20,000 WOMEN MEET IN BIENNIAL SESSIONS OF FEDERATED CLUBS

New York Scene of Great Gathering of National Organization. Politics Already Buzzing Over Presidency

CONVENTION AT ARMORY

NEW YORK, May 23.—Twenty thousand women from all over the United States trooped gayly in and took possession of the Seventh Regiment Armory this morning for the biennial national convention of the Federated Women's Clubs of America. No Carnegie Hall or other place which has always been used by both men and women would do, but only this place, before, quite consecrate to men!

From today to the second day of June the armory is given up to the biennial, which means that the Colonel's room this morning is in the possession of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, of Texas, national president, and that the messroom is not nearly large enough for the luncheon which will be served at noon and every day, but had to have joined with it the bandroom and the library.

There are extra seats in Drill Hall for delegates, and all the gallery seats are in use.

For 11 days this great block of the city, between Lexington and Park avenues, and 66th and 67th streets, belongs to the clubwomen of the country.

A pitched battle between the Far West and the Middle West, for the presidency of the Federation was under way even before Mrs. Pennybacker whacked the gavel that brought more or less silence to the ranks of the women.

Even at this early date the contest has simmered down to two candidates who would succeed Mrs. Pennybacker.

They are Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, of Tiffin, O., now first vice president, and Mrs. Joseph Evans Cowles, of Los Angeles.

Both Mrs. Cowls and Mrs. Sneath have mobilized their campaign forces with the shrewdness of a Tammany politician, and both the floor and galleries of the convention at the opening hour were the scenes of as frenzied electioneering, jockeying for position, trading between delegations and the like as ever characterized a buzzfest of national politicians.

The New Jersey women entertained other delegates at a breakfast at the Essex Country Club at East Orange, N. J., today. The guests included members of the Federation board, State presidents and members of the general board. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison threw open their home at Llewelyn Park, N. J., for an afternoon reception.

A meeting of chairmen was held today and in the evening the visitors will be entertained at a reception in the grand Central Palace.

BAPTIST CONVENTION ELECTS DR. BARBOUR AS PRESIDENT

Dr. A. J. Rowland, Philadelphia, on Publication Board

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 23.—Dr. C. A. Barbour, president of Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., was elected president of the Northern Baptist Convention without opposition at the annual meeting here. Dr. W. C. Bitting, St. Louis, Mo., was re-elected secretary. Frank L. Miner, Des Moines, Ia., was elected treasurer of the convention.

The report of the Convention Committee recommending that the 1917 meeting be held in Cleveland, Ohio, was adopted.

Co-operating organizations elected officers as follows: American Baptist Home Mission Society, Frank C. Nickels, Minneapolis, president; Dr. Henry L. Morehouse, New York, secretary. American Baptist Publication Society, J. Whitcomb Brougher, Los Angeles, president; Dr. A. J. Rowland, Philadelphia, secretary. American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Emory W. Hunt, Newton Centre, Mass., president; Dr. John Y. Aitchison, Chicago, home secretary. Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Mrs. John E. Scott, California, president. Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, Mrs. Smith T. Ford, Chicago, president; Mrs. Katharine Westfall, Chicago, secretary.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Treude, 1635 Eyre st., and Irene Kratz, 2119 E. Norris st.
Leroy Garrett, Chester, Pa., and Viola Thomas, Chester, Pa.
Archibald N. Griffith, 50 N. 52d st., and Rebecca E. Schindele, 50 N. 52d st.
Stanley Hoysork, 1012 N. 2d st., and Barbara Romanyih, 1017 N. 2d st.
Joseph Seronde, 4008 Spruce st., and Dorothea D. Schelling, 4100 Pine st.
Samuel N. Carpenter, 1009 S. 46th st., and Helen F. Power, 417 S. 43d st.
John Gallagher, Darby, Pa., and Jennie Sayers, Ardmore, Pa.
Merrie Matthiass, 1177 Germantown ave., and Beckie Kornblatt, 1808 N. 7th st.
Harry J. Wilde, 3404 N. 12th st., and Agnes Redmond, 835 W. Rush st.
Joseph Smith, 521 Hamilton st., and Harry Dorsey, Jewish Hospital.
Howard Brown, 2943 Edgeley st., and Edith Jenkins, 2943 Edgeley st.
Andrew H. Crane, Camden, N. J., and Sarah E. Thomas, 1228 N. 8th st.
John E. Orban, Baltimore, Md., and Emily M. Frey, Germantown.
Fortunato Artuso, 713 Washington ave., and Peppina Artuso, 713 Washington ave.
Harry Smith, 519 Fairmount ave., and Ida R. Kaplan, 519 Fairmount ave.
Michael F. Coan, Harrisburg, Pa., and Ruth E. Eckard, Harrisburg, Pa.
Benjamin F. Brown, 2955 Richmond st., and Margaret C. Malone, 2107 E. Opal st.
Mathew W. Williamson, 500 S. 42d st., and Lydia M. Huns, 5432 Woodland ave.
John H. Gleason, Pottstown, Pa., and Mary L. Schatz, Pottstown, Pa.

