NEW LEADER FOR ALLIED CHURCHES

John R. Mott Called to Executive Direction of Seventeen Million Church Members—Biggest of Protestant Posts.

By the Religious Rambler.

John R. Mott, the foremost personality in the International Young Men's Christian association and the leader of the World's Christian Student federation, has been called to the position of executive secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which is the official name for the national federation of churches. Thus the most forceful executive personality in Christian work in this country has been elected to head the most potent organization. The news is more important than the selection of any other official in the whole realm of American religious life.

At present Mr. Mott is in Europe attending several student conventions, and already the Y. M. C. A. in this country has sent representatives abroad to bring pressure to bear to keep him in association work. Men in a position to know, however, declare that the logic of events makes inevitable Mr. Mott's acceptance of the new post. His recent book, "The Future Leadership of the Church," which has attracted widespread attention, and about which ex-President Roosevelt wrote such a vigorous letter, masses arguments for modern leaders of allied forces that practically compel the author, in all consistency, to undertake the important task that has been offered him.

An International Leader.

John R. Mott is generally regarded as the leading laymen in America. Other business men have come to prominence in church circles by large gifts of money. Mr. Mott has had only himself to give, and he has displayed such statesmanlike qualities ever since his college days, when he was a front figure in student affairs, that he today has a larger following of churchmen than any other one man. His personality has of late years dominated the whole Y. M. C. A. movement, of which he is the admitted head, although his title as an international secretary puts him on a level with certain other men. He projected and organized the great international student movement which has repeatedly during the past dozen years called together the greatest gatherings of undergraduates from institutions of higher learning that history has known. These conventions have been held in America, Europe and Japan.

The work of picking and placing and managing Y. M. C. A. secretaries all over the world—for this force has been distributed over practically every country on earth—has been within Mr. Mott's control. He has achieved great distinction for his skill in selecting the right men and for his ability as an executive as well as for his platform eloquence. Because of the international character of his work he has been kept largely on the go, and has repeatedly circled the globe.

One of Mr. Mott's principles, which is now pointed out as a reason why he will accept the tender just made to him, is that no man should remain permanently in student work. Young men should lead the undergraduates of the nation. Mr. Mott himself has been called a young man for so long that the public has forgotten that he has reached middle life, being 44 years old. He was graduated from Cornell with the doctorate of philosophy in 1888. Yale made him a master of arts. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical society, and author of numerous books. Through these, but especially through his student leadership and Y. M. C. A. work, he has developed an immense following of business and professional men in all parts of the land who would rally to his leadership. He is uniquely interdenominational, although a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. It is generally admitted that Mr. Mott embodies the genius of the new federation of churches, which is really the fruition of all the preparatory movements, like the Y. M. C. A., Christian Endeavor, etc.

Millions In It.

The general public has scarcely awakened to the significance of this federation of churches which has called Mr. Mott to its chief executive position. This idea of banding together all the churches of America has been in the air for generations. It was actually consummated in Philadelphia last December, when the 25 largest Protestant denominations in the country officially enrolled themselves in the federal council, each denomination paying its share of the council's expenses, and fully committing itself to this big project of concerted activity.

In the churches which have taken official action by their highest executive body committing themselves to the federation there are 17,000,000 actual members. This is not to count mere adherents. The latter would total more than half the population of the nation. It is the official character of the federation of churches which gives it significance and power. It must not be considered as in the same class with such volunteer and unofficial interdenominational organizations as the Christian associations, young people's societies, Bible societies, etc. The federation is the churches.

In addition to its denominational organization the federation has got together in a number of states and is already a powerful working force in Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island. Part of Mr. Mott's work will be the perfecting of state federations in every state in the union, together with local city federations. A western headquarters of the federation has just been opened in Denver, with Rev. O. F. Gardner in charge.

The design is to perfect the reorganization so that all its power can be brought to bear upon any given point or problem. It is largely to concern itself with matters of practical religion. A business organization, which can make itself felt at Washington or at a state capital is more to be desired than an ecclesiastical gathering which can discuss learnedly abstruse theological and sociological themes.

