

CHURCH CONFERENCE FIELD PROGRESSIVE

Methodists, However, Safe-
guard Against Radicalism.

BISHOPS FOR RACES WIN

What Seemed Necessary to Minister
to Highest Efficiency of Church
Object in View.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 25.—(Special.)—The general Methodist Episcopal conference will adjourn Thursday, May 27, at noon. I think every one will agree that it has been a progressive conference without being radical, constructive without taking a delight in changes, but what seemed necessary to bring about the highest efficiency of the church has been done without regard to maudlin sentiment or fear of breaking precedents.

This sentiment came to the front in the very beginning of the session when the requests were presented for bishops for races. It was very evident that the time-honored precedent of American bishops of the white race only was not going to be the policy of this conference as it had been since the church was organized.

It really marks a new day in Methodism, for while she has been a world church and the slogan of Mr. Wesley, "The world is my parish," is often uttered, there has been an intense jealousy on the part of the American to keep all of the chief offices filled with white American stock.

It is true Bishop Nuelson, who was elected in 1912, is German, but he has been in this country many years and his residence in Zurich ever since his election has helped in the administration of the work in Europe. But since the war and his natural sympathies have been for the American people, he has been a most efficient and successful bishop.

One whole day was absorbed in debating a report of the committee on judiciary which declared unconstitutional a certain section of the Methodist discipline which relates to the condition and qualification for membership in the church. The report of the judiciary was that the question, "Do you believe in the doctrine of the holy scriptures?" as set forth in the articles of religion of the Methodist Episcopal church" was enacted by the general conference in excess of its power.

It was an exceedingly strong debate, where all the ablest of the profession were brought into play. The conference in such cases sits as a supreme court and the vote is final. The outcome is a reversal of the opinion of these eminent jurists who are members of the conference committee, and the question remains in the discipline.

Course of Study Debated.
Tuesday a matter that has caused considerable disturbance for the past four years—that of the course of study for young ministers—was up. This debate, though not of such high legal quality, was equally captivating. It really resolves itself into a discussion between the conservative and progressive elements in the church. The result is a confirmation of my opinion stated in this letter—that the conference is progressive, but exceedingly careful that radicalism is not put into power. Safeguards are thrown about the course of study so that the commission which will make it cannot advance too fast in the theological teachings.

The time-honored custom of the church to have its district superintendents (formerly presiding elders) appointed annually but limited to a six-year term was extended after strenuous opposition in which all the wiles of parliamentary procedure were exhausted. A bishop now has the right to appoint superintendents annually without any restrictions.

Unification of American Methodism does not seem to be a whole lot nearer, but the report of the special committee is the only thing that could ever get by the conference. The plan submitted to it was regarded as divisive, rather than unifying, because of the regional scheme which was incorporated in it. Then it made it possible to maintain sectional solidarity and liberal toward the races. Now the report adopted leaves the door for negotiation open and yet a commission which will have full power to bring about union if the Methodist church south wishes to meet the provisions. The only restriction is that it be a real union of the two bodies. If desirable a convention may be held of an equal number from each church where a constitution can be worked out.

Unification to Come First.
This is putting things in logical order—the old commission built a constitution and proposed to unite upon it; now the plan is to unite and make a constitution afterwards. The reason given for this is that the report of the joint commission on unification as given by the special committee is.

In view of the fact that there appears to be in each church considerable numbers who are not entirely satisfied with the plan suggested for consideration, many of whom would be distressed if it were adopted in its present form; and in view of the fact that the members of each church shall be in full accord when unification is accomplished, it is our conviction that every possible effort should be made to reach an early conclusion that may be acceptable to all members of both churches at home and abroad.

In presenting the report to the general conference, Bishop W. F. McP. Powell made the following statement which gives in concise form the position of the Methodist church:

A marked reorganization of the church. The joint commission, and your commission, together with the commissioners from the church south, together and separately, have worked faithfully in an endeavor to prepare a plan in accordance with what each commission regarded as the instruction, moral and less formal and complete, of the general conference creating the commission to study the difficulties that came straight up to the difficulty that we were not at liberty to proceed further along certain lines in view of the instruction that had been given us. This will explain in a very definite way the declaration in the resolution transmitting the recommendation by the joint commission. You will recall the language of that resolution of transmission, namely, that this is the best that could be reached under the circumstances and under our instructions.

