THODIST PASTORS FREPARE TO ASSUME THEIR NEW DUTIES

pr District Superintendents Appointed and Nearly 100 Ministers Are Transferred

CHANGES ANNOUNCED

ur new district superintendents and it 100 ministers, who are to be in to of new churches during the coming street of new churches during the coming-set, are making preparations to take their new duties today. They were desirely assigned to their new charges at night by Bishop Joseph F. Berry, at closing session of the 129th annual madelphia Methodist Episcopal confer-

The Rev. Dr. John C. Wilson, pastor of past Church, is to become superintendent the Central District; the Rev. Dr. Carles W. Straw, pastor of Rehoboth Church, is to be superintendent of the post District; the Rev. Dr. G. Bickley pasts is to be in charge of the West District and the Rev. Dr. George W. Henson all assume the superintendent of the Seth District. The Rev. Dr. George W. Wr. superintendent of the Northwest Districts was the only superintendent whose was the only superintendent whos did not expire.

the four retiring superintendents were B. E. Burris, to the Church of the creamit, and the Rev. Dr. George H. galey, to the corresponding secretary-ele of the City Missionary Society. Others the are to assume new duties for the g year are:

CENTRAL DISTRICT. G. Wilson. Superintendent.
F. Karholsen.
and Temple. Charles Truax.
Harry Truax.
mand Cozens' Memorial. A. J. Kim-

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iton, H. K. MacNeal.
phia-Bethany, E. E. Dixon.

Street, A. M. Kuder.
h of the Covenant, E. E. Burriss.
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mell Memorial, L. P. Zook.
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ove, J. C. Wood.

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Johna-Calvary, Elimer E. Helms,
with, D. L. McCartney,
Andrew, M. H. Nichols,
S. Memerial, G. M. Brodhead,
Cooper Memorial, W. G. Jones,
Jorg, H. G. Main,

SPECIAL DETACHED SERVICE. lam Powick, superintendent Anthracit Bickley, corresponding secretary is City Missions and Church Ex-

APPOINTMENTS DISPLEASE METHODIST MINISTERS

Several Clergymen Object to New Charges Assigned by Berry

Several of the ministers who were transferred to new churches by Bishop Joseph F. Berry and his cabinet yesterday at the closing session of the Methodist Episopal Conference are keenly disappointed are their their prospects for the coming year. Among these is the Rev. Charles A. Ben-smin, who has been transferred from Markers' Bethel Church, Moyamensing and Washington avenues, to the First

and Washington avenues, to the First Church, of Pottstown.

The Rev. Mr. Benjamin asserts his removal from the Philadelphia charge was effected to give the place to the Rev. It. J. Garber, who has been in charge of a church at Mahanoy City, and that the charge followed a controversy between the trustees of Mariners' Bethel Church and the officials of the conference. "I have been made the butt of this controversy," he said today. "If I was to be given another charge it should in all listee have been one in this city. My is is a student at the University of commander charge in the conference of controversy."

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In speaking of the matter Bishop Berry aid today: The transfer was not effected by the bratees of Mariners' Bethel or any one ise. These was no plot or controversy list I know of. The Rev. Mr. Benjamin will be taken care of in Pottstown, and am sure he will have no cause for combaint. Every one cannot serve in Phila-lishhia. We have done our best to solve difficult problem in making the appoint. difficult problem in making the appoint-

"KAISER" CAPTURED HERE Arrested for Fighting With Irish-

man Over Verdun The Kalser" spent an hour in a City iall cell last night, charged with impeling traffic and disturbing the peace in road street, while telling how easily the stream forces could take Verdun when they wished. With "The Kaiser," in is otherwise Charles R. Bendig, of the street, near Chestnut areet, was roated George Carey, of Short Hills. N. who declared that Irish soldiers, with help of King George of England, would on drive the German forces away from croun.

two men came to blows in front buffetin board and caused much ment for a time. When they were the before Magistrate Baker in the Court, Bendig and Carey decided lare peace and let the Kaiser, the Ring George and the rest take or various without assistance from cans.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S RAP ON NAVY COSTS HIM REMNANTS OF PRESTIGE

Speech in Commons as He Returns From Trenches Called His "Worst Blunder"-Balfour Defends Sea Power of Great Britain

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attack upon the Admiralty furnished a war sensation. His personal appeal to the British masses assured an attentive audience. Winesten Churchill was the first man who dared question the efficiency of the British navy.

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leve III of its fleet. Beyond causing fitful questionings in the editorial columns of the newspapers, the substance of Mr. Churchill's remarks were soon forgotten. "Hands off the British grand fleet."

ome off properly. His suggestion that Mr. Balfour be replaced as First Sea Lord

By HENRY SUYDAM

LONDON, March 8.—Winston Churchill's latest outbreak has destroyed the
remnants of his popularity and prestige in
the British navy. His speech in the
House of Commons yesterday, in which he
attacked the efficiency of British seapower, has caused the British navy to disavow him unanimously.

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Previously. Lord Fisher, who was sitting in the Peers' Gallery, smiled,
scratched his head and withdrew.

ATTACK GIVES A SENSATION.