Mixing in Public Affairs.

The big present meaning of this federation is that it means to mix in all public affairs that impinge upon the domain of practical religion. It will have nothing to do with doctrinal matters. While confined to evangelical churches — therefore the Unitarians, Universalists, Hicksite Quakers, and Swedenborgians have not applied for admission—the federation goes no further than this basis in the matter of theological tests. Its business is with works of righteousness rather than with discussion of creeds.

It has undertaken to focus the influence of the united Protestantism of America upon such diverse subjects as the increase of the number of chaplains in the navy and the restriction of the divorce evil. Local federations have moved aggressively in the matter of unfit moving picture shows and theatrical performances, and the national federation may call a conference this year of leading newspaper men and religious officials to go over the subject of the relation of the church and the newspaper.

In Los Angeles the federation was a quiet but potent factor in the exercises of the "recall," which gave the city a new mayor. One of the functions which the federation has undertaken is to vise all appeals for public aid in the name of religion or charity. Thus it is expected that numerous undeserving charitable organizations will be forced to the wall, because, lacking the approval of the federation, the public will not support them.

Especial zeal has been shown by the federation in the matter of the Americanization and Christianization of the immigrant population, and also for the solution on a Christian basis of the labor problem. What has been characterized as the greatest utterance on the subject of church and labor was the deliverance of the federal council at its last convention. The approaching national campaign of the laymen in the interest of missions will also come within the purview of the federation. The mood of the times chords with this development, and all that is needed is a great leader, such as Mr. Mott has proved himself to be in other spheres, to bring the federation of churches to the forefront as the expression of the moral and Christian sentiment of America in the solution of present day problems.

HARNEY COUNTY TOWN BRAVELY OVER EARLY DAY STAGE FRIGHT

"There was never a town more 'educated up' in the theatrical line than Vale,' said David A. Glines, at the Imperial yesterday. "Something like 15 years ago, maybe a year or two more, I don't remember exactly, our big new opera house was opened and the play put on that night I have in mind was 'Doctor Bill.'

"It was neither better nor worse than the usual run of such plays, but it is laughable now, looking back to those days, to notice the change in sentiment that has taken place. 'Doctor Bill' created somewhat of a sensation, as one of the recherche situations in the play was the losing of a door key down the pink and dimpled back of the heorine. And the male hero had to find it.

Narrow Ideas Prevailed.

"In those days we were no doubt just a trifle narrow in our ideas and could be shocked a little easier in matters theatrical than we are now. So at the 'Doctor Bill' play, when the hero was blushingly engaged in doing the Sherlock Holmes stunt of trying to find the door key somewhere in the vicinity of the beautiful heroine's spinal column, the audience sat there and coughed and blushed and fidgeted and cast its bashful eyes down sheepishly, and generally acted like a big, awkward school girl who has been kissed for the first time in 'clap in and clap out.'

Feminine Indignation Aroused.

"The old maids in the audience looked daggers at their male escorts, and the male escorts looked as though they had been caught in the act of picking a pocket. One or two females in high dudgeon even flounced out of the theatre, followed by their meek little husbands, who looked as though they expected to be spanked when they reached home. Next day after the show all denied that they had ever taken the thing in—we were sick at home, out of town, or some nice, soft while lie like that.

"But a great change has taken place since then. Now we Valeites go to the opera house and right in the midst of our families level our opera glasses square at the winsome soubrette who is doing a skirt dance, or a heel and toe act; and we even turn away with the most blase air if the 'twinkling angel' is not to our liking. Yes, sir, we have gotten metropolitan to beat the cymbals.

No Longer Apathetic.

"And another thing that shows that we are getting up to date in a theatrical sense: Formerly the town was as cold as a refrigerator when a show took place. Why, in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' where Eliza is being chased toward eternity by the big, mangy bloodhounds, even the gallery used to go to sleep during this delirious incident, while the orchestra and parquet looked like a lot of frozen stalagmites.

