

MEAN WHO WIELD PENS

M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE SELECTS EDITORS FOR ITS MANY PUBLICATIONS

MANY CHOSEN ON FIRST BALLOT

DISCIPLINE AGAIN DISCUSSED

CHICAGO, May 25.—With but four exceptions, the Methodist general conference today elected to serve during the next quadrennial all the secretaries and assistant secretaries of the church benevolence, and the editors of the various official church publications, present officers being in most instances re-elected.

The conference also took up for final disposition the report of the committee on the state of the church relative to the attitude of the Methodist church on card playing, theater-going and other prohibited amusements, and the prospects appear favorable for an exceedingly lively debate on this subject tomorrow.

At the afternoon session the result of the balloting for secretaries and assistant secretaries of the church benevolence societies and for the editors of the various church publications was announced as follows: Minority society, Dr. A. B. Leonard, re-elected; church extension society, Dr. A. A. Spencer, re-elected; Dr. F. M. King, elected assistant secretary; Freshman's Aid society (two secretaries), Dr. M. O. Wasson, re-elected, elected.

The conference failed to elect the second secretary for the Freedman's Aid society, and Southern Education society, assistant secretary of the missionary society on the first two ballots, and a third ballot was taken, which will be announced today.

The first ballot for editors of the official church papers was as follows: Methodist Review, Dr. W. V. Kelly, re-elected; Christian Advocate, Dr. J. E. Buckley, re-elected; "Was Dr. Buckley elected?" asked a delegate, when the applause following the announcement of the vote on this editorship had died away.

"No," he was "re-elected," replied Freeman's Aid society, and the editorship of the Western Christian Advocate, no choice on first or second ballots. Northwestern Christian Advocate, Dr. Arthur Edwards, re-elected; Christian Advocate, no choice on first or second ballots. Pittsburg Christian Advocate, Dr. C. W. Smith, re-elected; Southwestern Christian Advocate, Dr. I. P. Scott, re-elected; Pacific Christian Advocate, Dr. A. N. Fisher, re-elected; Christiana Apologete, Dr. J. A. Nast, re-elected; Kansas and Nevada, Dr. M. J. Berry, re-elected; Epworth Herald, Dr. F. E. Berry, re-elected.

Gov. Fattison was recognized to present reports of the committee on state of the church and on the Peoria overtures, which seat the fight over paragraph 24, of the book of discipline, bearing on the relation of the Methodist church to card-playing, theater-going, and other prohibited amusements, and this was approved by the conference.

Presbyterian Assembly. Important Feature of Day Reappearance of Peoria Overtures. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 25.—The most important feature of the afternoon session of the Presbyterian general assembly were the reappearance of the Peoria overtures, which was thought to have been quieted by adoption at the morning session, and the appointment of the creed revision committee.

One of the New York commissioners offered two amendments as substitutes to the sections of the Peoria overtures, which provide for the election of members of standing committees and the appointment of chairman. The substitutes provide that an additional member shall be one of the committee and that the moderator shall appoint the chairman of the committees. Action will be taken on the amendments before final adjournment of the assembly. The greater part of the afternoon was occupied by reports of committees.

Rev. Dr. Robert F. Sample, chairman of the committee on bills and overtures, in deference to the wishes of the assembly's board of foreign missions, whose members objected to the dispositions of contributions as provided by the assembly, recommended that contributions be reported to the church session or their approval before being remitted.

A committee of five ministers and four elders was ordered appointed by the assembly to take the whole matter assigned to the committee.

The report of the mileage committee was read by Elder Stevens, of New Jersey. The total amount paid on mileage, entertainment, etc., was \$48,823.28. The assessment recommended for another year was 4 cents for each communicant, and 2 cents for each member. The number of communicants present at the assembly was 629; 226 ministers and 403 elders.

Dr. Swishin, for the judicial committee, read a report on the case of Dr. James O. Patterson, of New York, recommending that the case be dismissed, which was adopted. This is a scandalous case growing out of the Warwalk case of New York. Dr. Patterson was counsel for the converted Jew. A disagreement arose between him and the presbytery on the dismissal of his appeal against the presbytery. He declined to

withdraw his appeal. Eventually the appeal was dismissed and the case is now dropped.

