

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE. CONTINUED ON PAGES 6 AND 11

LAST DAY OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

The Appointments by Bishop Alpheus Wilson Contains Several Genuine Surprises.

PROCEEDINGS OF LAST DAY'S SESSION

Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., Sent to Epworth Church, Norfolk, and Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., Late Pastor, Goes to Court Street, Lynchburg--Norfolk and Eastern Shore Districts Consolidated--Brambleton Churches Transferred to Portsmouth District--Interesting Reports, Including the Cannon-Bennett Protest.

(Staff Correspondence.) Petersburg, Va., Nov. 22.--Conference convened pursuant to adjournment this morning, and was called to order by Bishop Wilson. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. F. M. Edwards, of South Boston. The conference ordered the publication of 2,000 copies of the annual minutes. Rev. L. B. Betty read the report of the Board of Missions. The appropriations for the year are \$11,175, to be proportioned to the several districts.

A QUESTION OF LAW. Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith, Chairman of the Board of Education, propounded the following question of law, to be answered by the presiding Bishop: A school encumbered with mortgages equal to what it is estimated the property will bring, if offered at public sale, having been deeded to trustees for certain uses for the M. E. Church, South, and having been accepted by said trustees applying to the Board of Education for a share of the Twentieth century offering fund, to be devoted to the Board of Education: The following questions of law were propounded to the presiding Bishop for decision: 1. Is such a school the property of the M. E. Church, South, within the intent of the act of Virginia Conference, provided for the Twentieth century fund. 2. If not, what steps are necessary to be taken in order that such a school may become the beneficiary of said fund? Answer: It has to become the property of the Conference and has to be recommended by the Board of Education before it can be acted on.

BENNETT-CANNON PROTEST. The committee appointed to consider the paper submitted by James Cannon, Jr., and R. H. Bennett, also that presented by Richard Ferguson, W. J. Young, Jr., T. McN. Simpson, J. M. Burton, L. B. Betty and others, each protesting against the action of the Conference Saturday last in the case relating to J. J. Lafferty, on the one side, and James Cannon, Jr. and R. H. Bennett, on the other, and make reply thereto, beg leave to report that we have carefully and prayerfully considered the ground of protest, as stated, and make reply as follows: We dissent from the statement that this Conference was hasty and unjust, as about two hours were devoted to its consideration. The call for the previous question was made and sustained by a large majority and that after discussion had progressed at considerable length, the conference exercising a right to put an end to needless and fruitless debate. To the statement that only one member of the original committee had the opportunity of being heard, we reply that the matter sought to be expunged from the record of the conference having passed from the hands of the original committee, and been acted on by the conference, became the act and deed of that body, and each member of this conference had an equal right to be heard and no superior or prior rights could be justly claimed by any. (Signed) J. W. BLEDSOE, W. W. LEAR, A. T. WILSON.

Adopted, and ordered to be placed on record. MONEY RAISED. The following amounts were reported raised during the year: Conference collections... \$11,026.20 Bishops... 2,888.85 Educational... 3,988.33 Church extension... 4,556.02 Gen'l Conference expenses... 29.07 Annual Conference expenses... 1,044.48 Children's Day... 1,667.78 Bible Society... 964.61 Domestic Missions... 10,587.48 Foreign Missions... 18,769.28 Rally Day... 245.26 \$54,887.56 Minutes... 365.80 \$55,253.36 Woman's Mis. Society... 8,578.08 Rosebuds... 3,247.80 \$67,079.24

EFWORTH LEAGUE REPORT. Rev. E. H. Rawlings, chairman, sub-

GARRETT A. HOBART. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUNERAL SATURDAY.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, Nov. 22.--The funeral of the late Garrett A. Hobart, Vice-President of the United States, will take place on Saturday. The morning services at the residence will be attended by only the members of Mr. Hobart's family, President McKinley and his Cabinet, and Mr. Hobart's most intimate friends. At the church of the Redeemer, in Paterson, the public service will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The body will not lie in state in the City Hall, as was desired by the city authorities, but on Friday afternoon the casket will be open in the library of his home, and for three hours the public may view the face of the late Vice-President. The body lies in a handsome casket of oak, the plate bearing this inscription:

1844 Garrett A. Hobart 1899. The interment will be at Cedar Lawn Cemetery. Four companies of regular soldiers from Governor's Island will take part in the funeral ceremony, and will probably act as an escort from the late residence of the Vice-President to the church. The military will also act as an escort to President McKinley and his party. It is expected that President McKinley and his Cabinet, the Supreme Court Justices, and other officials from Washington will arrive before noon Saturday. A special train bearing the Senators and Representatives and other United States officials, will start from New York, and committees will be on hand at Paterson to take charge of those on board.

