

### METHODISTS TALK UNION OF CHURCHES AT CONFERENCE

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 2.—The membership of the Methodist Episcopal denomination has increased between 1909,000 and 400,000 every four years for more than half a century, according to the Episcopal address of the board of bishops, read at today's session of the Methodist general conference by Bishop John W. Hamilton of Boston.

The Episcopal address which is the formal utterance of the bishops of the church, reviewed the work of the denomination since the Minneapolis conference of 1912 and made recommendations concerning future labors. It emphasized the responsibility and opportunity resulting from the European war, saying:

"The occasion requires the keenest discernment and most tolerant attitude toward the feelings of the several belligerent nations."

The plan was adopted four years ago of trying out the residential supervision on the part of the bishops, whereby each bishop has charge of the annual conferences contiguous to his Episcopal residence has been satisfactory to the bishops but they feel that it is undesirable to group several such Episcopal areas.

"It tends," the address sets forth, "to limit the experience and knowledge of the bishops to restricted sections."

The proposal to unite the Episcopal church is touched upon in the address.

"Without presuming to pronounce upon the terms of union we declare ourselves earnestly in favor of the organic union of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church South, and of such other bodies as may share our common faith and experience."

Child labor, the growth of "mormonism," the repeal of Sabbath observance laws and the liquor traffic were denounced in the address.

### INDEPENDENCE FOR PHILIPPINES KILLED

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Independence for Filipinos seemed far off today as a result of defeat by the house last night of the senate bill with the Clarke amendment providing independence in four years. The house substituted the Jones bill, which would give a greater measure of self-government.

The bill now goes to a conference of the house and senate. The house instructed its conferees not to agree to the fixing of any definite date for Philippine independence.

Manuel L. Quezon, resident commissioner of the Philippines in congress, predicted that the bill would die in conference. He was so disappointed he said he would not return to congress.

### GARMENT WORKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

NEW YORK, May 2.—In retaliation for the lockout of 60,000 workers on women's garments, began a few days ago by the Manufacturers' Protective association, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union today ordered a strike of all its members in this city. It is estimated that this order applies to 60,000 persons, including about 30,000 accessories and others not already affected by the lockout.

Benjamin Schlossinger, president of the employees' union, said that the organization has more than \$500,000 in its treasury and is prepared to carry the fight on all summer if necessary. It is estimated that the employees of nearly 2000 factories will be called out.

### TELEGRAPHERS THREATEN STRIKE UPON CENTRAL

NEW YORK, May 2.—H. B. Parrham, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, announced today that if the demands of his union and of an organization of signal men affiliated with the telegraphers are not met by tomorrow by the New York Central and the Nickel Plate railroads, 5000 telegraphers and signal men between this city and Chicago will quit work on Thursday at an hour already set. This action, he asserted, would effectively tie up the roads.

### STATE WIDE FRUIT BOARD APPOINTED BY WITHYCOMBE

SALEM, Or., May 2.—In compliance with requests of people desiring to improve Oregon fruit conditions, Governor Withycombe has appointed a statewide fruit committee. Its principal purpose will be to aid in raising funds to be used in perfecting organizations in unorganized sections of the state. This organization work will be done in co-operation with the Oregon Agricultural college.

"By definitely organizing the fruit sections, both as regards growers and selling agencies, it will be possible for Oregon to come under the new federal government plan and reap its many advantages," said the governor in announcing the committee. "The government plan contemplates a uniform contract system throughout all the fruit-growing districts, which in effect will permit organized selling to protect the interests of the growers without conflicting with anti-price-fixing regulations. In my opinion the biggest reason for the failure of western fruit growers to realize maximum profits from their industry is their lack of organization, and this step toward co-operation should be enthusiastically encouraged in every quarter."