Rev. Dr. G. Lowrie, chairman of the temperance committee, read the report of the standing committee on temperance. Dr. Lowrie set forth in his address that the contributions of the church for the prosecution of the work of the standing committee on temperance, a very small one had been only \$1,466.85, a very small amount, altogether insufficient, considering the importance of the work. He deprecated the use of intoxicating liquors and cigarettes; the latter, he claimed, paved a way to the drink habit.

The moderator announced members appointed on the creed revision committee: Rev. John Parsons, New York; Benjamin D. Nicholson, Missouri; Dr. Modder, Indiana; George Stewart, New York; William McKibbin, Pennsylvania; Samuel P. Spraker, of Ohio; Benjamin Wardfield, New Jersey, and S. W. Dana and Elders D. R. Noyes, Minnesota; E. W. Humphrey, Kentucky; W. R. Craft, Pennsylvania; John Parsons, New York; Benjamin Harrison, former president of Indiana; Elsha Frazer, of Michigan, and Justice John M. Harlan, of Baltimore.

REGULAR ST. LOUIS RIOT

ANOTHER NAME ADDED TO LONG LIST OF WOUNDED.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Sympathizers of the striking street car men were again the medium of a riotous demonstration today, and as a result another name was added to the long list of wounded. Afternoon as a car on the Jefferson avenue line, running south, approached Sullivan avenue, it was attacked by a crowd of men and the riotous police station, which fired at the car. The policemen on board the car returned the fire, and in all about 100 shots were exchanged. Peter Wells, a patrolman, who was riding on the front platform, was hit in the left arm pit, the bullet producing an ugly wound. Wells remained on the car until it reached the Ninth district police station. He was taken to the home of physicians and surgeons, where his wound was dressed. It is not known who fired the shot, as the crowd scattered as soon as the men on the car drew their revolvers.

It was rumored that two men in the crowd were shot, but they could not be found by the police. A riot call was sent to the Ninth district police station, but when the police arrived the crowd had dispersed. The differences existing between the St. Louis street car men and the suburban Railway company and the union men in the employ, were satisfactorily adjusted this afternoon, and all danger of another strike has been averted, at least for the present.

HIS DEATH WAS DRAMATIC

UNKNOW PRIEST COMMITS SUICIDE AT WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 25.—An unknown priest, presumably from New York, committed suicide at the Whirlpool rapids today. He descended the elevator, had the engine taken, and ascended the rock, waved his hand dramatically, said "Good-bye" and leaped into the rushing waters. He ordered the picture taken by Dr. J. P. O'Connell, New York city, who is said to be pastor of St. Andrew's church. He has two assistants, Rev. J. M. Stewart and Rev. Edward S. Lloyd, and it is believed here that the suicide is about fifty years old.

GO TO PRISON FOR LIFE

MEN CONVICTED OF THE WELAND CANAL PLOT.

WELAND, Ont., May 25.—Karl Dullman, residence unknown, and John Walsh and John Nolin, of Dublin, Ireland, but lately of Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., were today convicted by Judge Boyd, and sentenced to imprisonment for life in Kingston penitentiary.

GOV. MOUNT DETERMINED.

Will Transact No Business With Gov. Beckham.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 25.—Gov. Mount today refused to issue a regulation on the governor of Kentucky, which was asked by Lawrence county officials for the return of a man who is charged with petty larceny, and has fled to Kentucky. The governor's advisers claimed it was a ruse to show Gov. Beckham's magnanimity in honoring a requisition from Gov. Mount, and thus draw an unfavorable comparison. The governor said the papers were incorrectly drawn. Gov. Mount said today he had not changed his mind as to Taylor and Finley, and that they were safe so long as they chose to remain in this state. Taylor and Finley spent a quiet day with friends here. They leave Sunday for Martinsville, to stay several weeks.

WILL BE NO DISPLAY.

But the Wedding of Mr. Price Will Occur Despite Future.

NEW YORK, May 25.—It is improbable that the assignee of Price, McCormick & Co., the brokerage houses which failed yesterday, will be able to issue a statement of the company today. A force of expert accountants and clerks worked on the books the greater part of last night and the indications are that it will be a day or two before a statement can be prepared for the creditors.

TO ATTACH THE MONEY.

Mr. Neely May Lose That Twenty Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, May 25.—It was stated today by the officials in charge of the Neely case that the expected papers from Washington which are to start another civil action against Neely have not yet been received. It was also stated that the affidavit filed yesterday by Gordon M. Buck, a lawyer, to the effect that the \$50,000 deposited as bail in the criminal charges brought against Neely, belonged to him, would be without effect, and that an attachment would be served on the sum named. Judge Lacombe today signed orders of attachment that will be served on any property that Neely may own in this state, for the purpose of compensating the United States government for loss alleged to have been sustained through Neely's shortages.

