HOSTILE VOTES KILLED IN BALLOT MUTILATION, SAYS VARE DESERTER

Councilman Trainer Declares Porter Was Cheated Out of Support of Twenty-seven Men

SEGER JOINS IN ATTACK

How to Count 'Em Out: Vare's Victory Recipe

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"It is not difficult to imagine the great number of votes destroyed in a great section like South Philadelphia, if the practice is resorted to generally, as it was in the division I referred to."—From the speech of Harry J. Trainer, Select Councilman from the 3d Ward and Penrose-McNichol follower, in a speech delivered last night in the 36th Ward, a Vare stronghold.

"Your Congressman (Vare) told me the reason I did not win my division in the 7th Ward was because I did not follow his method of surrounding the polling place with 20 or 30 men with badges on. He says he puts badges on every one of the fellows who are with us and stands them about the polls from the time they are opened in the morning. Then," he said, "the other fellows say what's the use?"—From a speech made by "Charlie" Seger, anti-Vare Select Councilman from the 7th Ward, under similar auspices.

Harry J. Trainer, Select Councilman from the 3d Ward, who recently renounced his allegiance to the Vare contingent and has become a follower of Penrose and McNichol, made startling charges of ballot-box frauds in South Philadelphia last night, speaking at a meeting in the 36th Ward, a Vare stronghold, at the Young Men's Republican Club, 24th and Wharton streets.

The Select Councilman gave as his authority for the statement concerning the 27 vitiated ballots one of the members of the election board who participated in the alleged corruption. He warned those of his hearers who will be watchers at the primary elections to remain in the polling places until every vote has been counted honestly and the tally officially reported.

Mr. Porter, Select Councilman Charles Seger, Homer H. Hacker, candidate against William S. Vare for the congressional nomination; Daniel J. Green, candidate for nomination to the Legislature, and Mr. Trainer were the speakers at the meeting, the purpose of which was to further the interests of the anti-Vare movement in South Philadelphia.

WILL RIP OPEN SCHEMES.

In his address he said the balance of his term as a member of Councils will be dedicated to "ripping open schemes inimical to the interests of the people." Although he refrained from attacking the loan bills directly, he indicated his attitude upon the measures to be voted on by the people on May 16 by the following words:

"Far better that we postpone the spending of $115,000,000 of the people's money for four years than that the spending of such a vast sum be left to a man in whom there is no public confidence."

As a practical politician acquainted with the methods by which elections have been won in South Philadelphia, Mr. Trainer urged the workers to fight tooth and nail on election day the efforts of politicians allied with the faction controlling the election boards to "assist" voters.

"If you were to know the number of ballots deliberately destroyed at the polls in South Philadelphia," Mr. Trainer said, "you would be amazed. From one man alone I learned that in the last election 27 ballots were 'double-crossed' in one division, and when I asked the man how he knew it he told me it was in his division."

The Councilman described the methods of the "double-crossers" as follows: "A ballot is found to be marked in only one place, the party square. It is a simple matter to quickly mark another cross somewhere on the ballot. Then it is questioned before the election board, which promptly throws it out as invalid. It is not difficult to imagine the great number of votes destroyed in a great section like South Philadelphia if the practice is resorted to generally, as it was in the one division I referred to."

SEGER TALKS COURAGE.

Councilman Seger told the workers not to be "scared by the fact that the Governor at Harrisburg and the Mayor at City Hall are against you." "For history is only repeating itself. There was a similar condition 20-odd years ago," he said, "when Governor Hastings and Mayor Warwick were together. Mayor Warwick knew more about politics than Smith and Brumbaugh ever knew. And that effort was defeated. Don't be frightened by the police. Insist that you are right and that the law is behind you. Then you will get your rights."

Mr. Seger revealed a bit of inside political information when he referred to advice as to how to win elections as given him by Congressman William S. Vare.

"Your Congressman," he said, "told me one time the reason I did not win my division in the 7th Ward was because I did not follow his method of surrounding the polling place with 20 or 30 men with badges on. He said he puts a badge on 'every one of the fellows who are with us,' and stands them about the polls from the time they were opened in the morning. Then,' he said, 'the other fellows say "What's the use?"'"

