

M. E. CHURCHES ALL SATISFIED TO KEEP PRESENT MINISTERS

Practically Every Church in Portland District Has Made Request for Retention.

SOME SALARIES INCREASE

Portland's Gain in Membership Greater Than All the Rest of the Conference Combined.

Not one Methodist Episcopal church in the Portland district is asking for a change of pastors for the next conference year.

Practically every church has asked to have its pastor returned.

Membership Gains General.

Dr. McDougall said nearly every church in the Portland district shows an increase in membership for the year.

Besides the Sunnyside church, Dr. McDougall named the following churches that show marked increases in membership.

He said that in a number of instances the salary of pastors had been increased, and with one exception, the salary of every pastor in the district was paid up in full.

Portland Takes Lead.

"The Portland district last year had a larger increase in membership than all the rest of the conference combined," he said.

The annual conference will open in Roseburg tomorrow morning.

The conference will elect four preachers and four lay delegates to the general conference of the church.

County Court News.

Bids for furnishing 1850 feet of wire cable for the ferry W. S. Mason were as follows:

A request by James Sourapas, 234 Couch street, that personal properties of Eli Michich, who died recently at Multnomah farm, be turned over to him that he may send them to relatives in Europe, was referred to Miss Edith Maas, superintendent of the farm.

P. J. Nelson requested that a surface be put on Fairmount boulevard before the winter rains. The matter was referred to Roadmaster Yeon.

A request from John E. Kollock that the portion of Fairmount boulevard connecting with the Talbot road be surfaced was referred to the roadmaster.

The board requested the city water bureau to install a meter on the pipe

supplying the boiler on the Burnside bridge that the amount consumed per month may be ascertained.

The claim of Herbert Hedwall for damages because of injury to his foot received May 16 while leaving the ferry Webster was denied.

Hearing of the petition of Clarence D. Cathey of Gresham for \$25 indemnity for one cow slaughtered because of tuberculosis was set for September 27 at 10 o'clock.

Cottage Grove Fair Had Many Features

Cottage Grove, Or., Sept. 21.—After the greatest exhibit of agricultural products ever made here the grange fair came to a close Saturday and the latter part of the exhibits have been shipped to Eugene, where it is anticipated that some of the big prizes will be won.

The best exhibits were individual farm exhibits by C. T. Wilkinson and M. M. Wheeler, both of which contained considerable over 100 articles grown from the soil.

Other good exhibits in the children's department were a 21 piece set made by 15-year-old Ruth Stewart and an exhibit of 23 varieties of canned fruit by 13-year-old Ruby Keen.

The exhibit of mammoth vegetables, grains and grasses exemplified the possibilities of Cottage Grove soil.

Mrs. Lischen Miller Succumbs at Eugene

Eugene, Or., Sept. 21.—Mrs. Lischen M. Miller, wife of George M. Miller of this city, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Idaho Campbell, 252 Pearl street, Eugene, yesterday afternoon after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Miller had spent several months at the picturesque ranch owned by her husband on the coast near Hecla Head lighthouse, in the hope that the sea air and outdoor life would benefit her health, but she continued to grow worse.

She returned to Eugene and gradually declined until death came to her relief.

Mrs. Miller was for many years contributor to leading magazines. She was editor of the Pacific Monthly when it was published in Portland.

Smokes Pipe Over Powder; Is Killed

Eugene, Or., Sept. 21.—W. C. Keever, 58 years old, residing at Pleasant Hill, was killed almost instantly when about 15 sticks of giant powder with which he was working yesterday afternoon exploded. He was working with a county road crew 20 miles west of Eugene near the village of Franklin.

Keever was seen stooping over a box of giant powder and caps and was smoking a pipe. His fellow employes think sparks from the pipe ignited the caps and caused the explosion.

He leaves a wife and seven children, some of whom are grown. He also has a brother, John Keever, in Eugene.

Livestock Auction Philomath Program

Corvallis, Or., Sept. 21.—The horse show and cowman's carnival at Philomath yesterday are followed today by a big auction sale of livestock.

This is an annual event. An exhibition and parade of the blue ribbon horses was one of the most attractive features. In addition to the usual riding and roping stunts of cowboys' sports, there will be a wild steer bulldozing performance from an automobile.

The street performances include a water fight and firemen's drill and exposition of ladies' horsemanship. Races and contests are on the program.

Dowers for Brides Revived.

Copenhagen, Sept. 21.—(I. N. S.)—With a view to encouraging early marriages, the Prussian minister of justice announces the revival of dowers in the case of young girls under 18.

READJUSTMENT IN GERMANY HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY RAPID

Consul General Harris Tells of Conditions in Report to Bureau of Commerce.

LUXURIES SUFFER WORST

Stores Selling High-Priced and Fancy Wares Affected—Tourist Hotels Are Forced to Close.

"The relative ease with which Germany was able to adjust itself to the new conditions and meet the industrial demands made upon it stands out as one of the unique and instructive facts of the war," says Consul General H. W. Harris in a report to the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, just issued.