The committee is composed of the following: J. C. Ainsworth, Portland; Charles A. Brand, Roseburg; Leslie Butler, Hood River; A. H. Carson, Grants Pass; H. L. Corbett, Portland; Edward Cookingham, Portland; E. D. Cusick, Albany; W. D. B. Dodson, Portland; J. C. Holt, Eugene; L. H. Hodges, Portland; George Johnston, DuFour; F. H. Madden, Central Point; H. B. Miller, Eugene; F. L. Meyers, La Grande; David P. Morrison, Portland; J. M. Prossman, Woodburn; C. A. Park, Salem; A. R. Shinnaway, Milton.

### FATTY AND MABEL ADRIFT AT PAGE

The tenth Triangle star combination offered yesterday afternoon and evening at the Page theater may fittingly be described as a "Lambo Gumbol" of the films. Willard Mack and George Fawcett began the program with "The Corner," an interestingly presented drama showing the conflict between capital and labor.

In addition to the funny things that happen in "Fatty and Mabel Adrift"—and they're some funny, at that—the beautiful night effects on a stormy sea add much from a scenic point of view in the Seunett story. These are perhaps the most successful attempts at after-dark photography ever exhibited on the screen. Rosewe Arhuckle, who directed the taking of these pictures, spent many days and nearly two miles of film in the task, but the results are well worth the expense. Under the Seunett policy time and money are spent lavishly and without complaint, as long as the desired results are obtained. Much of the discarded film, which was used in photographing "Fatty and Mabel Adrift" would have been considered satisfactory by the average producer, but the Seunett idea of satisfactory film is perfection, or as near perfection as time, money and human patience and ingenuity can make it. This program repeated tonight for the last time.

### COMPENSATION ACT PASSES CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Kern-Mitchell compensation bill, providing injury and total disability benefits for government employees and death benefits to employees' families on a salary percentage basis, was approved today by the house judiciary committee. The maximum monthly amount under it regardless of salary would be \$400.00.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

I am starting an ensemble class of beginning violin pupils on a distinct class prior basis. This will enable the individual pupil, at little cost, to become thoroughly grounded in correct position, bow arm, and posture from the start. Such class work is often invaluable in the adult conference when the pupil gains. The ultimate object I am trying to attain is the building up of a large orchestra as an adjunct to the Medford Choral society, which organization is doing very valuable work in the development of Medford's musical life. For class terms call at studios 14, Spruce building. W. C. JAMES.

### STOP SHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS TO MEXICO

LAREDO, Texas, May 2.—The war department has ordered the commander at Fort McIntosh to stop all shipments of war munitions to Mexico. A half million rounds of rifle cartridges held by the customs house will be taken charge of by the local military.

### APRIL RAINFALL SLIGHTLY ABOVE MONTHLY AVERAGE

The rainfall for April according to the monthly report of the weather office was 1.66 inches, an increase of .23 of an inch over the average of 1.43 for the month. Although this is the first monthly rainfall to rise above the average the deficiency for the climatic year is still very large, the total to date being 9.29 inches.

The average seasonal rainfall from Sept. 1 to May 1 is 23.18 while the rainfall to date totals 12.89. The report shows that there was little damage done by frosts except to the young bears while the rain was a great benefit to all grain crops and garden truck.

The report in full follows:

Date	Max.	Min.	Free.
1	70	38	.....
2	70	35	.....
3	71	25	.....
4	65	25	.....
5	48	22	.....
6	71	45	.....
7	77	38	.....
8	73	49	.....
9	72	25	.....
10	52	44	.....
11	52	41	.....
12	61	28	.....
13	72	34	.....
14	64	42	.....
15	61	32	.....
16	65	49	.....
17	59	40	.....
18	53	39	.....
19	60	29	.....
20	65	42	.....
21	59	46	.....
22	64	30.5	.....
23	76	37	.....
24	75	41	.....
25	71	34.5	.....
26	77.6	29	.....
27	63.5	41	.....
28	55	26	.....
29	68	20	.....
30	78	34	.....

Temperature Mean maximum 66.57; mean minimum 37.46; mean 52.15; maximum 78; minimum 29; greatest daily range 44.

