

### RATIFICATION ACT BY CHURCHES

#### Move of Quarterly Conference of Taylor-Street Body Now Necessary.

### BISHOP BACKS UNION

#### Question of Pastor to Be Selected Yet Undetermined—Grace Meth- odist Folk Favor Plan. Meeting Held.

All that remains to perfect the uniting of the Taylor-street and Grace Methodist Episcopal Churches under the name, "First Methodist Episcopal Church of Portland," is for the quarterly conference of Taylor-street church to take action, ratifying its committee's report, for the joint conference to elect officers, and for District Superintendent McDougall to declare the churches one. Bishop Cooke will then name the pastor for the United Church. He has not yet indicated whether he will choose Dr. Benjamin Young, of Taylor-street church, Dr. J. H. Cudlipp, of Grace church, or a new pastor.

#### Charity to Get A

After five years' time, from date of consolidation, unless the consolidated church requires the full income in payment of its improved obligations, the board of trustees is directed to distribute at least half the net income for city church extension and either missionary or charitable work in the Methodist Episcopal church.

#### Half-Bills Costs \$14,000.

J. K. Gill, at last night's meeting, said only \$4,000 was paid for the half-block on which Grace Church and the personage stand.

#### PENSION BILL IS PASSED

Checks for Sums Due Veterans Ready to Mail if Taft Approves.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—After a month of delay a bill providing funds for the payment of pensions was sent to the President yesterday after passing both Houses of Congress. The Senate accepted a report accepting the House amendment to the measure.

#### UNCLE SAM AIDS BURBANK

Government Seeks to Further Spineless Cacti Propagation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The Senate today passed a bill providing for the disposal of Luther Burbank 12 sections of land in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada for the propagation of spineless cacti.

#### PRUNE LECTURE IS HEARD

Recommendations Made as to Culture of Different Varieties.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—H. W. Sparks, supervisor of the Washington State Demonstration Farm at Pullman, who recently made an examination to determine the cause of the prune crop failure in Clark County, addressed a meeting of the Pomona Grange at the fairgrounds here today.

Mr. Sparks attributed the shortage of prunes to adverse climatic conditions, as well as methods of cultivation. The Italian prune, he said, requires a great deal of moisture. This variety is self-thinning and saves the necessity of labor in that direction. The fruit is of excellent character and the Clark County product, which has gained a world-wide reputation, he valued in normal years at \$1,000,000.

"We think all interested fruit growers should plant a few seedlings to advantage," continued Mr. Sparks, "and to those who are especially interested in the prune, we would suggest securing some seed from the sugar prune that has been grown in the Italian prune orchard, where there might be a chance of a cross pollenization from the Italian. We might thus propagate a prune with all the progressiveness of the sugar prune, and all the desirability of the Italian. We would not advise anyone to go into this extensively, but a row or two along the garden, or field, planted quite thickly, and as they grow, the weaker and undesirable ones could be cut out. Thus by elimination and selection a desirable prune would be propagated."

"We have recently investigated the work of C. A. Flint, who, several years ago, grafted an Italian prune on a wild plum root, with the result that he has had extraordinary crops continuously, since the tree began bearing, and the fruit ripens 10 days to two weeks earlier than other Italian prunes on the peach root, in the same section."

### THUGS GAGGED WOMAN

#### ROBBERS BEAT AND BIND MRS. C. J. THOMPSON IN HOME.

While She Lies Unconscious for Two Hours, House Is Looted—Victim Is 50 Years Old.

Bound, gagged, beaten and knocked unconscious by two thugs who sprang upon her as she entered the rear door of her residence at 481 Twenty-third street North, Mrs. C. J. Thompson, 50 years old, is in a helpless condition as a result of her experiences last night. A physician in attendance and her condition is regarded as serious.

The two thugs robbed the house of several hundred dollars' worth of valuables and about \$50 money. They left shortly after they had rifled trunks, bureaus and receptacles and were not found last night by the police. Mrs. Thompson had been at a neighbor's house in the early part of the evening and about 8 o'clock came home. Her husband, a plumbing contractor, was a lodge member.

#### MISS MARY EDGETT NOW A SURE-ENOUGH ACTRESS

She Arrives at That Emizence by the Interview Route, After Doing "Bits" With Great Credit to Herself.

MARY EDGETT who is Mabel Baker on her visiting cards, is a bona fide actress this morning. She has been "interviewed" according to all the laws and regulations laid down by the Media and Features relative to the essential of an actress. The down sittings and uprisings of Mary Edgett's career—so far—she has only carried about six weeks—are herewith set forth.

First, she is the daughter of George L. Baker—sometime Acting Mayor, occasionally politician, and always theatrical magnate. Papa G. L. B. has not acted earlier in the matter of his lovely daughter taking up his business as her profession because—as they both put it—"you can't tell whether a liking for things theatrical really betokens an aptitude for the art—or if it's some other sound Mabel heard."

They—Pa Baker and Gemure, saucer-eyed Mabel—just sat around quiet like and when the call came they both heard its insistence. In Pa's company Mabel—or Mary Edgett—was given a small role, that of Christine in "The Deep Purple." How well she did it has become ancient history now and even the young actress refers to it carelessly as "my first role—um—let me see if I remember it."

"Great!" I queried.

