

GREAT CONFERENCE IN LONDON--ITS PURPOSE

Initial Services Will Be Held in Westminster Abbey and Closing Services in St. Paul's Cathedral—Mass Meetings at Albert Hall.

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Washington, June 7.—For the first time in the history of the world representatives from all branches of the widely scattered Anglican church are to meet to discuss the ways and means of further extending the kingdom of Christ. This meeting will begin in London next Monday and representatives from more than 250 dioceses and districts in communion with the Anglican church will be present, probably 5,000 delegates coming from all parts of the world where the Church of England and the Episcopal church are known, and representing a total membership of 29,500,000. Of these more than 200 are bishops and the rest are clergy and lay delegates. The initial services will be held in Westminster abbey; the closing services will be in St. Paul's cathedral and on the intervening days there will be mass meetings in Albert hall.

His sections will sit simultaneously, and will be open to clergy, laymen and laywomen. The first section is to deal with the church and human society, and the others with the ministry, the missions to non-Christian countries, the missions in Christendom, and the Anglican communion. So great will be the attendance that only 2,000 free seats will be available in Albert hall, and when the St. Paul meeting is held only delegates will be admitted, and many of these will have to be content with standing room. With its manifold interests, its great business and its large attendance the conference will cost over \$75,000.

This conference will mean more than the expression of modern missionary enthusiasm. It will show a concerted effort on the part of the entire Anglican church to handle more intelligently the problems of new churches in new lands from a mission point of view, from the colonial point of view and from the home point of view. Said the Bishop of Carlsruhe not long ago: "One of the surest notes of a living religion is that as it grows older it also grows younger. Always the same at its foundation, it is ever changing its superstructure. This quality of changelessness and change makes the Christian religion to differ from all other world religions—Christianity is essentially an historic religion." It is to keep this foundation always strong and to build the superstructure to suit the ever widening needs of a great and growing people that the conference meets next week.

A Notable Fact.
It is a notable fact that this meeting is held on the anniversary of the historic days when King John at Runnymede, signed the Magna Charta in the presence of stern and compelling nobles who saw that in the instrument went the proviso that "the Church of England

Anglo-Saxon race from the British Isles to America and to the English colonies. With the race went the Anglican church, for its mission, according to the fair-minded bishop of Stepney, is not national but catholic. The center of gravity of the Episcopal church became identical with that of the race. Henry Clay once said that the stability of the American government depended on the perpetuation of the Episcopal church and the suppression of every other stress on the importance of the church. Of the work of the Anglo-Saxon race in this country Ambassador Bryce said not long ago: "You have established perfect religious equality and remain more or less a religious people. You have gone further than any other nation in giving comfort, enlightenment and opportunities for progress to the individual man, in whatever station or of whatever stock."

London Conference.
In the great London conference bishops, clergy and laymen will gather for the first time in the history of the church to consider all the difficulties that beset their way, all their aspirations for the future, and to discuss all the experiences they have had, and so, by comparison, counsel and discuss their new adventures of endeavor and wider scope for the work of the Anglican church. One special feature brought in this conference is the fact that laymen are invited to come and take part in the discussion, proving the growing power and influence of the laity in the church. For over fifty years bishops of the Church of England have met in the famous Lambeth conference, inviting bishops of the American church to conference with them, but never before in the history of the Anglican church has there been this wide-wide call for the clergy and laymen as well as for the bishop.

Together the British and American branches of the church can plan things that can be worked out better than if they labored separately. They can find a greater opportunity for good than if working alone. The American representation will do no violence to the traditions of the church of England, and will offer in its independence no reflection on that church's isolation and its pride in isolation. These men have in their power the ability to make these traditions stronger and more effective, and at the same time, because of their wider citizenship and greater independence, can be an influence toward even wider catholicity in the older church.

Woman's Influence.

In proof of the twentieth century recognition of woman and her influence in all things, the conference will devote a day to the discussion of questions relating to woman and her interests. Modern views about marriage and divorce with its legal and social side will be dilated upon by the women delegates. They will talk of gambling among women, of women's work and wages, of the liquor traffic and the alleged increase of drinking among women, and offer suggestions as to the best ways to promote theological and Bible study among their sex. Just preceding the general conference one day will be observed as "Girls Day" and in the Church House of Westminster Abbey a gathering will be held to advise with girls and women who wish to enter the service of the church in the mission fields. Missionary offerings will be made by the various dioceses of the Church of England, some of the smallest parishes pledging themselves to large sums in the

interest of the extension of the church missions. Auckland, New Zealand, has adopted the unique plan of taxing each communicant of that diocese a penny to make up a good-sized offering.

Pilgrimages a Feature.
Pilgrimages to historical places will be a feature of this world-gathering. One pilgrimage has been arranged for the Anglo-Saxon church, signaling the new movement for carrying the historic island of Lindisfarne, the birthplace of Northumbrian Christianity, while other places sacred in the history of the Anglican church are likewise being considered at the hands of the 5,000 delegates and the thousands of other guests.

