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MADE VACANT BY THE REMOVAL OF
DR. GRANT.
Generally Believed the President Has
Made Up His Mind to the
Appointment.

Washington, May 7.—The appointment
of the president of the United States
has been a subject of much interest
and discussion. The president has
been in the habit of appointing
men who are well known to him,
and who are well known to the
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HANNA IS FIGHTING HARD
SAYS HE WILL PROVE RATHBONE IS
INNOCENT.
Roosevelt Has Been Appealed to To
Order a New Trial of the Cuban
Postal Frauds Case.

(Special to The Post.)
Washington, May 7.—Senator Hanna
had a further conference with President
Roosevelt this morning on the case of
Estes G. Rathbone, convicted of postal
frauds in Cuba.
After leaving the white house the senator
said he had nothing to say about the
matter except this: "Rathbone is an innocent
man, and I am going to prove it."
He did add, however, that the testimony
which it is desired to lay before the
president without delay had not yet arrived,
although it ought to have been here a
month ago.
It is expected that the president and the
attorney general will not examine the whole
mass of evidence in the Cuban postal cases,
but will decide the question of a new trial
on the basis of briefs to be filed by attorneys.
Immediate action is hoped for by Hanna
for the reason that the president's power to
act in the premises will end with the in-
auguration of the independent government
in Cuba on May 20.

WEATHER INFORMATION.
Probabilities.
Washington, May 7.—Eastern Texas—
Fair Thursday and Friday; north to east
winds.
Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair and
warmer Thursday; Friday fair; northeast
winds, becoming variable.

A Norther at Denison.
Denison, Texas, May 7.—A norther is pre-
vailing here. The weather is so cold that
people are wearing overcoats.

General Observations.
Observations taken by United States
weather bureau at 8 p. m., 75th meridian
time:
Temperature—Rain-
fall—
Abilene, Texas 66
Amarillo, Texas 66
Arlington, Va. 66
Corpus Christi, Texas 76
Davenport, Iowa 70
Dodge City, Kan. 68
El Paso, Texas 74
Galveston, Texas 74
Jacksonville, Fla. 74
Kansas City, Mo. 70
Memphis, Tenn. 64
Montgomery, Ala. 74
Nashville, Tenn. 62
New Orleans, La. 72
North Platte, Neb. 74
Oklahoma, O. T. 68
Omaha, Neb. 72
Palestine, Texas 70
San Antonio, Texas 70
St. Louis, Mo. 68
St. Paul, Minn. 66
Victoria, B. C. 70

METHODISTS IN TEXAS

Quadriennial Conference of Southern
Church in Session at Dallas.

ADDRESSES OF BISHOPS

And Welcoming Talks by Governor
Sayers and Others Were Made.

A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE

As to a Settlement of the Publishing
House Claim.

TWO NEW BISHOPS WILL BE ELECTED

Among Those Who Are Mentioned for
One of the Places Is Rev. G. C.
Rankin of Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Texas, May 7.—What will prob-
ably be the most notable gathering of the
representatives of the Methodist Episcopal
church, South, that ever assembled began
this morning in the auditorium at the fair grounds this
morning. It is the fourteenth quadrennial
conference and has brought together many
of the most distinguished men of the
church. All of the bishops save Bishop
John C. Keener of New Orleans and O. P.
Fitzgerald of Memphis are present and
there are noted divines in attendance by the
score.

Every facility for the comfort of the dele-
gates had been provided by the local com-
mittee, and when the representatives
assembled this morning they found every-
thing in readiness. No gavel had been pro-
vided for Bishop Wilson and Bishop Morris-
son presented him with a carpenter's ham-
mer, which was used until something better
could be provided.

The first day's session was a most pleas-
ant one. It continued longer than 1 o'clock
on account of the length of the address of
the bishops, but there was nothing to mar
the oneness and harmony for which all
prayed.

The welcoming addresses of Governor
Sayers, Mayor Cabell, Judge E. B. Perkins
and Rev. G. C. Rankin were heartily ap-
plauded. Each was well delivered and the
Methodists appreciated the honor the ad-
dresses contained. Bishop Galloway's elo-
quent response to the welcoming speeches
also caught the crowd. The address of the
bishops to the conference was a
president's message is to congress
was read by Bishop Duncan of
Spartanburg, S. C. It was a strong
document and a very lengthy one,
and it came very near to a settlement of
the Methodist publishing house claim that
has agitated Southern Methodism for about
six years. The college of bishops recom-
mended that if it was found that the \$300,
000 obtained from the United States govern-
ment was spent wrongly that it should be
returned. With this recommendation came
a statement from Senators Clay and Bacon
of Georgia wholly exonerating the publish-
ing house agents. Eighty senators had also
signed a statement to the effect that the
money should not be returned to the govern-
ment. This went a long way towards final-
ly settling the mooted issue of the war
claim and the chances of a heated contro-
versy over the question are greatly lessened.
It is confidently predicted that the confer-
ence will not vote to return the money.
The address of the bishops will be care-
fully reviewed by the proper committees. It
was easily the feature of the opening ses-
sion.