Mr. Porter said the Vare brothers have proclaimed the great good they have done for South Philadelphia without any other cause than to further their own political interests. "As a matter of fact," he said, "South Philadelphia has not benefited half as much from public improvements as West Philadelphia or other sections of the city. The Vares have been too busy filling their pockets with the pelf of city contracts.

"I am not before you as a Penrose man, McNichol man or Snyder man, but as an independent citizen. Tomorrow I may be sleeping on a bench in Moyamensing prison, for a certain candidate of the contractor-bosses has said he would have me arrested for libel. I might as well announce here that neither Brumbaugh, Smith, Vare nor Ambler can intimidate or frighten me. I am in this fight to a finish, and that finish will come when this city is rid of the domination of two contractors."

Mr. Hacker said: "It is about time 'Brother Ed' and 'Brother Bill' be given a respite from their arduous duties at Washington and Harrisburg and the people of South Philadelphia come back to their own in the affairs of their district." He said if he is elected to Congress he would exert every effort for the adoption of measures for adequate naval and military preparedness; the establishment of a pension system for faithful Government employes; a minimum wage of $3 a day for Navy Yard employes and the removal of the tariff from politics.

U. S. TROOPS CONTINUE PURSUIT OF VILLISTAS

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eral Scott in obtaining permission to use the Mexican railways for transportation of supplies to the Pershing forces.

Official comment on the compromise was forbidden by a side agreement between General Scott and General Obregon. When asked for the details of the compromise General Scott said:

"We have agreed not to discuss that. Both General Obregon and I are reporting to our governments. For my part, the details of the conference must be given out in Washington. All I can say is that it terminated pleasantly for all concerned."

General Obregon was just as uncommunicative, but his manner indicated that he had obtained as good terms as he had expected when he came to the border and announced that his one and only demand was that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico.

"This ought to end all the tales of friction," he said. "We were all satisfied with the agreement reached. I have sent my report to my people."

The agreement was reached shortly before midnight after a conference beginning at noon yesterday in the Hotel Del Norte. Obregon and Scott emerged smiling from the conference room at the conclusion of the meeting.

General Funston was eliminated from the meeting. This was obvious, though no official intimation of objection to his presence was given out. Funston strolled about the lobby of the hotel during the waning hours of the meeting and his absence from the conference was pointed to as an indication that the negotiations had lost their military aspect. Funston is persistently reported to have clashed with Obregon during the first conference held in Juarez over the War Minister's contention for the expedition's withdrawal and the Carranzistas' ability to control the situation.

U. S. FORCE BARS CARRANZA ARMY MOVE IN CHIHUAHUA

DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 3.—An attempt by a body of Carranza cavalry, the advance guard of General Arnulfo Gomez's force, to enter Chihuahua through Pulpito Pass, was blocked today by American troops, according to a reliable report received here from American sources.

The Mexicans, according to the report, were under command of Colonel Jesus Maria Aguierre, and had penetrated 18 miles into the pass before their movement was discovered by a United States military aeroplane, which reported their presence to the American commander.

The American troops are said to have been drawn up in strategical formation to hold the pass, and Colonel Aguierre did not attempt to press forward, but went into camp and dispatched messengers to the rear, presumably to communicate with General Gomez.

Colonel Aguierre's advance into Chihuahua is believed here to have been the forerunner of a general movement.

Pulpito Pass is a narrow break in the mountains which form the border line between the States of Sonora and Chihuahua and is approximately 40 miles south of the American frontier. The advance of General Gomez's forces from Sonora through the pass would bring the Mexicans in close touch with the lines of communication between Columbus, N. M., and General Pershing's advance base.

PACT ON VILLA PURSUIT PLEASES U. S. OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, May 3. — President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of State Lansing planned to consider today the report of General Scott of the agreement reached at his conference with General Obregon.

