

20,000 BOW HEADS AS "BILLY" SUNDAY URGES REPENTANCE

"God Has Foreordained That Sinners Shall Go to Hell," He Cries to Multitude.

Fiercely Evangelist in Characteristic Sermon on "Faith" Stirs Big Afternoon Audience.

"God has foreordained that you go to hell if you don't repent. He has foreordained that you go to heaven if you do," shouted "Billy" Sunday this afternoon to more than 20,000 men and women who had crowded into the tabernacle to hear him preach.

The wiry evangelist reached the tabernacle shortly before 2 o'clock. It was with difficulty that he made his way through the great crowd that had assembled around the ministers' entrance in the hope of catching a glimpse of him as he and "Ma" Sunday left their automobile and went into the structure.

Like a champion prize fighter, fit to go half a dozen rounds—as Sunday says he always is—"Billy" jumped up the steps of the platform while Prof. Homer W. Rodeheaver was leading the congregation in singing some of the inspiring revival selections.

"A GREAT BUNCH," HE SAYS. As he stepped to the pulpit his face was radiant. Looking down upon the sea of upturned faces, he became almost jubilant and spoke to himself:

"This is a great bunch." Then, while he stood and gazed around him, he asked God's help during the afternoon in one of his characteristic silent prayers. Many applauded as Mr. Sunday stepped forward to make announcements, and throughout his sermon the audience applauded, laughed, cheered and bowed their heads as he poured his red-hot sentences into it. As usual, there were many out-of-town visitors present. The majority of the audience was composed of women.

Throughout his sermon he jumped around the platform, now imitating some solemn deacon, now mimicking some high-spirited singer, and again acting the part of the sin-covered people he discussed.

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THE WEATHER



Well, how do you like this spring temperature? By shutting one's eyes and using a little imagination it is almost possible to believe that summer is dodging right around the corner somewhere. The birds certainly feel that way at least, as they say the unassuming commuter, who comes in five minutes late every morning and stamps the Jersey mud off his shoes.

FORECAST

Fair and colder tonight and Friday, with temperature near freezing Friday morning; fresh to strong westerly winds. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

Table with 4 columns: Time, Temperature, Wind, and other weather observations for Philadelphia.

Sundaygrams From Afternoon Sermon

God has foreordained that you go to heaven if you repent. He has foreordained that you go to hell if you don't; so do your own voting.

The biggest force of the average church is the prayer meeting.

Every age has got to recast its vocabulary to preach the Gospel to the people.

Without faith there is no love. Without faith the family goes to pieces.

TAFT IN CITY, GUEST OF OHIO MEN, SPEAKS AT HOTEL LUNCHEON

Former President Will Wind Up Busy Day With Talk of "Old Times" With Yale Alumni.

Former President William Howard Taft became the guest of the Ohio Society in this city today. A delegation of members of the society, headed by John E. Gensemer and C. L. Bundy, met Mr. Taft at Broad Street Station on his arrival at noon today.

The party proceeded to the Hotel Adelphi, where a reception was held. E. O. Mosier, president of the society, presided at a luncheon, at which Mr. Taft spoke. Following the luncheon Mr. Taft paid visits to the University Club and the Union League.

\$55,000 FOR NAVY YARD IN HOUSE APPROPRIATION

For Railroad Extension, Distributing Systems and Dredging. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(Liberal) appropriation for improvements to various navy yards, including fuel oil storage arrangements, are contained in the naval appropriation bill, partly completed by the House Naval Affairs Committee today.

\$200,000 FIRE FOLLOWS THREAT OF BLACKHANDERS

Police Search for Foreign Criminals Resisted. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7.—Following threats by alleged "blackhanders" that they would burn down the town of Wilkesburg unless the police ceased their war upon bands of foreign criminals, fire started in that suburb today, and fire reported under control at 10 o'clock it had caused a loss of \$200,000. Two persons were overcome by smoke and several buildings on upper floors of one of the office buildings destroyed were rescued with difficulty.

WILL LIFT WOOL EMBARGO

But Australia Exports Must Be Carried in British Ships.

FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT ARRIVES FOR THREE SPEECHES IN ONE DAY



William Howard Taft reached the city today at noon as the guest of the Ohio Society. He was scheduled for one speech at a luncheon, another before the University Extension Society at night, and a third before Yale Alumni.

RUM INTERESTS SEEK TO HALT PENROSE PROBE

Powerful Machinery at Work in Washington Prevents Exposure of "Slush Fund."

Representative Palmer Says Saloon Men Contributed \$300,000 to Senators Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The most powerful machinery in the country—the liquor party, with its arms reaching into both parties—is now being exerted to prevent an investigation by the Senate into the campaign expenses for the United States Senate from Pennsylvania and Illinois. The activity of the liquor men is becoming more apparent every day, and it is the belief of those who know its power that it will throttle an investigation into the money expended by Senator Penrose and the liquor men in the primary and subsequent campaigns.

HUGE "SLUSH" FUND.

"I have the affidavits of many liquor dealers in Pennsylvania to the effect that the liquor men were heavily assessed in the last campaign," said Mr. Palmer. "Some of these men left the secret meetings, refused to contribute to the 'slush' fund and are now willing to tell what was done by the liquor men to corrupt the primary and election last fall in Pennsylvania."

How much do you think was raised by the liquor dealers of Pennsylvania?" he was asked. "If they did in all counties what they did in those I have personal knowledge of, the amount would reach \$300,000," he replied.