SILENT AS THE GRAVE

BOERS ARE KEEPING THEIR OWN COUNSEL AS TO THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

BRITISH HEARING TRANSAVAL

ARE IN OVERWHELMING FORCE, AND BOERS KEEP RETREATING BEFORE THEM

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S PLANS

Said That He Will Retire to Lydenburg When Fighting is Imminent at Johannesburg and Pretoria.

LONDON, May 25.—The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Vrededorf station, filed Thursday, 5.45 p. m., was that the British were rapidly advancing. Gen. Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts. The country in front of them was clear of Boers, and the British were pushing forward, cutting all their positions south of the Vaal river, and 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank. Probably Gen. French's cavalry is already reconnoitering the fords of the Vaal.

War office observers expect that the next dispatch from the field marshal will be dated in sight of the Transvaal front. Mr. Bence-Jones, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Vrededorf, Thursday morning, said Lord Roberts would doubtless cross the Vaal river on Saturday or Sunday. The British outposts were then at Erste Geluk, nine miles south of the Vaal river. The railway is much damaged.

While the British, in overwhelming force are thus rapidly approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers are enveloped in mystery. The last Pretoria newspaper, the Free Press, of Thursday morning, said Lord Roberts was seeking to cross the Portuguese border from the Transvaal is searched for newspapers and letters. Dispatches and mail letters containing even harmless references to the war are suppressed. The only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by word of mouth.

BOERS QUARRELING.

According to these oral reports yesterday the Boers were quarreling among themselves. A paper money was circulating at 80 per cent discount. Roberts' firm was giving £1 in gold for £5 in paper. Krouse and Klinker, the engineers who opposed the blowing up of the mines, have been dismissed. Commandant Schutte has been appointed to defend Johannesburg, and all the British subjects had been turned out.

The Transvaalers fear that the British will blow up the bridge at Komati Poort, thus cutting off their supplies from Delagoa Bay, and a command of 500 is sending the bridge against any such attempt by British raiders. Gen. Batten's column is apparently in the neighborhood of Vrededorf, 35 miles north of Pretoria, where they arrived at noon Thursday. In the meantime, Gen. Methuen is progressing along the southern bank of the Vaal river with the object possibly of making a dash at Klerksdorp when he arrives opposite the railroad terminus.

Gen. Batten's column is apparently in the neighborhood of Vrededorf, 35 miles west of the railroad, whence it threatens the Boers' flank. The next couple of days ought to settle whether Lord Roberts will encircle the Boers from the south of the Vaal, but the best opinion believes the next big engagement will be fought just north of Johannesburg and that the fight there will prove the last pitched battle of the war.

ADVANCE OF LORD ROBERTS.

Another advance along the railroad toward Pretoria has brought Lord Roberts' troops to Vrededorf, a few miles north of Prospect, where they arrived at noon Thursday. In the meantime, Gen. Methuen is progressing along the southern bank of the Vaal river with the object possibly of making a dash at Klerksdorp when he arrives opposite the railroad terminus.

TRAVELERS' ASSOCIATION.

National Body Chose Richmond as Next Meeting Place.

NEW ORLEANS, May 25.—The National Travelers' association spent the whole day discussing questions of first vice president, and the election of a permanent constitutional changes. Richmond was chosen for the next meeting place, after a spirited contest, in which Portland, Or., was the principal opponent, and in which Kansas City and Cincinnati figured prominently. The following officers were elected: C. B. Burrows, Portland, Ill., president; M. D. Johnson, Philadelphia, first vice president; Robert M. Sievers, Denver, Col., second vice president; E. E. Drew, Omaha, Neb., third vice president; John S. Johnson, Tacoma, Wis., fourth vice president; O. S. McKay, Little Rock, Ark., first vice president; directors, John W. McDonald, St. Louis; C. S. Holland, Houston, Tex.; J. C. Thompson, Evansville, Ind.; chairman railway committee, R. O. Stair, Springfield, O.; chairman press committee, R. R. Ryan, Terre Haute, Ind.

AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Presbyterian Church South Places Itself on Record.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 25.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church south today voted to place its support to woman suffrage.

BOER ENVOYS EXPLAIN.