AGUINALDO HAS ESCAPED

General Young Failed to Intercept the Fleeing Filipino Commander.

OTIS REPORTS PROGRESS

In Washington It Is Not Believed that Efforts to Take Aguinaldo and Larger Portion of His Army Will Be Successful--General Wheaton to Make Next Important Move--Trouble in the Sulu.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Manila, Nov. 22.--1:55 p. m.--General Young reports that Aguinaldo, with a party of 200, including some women and a few carts, passed Aringay, on the coast between San Fabian and San Fernando, in the province of Union, on Friday, November 17. The General adds that Aguinaldo probably intended to strike inland through the Binaua mountains toward Bayombong, in the province of Nueva Viscaya. General

larger portion of his army will be successful. The intention of General Young to prevent Aguinaldo reaching Bayombong seems evident, but this seems scarcely probable now. Some errors have been made in the transmission of the dispatch. Bayombong is evidently meant instead of Bayombong. The town given as Tarian is probably Tariat, as the situation of MacArthur would indicate that he is operating not far from that place. No alarm is felt regarding the situation of General Wheaton, as he has been for some time beyond telegraphic communication. Operations are also progressing in the islands south of Luzon, as the last portion of the dispatch indicates.

THE NEXT MOVE.

The next move of importance is to be made by General Wheaton, who will go up the coast by transport to Vigan at the mouth of Abra river. This will land his forces far to the north of where Aguinaldo is supposed to be, the intention being to cut off his retreat to the north. From the military information bureau it is learned that east of the route Aguinaldo is taking are mountains inhabited by tribes which are not friendly to Aguinaldo, and would be likely to attack him if he attempted to cross their territory. The country along the coast is quite well settled. There are several little rivers making harbors from which it is feared Aguinaldo may escape by boat. General Young, it is believed, is watching these smaller ports with a part of his force.

TROUBLE IN THE SULU.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.--Latest mail advices from Manila indicate the existence of serious trouble among the Sulu Islanders, growing out of the killing by some of the followers of the Sultan of nine of the adherents of Dato Jakanine, the most powerful and influential sub-chief of the archipelago.

CLOSING IN ON THE BRITISH

The Boers Preparing to Intercept General Buller's Advance.

HARD FIGHTING MONDAY

British Forts at Mafeking Bombarded With Good Effect--Dutch Farmers Rising in Behalf of the Transvaal--British Sortie Driven Back at Ladysmith--Cutting Off Retreat of Escourt Troops.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Durban, Natal, Nov. 22.--A dispatch from the Mool river says the telegraph line was cut Tuesday evening near Highlands Station. The dispatch adds that the railroad station is in the possession of a large force of Boers, encamped near Mitcheson's Cutting. A train bound to Estcourt returned. It only got a mile and a half northward of the Highlands station. The Natal Stud Company's farm has been raided, and 300 blooded horses, valued at £15,000, have been captured.

HEAVY FIGHTING MONDAY

Pretoria, Tuesday, Nov. 21.--General Symon, who is outside Mafeking, reports heavy fighting Monday afternoon. The British bravely fired on the French cannon and Boer forts. The Boers replied, bombarding the British forts with good effect. The loss of the British is unknown. One Boer was wounded.

DUTCH FARMERS RISING.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Nov. 21.--The official returns of the Transvaal casualties since the outbreak of the war show that 90 men have been killed and 200 wounded, of whom a number have recovered and returned to the front.

Newspaper reports from Cape Colony say a general rising of the Dutch farmers is imminent in Natal, and that the Colonial Boers in those districts which have been proclaimed Republican territory, have already joined the Boer forces.

BRITISH DRIVEN BACK.

Pretoria, Nov. 21.--The following dispatch has been received from the Boer headquarters near Ladysmith: "The field cornet of the Pretoria commando reported that British gun carriages and some horsemen had been heard moving last night in Ladysmith. Our outposts observed the British endeavoring to sortie toward Lombard's Kop and Bulwam Hill, when our Maxims opened fire. The range was too great and, therefore, our artillery began shelling, which drove the British back. About daybreak the British batteries fired upon our positions. Two Burghers were wounded. It is supposed that the object of the sorties was to relieve the Estcourt force, who had sent an urgent message to Ladysmith, requesting aid. The Burghers captured the messenger, but finally allowed him to proceed."

It is reported that the Natal police have captured a number of Transvaal dispatch riders.

GENERAL JOUBERT'S DISPATCH.

In his latest report General Joubert says: "I am cutting off the retreat of the Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg and driving them back on the Tugela River."

It is also reported that the Boer commander with the forces near Ladysmith has "comprehensively surveyed the different points from which the fall of Ladysmith can be insured."