By a rule adopted by the conference this
morning one session will be held daily be-
tween 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. for the present.
It developed late tonight that two bishops
are almost sure to be elected at this con-
ference. The talk of "tickets" is heard in
several spots and confidential utterances.
The candidates whose names are most
prominently canvassed are Dr. W. B. Pal-
more of St. Louis, Dr. E. E. Moss and Dr.
J. T. Tigert of Nashville and Dr. G. C.
Rankin of Dallas. There is a strong cur-
rent of sentiment in all the delegations to
the conference in favor of Dr. Rankin for
one of the bishops. His friends will work
hard for him, if he permits the use of his
name.

It was 9:20 o'clock when the venerable
bishop, A. W. Wilson of Baltimore, senior
bishop present, called the conference to
order. He called for the singing of hymn
No. 221, and it was sung with fervor.
Prayer by Bishop R. K. Hargrove of
Nashville followed. The bishop prayed for
"unity, moderation and conservatism" in
the deliberations of the conference and
hearty "amen"s punctuated his words.
Passages of Scripture were read by
Bishops E. K. Hendrix of Kansas City and
W. A. Candler of Atlanta.
Bishop Henry C. Morrison read a hymn,
after which the hymn was sung by the
delegates. There was another prayer by
Dr. Anson West of the North Alabama con-
ference.
Dr. John J. Tigert of Nashville, who was
secretary of the preceding conference, was
requested by Bishop Wilson to call the roll
of delegates. There were many absentees
and the Alabama conference was not repre-
sented at all, the delegates having been
delayed in their arrival.
Dr. J. W. Boswell of the Mississippi
conference challenged the right of H. C.
Morrison of Louisville to a seat as a dele-
gate. He did not state the reason for the
challenge. It developed later that the
challenge was made because Mr. Morrison
had withdrawn from the church once and
had not been a member long enough since
to entitle him to be a lay delegate. Bishop
Wilson ruled that the matter would have
to be referred to the committee on creden-
tials.

The names of John W. Heldt and W. H.
Power of the North Georgia conference,
which have been left off the roll, were also
referred to the credentials committee.
By a rising and unanimous vote Dr. John
J. Tigert was elected secretary of the con-
ference. He nominated for his assistants
Revs. A. F. Watkins of the Mississippi con-



UNCLE SAM—Ouch! Will it ever thunder?

ference and J. M. Barcus of the Northwest
Texas conference.

Governor Sayers was presented to the
conference by Bishop Wilson to make the
address of welcome, and the delegates arose
to welcome him. The governor was listened
to very attentively and was applauded.

In his address of welcome Governor Sayers
referred to the early struggles of Metho-
dism in Texas, saying in part: "To those
who can recall from personal knowledge the
infancy of Methodism in Texas—its trials,
struggles, privations and dangers—its
growth has been without parallel in the
religious annals of any State of the Ameri-
can union. Pardon me if I but briefly allude
to this most interesting period in its his-
tory. The first annual conference, if I be
correctly informed, was held in December,
1840, at Rutersville, with Bishop Waugh pre-
siding, and T. O. Summers as secretary.
Seventeen itinerant and twenty-five local
preachers and a membership of 1623 per-
sons constituted the entire ministry and
laity of the church. Twelve years later its
strength had increased to 104 itinerant and
107 local preachers, and its membership to
14,710, with two conferences organized.

"The Texas conference was held at Bas-
top in December, 1852, with Bishop Paine
presiding and Homer S. Thrall as secretary.
I was then only a mere lad (eleven years of
age) but my recollection of the event is
clear, indeed. Gathered there were many
with whom I became closely associated in
after years and whose friendship and love
I enjoyed and greatly appreciated.
Bishop Paine, of course, towered above
them all. Robert Alexander, Josiah W.
Whipple, Homer S. Thrall, Isaac Johnson
were among those present. The conference
of 1851 had been held at the same place
in the rear room of a store house. Tempora-
ry seats were arranged in another vacant
room for religious services. These were
the best accommodations that could be had.
A year thereafter a comfortable church
building had been erected and furnished—
but not with carpet or windows with stain-
ed glass or organ or chandelier or choir-
men. It was held in the conference of 1852.
"How different the annual gatherings of
the representatives of the Methodist church
of today from that of fifty years ago! Mil-
lions there came, not by railway, or in car-
riage or buggy, but on horseback; nor were
they as comfortably entertained as now.
They were more than satisfied if feed for
themselves and forage for their horses was
to be had, and were content to sleep upon
their blankets around warm fire places dur-
ing midwinter.