"It has emphasized the fact that Germany's industries are many-sided, covering a wide range of products, and that its policy of conserving and making the best of its resources has served the country well in this hour of its trial, as it added to its strength in time of peace. The needs of war cut into every branch of industry."

The report gives comparative tables showing that in his district, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, covering the year 1914, many industries flourished, despite the war, and gave relatively larger returns on the capital invested than during the preceding year.

Luxuries Not in Demand.

The jewelry, silverware and fine leatherware industries, he says, suffered greatly by the outbreak of the war, and are practically at a standstill. The chemical and dyestuff industry was largely curtailed and in some cases certain departments of factories were shut down; in others, the necessity for products used in large quantities in the manufacture of explosives, the increased requirements of the textile industry, and the domestic demand in other lines, together with the higher prices obtained for products, partly offset the loss in export trade.

"In many instances the setting aside of large sums to assist the families of workmen in the army or for general relief purposes tended to reduce dividends, though in general the falling off was not marked.

"A German writer, referring to this industry, says:

"Whoever considers the history of the months following the outbreak of the war from the standpoint of the chemical industries must reach the conclusion that in no period of the world's history has the recognition of the far-reaching importance of the chemical industries in the general welfare taken so deep root among all classes of the German people as has been the case within the past few months. There is scarcely a field of human activity in which the chemist, whose usefulness was heretofore recognized only in a limited degree, is not now called upon to enter to counsel or to assist."

"In the machinery manufacturing industry the showing for the year was in the main a favorable one. This call for military shoes, saddlery, etc., had a marked effect on the demand for shoe and saddlery machinery. The making of shells and other ammunition on a large scale has resulted in heavy demands for metal working machinery.

"Some branches of the automobile industry suffered much, while others engaged especially in the making of types of cars used in the army were occupied to their full capacity.

Falling Off Small.

"The demand for automobiles for pleasure purposes ceased with the outbreak of the war, as was the case with luxuries in general. With large demands for machines for military purposes the remainder of the year was fairly satisfactory, the net earnings for the whole period falling but little behind those of 1913.

"Other machine concerns in the district are known to have had a fairly profitable year, due wholly or in part to their participation in the making of products required for the war. A large ice machine concern paid but 5

per cent dividend, as against 9 per cent for three previous years, a decrease due in part, it is stated, to the fact that branches in other countries were affected by the war.

Another concern paid 5 per cent, as against 10 per cent for several years past, while still another paid 7 per cent, as it has done for the past five years or more.

Metal Trade Viciously Affected.

The general retail trade has been variously affected since the beginning of the war. Frankfurt and other cities in the district have large and handsome stores patronized not only by the many well-to-do people living in this district, but by the thousands of tourists who come to this region in normal times on their way to the many health resorts of the locality.

Business houses such as these, dealing in expensive jewelry, costly linen goods, fine carpets, musical instruments, antiques, handsome furniture, leather goods, bric-a-brac, and pictures, have felt the effects of the war in marked degree.

Hotels catering to tourists have suffered more than any other line of endeavor, many having had to close, the report states.

Historic Frigate Is Burned for Junk

Old Warship "Independence," Once Pride of Navy, Is Burned for Copper Rivets in Her Hull.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—Once the pride of the American navy—nearly 100 years ago, the famous frigate Independence today is but a charred skeleton, burned for the value of the copper rivets contained in her structure. She was put to the torch on the mud flats at Hunter's Point last night by a commercial concern that bought her for \$3515.

To many persons who knew the record of the gallant old vessel which had carried the Stars and Stripes since the triumphant end of the relic was a tragedy.

The old ship was the first flagship, in the early days of its career.

The Independence was launched July 20, 1814, and made her maiden voyage to the Mediterranean, flying the flag of Commodore Bainbridge. Three years ago it was mustered out of service, and it had been a receiving ship at Mare Island.

German Taube Wins In an Aerial Battle

British Aviator and Observer Sent Crashing to Death During Fight in Skies.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A German Taube recently shot down a British aeroplane west of St. Quentin, according to official announcement here today. The pilot was killed and the observer captured.

Dr. Sticker Killed, Maybe.

London, Sept. 21.—(I. N. S.)—That Dr. Sticker, commandant-in-chief of the largest and most modern of German airships, who has recently been reported killed, met his death in the recent air raid on London, was the theory advanced here today by the London Express. It is known, according to the Express, that the crew of one of the raiders was lacking one man when it returned to Germany, and a German fell or was blown out of the car was shown by the finding of a body mangled beyond recognition somewhere in England.

Offers of Aid Come To Dr. Dwight Hillis

Members of His Church Stand Ready to Clear Up His Financial Affairs Any Time.

New York, Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—Offers of aid today came from many sources to Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, who dramatically announced from his pulpit Sunday that worldly ambition had led him from his ideals and involved him financially. Members of the Plymouth church congregation said everything would be cleared up and that Dr. Hillis would continue as head of the church.

It was suggested that holders of the \$100,000 bonds of a timber company in which Hillis is interested, make a pool, clear the prior affairs, and continue to push the timber business.