Many Divorces Granted

Another long list of divorces was handed down today by the local Common Pleas Court. Judges McMichael, Ferguson and Davis, of Court No. 2, signed decrees in the following cases:

Blanche Pall Moran from Ernest A. Moran.
Minnie C. Crolly from John J. Crolly.
Ruby B. Springer from Frank Springer.
Sadie Solemon from Harry Solemon.
Mae A. Barron from Richard A. Barron.
Gertrude V. Widdis from Milton S. Widdis.
Blanche T. Reed from Alfred T. Reed.
Jennie G. Bickel from Edward E. Bickel.
Jane Claire Arnold from Wray C. Arnold.
Magnus Swahlin from Alma A. Swanlin.
Mary A. McQuaid from John McQuaid.
Florie S. Heulings from Albert C. Heulings.
Ella B. Stroup from George Y. Stroup.
Auguste Harse from Antoinette Harse.
Catharine M. Marti from Lewis F. Martin.
Irene Cook Vandergrift from Robert S. Vandergrift.
Clara Bartlett from Edward M. Bartlett.
Minnie Hotz from Walter M. Hotz.
Harriette Jones from Wilfred H. Jones.
Walter S. Wheeler from May V. Wheeler.
Pearl A. Tonkin from Harrison Tonkin.
William F. Strickler from Minnie E. Strickler.
Olive Blanche Warren from Aaron G. Warren.
Anna S. Borgnis from Thomas G. Borgnis.
Libbie Jacobs from William G. Jacobs.

PRESBYTERIANS DENY COMPROMISE IN NEW YORK HERESY DISPUTE

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the whole convention, if that were possible, than the New York Presbytery case, only it is a more technical problem and does not hold popular interest.

All the speaking to be done on the question hereafter will be from the floor.

COMPROMISE RUMORED.

A report was current today that a compromise had been reached between the extreme factions figuring in the New York Presbytery controversy, and that the proposed compromise would be laid before the General Assembly today.

Doctor Stevenson, chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, early this morning interrupted a session of his committee to inform newspaper men that no conclusion had been reached, and that it will hardly be possible to reach one before tomorrow or Thursday at the earliest.

The Rev. Dr. William C. Hogg, of Williamsport, Pa., a member of the committee, said with all the earnestness he could command: "You may say emphatically that there is no compromise, nor will there be say. We are facing every question in a manly, honest way. The question demands a solution, not a compromise."

The New Yorkers, all clerical commissioners, it was stated, sought to give publicity to the idea that a sort of "50-50" compromise had been reached, the result of which would be that the New York Presbytery would go unpunished and unreprimanded if "it promised to be good and not do it again." The informants said that the Rev. Dr. McKibben, of the Cincinnati Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Masters, of the Fort Wayne Presbytery, and the Rev. Dr. Mendelhall, moderator of the New York Presbytery, had got together, and by employment of great tact and diplomacy succeeded in reaching a compromise.

DR. STEVENSON'S STATEMENT.

This information was sent to Doctor Stevenson, and he personally wrote for publication the following:

I am authorized by the committee on bills and overtures to state that we have under consideration a paper which has been presented by certain parties concerned in the situation as it now stands in the New York Presbytery and am hopeful of reaching a satisfactory settlement, but have as yet arrived at no final conclusions and shall not be likely to do so until Wednesday or Thursday.

When the General Assembly convened today, Chairman Stevenson appeared before it and, as he did yesterday, asked for further time to consider the New York case. It was granted.