"Such were the men who laid the founda-
tions of Methodism in Texas—men of stal-
wart intellect and character, pure and dis-
interested motives, fearless, self-sacrificing,
patriotic, devoted to the cause of the Mas-
ter. They were, indeed, skilled workmen,
and their work was permanent. Their in-
fluence in public and social life was no less
strong and beneficial than in matters
ecclesiastical. Generations to come will
remember them, and they should not be
forgotten. No history of this State will be
complete that fails to do them justice.
That their mantles have fallen upon
worthy and capable shoulders can not be
doubted."
Bishop C. B. Galloway of Jackson, Miss.,
replied to the addresses of welcome. He
said all were glad to be here. He knew
Texas was a great State and had a great
people, because the best people of all the
old States had come here.

Dr. E. E. Moss of Nashville moved that
the conference send its sympathy to Bishop
Keener on account of his infirmity, and to
Bishop Fitzgerald on account of the death
of his daughter, Mrs. Danks, a few days
ago. The motion carried unanimously.

The rules of the last general conference
were adopted. A committee of five to re-
vise the rules was authorized and is to be
appointed.
Rev. Horace Bishop of the Northwest
Texas conference moved that the sym-
pathies of the conference be wired to Dr. B.
M. Palmer, the celebrated Presbyterian di-
vine of New Orleans, who was run over
by a street car recently. Motion was
adopted.

A committee of six on credentials was au-

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ORDERS MADE PUBLIC

But Culberson Had to Ask for Them
a Second Time.

BLAME LAID ON WALLER.

Secretary Root Defends the Admin-
istration and General Chaffee.

BELL'S ORDER SHOWS THE SPIRIT

In Which the "Civilized Warfare" Is Con-
ducted in Philippines.

THE PEOPLE HAD BECOME ARROGANT

He Alleges as an Excuse for "Reluctant
Retaliation" for the Treachery of
the Natives.

(Special to The Post.)
Washington, May 7.—A document which
is quite in line with the republican policy
of suppression, evasion and equivocation
regarding the Philippines was today sent
to the senate by Secretary Root. It was
a statement in answer to the resolution
offered by Senator Culberson on April 22
and adopted May 3, in which the secretary
of war was requested to transmit to the
senate information as to General Bell's
reconciliation orders and the alleged or-
ders of General Smith under which Major
Waller, according to his own statement,
conducted the famous "kill and burn" cam-
paign.

Root's reply, which did not reach the
senate until after the senior Texas senator
had offered another resolution similar to
the first, having been informed that up to
the time the senate convened this morning
the secretary of war had not been heard
from, consists in the main of a collection of
ex parte statements calculated to justify
and excuse the atrocious warfare which is
being conducted in the islands.

As was to have been expected, it lays the
whole responsibility for the "kill and burn"
campaign on Waller. There is no record,
the secretary declares, of any orders such
as that referred to by Waller during his
trial having been issued by Smith; and the
war department, it is further alleged, has
never been cognizant of any such order. It
is plain that the administration does not
propose to give the people any facts that
may be used against it and that whatever
is brought out in the effort to get at the
bottom of the situation in the islands must
be due to hard and persistent work on the
part of the democrats.

The secretary submits two orders dated
December 8 and 9 last. In the first, Gen-
eral Bell refers to the "treachery of the
natives," to the use of infernal machines
and to their constant violations of all the
rules of "civilized" warfare. Therefore he
declares that he is reluctantly obliged to
avail himself of the RIGHT OF RETALIATION
under the regulations and to deal
severely with persons who commit the acts
denounced in general order 100.

He says: "Against but on of these flag-
rant violations of the laws of warfare,
namely, murder, has the United States gov-
ernment ever adjudged or executed the se-
vere penalty authorized by the sections of
the law above cited in the vain hope that
by this order of forbearance and generos-
ity the people might be conciliated and
become reconciled to and be convinced of
the benevolent purpose of the government.

Instead of having had the desired effect,
however, this policy in the provinces of
Batangas and Laguna has apparently failed
to appeal to even the keenest and most
appreciative intellects. On the contrary,
it has been interpreted by many as an evi-
dence of weakness and fear, and puffed
up by a childish and ignorant conceit over
what they are pleased to consider suc-
cessful resistance of OUR POWER, the peo-
ple have become SO ARROGANT THAT
THEY LOOK DOWN UPON OUR GOV-
ERNMENT and scorn its kindest efforts
at pacification. WE CONSEQUENTLY
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ited in a hopeless struggle, using, con-

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