Will Be Impossible for Them to Visit Many American Cities.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The following statement was issued today by the Boer envoys, who are at present in this country: "Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Volmerman, who are representing the South African republics in this country, have received many pressing invitations from most of the large cities of the United States to visit them, but owing to the short time they have to spend in this country, it will not be possible to accept all of the invitations received. It is their intention to return as soon as circumstances permit, to their own country, staying in Europe sufficient time to carry out their instructions, but before leaving they have concluded to yield to the great determination on the part of the American people, to spend a few more days in America, and they have concluded first of all to visit Baltimore, Philadelphia, Providence and Boston during next week. After visiting these cities they are in hopes of being able to spare the time to extend their visit to several cities in the Middle States, timely notification of

which will be given to the committees who have honored them with invitations. The envoys themselves are very grateful for the many expressions of sympathy heard upon all sides for the cause that is so dear to them, and they trust the fact that they cannot visit who wish them to do so will in no way interfere with the full and timely expression of sympathy and good will on their part."

IN MEMORY OF HEROES

CORNER STONE OF SHAFT TO ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

FREDERICKSBURG, May 25.—On the very ground over which the old Fifth corps charged at Fredericksburg, President McKinley, his cabinet and Gen. Miles today witnessed the laying of the corner stone in a shaft which will perpetuate in bronze and granite the heroism of the Army of the Potomac. It was an impressive ceremony, and rendered the more so by the fact that among the hundreds who witnessed the event were noted leaders of both the Federal and Confederate forces.

PURSUIT OF AGUINALDO

MAJ. MARCH BELIEVES HE HAS LOCATED FILIPINO CHIEF.

MANILA, May 25.—Maj. Peyton C. March, with a battalion of the Fifty-third infantry, and Col. Luther R. Hale, with another part of the Thirty-third regiment, were scouring the country, northward of Baguio, report they have struck the trail of a party of Filipinos, traveling in the mountains, and they are seeking Aguinaldo. Maj. March is assisting the pursuit across exceedingly difficult country, beyond the telegraph lines.

MICHIGAN FOREST FIRES

SEVEN SECTIONS OF LAND ALREADY BURNED OVER.

MENOMINEE, Mich., May 25.—Forest fires are raging in Ingham township, this county. Seven sections of land, owned by James B. Goodman & Co., of Chicago, have been burned over, and the flames are still spreading. The fire covers an area of nine miles. Unless rain falls soon the damage to timber will be great.

RAILWAY LABOR.

On the subject of railway labor the commission is of opinion that congress should adopt a consistent code of laws regulating all matters concerning employment, such as hours of labor, limitation of continuous runs by engineers or continuous service by telegraph operators or switchmen; the enactment of a consistent employers' liability code; the liability of the employer or corporation for defective appliances. The statutes adopted in the several states discriminating between the order of August 14, 1885, by which the privilege of transacting business in that kingdom was withdrawn from the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

IS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER.

Charles H. Carleton Arrested as a Fugitive From Justice.

BOSTON, May 25.—Charles H. Carleton, also known by the name of Wagoner, who is wanted in Philadelphia, Washington and several other cities, was arrested today as a fugitive from justice. He is wanted in New York for the alleged larceny of \$9,000 from various residents of New York. It is also said that Carleton negotiated the sale of saloons, restaurants, etc., giving in payment a deed for worthless land in Georgia.

PROBABLY A MURDER.

Body of an Unknown Man Found Near Ishpeming.

ISHPEMING, Wis., May 25.—The body of an unknown man was found last night, three miles from Ishpeming on the road leading to Dexter mine. Indications point to a murder. The skull is fractured, face battered, and clothing torn. The man was lame and blind in one eye.

LIGHTLY PUNISHED.

Man Who Shot Into Crowd at Wild West Show.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 25.—Elmer Mendenhall, the crack shot with the "Buckskin Wild West Company," who shot into a crowd at the show's performance and injured nine people, was fined \$5 and costs today on a charge of plain assault and battery. All the victims are getting along nicely, but one or two, who were shot in the eyes, are in danger of losing their sight.

WHARTON BARKER.



Candidate of the "Middle-of-the-Road" Populists for President.

THE INTEREST OF LABOR

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Weather Forecast for St. Paul. Generally Fair.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

REGULATION OF HOURS FIRST

Employment of Young Children in Factories Should Be Prohibited

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The industrial commission in its report to congress of labor legislation, recommends improved legislation to the state legislatures rather than to congress directly.