Precipitation Total 1.66 inches; greatest in 24 hours, .92; date, 10th.

Number of days with .01 or more precipitation, 6; clear, 14; partly cloudy, 4; clouds, 12.

Date of killing frost, 19th. Frost injury very slight, only in young pears.

C. C. CATE, Cooperative Observer.

### WOMACK TO GET \$1000 FOR INJURY

The Congressional Record of April 24 contains the following: The bill (H. R. 2533) for the relief of Mike G. Womack was considered as a committee of the whole.

The bill was reported from the committee on claims with an amendment, in line six, after the words "sum of" to strike out "\$20,000" and insert "\$1000," so as to make the bill read: Be it enacted, etc., That there be, authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Mike G. Womack the sum of \$1000, in full compensation for injuries received by him on July 28, 1914, while in the performance of his duties as an employee of the United States government in connection with the construction of roads within the Crater Lake National park, in the state of Oregon.

Mr. Smith of Georgia. I think we ought to have a word of explanation of the bill.

Mr. Chamberlain. The report on the bill is very short. The man was injured in a powder explosion upon a government road through the crater, location of a volcano.

The amendment was agreed to. The bill was reported to the senate as amended and the amendment was concurred in.

The bill was ordered to be printed for a third reading, read the third time and passed.

### LOOPS THE LOOP AROUND GIRL IN A PARACHUTE

Terali T. Maroney, the aviator, has written the Mail Tribune stating that he wishes to give a flight in the valley this summer and would like to hear from anyone interested. He is now building two aeroplanes at his Seattle hangar. His letter follows: "To the Editor:

No doubt there will be some celebrations in your city this summer, and the committees in charge will want attractions that will attract the people from the surrounding country.

I dare say there has been very few issues of your paper within the last year or more that has not had some kind of a story about the war, either in Europe or Mexico, and some comments about battles in the air. People like to read about these things because they are really happening in the war zone and something they have never seen. After reading so much about such things, it creates a desire to see.

We want to come to your city one or more days this summer and show your people how easy it would be for a fleet of just a few aeroplanes to fly over your city or country, pick out any business block, factory or ranch house and completely destroy it. For such work we use imitation bombs.

To demonstrate our accuracy in dropping bombs we have a large battleship pointed on canvas which we place in some suitable spot, usually in front of the grandstand; the bomb is dropped from the aeroplane and strikes close to the ship, and with the aid of an electric spark, a little powder and gasoline, an explosion takes place that blows the ship to pieces and actually burns it up in front of every one's eyes, just as we read about it.

We also race automobiles with the aeroplane, carry passengers and do some fancy flying, but our sensational stunt is looping the loop, dropping a girl with parachute from the aeroplane while the machine is several thousand feet in the air, and then looping the loop around her as she floats back to earth. This is without a doubt the most daring and hazardous feat ever accomplished in the air in the way of exhibition work.

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TERALI T. MARONEY, Box 66, Seattle, Wash."

### PITTSBURG TROLLEY STRIKE IS SETTLED

PITTSBURG, May 2.—An agreement was reached today between the street railway company and its employees, who have been on strike since Sunday midnight, tying up practically all the lines in Allegheny county.

### EDITORS OF STATE TO MEET HERE EARLY IN AUGUST

As a result of an effort started by Ben Sheldon nearly two years ago the State Editorial Association of Oregon will hold its annual convention for 1916 in this city during the first week in August. This is one of the most important conventions to be held in the state this year, as the association comprises practically all the newspaper men of Oregon and will bring to its convention some of the notable journalists and writers of the country.

The plan as originally proposed by Mr. Sheldon contemplated holding the convention at Crater Lake. This was changed to make Medford the convention place with a trip to Crater Lake as part of the entertainment offered. The visitors will also be taken over the new Six-Kivon grade to the California line with probably a visit and luncheon in Ashland's new park. A luncheon and a banquet at Medford with some special entertainment for the body visitors during the convention sessions will round out the program of entertainment.