"Now, when 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' comes to town a perfect roar of encouragement goes up for Eliza to beat the pesky bloodhounds a hundred yards. Years ago we didn't care a whoop whether the coldblooded villain's glittering knife sank into the sobbing windpipe of the lovely heroine or not; today we utter a wild shriek of delight when the brave hero rises up from behind a rock and, tearing the stiletto from the bold, bad man, swats him into the seething middle of next week, and bears off the unconscious, but uninjured, damsel to the Methodist or Congregational preacher where they get married and live happily ever after in a cosy little cottage under the old beech tree.

Negro Minstrels the Specialty.

"And it is also remarkable the way our audiences loosen up when negro minstrels come to town. Years ago a jokelet would miss us a whole city block; we would pay no more attention to it than to the idly falling autumn leaves. Today we almost anticipate the jokes before they are fairly out of the huge mouths of the garrulous end men. A good take-off song is met with such a furor of applause that it almost scares the actor to death and makes the manager wish that he had been given dates for a month instead of a one-night stand.

"Yes, sir, right now we have the theatre habit and it does not matter whether it is the high class music of Sousa's band, or the homely and ancient and always agonizing moral of East Lynne, the dialectic Yon Yonson, or a pigeon wing aggregation of darkeys, we are always present—ready to laugh, ready to cry, ready to coo and ready to applaud. Times may get hard, money may be scarce, banks may be put out in clearing house certificates, dollars may look as big as cartwheels, butter may go up to $1.75 a roll, eggs may be too scarce and valuable to throw at the actors, our best citizens may be living on liver and hamburger steak, but we will go to the shows, no matter what kind they are or how often they come."

TURKS ARE GOOD BUYERS OF GUNS

New York, July 24.—Frederick Peters, member of a firearms company in Hamburg, who has just arrived, says that on September 5 he will leave New York for Bagdad, Asiatic Turkey, to sell firearms.

"They have a revolution every month or so in that place and use lots of firearms," said Mr. Peters.

"The new constitution of Turkey was a great thing for the sale of firearms. In one week last July, the Turks, although the revolver is a new weapon in their country, bought 30,000 pistols."

Talks on Teeth

BY THE REX DENTAL CO.

PYORRHEA

Whilst the belief was at one time current that pyorrhea alveolaris has for its most common, if not exclusive, cause some micro-organism, it is now conceded by all enlightened stomatologists that the chief cause of the disease is the overproduction and insufficient elimination of uric acid, the urates and other waste substances.

It is unquestionably true that the disease is, at times, of bacterial origin, but the simple fact that it very frequently occurs among those who are exceedingly painstaking in the daily cleansing of their teeth is ample proof that the malady is not specifically a microbic one.

This is the disease, as has been said, which dentists, upon the whole, have given up as incurable, and yet we claim to be able to cure it. We have cases of pyorrhea at our office every day. It is a much more common disease than you would think. The majority of people who are wearing sets of false teeth today started in with pyorrhea. Had they known of us they could have saved their teeth, cured the gums and thus avoided an artificial plate.

We can refer you to hundreds of people whom we have cured of pyorrhea (Riggs' disease), loose teeth, who came to us because their dentists could not cure them, and hundreds of people for whom we have put in partial or full sets of alveolar teeth—teeth without plates—within the year. Most of these people are well known and do not object to our referring to them. They are proud of the work, but might object to our publishing their names.

In a majority of our advertisements we lay great stress on our great specialty—the art of putting missing teeth back into the mouth, without using plates or bridge work, by our patented Alveolar method.

The work is so remarkable in its character that it is apt to overshadow those other cases which come to us—the simple cases.

We don't want the idea to obtain that we are Alveolar specialists alone. We are that, but something more—GENERAL PRACTITIONERS OF THE FIRST CLASS.

A dentist must needs have exceptional ability to put in alveolar teeth, hence it follows that in the simpler forms of dental work these men will give their patients results that will delight them—careful, sympathetic, scientific work in each and every case, no matter how simple the case may be.