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The late winter had been a period of advertisement for the British fleet. American correspondents had been charmingly entertained aboard British flagships. Prench journalists had consumed champagne and utter-d specious piatitudes in North Sea wardrooms. Russian authors, brought all the way from Petrograd, had interviewed admirals and toasted King and Czar. Whereupon the world, in case the had any doubt, was informed that the and Czar. Whereupon the world, in case it had any doubt, was informed that the British navy was efficient. The Americans emphasized the speed of the new British battle cruisers; the Frenchmen described the silhouette and outline; the Russians waxed sentimental over their ally's strength. Already supremely confident in that cordon of floating steel fident in that cordon of floating steel which guards the United Kingdom from invasion, the British publis was doubly reassured. Ethel Levey went on singing 'Rule, Britannia.'' with a German accent, in the musical halls, and Parliament continued its ponderous discussions of war-

gotten. "Hands off the British grand fleet!" became a popular cry. London began to speculate upon the question: Did Winston Churchill make a bad politi-cal mistake in rushing back from the front to demand the reinstatement of Lord Then Winston Churchill came home from the front. He had quited the army as subaltern, he re-entered it a generation as subaltern, he re-entered it a generation later as a major; and he turned up on a bench in the House of Commons on the afternoon of March 7 as a colonel, in a top-hat, white gaiters and a morning coat.

BALFOUR TELLS OF FEATS. Arthur James Balfour, who succeeded Winston Churchill as First Sea Lord when Mr. Churchill was banished after the Dardanelles scandal, delivered to the House an enlightening statement upon the introduction of the new navy estimates. He said that the British fleet was no longer a British fleet, but an international fleet; that 4,000,000 combatants had been transported under its guardianship, 1,000,000 horses, 2,500,000 tons of army stores and 20,000,000 gallons of oil. The Brittsh navy had been expanded enor-mously since the outbreak of hostilities. Its personnel had doubled; its tonnage had increased by more than 1,000,000; the strength of the air service had grown tenfold.

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Mr. Balfour concluded: "Surely he must be of somewhat poor spirit who, after he has measured the greatness of the fleet which Great Pritain has at its disposal, cannot face the future in a spirit of cheerful serenity."

Whereupon Colonel Winston Churchill, ex-First Sea Lord, arose and calmiy told the House of Commons that the German mayy had been "terribly strengthened"; that the strategy of the Admiralty was mistaken; that the shipbuilding program was delayed; that the intentions of the was delayed; that the intentions of the chemy were most formidable, and that, should a German fleet attack the British fleet, a part of the British fleet would be absent refitting. He concluded by de-manding the return of Lord Fisher, whom he himself had discredited six months

by Lord Fisher was regarded in many quarters as rank impudence.

Mr. Balfour made a delicately sarcastle reply, so cleverly delivered that the mem-bers of the House held their sides for fear of laughing outright and drowning out the speaker. Colonel Churchill offered rather

a weak defense. He could not answer Mr. Balfour's reminders of the Dardanelles ex-Ballour's reminders of the Darannelles ex-pedition, for whose "useless slaughter, mismanagement, waste, loss of ships and ultimate failure Mr. Churchill seems to have no memory." He could not answer Mr. Balfour's reminders of the air service which was "left in utter confusion." Mr. Churchill said that six months' absence from England had "cleared his mind." To When the evening newspapers were rushed into the streets with screaming scareheads, the first impression was combined astonishment and stupefaction. A Dutch telegram had announced on that very morning that 25 German warships were in the North Sea, and rumors of a naval engagement were everywhere to be heard. Colonel Churchill's remarks could not have been better timed. The confident assurances of Mr. Balfour were unnoticed. At a period when the Verdun battle was still flercely undecided, Colonel Churchill's attack upon the Admiralty furnished a which Mr. Balfour answered that it had needed a European war for its accom-Honors, on the whole, were all in Mr. Balfour's hand. The London newspapers hoped that Winston would go back to the front and stay there.

What effect Colonel Churchill's attack upon the Admiralty had on the officers and men of the British fleet, who have been striving for nearly two years to maintain the highest attainable standard of seamanship and battle skill, may be better imagined than described:

I asked a friend, who is a captain in the British navy, what he thought of Mr. Churchill's speech. His reply was in-formal and not intended for publication. "Every dog has his fleas," he said.

CROWLEY, PUGILIST, BURIED Many at Funeral of Young Man Killed

in Ring Andrew Crowley, the 23-year-old pugl-list, who was killed by a blow on the neck from the fist of his opponent in the ring of the Nonparell Boxing Club, Kensingon avenue and Ontario street, on Friday night, was buried today in Holy Cros

The general opinion is that returning from the trenches was Winston Church-Funeral services were held at his home, 2336 Oxford street, and at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, 23d and Berks streets, where Solemn High Mass was celebrated. Many friends of the prize-fighter were present at the services. The honorary palibearers were Charles Kelly, John Hagen, William Leinhauser, Charles Jost, James Butler and Belmont Whiteside. suspicion in England nowadays that the place of a soldier, even when he happens to be a member of Parliament. Is at the front fighting the enemy and not in London attempting to embarrass the Government. "Although Mr. Churchill has been for six months at the front." said one member of Parliament to me, "he seems to forget that England is at war."

The trouble with Mr. Churchill's latest performance seems to be that it failed to come off property. He suggestion that

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