Wilbur of the superior court, representing justice.

The difficulty had its beginning as long ago as Wednesday night when Reinhard and White appeared at the Los Angeles and demanded admission to discover whether or not the management is employing children on the stage.

Reinhard is recruiting officer for the city schools. It is his duty to see that no child of school age escapes proper instruction, and though the schools are badly crowded he has not allowed this fact to deter him from a strict enforcement of the law.

Duty to the Fore With duty ever in mind, he has recruited youngsters from the highways and the byways, and now he is trying to drag them forth from the theaters. Naturally the theater managers object and consequently when the dearest Reinhard, enforced by the equally doctry White—Lotto spells it "dotty," but Webster gives no authority for that spelling—called at the Los Angeles Wednesday he was denied admission.

According to the house manager he threatened to force his way in and was to go to court if he wanted to be thrown out. He didn't go, but instead threatened to call to his aid a platoon of police. Lotto called up the chief and reassured on this point, told him to bring on his blue coats. Then Reinhard played his trump card. He said he would secure an order of court compelling the manager to grant him access to the theater without let or hindrance or price. Yesterday he made good on this threat.

A few minutes before the time for the curtain to rise on the first act of "The Bohemian Girl" yesterday afternoon Reinhard appeared at Manager Lotto's office. He was accompanied by his fidus Achates, W. E. White—"Weal Earnest" White the stage hands called him. Again he demanded admission to the theater and explained as he had on Wednesday, that he wanted to go "back on the stage." Lotto again told him he couldn't do it.

Order of Court Then Reinhard drew from the capacious pocket of his coat a formidable looking legal document and began to read. Lotto listened long enough to discover that he was listening to an order of court directed to himself. Then he insisted upon seeing the paper. Reinhard gave him a copy and the manager discovered that Judge Wilbur had issued an order forbidding him to interfere in any way with either Reinhard or his assistant in the discharge of their important duty and commanding him to grant them access to any and all parts of the theater.

It was Daphne Pollard as the first act Arline in "Bo Girl" who had caused all the trouble, and in her costume and makeup she was brought into the managerial office for inspection. Reinhard talked to her. So did White. But they weren't satisfied. They accused both Manager Lotto of the theater and Manager Healey of the company of sprigging a ringer, and demanded to be allowed to see the performance.

With the terrors of a possible commitment for contempt of court before him Lotto politely showed the myrmidons of the law into the house, but equally politely declined to give them seats. The court's order, he explained, said nothing about seats. Therefore Reinhard and White leaned on their legs and watched the performance. They saw Daphne Pollard, dressed as a child of five, come upon the stage, led by her nurse. They saw her picked up and carried off by Devilshoof and still they weren't satisfied.

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CROWD HAS WILD THRILLS

HANDCUFFED MAN LEAPS INTO THE LAKE REMAINS BENEATH WATER AN INTERMINABLE TIME

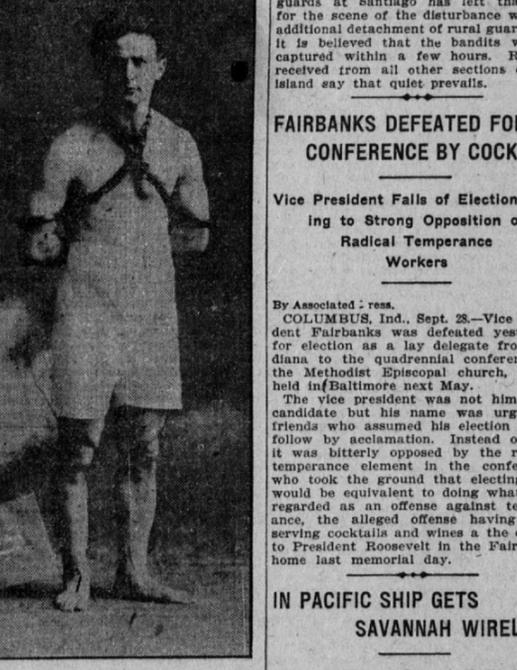
Harry Houdini Gives Throng of Spectators in Westlake Park Two Minutes of Suspense While Submerged

Five thousand spectators held their breath in sympathy with Harry Houdini at Westlake park yesterday afternoon when the handcuff marvel did a "Count of Monte Cristo stunt by leaping into the lake heavily manacled.

"Ooo! I bet he's drowned," said a small boy in awed and shuddery tones when the man remained what seemed an interminable time beneath the shimmering water of the lake.

A small line of bubbles came to the surface. Then larger bubbles arose and a little cloud of mud drifted to the top. Five thousand shivers ran down 5000 spines.