As the matter of adjusting expenditures on the Pacific highway with the other counties along the route, when the state takes up the construction of that road, which involves a repayment or allowance to Jackson county; also the hard-surfacing of the Six-Kivon grade, and the construction of a highway to Crater Lake, will all probably come before the next legislature, the holding of this convention here at this time and getting the newspaper men of the state acquainted with the attractions of those routes, will be of large importance to Jackson county.

Mr. Sheldon has been appointed chairman of the committee having the convention entertainment in charge, with power to appoint his assistants.

### TEN SCHOOLS MEET IN MEDFORD SATURDAY

The annual southern Oregon track meet will be held on Saturday, May 6 in this city. Athletes from ten high schools and probably an eleven will compete for the silver cups and medals.

For the first time in the history of the meet, a California high school has been admitted. Crescent city which hopes to be soon connected to Medford by a railroad is sending the pick of her athletes to this city in hopes of taking the meet.

Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Talent, Crescent City, Phoenix, Central Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville Medford and possibly Eagle Point will be represented by two or eight men.

At the same time and date the Medford boys' single champion doubles, and mixed doubles, also the girls' doubles and single champions will play the Grants Pass teams for the championship of southern Oregon.

### ATHLETIC MEET WON BY TALENT; RURALS A SURPRISE

One hundred fifty nine athletes registered for the events at the Southern Oregon field and track meet at Talent, Friday, April 28. Talent won with 147 1/2 points, Central Point second with 133 1/2 points, Phoenix third with 122 1/2 points and Rogue River fourth with 45 1/2 points. Other schools were Bell View, Murphy, Tolo, Anderson Creek, Applegate, Footh Creek, Sams Valley and Gold Hill.

A few surprises came from the rural sections. Dinky Lyman from Sams valley carried off the honors in the girls' 50 yard dash, time 6 1/2 seconds. Dale Spires from the Murphy school near Ashland won first place in the shot put, throwing the iron ball 35 ft. 7 inches. The country schools were only outclassed by numbers from the towns.

Ernest Lyman of Gold Hill won the free-for-all three mile run and thus will secure the special trophy for that particular event. The others given in order of their appearance over the scratch are: Ed Lull, Central Point; Ed R. Parker of Medford; Oh, Harley Brower, Ashland; 5th, Victor Bell of Medford.

Severe weather interfered with the afternoon program so that it was necessary to have the address of the day by Hon. J. A. Churchill in the auditorium. Although the main room including the balcony and all available standing room was occupied, only a small part of the crowd could hear the program. The balance of the crowd waited outside, in the gymnasium and hallways until the field and track events were again resumed.

Mr. Churchill spoke of the value of athletics and complimented Mr. Ager for excellent management and for making such physical training possible in the school work. He confined his remarks largely to vocational training and the flexibility of the high school course.

### TOWNSHEND CAMPAIGN SIMPLY FOOLISH TRICK

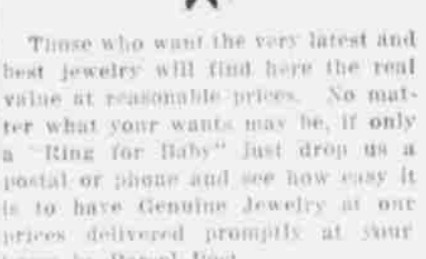
BERLIN, May 2.—Reviewing the British campaign in Mesopotamia and its most recent development in the surrender of General Townshend at Kut-el-Amara, Major Morant, the military critic of the Telegraph, alludes to the disaster as resulting principally from the British failure to take the operations seriously enough.

The Overseas News agency's resume of Major Morant's article says: "General Townshend's expedition would have been the right thing for Sudan, where possibly it might have been successful against half-naked savages armed with spears and shields, but against a modern Turkish army it was simply a foolish trick."

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