



ALL CHURCHES OF CITY WILL JOIN IN CAUSE

Ministers Representing All
Denominations at Laymen's
Convention Launch City-
Wide Endeavor Today.

CAMPAIGN WILL BE UNITED STATES FIELD

Four Strong Speakers Take
Part in Program Held
This Forenoon.

First fruits of the Laymen's Missionary Movement...
This will bring all the churches into cooperation and will be the beginning of a fulfillment of the purposes of the series of laymen's conventions which are being held in 75 cities throughout the United States.
Four strong speakers were on the program at this morning's session. They were J. O. Randall of Philadelphia, Dr. Hugh H. Bennett of the editorial department of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church, Bishop R. J. Cooke of Portland and Arthur R. Ragatz.
Social Unrest Fictitious.
If the church does not fulfill its mission in reaching those particularly for whom this life is a struggle, the theatre will, declared Dr. Randall. He pictures the social unrest that is evident everywhere on the lower strata.

MILWAUKEE CHEF IS ARRESTED IN POISON PLOT OF ANARCHISTS

Letters Found in Chicago
Show Widespread Conspiracy
Against Church, State.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Acting on orders from Chicago local police today arrested Marco Bonino, chef of the Hotel Pretoria. He will be questioned about the poison banquet which Archbishop Mundelein, Governor Dunne of Illinois and other notables at the Chicago University club last week.

CHICAGO, FEB. 15.—(U. P.)—Dominick Forte, believed to be an anarchist of the most vicious type, is being hunted by the Chicago police.

They took up this search after John Allegrini had protested that letters found on him and indicating an international plot against churches and churchmen, were really the property of Forte, roommate of Jean Croce, who is wanted on an alleged plot to poison Archbishop Mundelein at a recent banquet.

One of the letters previously attributed to Allegrini said: "There are many men panned like dogs in Joliet (the state penitentiary). What a wonderful thing it would be if we could free these men, are living. F—'s there, you know."
Allegrini was arraigned in municipal court today on charges of attempted murder and conspiracy to kill police. Bail was set at \$25,000 on each count.

The letter, given above, and the fact that the police found in Allegrini's possession floor plans of some of the largest Chicago skyscrapers and churches, constituted the evidence on which he was held.

Meanwhile the hunt for Croce as a poison banquet plotter and the chain of "reds" believed to be involved in an enormous anti-social anti-clerical plot, operated out of Rome, is being pushed.
Rumors have come here from many points saying Croce has been caught, but up to early this afternoon none of these had developed anything.
An unidentified person today telephoned the Minneapolis police the location of a house in which it is believed Croce and Mrs. Bresci, widow of Emperor Humbert's slayer, are living. Mrs. Bresci is wanted as a witness in the alleged anarchist plot.

Three Lose Lives in Alaska Snowstorm

Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 15.—(P. N. S.)—Adrian Asperen of Ketchikan and two Mexicans are dead today, victims of the severe snow storm which Saturday swept the coast of southeastern Alaska. Several persons are missing and fears are entertained that others may have perished.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS in home and foreign missionary work rally in common cause of evangelization. Above, J. O. Randall of Philadelphia. Below, at right, Walling Clark, superintendent of Methodist missions at Rome. Below center, M. W. Ehnes, editor of missionary publications.



LEVEE ON MISSISSIPPI BREAKS; THOUSANDS OF HOMES FLOODED

Men on Horseback Ride to
Warn Farms and Towns
of Their Danger.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Released when the main levee of the Limerick plantation unexpectedly broke, the Mississippi river today burst through a mile-wide gap, overflowing a vast area on the Louisiana side. Indications are that 100 towns have been overflooded and 20,000 persons rendered homeless.
Limerick is 25 miles north of St. Joseph. Louisiana.
Warning of the danger was carried to interior residents by men on horseback.
The break occurred at the point generally considered the strongest of the levee.
Interior residents tried desperately to save their livestock and other effects before seeking the highland.

BRANSON GUILTY OF MURDER OF BOOTH AT WILLAMINA LAST FALL

Jury, After All-Night Deliberation, Returns Verdict of
Second Degree Homicide.