Inasmuch as this agreement retains the American expedition in Mexico and gives it permission to utilize the railways for moving supplies to the base at Colonia Dublan, as well as assuring co-operation between the forces of the de facto government, it is expected that it will be formally ratified without loss of time.

Meanwhile it is understood here that Obregon will carry back to Mexico City with him accurate knowledge that until Villa either is killed or captured the American forces will remain in northern Mexico.

Although officials were greatly relieved today to find that the conferees were able to reach an amicable agreement, it was generally accepted that the general Mexican crisis has only been postponed. The Carranza government again is on trial. It must demonstrate now:

First. That it is sincere in its promise to aid in eliminating Villa and all other bandits in Northern Mexico.

Second. That it commands the confidence of the country and can really bring about a restoration of industry.

Third. That it can command the money needed to rehabilitate the Government and in every way protect foreign interests along the lines promised when recognition was accorded Carranza.

There is an admitted element of doubt in offialdom here as to the ability of the de facto Government to do this.

Conditions admittedly are bad all through Mexico. Hundreds are dying of starvation and of disease, and so far there has been no organized effort on the part of the de facto Government to combat these conditions.

While Carranza is having his inning, it is understood that the United States will make preparations for any eventuality.

Marriage Licenses in Elkton

ELKTON, Md., May 3.—Marriage licenses issued in Elkton this morning were: Rudolph Sutton and Ernestine C. Muller, Philadelphia; Julius J. Litke and Bertha M. Andle, Camden, N. J.; Frank E. Nugent and Josephine A. Smith, Riverview, N. J.; Rowland E. Marshall and Elizabeth Morrison, Oxford, Pa.; Russell J. Hampton and Elizabeth J. Schreck, Norristown, Pa.; John W. Fry and Edna M. MacFarlain, Wilmington, Del.; E. Paul Catanest and Mary D. Dealler, Norristown; Joseph A. Sample, Havre de Grace, and Edna M. McCall, Elkton.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

John J. Colter, 145 Porter st., and Mary E. Bergin, 2157 E. Letterly st.
John F. Madine, Atlantic City, N. J., and Jennie M. Cooke, 615 S. 52d st.
Horace T. Fletcher, 223 Green st., and Elizabeth R. Hirsh, 1215 Green st.
Joanpas Josauskis, 1927 Wood st., and Anna Jokaberskaite, 1919 Wood st.
Wilbert Swiggett, 720 S. Bancroft st., and Margaret E. Hatton, 318 S. Smedley st.
Harry Chazen, Freeland, Pa., and Jennie Liebovich, 2120 S. 4th st.
Josef Bussemer, 2218 S. 5th st., and Sophie Spuehler, 1624 S. 20th st.
Ray Haley, Gladwynne, Pa., and Frances I. Gackle, Gladwynne, Pa.
Herbert A. Rosenberger, Ivyland, Pa., and Emma Ernesi, Ivyland, Pa.
Ignatius Lohr, 2550 N. Corlies st., and Bertha Eldridge, 3153 Bambrey st.
William Smith, 4650 Olive st., and Clara Eickie, 4650 Olive st.
Steve Humenick, 4750 Bermuda st., and Tekla Pacroba, 2862 Tucker st.
Morris Friedland, 310 N. Randolph st., and Leika Senator, 450 N. Marshall st.
James E. Delaney, 2109 N. Lawrence st., and Sarah Dowd, 1757 N. 10th st.
Archie C. Dilks, 53 N. 40th st., and Carrie N. Stauffer, 3951 Ludlow st.
Daniel Giptyllo, 228 Catharine st., and Adelphina Karpawica, 228 Catharine st.
Philip F. Lavergon, 1128 N. 4th st., and Esther Bababan, 809 N. Marshall st.
Robert J. Jamison, 4515 Parrish st., and Sadie Forsythe, McKeesport, Pa.
Fritz Boehme, 1504 Vine st., and Winifred Egan, 219 S. 4th st.
John B. Hardy, League Island, and Lillian M. Shingle, 1240 N. 11th st.