MOST OF IT FOR PENROSE

"Was not some of the liquor money used to elect members of the Legislature?"

FRENCH GAIN AT ALTKIRCH; TOWN'S FALL IS IMMINENT

General Pau's Columns Advance Close to Alsatian Railway Centre, and Paris Momentarily Awaits News of Capture.

The French advance into Alsace has reached a point only 2 1/2 miles from Altkirch, and Paris believes that the capture of that important railway centre is now but a question of hours. Nevertheless, the forward movement, the official communique issued this afternoon admits, has slowed up because of the heavy rains that have turned the Alsatian roads into quagmires.

The French claim progress at Lille and farther north in the region of Dixmude, but on the other hand, Berlin reports that French attacks at Courte Chausse, in the Argonne, have been repulsed with heavy loss. In Flanders and along the Aisne the fighting has been confined almost entirely to artillery conflicts.

Possession of Mlaw, on the East Prussian frontier, is the objective of a sudden Russian offensive in North Poland. Already Rozwora, an entrenched German position on the road from Przasnysz to Mlaw, has been captured by a brilliant bayonet charge and penetration into the enemy's country at Soldau must follow.

FRENCH CLOSE TO ALTKIRCH; ALSATIAN TOWN MENACED

Paris, Jan. 7.—The mobile and Ohio shops here resumed operations today. They were closed November 6. The men will be put to work gradually until the entire force is at work.

BOOM IN STEEL TRADE

Specifications in Finished Products Increase 50 Per Cent.

FRENCH ACCUSE GERMAN TROOPS OF VILE DEEDS

Many Breaches of International Law Charged Against Invaders in Official Report of Commission.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—"No war between civilized nations has ever been characterized by such savagery and ferocity as our implacable enemy has shown on our soil. Pillage, murder, rape and fire are common practices of our enemy."

This is the gist of a long official report made to Premier Viviani today by a commission appointed to inquire into breaches of international law by the German high command and to expose full details of the various violations of international law by the German soldiers toward French women, and it is charged that many women living in French territory held by the invaders have suffered at the hands of the Kaiser's troops.

BIG ORDER FOR STEEL RAILS

Lackawanna Road Buying 20,000 Tons From Three Companies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad are said to have divided orders for 20,000 tons of steel rails between the Pennsylvania, Lackawanna and Bethlehem steel companies.

Southern Railway's New Terminal

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 7.—Finlay Yard, the new gravity classification yard and engine terminal of the Southern Railway, just north of Birmingham, containing 20 miles of tracks with a capacity of 300 cars, has just been placed in service.

Railroad Shops Reopened

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Jan. 7.—The Mobile and Ohio shops here resumed operations today. They were closed November 6. The men will be put to work gradually until the entire force is at work.

TRANSIT FIGHT WON; FOES PROVIDE FOR \$30,000,000 LOAN

Chronologic Review of Transit Situation

October 27, 1914—Necessity of high-speed transit pointed out by EVENING LEDGER. October 31.—Business men in every section urge Director Taylor to adopt the high-speed transit plan.

U. S. REFUSES PROBE OF GERMAN PROTEST ON USE OF DUMDUMS

Neutrality Forbids Investigation of Charge Against Allies, Bryan Notifies Count von Bernstorff.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Charges by the German Government that United States manufacturers were supplying dumdum bullets to Great Britain will not be investigated by this Government, Secretary Bryan today formally notified Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, that the United States, adhering to its policy of complete neutrality, could not undertake an investigation into the question.

REPORT ON U. G. I. COMPLETE

Suit Under Sherman Law Believed Probable.

A completed report of the investigation of the business affairs of the United Gas Improvement Company it was learned today from Washington had been made by Attorney General Gregory by the anti-trust bureau of the Department of Justice. The report covers a period of two years and shows the gradual increase of the corporation's influence, as well as its alleged absorption of various subsidiaries.

Connelly, Who Led in Opposing High Speed, Gives in, Introducing Bills in Councils.

Submits to Vote of the People Plan to Increase Debt. Evening Ledger Hastened Victory.

The people have won their fight for real rapid transit. Two ordinances providing for a vote of the people on an increased indebtedness of \$30,000,000 for new transit facilities were introduced in Councils by John P. Connelly, chairman of the Finance Committee, this afternoon.

PUBLIC OPINION WINS

Those who fought against the comprehensive plans of Director Taylor admitted today that their friction was inevitable, that it was utterly impossible for any man or body of men to deny the citizens of Philadelphia the facilities for getting from point to point within that have been created by other cities.

"PROTESTS" NOW CELEBRATIONS

Jubilant instead of protest will be the ruling spirit at the big mass-meeting to be held in the Academy of Music the night of January 14. Plans for this meeting are going on as though the harshest part of the transit victory had not been won.

SPECIAL ELECTION PROVIDED.

A special election is provided for in one of the ordinances. The other signifies the desire of the city authorities to increase the debt of the municipality by \$30,000,000 for the purpose of establishing, purchasing, leasing, locating, constructing, equipping and improving transit facilities, wholly or in part, for any one or more of them, and the use and operation of the same within the corporate limits of the city of Philadelphia and within the limits of adjacent cities, boroughs or townships.

LOST AND FOUND

ALL "LOST AND FOUND" ARTICLES mentioned in the Evening Ledger of 17 days ago are now available at the "Lost and Found Bureau" at Ledger Building, 12th and Locust streets. The bureau can also be seen at the Main Office, 17th and Locust streets, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Daily. All items are free of charge.