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 15.—The jury in the William Branson murder case at 9:40 this morning returned a verdict finding Branson guilty of murder in the second degree, after being out a patch of brush along the bank of the Willamina river. Immediately after he entered the brush witnesses said they heard the report of a revolver shot. Information of the alleged presence of Branson and Mrs. Booth near the scene of the tragedy, both before and after the shot, together with other suspicious, led to their arrest on the following day. They were tried together here in November, the trial resulting in a hung jury.
The verdict this morning was a surprise, most of those hearing the case expecting a verdict of either acquittal or manslaughter.

Cozard Is Named Register at Burns

Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today nominated Victor C. Cozard of Canyon City, Or., as register of the last office at Burns, Or.

Burglar With a "Trilby Foot" Is Frightened Away

A number 7 shoe was worn by the burglar who attempted to enter two west side homes last night, but was frightened away in both instances.
The first attempt was made at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Kellar, 409 Broadway. The screen of a rear bedroom window was cut, but the appearance of Mrs. Kellar frightened the intruder away.
The thief then called at the home of J. P. Rainey of 347 Market street, but did not obtain entrance. The track of a number 7 shoe was found in the mud beneath windows at both homes.

Earthquake Shakes Alpine Villages

Stuttgart, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Five villages were severely damaged Sunday by an earthquake in the Swabian Alps, according to advices received here today. No casualties were reported.

Long Earthquake Felt.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Earthquakes lasting for one hour were recorded by the seismograph at Georgetown university today. It was estimated that the vibrations occurred 450 miles from this city.

RURAL CREDITS BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED; FIXES LOW INTEREST

Senate Committee Favors
Measure Guaranteeing 5
Per Cent Loans.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—The Hollis rural credits bill, proposing loans to farmers at 5 per cent interest, was favorably reported to the senate today. Non-partisan support for it promises favorable action on it.
Senator McChord, sponsor of the bill, farm loan board with the secretary of the treasury as a member. This board would charter local farm loan banks, who would take mortgages from farmers and issue bonds on them. These would be exempt from taxes, and moreover, the banks would charge no commissions, attorneys' fees or discounts.
Loans may be for as long as 36 years and payable in installments. If enough local banks are not started, the government would aid in establishing 12 of them.

BRANDEIS WOULD BE ADORNMENT TO BENCH, SAYS NOTED PREACHER

Dr. Samuel McChord Crothers
Has Utmost Confidence
in Boston Lawyer.

After an acquaintance with Louis D. Brandeis, nominee of President Wilson for associate justice of the United States supreme court, Dr. Samuel McChord Crothers of Cambridge, who has been lecturing here, declared this morning that Mr. Brandeis would be an adornment to the bench because of his ability and his willingness to rise to the questions that confront the high tribunal.

Laugh at German Rumors.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Reports that Germany is making attempts to gain a foothold in Latin America were branded as "poppycock" today by Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee.

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Nine Known Dead in Fire in Butte Mine

Butte, Mont., Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Nine persons were known to be dead this afternoon as a result of a fire that for hours flamed in the Pennsylvania mine company. The presence of live horses in the lower levels led, too, to the hope that of the 17 missing men, believed to be entombed, some are still alive.

Max Cohen Would Regain Citizenship

Washington, Feb. 15.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Max G. Cohen, former Portland, Or., attorney, who served a term in the federal penitentiary for subornation of perjury in a white slave case, is in Washington seeking to secure a complete pardon whereby his rights of citizenship will be restored. He is now under parole.

Plot to Blow Up Kentucky at Vera Cruz

Attempt Alleged to Start War Between United States and Mexico; Americans Involved.
Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Caracas, according to reports today, notified the United States that a plot to blow up the battleship Kentucky at Vera Cruz had been foiled by Carranza's agents.
The story went that the alleged plotters were unknown. No information concerning the report was obtainable from either the state department or the Mexican embassy.
Mexican Ambassador Arrendondo is known to have filed certain affidavits with the state department. It is reported these charged that not only Mexicans, but also Americans, were involved in the plot, the alleged purpose of which was to involve the United States in war, as did the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor.

EMPLOYMENT FOR 500 WORKERS IS LIKELY

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Government Ownership Plan.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—By a vote of 39 to 23, the senate today adopted a resolution proposing an investigation to determine the advisability of government ownership of telegraph, telephone and other facilities. It was submitted as an amendment to the Newland measure creating a commission to investigate the need of further railroad legislation.

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Copenhagen, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—That a torpedo boat may have been lost in the North sea was indicated today by Danish fishermen's discovery of a box with 21 German letters inside and a card on which was written "torpedo boat sinking, 36 aboard."

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