In the New Yorker's story of compromise, the men mentioned were Doctor McKibben and Doctor Masters, the spokesmen of the Presbyteries which presented the most drastic overtures against New York, and Doctor Mendenhall, chief adviser of the New York faction. None of these gentlemen would make a statement on the matter.

It looks as if the so-called "heresy affair" was still very much in the air. Apparently, the inspired stories which the New Yorkers sought to have printed would have helped the "cause" along; now it is a question whether the effort will not be harmful. Only they have Doctor Hogg's assurance that every problem is being tackled honestly and manfully.

Judge James Deal Andrews, of New York, said today that a compromise or postponement would certainly be unacceptable to the New York Presbytery. The Washington overture, which proposes a committee of visitation and invitation, consisting of 11 members, to investigate the matter and report to the 1917 convention would not lease New York at all.

"We want this General Assembly to make up its mind what ought to be done," he said.

The General Assembly was still pleased today over the fun it had in electing Edward H. Warren, of the synod of Kentucky, to be permanent clerk. His election was obtained by the Rev. Charles W. Welch, pastor of the Park Avenue Church, New York, who so amused the convention in his nominating speech by relating the time-honored story of the vagrant negro who told the judge at his trial that he assumed he had been arrested for "fragrancy," that the election was a foregone conclusion.

Patrick Francis Murphy, up to date, couldn't have done better.

STRIP UNION SEMINARY OF RICHES AND SETTLE QUARREL, IS SUGGESTED

By LISETTA NEUKOM
Evening Ledger Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23.—Taking over a large portion of the Union Theological Seminary property, New York, obtaining its $5,000,000 endowment by legal processes, and placing them in the hands of an entirely new board of trustees to whom shall be given the power to elect new officials and faculty are a few of the possibilities which loomed up in the 128th General Assembly today, as the result of an article from the pen of Judge Ralph E. Prime, New York attorney. This would mean the creation of a new seminary.

This article attacks the Union Theological Seminary in no uncertain terms and gives a complete history of the controversy of the last years and the alleged heresy of the New York Presbytery and the Union Theological Seminary.

As the time draws near for the expected struggle on the floor of the General Assembly, which is expected by all commissioners, unless the 24 overtures relative to the New York situation are killed in the Bills and Overtures Committee, feeling is growing bitter, both among the conservatives and the radicals.

Whenever a group of commissioners gather, a passer-by can invariably hear the words, "New York Presbytery, Union Theological Seminary—heresy, Virgin Birth, three young men."

The trouble at present is over the licensing of three young men from the Union Theological Seminary, who, it is alleged, admit they do not believe in the Virgin Birth and many of the other miracles of the Bible.

JUDGE PRIME'S PLAN.

The section of the article written by Judge Prime, which caused the new attitude on the creation of a new theological seminary to come into being, reads as follows:

"Perhaps then the remedy is through the Attorney General to deprive Union Seminary of title and possession of all the moneys and other properties received, and to seek and obtain judgment in the courts for administration of the funds as near as possible according to the trust impressed. And as the seminary repudiates the compact and relation to our Church, the court would go on to the creation of new trustees, who will carry out the trust in administration of the property."

"In speaking of the possibility of winning the legal case for Union Seminary," Judge Prime said, "It is my belief that Union Seminary has no right to the property involved now, and that a court would take it from the present trustees and put it in the hands of a new board. Such action would ultimately mean that they would create a new faculty and go ahead with the organization of a new seminary. Union Seminary is a corporation, and such action would not necessarily mean its dissolution, of course.

"But with a great part of its property gone, it would in reality mean that only a shell would be left and its power and resources transferred to a new seminary, which would be under the direction of the Presbyterian church. Union Seminary, you know, is not under the direction of the Presbyterian church now. The teachers of the new meminary would conform to the Presbyterian faith, just as Union Seminary instructors did in the olden days, when the property was given it."

OVERTURE LOST.

A new phase of the controversy developed today when it became known that the overture of the Washington, D. C., Presbytery, written with the object of pouring oil on troubled waters, had been lost.

This overture, which suggested the appointment of a committee of ministers and elders to investigate the situation and report back to the General Assembly next year, would likely have solved the problem. It was mailed from Washington on May 9, according to Dr. T. Davis Richards, of Germantown, Md., who says he is at a loss to know where it can be.

He did not say so in so many words, but he hinted that it might be possible "there's a reason that it is lost."