Negro Problem Up to South
Our brethren from the Methodist Episcopal church south, for instance, originally felt that they were limited to a very small number of regional conferences, and they went quite beyond their own judgment as to what their own freedom permitted them to do in consenting to a larger number. Our brethren also felt that their instructions, not at all in the nature of an ultimatum, but a certain relation to be granted to the negro members of our church, but as we went forward during the four years, they consented to a very wide departure from the position which in the beginning they felt themselves obliged to assume.

Now, in going forward in an effort to reorganize the church upon the basis of regional conferences, we had to deal with the serious difficulties involved in the treatment of the negro brethren, and then of the recognition and treatment of our foreign mission fields, with the net result that when we came face to face with what we had reached, we were not clear enough about it to believe ourselves to be moving in the right direction, and that we can, with a little more time, with a little further study, make a plan which will be a better one than the one we have now. It really marks a new day in Methodism, for while she has been a world church and the slogan of Mr. Wesley, "The world is my parish," is often uttered, there has been an intense jealousy on the part of the American to keep all of the chief offices filled with white American stock.

"Catholic" to Stay in Creed.
The paragraph on amusements is still to come up, but there will be no change, I think, and the representative of the dancing masters, who is present stayed home there might have been a more liberal attitude, but no religious organization will submit to dictation from any source.

The old question of changing the creed by substituting "Christ's Holy Church" for "the Universal Church" is still to come up. The word "catholic" in the creed has the broad meaning and not the sectarian meaning which seems objectionable to so many persons.

Delegates are making preparations to leave for their homes. A month of steady work, often three sessions a day, is exceedingly wearing. Northwest men will scatter, some going on vacations, others directly home to their families. Dr. W. W. Youngson will go to Glacier Park; Dr. Youngson will go up into Michigan to deliver some addresses.

Bishop William Shepard, with Mrs. Shepard, will be in Portland about a day, and will be given their June 15. Dr. W. W. Youngson, district superintendent, will be in Portland, pastor of the First church, and will be given their June 15. Dr. W. W. Youngson, district superintendent, will be in Portland, pastor of the First church, and will be given their June 15.

Dr. E. C. Hickman of Wilbur church left yesterday (Tuesday) for Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Hickman is convalescing, and he hopes to take her west with him.

In order to reach the general conference Bishop Frank W. Warner of Idaho worked his way across the continent in a motor car, and met the great ocean liner. It is now apparent that Bishop Anto Bash of Denmark and his son will be obliged to do overalls and work their way to the old country if they reach home in time to administer the conference over there.

MASONS GOING TO PICNIC
Portland Organizations to Journey to Forest Grove.
Local Masons and Ladies of the Eastern Star, accompanied by the Al Kader band, will journey to Forest Grove tomorrow to attend a picnic being given there for the benefit of the new Mason and Eastern Star building in that city. The greater part of the delegation will leave on the 10:06 A. M. Southern Pacific train at Fourth and Oak streets.

Extensive preparations have been made by the people of Forest Grove and particularly the wardens, master and past masters of their lodge, under whose auspices the outing is being given, to properly care for the large group which is expected. Several big features, including a baseball game and dancing, are assured.

Steamship Magnate Dead.
R. Y. E. N. Y., May 22.—George S. Dearborn, president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship company of New York, died at his home here today, at the age of 82 years. Mr. Dearborn organized the first mail steamship route between New York and the Hawaiian Islands.

In pursuance with our usual custom, our store will remain closed all day Monday, May 31, in honor of our country's dead soldiers and sailors, who so nobly sacrificed their lives.

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BOTH SIDES SCORE PLEA FOR MANDATE

Resolution Denying Right of
Wilson Is Delayed.

VOTE DATE NOT YET SET

Democratic Proposal to Soften
 wording by Providing Aid to
 Armenia Considered.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—President Wilson's request that congress authorize a mandate over Armenia came under fire from both democratic and republicans today, when the resolution to deny such an authorization was brought up in the senate.

From the democratic side, however, came a proposal to soften the resolution by adding a provision extending American aid in the economic up-building of the new near-eastern republic. The plan was brought up by the republican leaders.