"Oh, why doesn't he come up?" asked a nervous old lady who had waited



HOUDINI, AS HE APPEARED WHEN HE LEAPED INTO LAKE YES.

three hours for the opportunity to worry about the fate of the misguided youth.

"He's unlocking the shackles. He will be up in a minute or two," said a high school girl.

"Oh, dear, a minute or two is enough for him to drown in," was the dismal reply.

"Aw, he's stalling," shouted an irrepressible prochin.

"No he's not. He has to get them shackles off first. He can't swim with them on." This from a bright lad with a wire bridle on his teeth who waited two hours and went home with an autograph which read: "Harry Handcuff Houdini!"

A man on the landing threw off his coat and ran to the edge of the planks looking intently into the water.

"He's going to jump," shouted the throng.

"He's stuck in the mud. Someone has got to rescue him," shouted a wise guy who had seen Houdini jump from a bridge thirty feet high into 300 feet of water or 300 feet high into thirty feet of water. The crowd never got it straight.

More bubbles. More mud. Then Houdini came slowly to the surface—feet first!

"I told you he'd stuck his head into the mud," said the wise guy. Then the feet disappeared. A second later Houdini's head bobbed to the surface. He made it dramatic and shivery enough to satisfy even the small gambr who had half hoped to see a drowning or at least a thrilling rescue scene.

Laden with heavy chains and handcuffs enough to restrain the county road gang Houdini leaped from the roof of the pavilion at Westlake park. His hands were shackled behind him. Three big patrolmen attended to that

TAFT GREETED BY JAPANESE

SECRETARY OF WAR ARRIVES AT YOKOHAMA

Round of Entertainments Planned in Honor of Cabinet Official—Will Have Audience with Emperor

By Associated Press. YOKOHAMA, Sept. 28.—Secretary Taft arrived here early this morning on board the steamer Minnesota from Seattle September 13, passing all the signal stations without being sighted. The various reception committees and the members of the American embassy who had come in from Tokyo to welcome Mr. Taft were aroused by runners. The town was soon enlivened and the bay was crowded with launches displaying American flags and other colors. Secretary and Mrs. Taft and Thomas J. O'Brien, the new American ambassador to Japan and Mrs. O'Brien, met the visitors from the shore in the main saloon of the Minnesota at 7:30 a. m., while the United States cruiser Chattanooga, anchored in the bay, saluted Secretary Taft's flag as secretary of war, which was hoisted at the fore.

Secretary Taft, after a brief consultation with the reception committees and others, accepted the entire program for his entertainment, but declined to participate in any function today or Sunday. On Monday the secretary will be received in audience by the Japanese emperor, which function will be followed by luncheon at the palace.

Dinner in His Honor Count Hayashi, the foreign minister, will give a dinner in Secretary Taft's honor on Monday evening and on Tuesday the secretary will be entertained at luncheon by the minister of war, Lieutenant General Teruchi Masaki, which will be followed by a reception of the American residents of Yokohama. On Wednesday Mr. Taft will attend a dinner to be given in his honor by the municipality of Tokyo, and Thursday morning he will leave the Japanese capital for Kobe, where he will embark on board the Minnesota for Manila.

While in Tokyo on Wednesday Mr. Taft will take lunch with the American chargé d'affaires, Percival Dodge.

The Minnesota had a rough but not unpleasant voyage across the Pacific.

Secretary Taft during his stay here will make his headquarters at the Grand hotel. He is expected to make a short trip to Tokyo this afternoon, traveling on a special train.

Ambassador O'Brien and Peter Augustus Jay, first secretary of the American embassy at Tokyo and the staff of the embassy left Yokohama for Tokyo at 11 o'clock this morning.

Military Camp Not Moved

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—For strategy and other purposes the camp of the battalion on duty in the canal zone will be retained at Bas Obispo for the present.

CUBAN GUARDS HUNT PARTY OF 14 BANDITS

Detachment of Troops Sent Out on Receipt of News That Outlaws Are Active in Province

By Associated Press. HAVANA, Sept. 28.—A party of fourteen bandits attracted the attention of the authorities of Santiago province recently and today a detachment of rural guards was sent to apprehend them. Shots were exchanged and the bandits were dispersed.

The government does not believe that the appearance of the bandits in Santiago province was part of the movement planned by the conspirators recently arrested here. They are believed to be outlaws representing several foreign nations who have been employed in the Santiago mines.

Captain Dougherty, supervisor of the guards at Santiago has left that city for the scene of the disturbance with an additional detachment of rural guards and it is believed that the bandits will be captured within a few hours. Reports received from all other sections of the island say that quiet prevails.

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