Divorce Suits Begun

The following divorce suits were instituted in Common Pleas Court No. 5 today:
Annabel I. Bell vs. John C. Bell.
Blanche Thibauer vs. Robert L. M. Thibauer.
Harman F. Hagenbucher vs. Emily M. Hagenbucher.
Joseph S. Robb vs. Laura B. Robb.
Alice D. Kelly vs. George W. Kelly.
Alma Pembaca vs. Peter M. Pembaca.
Hettie Taylor Kline vs. Samuel J. Kline.
Ella L. Compton vs. Vincent M. Compton.
Ida E. Hillis vs. Samuel A. Hillis.
Mary H. O'Connor vs. John F. O'Connor.
Mary E. Hinson vs. John W. Hinson.
Edith J. Walls vs. Thomas A. Walls.
Ray W. Mackenzie vs. John Mackenzie.

FUN AS SALUS FIGHTS TO KEEP NAME ON LIST

"Anybody Might Prefer to Live in 'Delicate' Germantown," Says Woodruff

Efforts to show the Registration Commissioners today that State Senator Samuel W. Salus is no longer a resident of the 4th Ward, but makes his home in a "delicate" section of Germantown developed more humor than the serious outbreak which had been predicted.

Commissioners Woodruff, Pierie and Green gazed down upon the proceedings quizzically and County Commissioner Robert J. Moore's personal appearance for the "prosecution" was overshadowed by the laughter which punctuated much of the testimony.

Salus himself, while on the witness stand, became involved in the only incident that threatened to jar the peace and serenity of the proceedings.

Isadore Stern, of counsel for the Penrose-McNichol faction, suggested that Salus' preference for Germantown was due to social aspirations. Pounding upon the railing of the tiny witness stand in anger, Salus retorted: "You are a mongrel, a dead pup, an ingrate. Where would you have been without me? I made you what you are. If you can't ask questions like a gentleman I will take you outside away from this crowd and 'clean you up.'"

Stern made a brief retort and the menacing atmosphere was cleared without further hostile outbreak.

After considerable testimony to show that Salus occupied his 4th Ward house for much of the year, the commissioners took the case under advisement.

The Penrose-McNichol element of the Republican organization is seeking to show that 648 Lincoln drive, in the 22d Ward, and beyond his district, is Salus' permanent abode. He contends that he still resides at 614 South 11th street, which is in the 4th Ward.

William Woodward, a negro witness, who lives at 612 South 11th street, was asked if he knew Salus as a next-door neighbor. "Not since last November, right after the election," he replied.

"I haven't seen the Senator since that time," added Woodard. "I'm not ashamed of him as a neighbor, but he seems to be ashamed of me."

The witness denied any personal grievance against the Senator and denied an imputation that he had been threatened if his testimony did not favor Salus.

Commissioner Moore, who is the McNichol leader of the 4th Ward, declared that he had heard Salus on four or five occasions refer to his Lincoln Drive house as his home.

"Anybody might well prefer to live in a delicate neighborhood like Germantown," interjected Commissioner Woodruff, who presided over the hearing.

MILITIA RULES STRIKE ZONE IN BRADDOCK

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eight hours play, eight hours sleep and the same pay." This youngster threw a stone which struck one of the guards protecting the Edgar Thomson steel plant. A shower of stones from the strikers followed and then a shot was fired, either by a striker or a guard. Four girls led the charging mob that swept down upon the guards following the first shot.

Brigadier General A. J. Logan, ranking officer of the district, assumed charge of the entire situation this morning. Cavalry which arrived on special trains from Harrisburg, Tyrone and Sunbury is patroling the streets ready for action at the first sign of disorder. Among the troops already here is the 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, the "Governor's troop." Other companies of guardsmen are being held in readiness in other parts of the State ready for the call, should new violence break out.

STRIKERS GAIN RECRUITS.

Following the walkout of more than 1000 workmen at the big plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company in McKee's Rocks last night, several hundred of the day force left the plant after the day shift had entered this morning. Officials immediately ordered six departments of the works closed and it is reported the entire plant will be shut down this afternoon as a precaution.