Every appliance known is here to assist him in getting results, and to make the patient comfortable—and—BACK OF IT ALL IS OUR GUARANTEE AND TESTIMONIALS from some of our patients who have had the alveolar teeth placed in their jaws. WE WANT TO SEND YOU TO THEM. They give the other side of the alveolar story—the patient's side.

If you cannot come to our office at once, send for Dr. Rex's book, "Alveolar Dentistry," which explains the method in detail—free of any charge. THE REX DENTAL CO., Dentists, 311 1/2 Abington Bldg., 166 1/2 3d

WISHES FARM HELP COULD BE IMPORTED

Secretary Wilson Says It Is Not Patten Who Raises Prices—It Is Lack of Farm Workers.

Washington, July 24.—On Mr. Patten and his wheat squeeze in Chicago, Secretary Wilson comments as follows:

"That is gambling, and while it can do the country no good it cannot have any permanent effect on food prices. The real trouble is, that the farmer can't get help to raise crops."

He added:

"While the population of the United States has been steadily increasing through the usual additions at home and from immigration, the cultivated area of the country is decreasing. Thousands of acres formerly raising products that made the food of the country have gone back to pasturage. The farmers simply cannot get the men to raise crops.

"The city draws not only the laborer who might go to the farm, but the boy raised on the farm. Outside the fascination of bright lights, amusement and the excitement of mingling with people, there are the shorter hours and the better pay. The farmer has doubled his wages in the last 15 years, but the farmer in his busy season must work 16 hours a day, while in the city eight hours has become the rule.

"The government bureau of information under the department of commerce and labor is valuable and capable of great development. It would seem to be a wise policy to get the immigrant away from the large cities and out into the country, where his services are needed and where he has a chance to grow into a property owner. So the government employment agency, as it has been called, is a good institution.

"On the other hand, many of the immigrants arriving would be of no use in the western country. They are from cities of Europe or have farmed in a primitive way, and would not know what to do with our modern machinery.

"It is pitty that our laws will not allow American farmers to import real farmers from Europe who know how to do the work."

NOTHING CAN SAVE AIRSHIP FROM EAGLES

Berlin, July 24.—Dr. Zell, the famous Zoologist, had a talk with the kaiser concerning the dangers threatening aerial navigation from eagles and other big birds of prey. The kaiser wanted to know if there was not some kind of protection, but Zell said nothing could save a balloon from the sharp talons of big birds save some means of frightening them away from attacks. "The talons of eagles and other big birds," said the doctor, "are sharp as a razor, and an eagle could demolish the largest balloon in a few minutes."

The kaiser ordered the director of the zoo to experiment with the eagles under his care to see whether noises or other means frighten them.

So severe are the snow and sleet storms of Illenis that the government, which owns the telephone lines, has the wires taken down each winter and [illegible]

Any Parasol $1.93

Your choice tomorrow, while they last, of any beautiful Parasol in the entire store, regardless of former prices, at a sensational price offer indeed. Values worth regularly up to $6.00, Monday for **$1.93**

Portland's Great Bargain Store

NEW GOLDEN EAGLE

THIRD AND YAMHILL STREETS

For the Great Working People

One More Great Week
The Gigantic, Amazing "Get Busy" Sale Still On

Another Astounding Wash Suit Buy of "Busy Burke's" On Sale Tomorrow Morning

Astounding indeed is this great purchase and sale—another startling buy by our manger, "Busy Burke," whose shrewd purchases have again and again been wondered at by pleased purchasers—Portlanders who have read and bought the monstrous bargains that have been offered during the past week. On Monday, the first day of the last week of this mammoth sale event, we will place on sale another great shipment of two hundred and forty-one lovely, stylish Linen Wash Suits that were bought by Mr. Burke at a tremendous sacrifice. Indeed, the low prices at which we offer them will more than convince you that they must have been bought at a stupendously low price—a Wash Suit buying opportunity that you will not meet with in months to come. The lot consists of dozens of different styles and colors—whites, blues, naturals, tans, etc.; some in pretty lace, others with plain tailored effects. Come, look 'em over—here is indeed a REAL WASH SUIT BARGAIN—the greatest garment reduction and price opportunity to be found on the whole Pacific Coast.

