

CHURCHMEN STRIKE AT NARCOTICS EVIL

Episcopalians to Put Views Before Secretary of State.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING UP

Resolution Adopted by House of Deputies Favoring Week-Day System of Instruction.

An attack on the narcotics evil and an expression of the determination of the church to do all in its power to suppress this traffic were the features of yesterday's sessions of the house of deputies of the general convention of the Episcopal church.

With a view of calling the attention of the government to the physical, mental, moral and spiritual menace which the illicit drug trade presents to the nation, the house ordered the appointment of a committee of three to draw up a suitable memorial for presentation to the secretary of state, outlining the church's views on the matter.

Prayer-Book Revision.

An attempt to hold up further work in the prayer-book revision met with little success at the morning session, when the house refused to consider a resolution by George E. Henry, lay delegate from Iowa. Henry claimed that this resolution was simply a peace move designed to prevent endless argument on a very controversial subject.

The narcotics evil came to the attention of the convention in the report of the committee on social service, presented by Rev. James A. Freeman, of Washington, D. C. The report contained the resolution, and before the question went to the house, Rev. W. H. Bliss, of the diocese of Olympia, stepped to the speaker's rostrum and in 15 minutes made one of the most sweeping and thorough indictments of narcotics ever uttered in so short a time.

Rev. Mr. Bliss, a Washington man thoroughly conversant with the subject by reason of his association with the White Cross, declared that one person out of every 50 in America is a slave of morphine, cocaine or opium and that the drug traffic on the Pacific coast is far more serious than in the east on account of the proximity of this coast to the orient.

"The opium menace is far greater than the alcoholic menace in its palmy days; it is an international question, one that demands concerted action by the whole world. Drugs are being shipped from New York for sale in open market in the orient for the debauchery of China; 40 tons of morphine were manufactured for sale in the United States in the past year," Rev. Mr. Bliss declared.

Drug Evil Big Menace.

"The drug menace is the greatest of the great evils facing the nation. I ask you gentlemen to study this question so that when you return to your homes you can speak with authority on the seriousness of the situation before your people."

Following Rev. Mr. Bliss' statements, Dr. Freeman, chairman of the committee, asked members of the convention who had knowledge of the subject to submit such information to the committee in order that a proper presentation of the matter might be made to the secretary of state at Washington.

Mr. Henry's attempt to hold up the prayer-book revision work is interpreted as another effort of an element which opposes any change in the ritual or prayers of the church. His resolution calling for a "lifting of the committee" to consider the published revision was held to be a move that would simply put over the revision work for another three years.

The Episcopal church will favor the week-day religious instruction system, according to a resolution passed by the house. This system, which has received considerable attention of late, is simply a practice of excusing public school children at an early hour in order to allow them to devote a certain portion of their school time each day to religious instruction at the parish church.

Reports Are Introduced.

A number of reports, resolutions and memorials were introduced. George Zabriskie of New York, chairman of the board of trustees of the General Theological school, read a report of the institution's activities. By a unanimous vote the convention continued the board in power for another three years.

A resolution of sympathy for the Christian people of Smyrna, who were recently brought under Turk rule, was presented by Rev. W. H. Van Allen of Boston and passed.

Over an hour's time was spent in the discussion of the plan of the prayer book revision committee to divide the well-known hymn, "Te Deum," into three verses. The arguments, based principally on theological lines, were both for and against the measure. The board finally adopted the plan.

The matter of the proper place for the new prayer for the president and the nation came before the house, but on a point of order was ruled out. The house adopted the new prayer Monday.

ALUMNI DINNER TO BE HELD

Ex-Students of Episcopal School Will Meet With Bishops.

A dinner for the friends and alumni of the Episcopal Theological school of Cambridge, Mass., will be held at the University club this evening at 6 o'clock. Right Rev. William Lawrence, ex-dean of the school, now Bishop of Massachusetts, will act as toastmaster, and Right Rev. Herman Page, bishop of Spokane, will preside. The speakers will be Bishops Gallor of Tennessee, Brent of western New York, Manning of New York and Talbot of Bethlehem, and Dr. Alexander Mann, president of the house of deputies. Among the alumni who will speak on the general topic, "The Spirit of the Episcopal Theological School," will be Bishops Roots of Hankow, China, and Sanford of San Joaquin; Dr. C. L. Slattery, bishop coadjutor-elect of Massachusetts; Rev. W. G. Trayer of St. Mark's school, Southborough, Mass.; Rev. Joseph Dunn of Lynchburg, Va., and Rev. Foster H. Thompkins of Chicago.

In addition to the alumni of the school a number of prominent laymen interested in educating young men for the ministry of the church will be present.

PROMINENT CHURCHMEN IN ATTENDANCE AT EPISCOPALIAN GENERAL CONVENTION.



JONES' CHANGES HURT FRIENDS OF SOCIALIST BISHOP INJURE HIS CAUSE.

Placarding of Walls With Plea for 'Justice to This Godly Man' May Prove Boomerang.

Although an Episcopal vacancy in the missionary district of eastern Oregon now exists in the Episcopal church, due to the acceptance of the resignation, yesterday, of Bishop Robert L. Padlock, it is not thought in church circles that Bishop Paul Jones, a socialist, who has been mentioned for the position, has a chance for the honors.