No date was set for a vote. Under the suggested provision, which was presented by Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, a joint commission of Americans and Armenians would be authorized to supervise the sale here of \$50,000,000 in Armenian bonds. The proceeds would go to the purchase of railroad and agricultural materials and similar equipment and the establishment of an American banking system.

In urging his proposal, Senator Hitchcock said he felt that the resolution as reported by the foreign relations committee would have the effect of "discouraging" the Armenian people.

Senator Lodge replied that proposals to aid Armenia would be received with much sympathy on his side of the chamber. There was only a brief discussion of the merits of the president's request, which Senator Hitchcock said he did not intend to support.

Several other democratic senators also indicated their disapproval. Mr. McPherson, of Ohio, said that the resolution would be unfaithful to its responsibilities if it declined to take the mandate.

FUEL PROFITEER THRIVES
Good Business in Gasoline Sales
Done by Simple Scheme.
SPOKANE, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—The gasoline profiteer is here. His scheme is simple, the returns are quick and sure.

Driving an old truck which would hardly wheeze along, a young fellow about 20 years old, made the rounds of the downtown gasoline stations yesterday. At each place he took all the gas he could get, and between stations he would visit the city of Spokane in the rear of the truck, well concealed. The tour of the stations was made several times in the day.

"Would you like to buy some gasoline?" he would ask some motorist from whom he had stranded on his way to gasoline stations, or whose pump for the liquid had been turned down by the dispenser.

"I should say yes," was the usual reply. "How much is it?" "Only 50 cents a gallon," the boy would reply.

And from what police officers learned, the boy found a ready sale for his gasoline. There was no little quibbling about price.

VOTE TO BE CANVASSED
Board of Typographical Union Is
Called to Find Election Result.
INDIANAPOLIS, May 29.—(Special.)—The canvassing board of the International Typographical union has been called to meet here June 7 to canvass the vote cast in the recent election for international officers, according to announcement made today by John Hays, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 votes have been received at the headquarters of the approximate total vote of 50,000. Mr. Hays said, adding that additional votes were being received from the various governments of Oregon hung on the walls of the hotel and some of the delegates.

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MR. TAFT REACHES SALEM
PROMINENT CITIZENS AT DEPOT TO GREET VISITOR.
Ex-President Inspects Departments and Admires Paintings of Former Governors.

SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—William Howard Taft, in a lecture before a large crowd here tonight, impressed his audience with the advantages that would be derived from the adoption of a "league of nations" up to date.

With or without reservations, he said, the treaty would be acceptable. He was introduced by Governor Olcott.

The ex-president arrived here at 10:30 o'clock yesterday, from Eugene and was welcomed at the depot by Governor Olcott, members of the Oregon supreme court, Attorney-General Brown and T. B. Kay. At noon he was the guest of honor at a banquet at the hotel.

Mr. Taft will leave early tomorrow for Portland.

ALBANY, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Seated in one of the regular coaches of the Oregon Electric, William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States, passed through Albany this morning from Eugene, where he spoke last night, to Salem, where he appears tonight. Many local people were on hand to greet him.

Memorial Day
Buggy Struck by Automobile Going at High Rate of Speed.
OREGON CITY, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—As W. H. Smith of Redland turned the corner at Fourteenth and Main streets Saturday morning he plunged his automobile into the buggy of Glen Echo, wrecking the buggy and severely injuring the occupants.

According to witnesses, Smith was driving at a high rate of speed. Mr. and Mrs. Hankins were thrown from the vehicle. Mrs. Hankins suffered a broken leg at the ankle with severe bruises about the face and head. Mr. Hankins' nose was broken. The horse escaped injury.

Mrs. Hankins was taken to the home of her son, George Hankins, where she was resting easily Saturday evening.

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TOLEDO WILL CELEBRATE
New Bridge Over Cowlitz and Bank Building to Be Dedicated.
CENTRALIA, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—Construction of the fourth span of the new Pacific highway bridge over the Cowlitz river at Toledo will be completed the first of the week and, barring adverse weather, the bridge will be finished in time for dedication July 5.

Committees in charge of the arrangements for Toledo's celebration, any of the bridge dedication will be a feature, are overlooking no detail tending to its success. Sports prizes totaling \$300 will be offered.

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