"Great," said Mary Edgett. "It was my first role. I meant to say that I've had only one really role. That is the one I'm playing this week in Miss Wainwright's play, 'The Dawn of Tomorrow.' I smoked my first cigarette and choked so badly I 'most forgot my lines. And when I was told that the darky maid in 'Wildfire,' I lapsed into Northern Nebraska dialect for Southern so often that I got desperate. At first I had stage fright and I believe I believe I could address an audience for two hours hand-running."

### SCHREPPS' ARRIVAL WAITED IN GOTHAM

#### Indictments in Murder Car Case Withheld Pending Fu- gitive's Testimony.

### REPORT OF CLASH DENIED

#### District Attorney Declares Grand Jury Is in Full Accord With Him—Gaylor Talks of Huge Grant Taken by Police.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—At the request of District Attorney Whitman the grand jury withheld today the filing of indictments against the murderers of Herman Rosenthal in order to hear the testimony of Sam Schrepps, now on his way here from Hot Springs, Ark., in custody of Assistant District Attorney Rubin.

The District Attorney expects Schrepps, who is said to have been a passenger in the "assassination car," will add interesting details to the matter in which the murders was planned which will strengthen the true bills contemplated against "Gyp the Blood," "Dago Frank" Ciroffo, "Whitey" Lewis and "Slim" Louie, the alleged murder crew. Schrepps is expected here Saturday and will go before the grand jury Tuesday as a material witness.

The grand jury's decision disappoints the expectations of the state by refusing to tell its story. In that event it was intimated tonight by the District Attorney he would be indicted for complicity in the murder.

#### CROWD CONDITIONS PROBED

London Firm Sends Representative Here for First Time.

#### FLANK MOVEMENT PLANNED

Effort to Be Made to Unite Insurrector Forces at Sonora—Shops Closed by Those Fearful of Repetition of Looting.

#### MATCH CAUSE OF BLAZE

Vancouver Auto Damaged Through Pedestrian's Carelessness.

#### EXPRESS CAR IS ROBBED

Messenger Locked in Chest After \$3000 Booty Is Secured.

#### MOTHER'S RIGHTS UPHELD

Cruelty or Abandonment Sole Causes For Taking Away Child, Is Ruling.

#### TOWNSEND'S WHITE CLOVER CARTON BUTTER

#### COAST GALE COSTS LIVES

Total of 143 Fishermen Lost Off Spanish Border.

#### PHILIEDRIVER IS RECOVERING

Inquiries at the Good Samaritan Hospital last night revealed the fact that Charles Hopkins, who fell from a considerable height while pile-driving for the Southern Pacific, had recovered consciousness and was making favorable progress towards recovery.

#### REBELS QUIT JUAREZ

Orocco Evacuates With Federals Advancing.

ations today by Director C. Haines with the management of the "Stampeo," a wild west show which will be held at Calgary, Alberta, September 2 to 6 inclusive. The cowboy band, with two cars of horses, saddles and other accessories will leave Pendleton, August 30 for the scene of the big show.

### BOAT TILTS AT LAUNCHING

#### First American-Built Submarine of Type Takes to Water.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—The United States submarine "G-4," the first of its type to be built in this country, was launched at the Cramp yards yesterday. While leaving the ways the boat tilted for a moment and two of the 80 workmen on board were thrown into the water. They were picked up by a boat.

### SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS

#### Justices Take Vacation After Seven Months' Work.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Closing up shop until October 5, the Supreme court adjourned today after one of the most strenuous seven months in the history of that tribunal, 216 cases having been decided since January 1 of this year.

### CROP CONDITIONS PROBED

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—R. H. Rowbotham, of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, hop buyers, was in Puget Sound today. Inspected the hop fields and inquired into crop conditions. Although engaged for business in Puget Sound, this is the first time the Coast has sent a representative here in person to look into conditions.

### MATCH CAUSE OF BLAZE

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—A lighted match, which was carelessly tossed into the gutter in front of the Royal Bakery on Main street today, ignited a stream of oil that had leaked from a hot automobile. The fire spread set fire to gasoline and oil in the machine.

### EXPRESS CAR IS ROBBED

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 16.—A train robber hit the Southern Railway train from Spartanburg last night at Biltmore station and after covering the express messenger with a revolver secured \$3000 and escaped.

### MOTHER'S RIGHTS UPHELD

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—A child custody case taken from its mother by the Superior Court and an order granted for its adoption without her consent unless the evidence shows the mother has abandoned the child or treated it cruelly, according to a ruling by the Supreme Court.

### COAST GALE COSTS LIVES

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Aug. 16.—Officials reported here that altogether 143 fishermen were drowned in the gale which for two days swept the Spanish coast.

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### COUNCILMAN LOSES JOB

Wenatchee, Wash., City Fathers Cut Out Long Absent Member.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Because he was absent for more than three consecutive regular meetings of the City Council without asking to be excused by his fellow members, the City Council of this city exercised its prerogative under the law and declared the seat occupied by W. R. Wilson vacant and elected F. U. Bliss his successor.

### REBELS BEHEAD AMERICAN CIVIL ENGINEER

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16.—Beheaded by rebels after they had carried him away as a captive from a point near Merida, capital of Yucatan, is the fate of Rowan Ayers, an American civil engineer, according to official reports given today by the Minister of War to Ambassador Wilson.

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