A great assortment of one lot of lovely Wash Suits, bought by "Busy Burke" at a gigantic sacrifice; wonderful values that are worth to $18.00, all go during the great "Get Busy" sale, beginning tomorrow, at only **$3.46**

A great lot of amazing values worth to $22.50—beautiful Wash Suits in all styles and colors; the remarkable sacrifice price at which Mr. Burke procured 'em makes possible this wonderful offer, beginning Monday, at **$5.23**

Odd sizes in Wash Suits, many values in the lot worth to $15. We're daily adding to this sensational assortment that go during our great "Get Busy" sale at **$2.93**

Wash Suits in wonderful variety in great diversity of styles and colors; the lot comprises values worth to $20, that must go during this great sale at the extraordinary price of only **$4.23**

Your choice of any other Wash Suit in the entire store, regardless of former values or price; many suits in the lot worth as high as $30; all must go at this great sale at only **$6.66**

Silk Dresses Go Regardless of Regular Cost

Just thirty-one beautiful Silk Dresses left in the whole store; lovely messalines, taffetas and foulards; wonderful values worth usually to $35.00, all must go this week at tremendous sacrifice, regardless of cost. In two great lots at ..... **$11.71 and $8.88**

Lingerie Dresses To Go In Three Great Price Lots

All Lingerie Dresses, every style conceivable—every color desirable—all must go during our great "Get Busy" sale to make room for "Busy Burke's" great purchases; sensational values worth to $30, they go in three great lots at ..... **$3.79, $4.88 and $6.88**

Three Sensational Waist Cuts

Fine Summer Waists at Unheard of Prices

A lucky purchase of our manager, Mr. Burke — "Busy Burke" — enables us to offer still greater bargains than ever in this department. Read these wonderful price offerings—and don't miss the greatest Waist Sale ever held. On sale beginning Monday.

Plain Tailored Waists in white only; values that are usually sold at to $4—a great assortment Monday at the low price of, each.. **$1.03**

Lingerie and Tailored Waists in great profusion, wonderful values, worth as high as $3.50, all will go Monday at the bargain price of.. **83c**

A small lot of fine Lingerie and Tailored Waists, whites and colors; an odd lot of values, worth $1.50, to go Monday, special, only.. **37c**

Here Is a Few of the Other Monstrous Bargains Offered During This Great Sale

Any Trimmed Hat in our entire store, regardless of former prices, values to $2, Monday **$1.98**

Fine Val. laces, regular 50c values, the bolt only ..... **23¢**

Women's Fancy Hose, in all colors; values to 50c, only ..... **23¢**

Sleeveless Vest, in colors and white; values to 25c, only ..... **8¢**

Wash Skirts, Petticoats, values to $1.50, in colors, only .. **51¢**

Artificial Flowers and Foliages, values to 50c, only ..... **11¢**

Mushroom Sailors, all colors, regular $2.50 values, only ..... **67¢**

Sailors in many shapes—regular $1.50 values, Monday only .... **51¢**

Plain Sailors, $1.50 values, Monday **12½¢**

Any Children's Trim'd Hat or Straw Bonnet at, Monday only **51¢**

Women's 50c Hose Supporters, all colors, at only ..... **18¢**

Men's Balbriggan Underwear, 50c values at only, Monday .. **23¢**

Men's Hose in tan and black; regular 15c values, Monday, pair **8¢**

Any Man's Suit, vals. up to $20, all go at **$5.92**

Great Wash Goods Sale Goes On

Lovely Wash Goods of all kinds, swisses, veilings, lawns, dimities, batistes, organdies, etc.—a great lot of 5000 yards bought by Mr. Burke—all go at tremendous sacrifice prices—really unheard of reductions.

15c values..**5¢** 20c values..**7¢** 25c values..**9¢**
Values to 35c....**12¢** Values to 50c....**17¢**