Albany Schools Have About 800 on Rolls

Albany, Or., Sept. 21.—With about 800 pupils enrolled this morning, the Albany public schools opened yesterday, with the following teachers in charge:

U. V. Baetticher, city superintendent, Senior High School—W. R. Young, principal; E. A. Hudson, C. P. Stevens, W. E. Woods, H. S. Clifford, Aurelia Bureh, Mae Lewis, Lulu Heist, Maude Miller, Lillian Thordarsen, Winnifred Patterson.

Junior High School—J. E. Finnerty, principal; M. M. Gilbert, Minnie McCourt, Myrtle Worley, Ed. Metcalf, Alpha Galloway, Ray Hudson.

Elementary Schools—Margaret Riley, Nellie Pate, Lottie Morgan, Letha McCullough, Veronica Tracy, Zella Burkhardt.

Madison School—O. D. Byers, principal; Dorothy Shank, Anna Mayne, Bertha Braden, Edith M. Evans, Stella Wilson, Bessie Bell, Elizabeth Ryan.

Maple School—W. A. Scott, principal; Pansy Colby, Ella Thacker, Sara Jewel, Mable Schultz, Maud Willis.

East Albany School—Mrs. Anna Hodkins, principal; Gertrude Buehler.

Special Teachers—Lenore Patton, J. F. Lau.

Health Advice Is Given by Expert

W. Earl Flynn lectured on "How to Get Well and Stay Well" at the Eleventh street playhouse last night. It takes only ten minutes each day to care for your body properly. Ten minutes a day seems little enough time; which to lay up this store of energy for the coming years.

Tonight he speaks on "Colds, Coughs, Grip, Pneumonia and Tuberculosis."

Mabel Normand, Actress, Hurt.

Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—Mabel Normand motion picture actress who was injured during the staging of a knock-out comedy scene, was reported improving today. For a while it was feared she might die. Although there have been several different reports of the manner in which she was injured, it was stated that the stunts today that Miss Normand was struck on the head by a shoe, hurled her, token of good luck during a comedy wedding.

COMPLAINT IS MADE AGAINST ESTOPPEL OF COMMERCE BY BRITAIN

Oral Protest Against Recent Prize Court Decision Confiscating Goods Uttered.

VIGOROUS ACTION URGED

Packers Appear Before Acting Secretary of State Polk with Grievances Against England.

Washington, Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—Representatives of big Chicago packers today orally complained to Acting Secretary of State Polk against Great Britain's crippling of American commerce. A written complaint will be submitted later.

Legal aspects of the recent British prize court decision confiscating millions of dollars' worth of American meats were discussed, as well as general remedies. Another conference with importers and shippers will be held later when definite steps will be determined upon as a basis for future diplomatic protest.

The state department is also studying charges that British distributors of rubber and other raw products are blacklisting and boycotting American manufacturers who refuse to sign agreements curbing American export trade among Great Britain's customers.

Linked with the subject of trade interference there was an unconfirmed rumor that the hitch in the allies' \$500,000,000 loan negotiations has been due to federal obstacles. The failure of financiers to consult the government concerning these negotiations was deemed significant in view of this report.

England Continues to Trifle.

Washington, Sept. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The London representative of the American Importers' association charges the British foreign office with "trifling" with Americans in dispatches received at the state department today. He says he has been unable to obtain any satisfaction in his efforts to secure the release of goods tied up in Holland and the Scandina

Divers for Chinese Navy "Pretty Soon"

Vice Admiral Wei Han Is Non-Committal of China's Program for Naval Construction, at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—Asked whether China planned to go in for a new stock of submarines and battleships, Wei Han, vice admiral of the Chinese navy, looked at Motoki Kindo, inspector general of the Japanese navy today, sighed, and said:

"Not yet. Pretty soon, maybe."

Vice Admiral Wei Han appeared on the floor of the International Engineering congress today smothered with gold lace and weighted with a heavy gold encrusted sword. He was the most splendid figure among the hundreds of delegates.

Long Married; Asks Divorce.

Albany, Or., Sept. 21.—After 20 years of married life, Samuel Harris today filed suit in the circuit court against May E. Harris, alleging desertion. It is alleged that the defendant left the plaintiff at his farm near Sweet Home and went to Lebanon to reside, taking her 14-year-old daughter, Dora, on September 14, 1914. There are two other children, Leo, age 18, and Marvin, age

Will Take Body of Bishop to Church

Remains of Bishop Conaty Will Lie in State at Cathedral Thursday Afternoon.

Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—(P. N. S.)—A procession will be held here Thursday afternoon when the body of Right Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, bishop of the diocese of Los Angeles and Monterey, who died Saturday at Coronado Beach, will be transferred from his Burlington avenue residence to St. Vibiana's cathedral. The bishop's body, in full ecclesiastical robes, will lie in state at the cathedral for the remainder of Thursday.

Many local and visiting priests will participate in vesper services for the bishop Thursday evening. The funeral service will begin Friday morning at 9:30. High requiem mass will be said by Bishop Thomas Grace, Sacramento, and Archbishop Edward J. Hannah of San Francisco will deliver the sermon. Interment will be made at Calvary cemetery.

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