Feeling is high and it is reported that thousands of other workmen in the district in sympathy with the Pressed Steel workers will walk out before night.

The plant of the company was, a few years ago, the scene of one of the bloodiest strike riots in the State. Several were killed and a large number injured. The company has made a demand for military protection.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS IN WILL

Orthopedic Hospital and University of Pennsylvania Benefit in Document

The will of Mary D. Tenbrook, 6301 Overbrook avenue, in disposing of an estate valued at "$115,000 and upwards" leaves $62,000 in public bequests. The instrument probated today leaves $15,000 to the Philadelphia Orthopedic Hospital and a like sum to the Presbyterian Hospital to establish free beds in memory of Henry Davis, Mary S. B. Davis and May Davis Tenbrook.

Other public bequests include $15,000 to the University of Pennsylvania, the income to be applied in aiding "worthy pupils in obtaining an education, preference being given to residents of the State of Maine"; $5000 to the Merchants' Fund; $10,000 to the town of Mt. Vernon, Maine; $1000 to the Philadelphia Home for Incurables; $1000 to the Haverford School, Haverford, Pa.

The will of Sarah Cresson, 244 West School lane, which disposes of property valued at "over $10,000," leaves $5000 to the Woman's Southern Homeopathic Hospital; $5000 to the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to erect drinking fountains for the use of horses and dogs, and $1000 each to the endowment fund of Calvary P. E. Church and the endowment fund of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Other wills probated today were those of Elizabeth Belden, 619 South 49th street, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at $15,000; Ellen M. Costello, 2232 West Lehigh avenue, $10,500; L. H. Lieberman, 2720 Somerset street, $9000; Isabel J. Roberts, Pennsylvania Hospital, $8000; Henry W. Metz, 3819 North 17th street, $4900; Robert F. Nowland, Oak Lane avenue and 10th street, $4800; Mary McHugh, 708 North 13th street, $4500; Ellen Gee, 50 Manheim street, $4200, and Fannie Wolfe, 221 South 47th street, $2900.

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ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST
Catholic prelate, who is 73 years old today.

ARCHBISHOP 73 TODAY

Head of Philadelphia Archdiocese, Now Absent From City, Receives Congratulations on His Birthday

Archbishop Edmond F. Prendergast today is celebrating his 73d birthday. The venerable prelate is not in this city, but is attending a meeting of the trustees of the Catholic University at Washington. Telegrams of congratulation from members of the clergy and from prominent laymen throughout the diocese are arriving at the Archbishop's residence, Race street near 18th, to await his return tonight.

Archbishop Prendergast was born in Clonmel, Ireland. He came to this country with his parents in 1855. He studied at the Ecclesiastical Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo and was ordained priest in 1865. He was an assistant priest at St. Paul's Church, of this city, and later at Susquehanna Depot, Pa. He was made rector of St. Mark's Church, Bristol, where he spent four years, after which he was transferred to Allentown. He came to this city in 1874 and was stationed at St. Malachy's Church. In 1897 he was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia and was appointed archbishop in 1911, following the death of the late Archbishop Ryan. He was Vicar General of the diocese from 1895 to 1897.

RUSSIA JOINS JAPAN TO THROTTLE CHINA

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turbance takes place within the Russian sphere of influence during the progress of the present war, Japan if requested, shall give Russia assistance for the suppression of the disturbance.

Six. In the event of Japan taking necessary action as against China for the guaranteeing of peace based on the principles of territorial integrity and equal opportunity, Russia shall recognize the propriety of Japan's action, and if a third power offers obstructions to Japan and the later (Japan) finds it necessary to take action against that power, Russia, if requested by Japan, shall take concerted action.

Japan is already supplying Russia with arms up to the limit of her manufacturing capacity and she cannot increase her output owing to the impossibility of importing machinery for early delivery. But she has a large army.

JAPAN'S HUGE ARMY.

Twelve years ago Japan lined up 1,000,000 in Manchuria. The number has not decreased in the meantime, although it cannot be given with certainty, as the peace strength of the army is never published. The number of rifles Japan can furnish Russia depends upon the reserve she has maintained for an army which at the lowest estimate numbers more than 1,000,000 men and is capable of great expansion on the lines now being followed by the European belligerents.

