CHURCH PENSION FUND COMPLETED

Over $15,000,000 Raised by Presbyterians According to Report

SAN FRANCISCO. — (Special) —Will H. Hays, chairman of the Laymen's Committee which since last fall has been directing a national campaign in the Presbyterian Church to raise $15,000,000 for pensions for its old and disabled ministers, reported to the General Assembly in session here Saturday that the fund is complete and the pension plan may be made effective at once.

Listing the exact total raised as $15,045,000, Mr. Hays pictured the Presbyterian success as, perhaps, marking a new era in Christianity in which ministers of all Churches eventually would be protected through adequate pension plans. This total does not include assured legacies promised in lieu of contributions.

"May the day soon come," he said, "when every man who gives his life to the ministry of Christ will be relieved from the haunting anxiety which has clouded the lives of so many such men and their families. We have resolved, I believe—we laymen who live amidst comforts and luxuries greater than those known by any other generation—we have resolved at last that the men who administer to our spiritual and eternal welfare shall be permitted to share in our prosperity and shall not longer be doomed to an old age of poverty and hardship and distress."

New York Presbytery led the nation in the amount contributed with $1,156,000. Pittsburgh was second with $995,000, Chicago third with $636,000, and Los Angeles fourth with $528,000, Mr. Hays said. The Madison Avenue Church in New York was high among individual churches with $443,000.

Mr. Hays paid tribute to 30,000 laymen who took part in the campaign, to the Episcopal Church which already has a pension plan and made available the benefits of its experience, to the ministers for their cooperation and to the 110,000 families who contributed to the fund.

Pointing out that contributions ranged from a few cents from children to a gift of $300,000 each, and several others running into six figures, Mr. Hays said:

"First, I would like to note the enlarged standards of giving which I believe will result from our effort. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of our laymen have given more generously toward this cause than they have been accustomed heretofore to give to any Presbyterian enterprise. I believe that in many churches a by-product of the pension campaign will be a more generous support of the local Church budget for giving money to the Church is largely a matter of habit and development."

Mr. Hays explained that the pension fund eventually will become self-perpetuating through annual payments by each minister of $25 in each $1,000 he earns, and of $75 by each church for every $1,000 it pays its minister. The $15,000,000 will be used to pay pensions now due, retire sustentation bonds, and pay pensions to those whose own payments would not be sufficient to cover their pensions.

The pensions will range from $600 to $2,000 annually, based on average salary and length of service of the individual. Widows and orphans of ministers and missionaries also are provided for.

In closing his report, Mr. Hays turned to the ministers and said:

"We plant today another milestone on the road we have been traveling two hundred ten years. With the successful conclusion of this drive we are able to inaugurate the Service Pension Plan a new formula so constructed actuarially as to provide the means for all time to pension the servants of the Church more and more adequately. It brings a new zeal, a new faith to the minds and hearts of many of our ministers. The result is an expression of the potency of the religion of today as vital and as certain as was the religion of our fathers. The response to the appeal is the Laymens' declaration that there is no breakdown of religion, that there is nothing breakable in religion. To the men who have given their lives to Christ's Ministry in our Church, the men who come from the very flower of American manhood, we pay this tribute, The Service Pension Fund."

Answers Husband

Mrs. Emily Baske, 19, of Chicago was preparing to leave her husband, a pressman, when he upbraided her and threatened her, she says. The husband, Charles, was sent to a hospital with a bullet in his head, and Mrs. Baske and her 13-months-old babe were sent to jail.

SOLDIERS SEEN IN THREE FOLD ASPECT BY SPEAK'R

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fecting the instruments of democracy.

"Those soldier dead in whose memory the nation has set aside this day, would ask no finer memorial at our hands than intelligent and wholehearted devotion to the progressive welfare of the nation that they loved."

Three-Fold Aspect Seen

Superintendent Howard presented soldiers in a three-fold aspect. As private citizens, he pointed out, they have been active in the development of western states, a development which has resulted in a progressive political attitude.

As public servants, he said, they have been of inestimable value. Few northern states have not had soldiers for governors, and there have been three Civil war soldier presidents—Grant, Garfield, and McKinley.

As heads of families, he said, they have exercised stern discipline, but have made it a point to develope staunch patriotism in their families as well as in others.

Armory Filled

The Armory was filled with people anxious to hear the Memorial services. Alvin R. Fisher, acting commander of the Grand Army, was chairman. Ronald Glover gave a masterly reading of the Gettysburg address, and the Sons of Veterans quartet sang two numbers.

Just previous to the exercises and the parade, services were held at the Marion-Polk county bridge in memory of those who gave their lives while at sea and in the air. Rev. F. B. Culver gave the benediction. The services were in charge of the Women's Relief Corps.

Cemeteries Visited

The cemeteries were visited in the morning by an unusually large number of people who bore floral wreathes for the graves. Automobiles took old veterans of the Civil war to the services at the various cemeteries under auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Women's Relief Corps, and the Spanish War Veterans.

Tillamook—New store building on Third Street to go up.

FASCIST RIOTING FEATURES HOLIDAY

Two Men Killed in New York City When Mussolini Adherents Parade

NEW YORK, May 30.—(AP)—The black shirts of Fascism bulked large in New York's Memorial day.

Two men were killed in the morning, reputedly by political adversaries, and in the afternoon there was a minor riot at Times Square when 500 of the adherents of Mussolini pursued through the streets three men who had attacked one of their number. A Fascist delegation of 200 that marched in the Memorial day parade was guarded by police to avoid disorder.

Police expressed the opinion that the assailants had intended to kill the leaders of the Fascist group and that the bullets were meant especially for Giocomo Caldora, president of the organization in the Bronx, who escaped injury.

Michael Gioria, an invalid World war veteran, was attacked by three men. One of Gioria's hands was partly shot off in the war, but with the other he laid about him with a whip he was carrying and called for help. The black shirts streamed out armed with clubs and whips, and Gioria's assailants fled.

The chase led across Times Square and theater crowds ran for cover as the black shirted mob tore through the traffic. The fugitives escaped in the crowds.

SAME OLD TALK

PARIS—The French barber, like the American, tries to sell his customer a full line of goods.