Riches of all fanes that these twentieth century pilgrims will know is that where the initial meeting is to be held—Westminster Abbey, Saxons and Danish, English and Norman, Plantagenet and Tudor, Stuart and Hanoverian rulers have held dominion over it, and it is so very old that its legend claims that the first house of worship on the present site was built by Robert, East Saxon king, and that St. Peter himself came to consecrate it one stormy night. The oldest history reads: "Without the walls of London upon the River Thames, there was in Times past a little monastere, builded to the honor of God and St. Peter, with a Benedict monk in it, under an Abbot's service, Christ. The massive pile of stone that now marks the place of the little monastere upon the River Thames is the last resting-place of York and Lancastrian, Puritan and cavalier, poet and states-

man, the great leveler Death having eliminated all dividing lines. Great passions of pomp and power have passed through its aisles, but no meeting of greater importance has ever been held there than this of the great Anglican church gathered from all parts of the world where has spread the Anglo-Saxon race.

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STRANGE FATALITY FOLLOWED SPARKS

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stenographer in Sparks' office at Carson City, died here Tuesday and the body was sent to Nevada today. She was taken ill soon after the death of Governor Sparks, Governor Sparks' private secretary succumbed soon after his chief died, and this makes the third time that members of the old executive staff of Nevada have been stricken.

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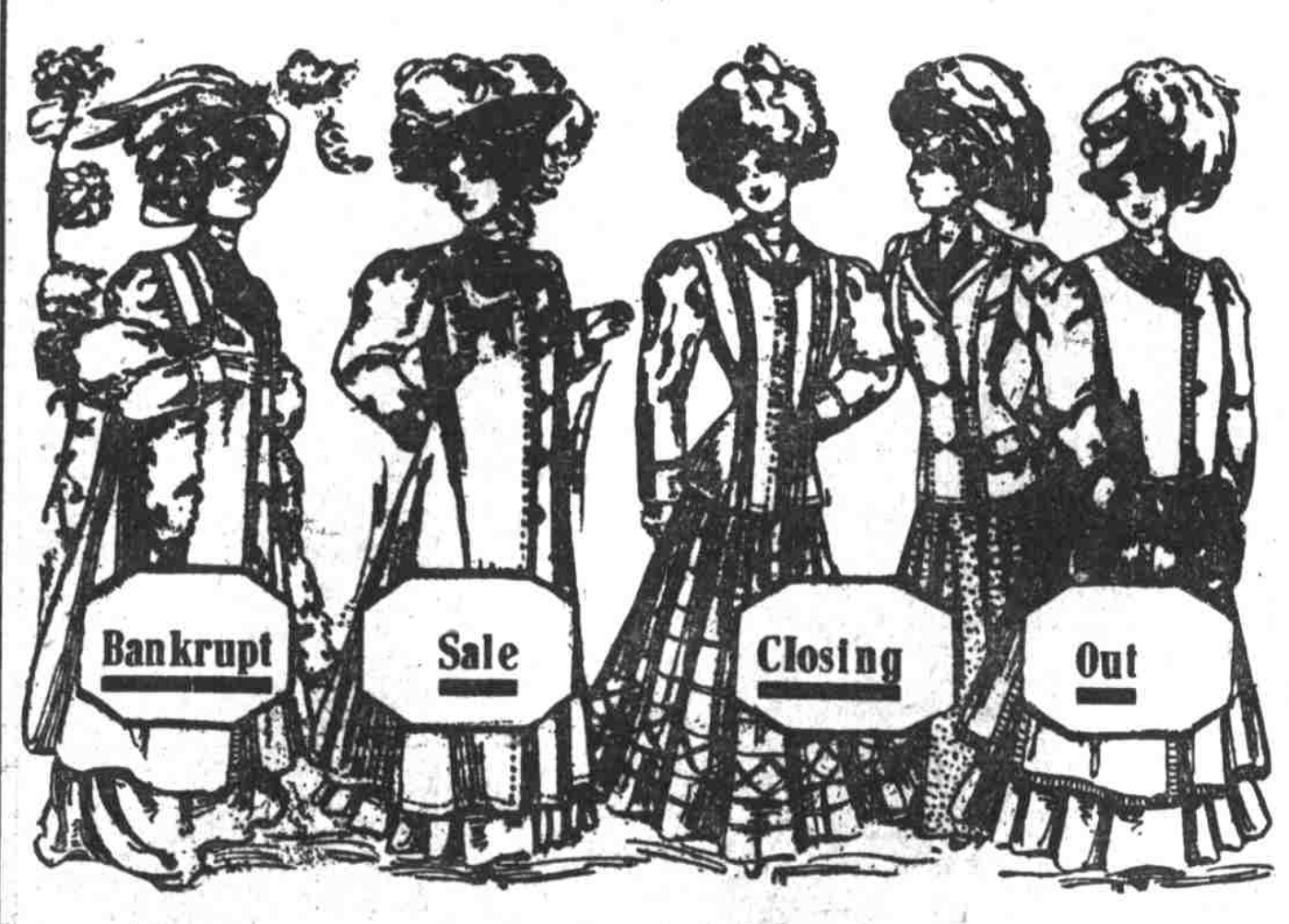
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