A Virginia Lady Killed.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Prescott, Arizona, Nov. 22.--Mrs. M. A. Vickroy, of Alexandria, Va., died yesterday as the result of an accident. She was out driving with Judge N. L. Griffin, of this place. The horses bolting, both occupants of the vehicle were thrown violently to the ground. Griffin was unconscious for two hours, and is in a critical state.

Mrs. Vickroy and her husband resided in Arizona in the early days, the latter owning extensive interests here. He erected the first stamp mill in the territory. Mrs. Vickroy was a familiar character in the National capital during the past fifteen years, having successfully put claims of \$100,000 through the courts for the destruction of mining property.

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JOHN HAY, WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT IF MR. M'KINLEY SHOULD DIE, AND SENATOR FRYE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

Mr. Hobart was the sixth vice president to die in office. No new vice president can at present succeed him. In case of President McKinley's death Secretary of State John Hay would become president. Senator William P. Frye, president pro tempore of the senate, will preside over that body until a new vice president or a new president pro tempore of the senate is chosen.

A great many messages of condolence were received to-day. All the public buildings in Paterson have been draped, as well as many of the private residences throughout New Jersey.

Dr. Newton, the Vice-President's physician, to-day filed the certificate of death, giving the cause of death as "dilatation of the heart, due to myocarditis." Mr. Hobart was a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons of high rank, a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a Knight Templar. In reply to inquiries of representatives of various Masonic bodies, it has been explained to them that the family deem it best not to have a Masonic funeral. Up to the present the names of the pall-bearers have not been announced. Mr. Hobart two months ago, when he feared something might happen, named six of his most intimate friends in New Jersey, and it is believed that these will act as his pall-bearers.

Mrs. Hobart is bearing up well under her great trouble, and to-day was able to see a few of her most intimate friends.

All Quiet in Texas. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Austin, Texas, Nov. 22.--Governor Sayers this morning received a telegram from Rio Grande City from the sheriff stating that all was quiet there to-day between the citizens and negro soldiers, and no further trouble is expected.

Young, with cavalry and Macabebes, is pursuing the Filipino leader, part of the American force taking the direction of San Fernando. In a fight with Aguinaldo's rear guard at Aringay one Macabebe was wounded and the insurgents retreated. Their loss is unknown.

OTIS REPORTS MOVEMENTS.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.--General Otis to-day cabled the War Department as follows: "Manila, November 22.

"Dispatch 21st from Lawton at Tayug reports Young with cavalry and Macabebe scouts at Aringay with advance north to Bacang rear San Fernando about to move on trail east to Trinidad. Young reports considerable insurgent force moving in that direction; that Aguinaldo in charge seeking to cross over to Bayombong. Portion of Lawton's troops now being pushed through to Tayug with rations. Battalion 24th will join Lawton to-morrow. Nothing from Wheaton for several days. MacArthur operating west of railroad and north of Tarian. Wire from Tarian north not working; troops on entire railroad line rationed without difficulty. "Hilo reports seven companies Sixth and Twenty-sixth Volunteers, under Dickman, struck insurgents northeast Jaro; casualties six wounded. Enemy left on field eighteen killed. Dickman captured seven prisoners, four one thousand brass field pieces; several thousand rounds ammunition. Eighteen Infantry yesterday drove insurgents north on Santa Barbara. Hughes with column north and west of Santa Barbara; reports of results not yet received.

"OTIS."

AGUINALDO'S ESCAPE. The dispatch from General Otis does not yet make it appear that the efforts to capture Aguinaldo and the

The men were fishermen and were killed by the Sultan's soldiers because they resisted the attempt of the latter to seize upon some fish which they had caught. The chief has sworn to be avenged and declared that he would commence war upon the Sultan.

From the nature of the Moros, the residents of Jolo express the fear that the war cannot be prevented.

PURSUIT OF AGUINALDO.

Manila, Nov. 22.--9 a. m.--News from the pursuit of Aguinaldo is not expected for a day or two. Yesterday a report reached General Lawton by courier from General Young that people knowing the country think Aguinaldo's destination is Ilocos.

With General Lawton's troops in a position to move toward Bayombong by every road from the south, and with impenetrable mountains, people by unfriendly, semi-savages tribes behind, Bayombong would be a poor refuge.

It is reported that General Lawton is moving northward from Tayug, with infantry to head off Aguinaldo.

General Young has only one troop of cavalry and the Macabebes, who originally numbered 300. Aguinaldo is supposed to have two days' start from Avangay.

The transports Newport and Tartar have arrived.

Conference With the President. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, Nov. 22.--Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, had a conference with President McKinley to-day regarding the situation in Kentucky. The interview was of a nature which Senator Deboe did not care to divulge. He admitted that he had come to Washington purposely to see the President.