Russia has a million and a half men trained and ready for the field, but they are waiting for arms. If Japan has a million rifles to spare and she can get assurances that she need not fear a first class war for several years, Russia would be willing to pay very handsomely for those weapons.

While all the clauses of the agreement are good business for Japan, the best of all is the clause which gives Japan the support of Russia in whatever she may do in China.

Chinese statesmen see in the new alliance the gravest danger that has beset this country for many years. It is declared that Japan has held an enormous army mobilized ever since the war started, waiting for a pretext to invade this country. With that end in view it is alleged that Japan has secretly fostered revolutions in China in hope of getting an opportunity to "intervene."

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MINERS QUIT PENDING AGREEMENT ON HOURS

16,000 Pottsville Workmen Misunderstand Terms of New Pact

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 3.—Misunderstanding over the eight-hour work day, as provided in tentative agreement now being considered by the tridistrict miners' convention in this city, resulted in a walkout of about 16,000 miners in the anthracite region today.

The Bast and Potts collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, near Ashland, also are idle, the workers declining to go to work until after the eight-hour work day matter has been cleared up.

The Reading company has not yet put into operation the eight-hour day, and officials today announced that orders for a change in working time will be withheld until after ratification of the new agreement by the miners' convention.

The misunderstanding is expected to be amicably adjusted.

TOBIN SEEKS WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Philadelphia Lawyer Says His Arrest in New Jersey Was Illegal

TRENTON, N. J., May 3.—Francis Tracy Tobin, a well-known Philadelphia lawyer, who is confined in the Burlington County Jail on an indictment for conspiracy in connection with the trial and conviction last fall of the late Edgar C. Murphy for the murder of Herman Fisher, today made application to Supreme Court Justice Kalisch for a writ of habeas corpus for his release. The application is based on the grounds that his arrest was illegal in that he was privileged from arrest at the time he was taken and that the bail fixed, $5000, is excessive and unlawful.

Tobin's bondsman, John J. Flynn, desired to surrender the bond, Tobin says, and he, Tobin, came to New Jersey to attend the formal proceedings in this connection, when, he alleges, he was illegally seized and placed in the Burlington County Jail. As a party to a civil action, he claims he was privileged from arrest, as the court had refused to receive him from his bondsman.

THREE IRISH LEADERS SHOT; BIRRELL QUITS

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been found by the police and military authorities in the houses of prominent Sinn Fein members in Dublin. It is regarded as possible that this may furnish the Government with ground upon which to ask the United States Government for the extradition of Irish plotters in America.

Dispatches from General Sir John Maxwell, British commander in Ireland, state that normal conditions prevail in the affected districts. Soldiers are being used to clean up the city of Dublin, the central part of which is a mass of ruins.

A number of bodies found in the streets were buried outside the city by troops during the night. No attempt was made to identify them on account of the condition of the corpses.

It is estimated that there are now between 1000 and 1200 prisoners in the hands of the military authorities, more than half of whom have been sent to prisons in England. Some of them are still held on warships in Dublin Bay.

The English troops have collected more than 6000 rifles and a few old pieces of artillery with which the rebels in the Irish capital and Dublin County were armed. Some of these will be used as exhibits against the separatists when they are to be tried.

By George!

Here I am, going to bed again!

Here I am, going to bed again, and I plumb forgot all about those Goldberg Animated Cartoons.

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READJUSTMENT PLAN OF MARINE PROVIDES LIFTING RECEIVERSHIP

Bondholders of Big Ship Company to Get New Securities, Cash and Back Interest

FUND FOR DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, May 3.—The plan of readjustment of the International Mercantile Marine Company, which has been prepared by the Preferred Stockholders' Protective Committee and which has been submitted to the Bondholders' Committee for approval, contains the following provisions:

First. That the receivership be vacated, and that the property be turned back to the stockholders, the same as before the appointment of the receiver.