The efforts of Bishop Jones' friends to boost his chances for re-assignment to active church work by the placarding of walls and telephone poles near the auditorium, calling on the bishops to "do justice to this godly young man," probably will prove a boomerang to his cause.

According to church rules, the matter of Bishop Jones' reassignment to active duty cannot come up until the house is ready for nomination of bishops. This will be some little time.

Rumors were common about the auditorium yesterday to the effect that Bishop Jones had 10 friends in the house who would vote for reassignment to the eastern Oregon district. There is a considerable element, especially those who were active in war work who oppose his return for patriotic reasons. The common opinion is that the deposed prelate will have little chance of being given a diocese or a missionary district.

Bishop Jones, who was in charge of the session at Washington.

CONVENTION UNCONVENTIONALITIES

WITH talk of a concordat with various Christian bodies in the house, an interesting note that already the idea has been extended even farther. Dr. James Freeman of Washington, D. C., has entered into a concordat with a Jewish synagogue.

It happened thusly: Some time ago the doctor was invited to preach at the Free synagogue in New York. The rabbi-in-chief of the synagogue is Dr. Stephen S. Wise who, by the way, was at one time a resident of Portland.

Dr. Freeman naturally chose an Old Testament text for his sermon. So well were he and his exposition of the scripture liked that one young Jew in the congregation rose and asked if resolutions were in order. Rabbi Wise replied that they were. The young man then requested that Dr. Freeman be elected an assistant rabbi of the Free synagogue. The motion rather stunned Rabbi Wise for a while, but in his gallant and courteous way he assented to the occasion. He called for a rising vote, and everyone in the audience stood up. Dr. Freeman was thereupon declared duly elected an assistant rabbi of the congregation.

"Your duties, Rabbi Freeman," said Rabbi Wise, "will be to preach an annual sermon to this congregation."

"The committee on unfinished business will meet at noon under the secretary's desk," announced the Right Rev. Lewis W. Burton, D. D., bishop of Lexington.

The late Bishop Potter of New York was the butt as well as the author of many a joke. On the occasion of the meeting of the general convention in San Francisco he was the guest of W. H. Crocker, who is a delegate to this convention. Met on the street in front of his host's house by a comparative stranger, he was asked: "Is this Crocker's pottery?" "No, but this is Potter's crockery," he replied, pointing to the house.

So great is the din in the lobbies, dining rooms and corridors of the Multnomah that for the first time in history the bell boys have to use megaphones to get their calls heard. And even then it is almost impossible to distinguish what they say.

One of the largest groups to make the pilgrimage from the more or less effete east to the more or less wild west was that under the chaperonage of Rt. Rev. Charles F. Anderson, D. D., bishop of Chicago. His party comprised nearly a score, including his own family, Mrs. Anderson and their two beautiful daughters; the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Randall and their likewise charming and likewise two daughters, Mrs. Clinch and Mrs. C. B. Camp and Judge J. B. Holden and wife.

They came through the Canadian Rockies, stopping at all the points of interest, and taking numerous side trips by horseback and motor.

'Oh, dat's it. I know'd you was one 'dem face cards.'

When the bishops took the vote on leaving out the words "obey and serve" from the marriage service, they were careful not to call for a rollcall so that their votes could be recorded. However, it was noted that Bishop Sumner voted to have the words retained. The vote was pretty close, at that—36-27, with several not voting.

A bootblack seldom has shiny shoes, the cobblers' children go barefooted. Which may account for the fact that the mass meeting of the department of publicity the other night got so little publicity. A very small gathering turned out to hear about this wonderful new development in religious work. Then, too, it was very warm, and from previous records at mass meetings and other gatherings, everyone must have been keeping up a hard pace during the first few days of the convention.

Those who were there heard a wonderfully interesting story of the development of the idea of using the public press for the purpose of advancing the cause of Christ and his church.

All speakers commented upon the fine co-operation of the press in Portland.

"All about the bishops," yelled out an energetic newswoman in front of the Multnomah until he was warned that unless he changed his cry to "Nothing is more conducive to a clean life than a healthy body. With that idea in mind we have developed the athletic and recreational side of life in our church work in Texas. Our church is popular with the young people. We look to the social side of their life."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TOPIC

Question Is Considered at Joint Session of Episcopalians.

Religious education was the theme of the joint session of the houses of the Episcopal convention at the auditorium at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Causes of a number of educational institutions and projects were presented by a number of bishops and clergymen. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., a lay delegate of the joint session, and member of the church council, presided. Speakers at the session included the following: Right Rev. James Wise, bishop of Kansas; Right Rev.

Freshmen Hear Reed President.

Education calculated to stimulate the potentialities of the individual rather than education for the group, is the objective of Reed college, declared Richard F. Scholz, president, in his initial talk to the incoming freshmen class yesterday afternoon. In pursuance of this policy, he stated, the number of students and instructors has been so adjusted that there shall be at least one professor for every ten freshmen, one for every eight sophomores, for every six juniors and for every five seniors, thus insuring frequent and immediate contact between instructor and students.

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