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GENERALS GIVEN A HINT

UNITED STATES TAKES A HAND IN SUPPRESSION OF THE MURDEROUS BOXERS

NO THREAT HAS YET BEEN MADE

AMERICAN WARSHIPS, AND PEEL-HAUS SOLDIERS, MAY BE CALLED TO THE SCENE

SITUATION IS COMPLICATED

Boxers Do Not Attack Foreigners, But Kill Their Own Kind Who Permit Themselves to Be Christianized.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The United States government has taken a hand in the suppression of the "Boxers" in China. Minister Conger has been instructed by the state department to inform the Chinese government that the United States expects promptly and effectually the society and to provide for the maintenance of law and order and the protection of life and property of Americans in China, all now threatened by the operations of the "Boxers." There is no indication in the instructions as to the course that will be pursued by the United States in case the Chinese government fails to observe the warning conveyed in this communication. Mr. Conger is acting on parallel lines with the representatives of every European power at the Chinese court, but has not joined in any concerted action.

It is intimated here that the Chinese government in dealing with the "Boxers" will encounter great difficulty, as the society claims to be a religious society, attacking foreign missionaries, but not killing the Chinese who allow themselves to be converted to Christianity. This phase of the matter is difficult to deal with, as it is a well recognized right of a nation to deal with its own subjects at its pleasure. This view does not contemplate excesses such as are now being committed by the "Boxers," and there is believed to be reasonable ground for foreign intervention, which would include the participation of United States warships, and even troops if such should be necessary.

Mr. Conger's latest advice to the state department indicate that this troublesome society is widely strong in the very heart of Peking, the Chinese capital, and it was evident from the tone of his dispatch that a crisis was approaching which would either require drastic action by the Chinese government or a hostile demonstration by the powers in the near future.

BOXERS DESTROY VILLAGES.

LONDON, May 25.—A special dispatch from Shanghai, says that the "Boxers" have destroyed two villages and massacred many converts of the French missionary stations. The German consul at Shanghai, Mr. Fu, it is added, sent a regiment to the scene of the disturbance. The soldiers were ambushed by the malcontents and lost twenty-six men killed and wounded. It has been dispatched from Shanghai that a hostile demonstration by the powers in the near future.

LIQUOR IN THEIR HOUSERY

MRS. LAKE SAYS MANY WORKING GIRLS CARRY WHISKY THERE.

"The liquor habit is decreasing among the men, but it is increasing among women," said Mrs. Leonora M. Lake in her lecture on temperance last evening at St. Mary's hall. Mrs. Lake was introduced by Father Gibbons, of St. Mary's church, and spoke for over an hour, her subject being "Why I Am a Total Abstinence." The lecturer stated that one reason why more men were total abstainers now was because their business interests demanded it. Many laborers should be employed to man the streets, and it is believed to be a never touched liquor in any form. On the other hand, many firms that employ women complain, said Mrs. Lake, that their employees bring liquor to their work with them. A man at the head of a large factory informed the lecturer that it was not uncommon for girls to bring bottles of whiskey with them to the factory, hidden away in their stockings.

GOVERNMENT WILL ACT.

The Mutual Insurance Company's Petition Favorably Acted Upon.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The congressional committee on interstate and foreign commerce, today voted to report in favor of the government taking action on the petition of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York asking redress from the Prussian government for its expulsion without good cause from that country. The committee was much impressed at the hearing by the remarks of Mr. Richard A. McCurdy, president of the company, and by the statement of its counsel, Mr. Benjamin F. Tracy. The committee recommended the following resolution:

SERIOUS TROUBLE BREWING.

French and British Residents of St. Heliers at Outs.

LONDON, May 25.—Serious trouble is threatening between the British and French residents of St. Heliers, Isle of Jersey, owing to the minister of war, when it is the first duty of an officer to avoid politics. As I said before the Dreyfus incident, now the Rennes court-martial has been held, and the minister of war has been warned, and any soldier departing from this line of conduct knows what to expect."

AMERICAN WOMEN THERE.

Last Drawing Room of Season at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, May 25.—The last drawing room of the season was held this afternoon at Buckingham palace by the Princess of Wales in behalf of the queen. The presentations included the following Americans: The daughter of Senator Joseph M. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, Messames Edwin Gould and Benjamin Shaw, Miss Wheeler and Miss Annie Wheeler.