Second. That a new issue of $40,000,000 of refunding bonds, $20,000,000 of second mortgage five-year 6 per cent. notes and $17,500,000 cash from the company's treasury to be turned over to the 4½ and 5 per cent. bondholders in exchange for their present securities, together with back interest.

Third. That no dividends be paid on the preferred stock on account of deferred payments until after a fund equivalent to the $20,000,000 of five-year 6 per cent. notes shall have been provided out of future earnings for the retirement of the notes.

Fourth. That regular 6 per cent. dividends on the preferred stock may be resumed as soon as the plan is declared operative.

It is hoped that the receivership may be vacated by July 1 next and the plan made operative by that time. It was pointed out today that it would require at least six weeks to secure the consent of all the bondholders of the company, the intention being to send a copy of the plan to each bondholder for approval. Up to the present time the Bondholders' Protective Committee has not formally approved the plan, although it is understood that it has signified a willingness to accept the terms proposed in the latest plan outlined by the Preferred Stockholders' Committee.

There are at present outstanding $52,594,000 collateral trust 4½ per cent. bonds and $17,632,000 International Navigation 5 per cent. bonds, making a total of $70,226,000. The back interest on two issues of bonds now amounts to about $6,355,000, making a total obligation of the company to the bondholders to be met through the medium outlined above of $76,581,000.

'REGULAR' REPUBLICANS CLAIM VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA

Incomplete Returns Show Lead for Convention Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Returns from 2249 out of 4347 precincts in California indicated today that the "regular" Republican candidate delegates to the Republican National Convention at Chicago June 7 have been elected by pluralities exceeding 25,000. Republican Chairman Francis Keesling claimed a plurality of 40,000.

Twenty-six candidates of the united Republicans were defeated.

The Democratic candidates were pledged to support President Wilson.

NEGRO METHODIST CONFERENCES OPEN

Centenary of National Body and 25th Quadrennial of Same Organization

A street procession in which 14 bishops and more than 1000 delegates participated was a feature of the Centenial Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America and the 25th quadrennial conference of the same organization, which were jointly opened today in Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 6th and Pine streets.

Singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the parading delegates set out from in front of the church, in which 125 years ago, the first negro Methodist congregation in America was organized. The line of march covered nearly every street in the southern part of the city in which negroes reside. The turnout was viewed by thousands of persons along the route.

Following this public demonstration the bishops and delegates passed into the church, where a devotional service was the first number in a program which will extend over a period of three weeks.

Bishop B. F. Lee, of Wilberforce, O., presided. The quadrennial address was delivered by Bishop H. Blanton Parks, of Chicago, who urged "preparedness" on the part of Negro ministry and laity in the great national crisis, and called upon them to do their part in the event of hostilities or other national demand.

Bishop Parks also paid tribute to the memory of the Rev. Richard Allen, first negro bishop in America, who, with 11 members, organized Bethel congregation and built the church now known as "the Cradle of African Methodism" 125 years ago.

Reports fro mthe 11 connectional departments of the conference were submitted by their respective secretaries. These showed the conference to embrace 23 district conferences in America and 1 in Africa. The membership totals 1,000,000, with 6000 local ministers and $12,000,000 in church property. There are 2000 missions, 15 colleges and other institutions of learning, attended by 400 teachers under control of the conference. These reports showed the status of the various branches to be encouraging and their growth steady.

The union of negro Methodism and the election of four bishops are among the chief matters of business to be taken up in the business sessions.

In addition to those mentioned the bishops present at the conference are: Bishops Evans Tyree, of Nashville, Tenn.; C. S. Smith, of Detroit; Levi J. Coppin, of Philadelphia; C. T. Shaffer, of Chicago; J. S. Flipper, of Atlanta, Ga.; J. Albert Johnson, of Johannesburg, South Africa; William H. Heard, of Monrovia, West Africa; John Hurst, of Baltimore; Joshua H. Jones, of Wilberforce, Ohio; William D. Chapelle, of Columbus, Ga.; J. M. Conners, of Baltimore, and B. S. Tanner (retired), of Philadelphia.

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