"This is the situation in Washington Presbytery," he said in discussing the overture. "One of the three young students who, it is alleged, denied certain truths of the Bible, affirmation of which is required by our Church, has been called to the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Washington. Now we Presbyterians do not want to have a man of that kind in our Presbytery if we can help it. We want to let the General Assembly know how we stand. The overtures must be handed in two days after the General Assembly convenes. I thought it had been received, and now I find it has not.

"Since coming here, the Moderator of our Presbytery, Dr. J. C. Palmer, has signed a duplicate of the overture and presented it to the Bills and Overtures Committee, hoping that it will be possible for some exception to be made on account of an error somewhere."

LINE OF PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS WOULD EQUAL BOARDWALK LENGTH

By a Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 23.—The young Presbyterians in the colleges of the United States would reach the length of the Boardwalk—seven miles — standing shoulder to shoulder nine deep, with a length of two and a half miles in the centre two deep, according to figures given today at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 128th annual session here. The Rev. Thomas R. White, University pastor, Bloomington, Ind., stands sponsor for the figures.

Dr. Andrew Doremus, of Jaginaw, Mich., in appealing for student pastors in church colleges, as well as State University Committees, declared he saw more drunkenness fifty years ago in college, his alma mater, a church school not far from Atlantic City, than he had ever seen in his whole life before. He said he heard it was even worse at Princeton at that time.

The candidates at the election for the Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon were: The Rev. Benjamin M. Gimmell, Philadelphia; the Rev. Edward T. Swiggett, Cincinnati; the Rev. John F. Patterson, Orange, N. J.; the Rev. Jay Carroll Everett, Paolo, Kan.; the Rev. C. J. Reynolds, Elizabeth, N. J.; the Rev. Charles G. Cady, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. W. S. Young, Los Angeles; the Rev. M. H. MacLeod, Pueblo, Col., and the Rev. Edward L. Warren, Louisville, Ky. The Rev. Mr. Warren was elected on the second ballot. Mr. Gimmell was third.

Reports today showed that more moneys had been added to the permanent funds of the Presbyterian Church during the last year than ever before in the history of the Church.

ABOVE - MRS. WM. FLOOD
BELOW - MRS. EDGAR COULTES

BOOSTING FOR TEMPLE

Two of the women who are enlisted in the campaign to raise $250,000 for the Temple University endowment fund.

CONGREGATIONALISTS TALK ON EFFICIENCY

Annual Conference and Woman's Union Assemble at Glenolden

Efficiency in country, town and city parishes was the keynote of the addresses delivered this afternoon at the opening session of the joint meeting of the 13th annual Conference of Congregationalist Churches of Pennsylvania and the 10th annual Woman's Missionary Union, which began in the First Congregational Church, at Glenolden. The sessions will continue tomorrow and Thursday.

Deacon David Howells, of Kane, Pa., the moderator of the conference, opened the session this afternoon, and the Rev. Isaac T. Williams, of Scranton, led the devotional service.

"Efficiency in the Country Parish" was the topic of the Rev. T. E. Richards, of Luraysville. The Rev. E. Mansel Jones, of Minersville, spoke on "Efficiency in the Town Parish," while the Rev. C. B. Adams, of the Park Congregational Church of this city, addressed the conference on "Efficiency in the City Parish."

The Rev. Charles Carroll, State Superintendent of the Congregationalist Conference of Pennsylvania, spoke on "Efficiency in the State at Large."

Following the devotional service, an election of scribes was held.

At the session tonight the moderator will deliver an address of welcome, and the devotional service will be led by the Rev. James Alcock, of this city. The response will be made by Moderator Howells.

A sermon will be preached by the Rev. James G. Clutterbuck, of Kane, Pa.

During the conference the delegation, consisting of two laymen and the pastors from the churches in the State, will be entertained by the members of the First Congregationalist Church of Glenolden.

They were met at the railroad station today by the Glenolden Boy Scouts and escorted to the church.

WOMEN IN THE VAN FOR TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Team Captained by Mrs. Comly Shoemaker Leads with $1019 Collection

Tooting of horns and ringing of bells greeted the announcement today that the women had taken first place among teams collecting funds for the $1,000,000 endowment sought for Temple University. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, who has been ill for several days, was among those who applauded when Director Wilmer Krusen, as presiding officer, made the announcement at the noonday luncheon in the Hotel Adelphia.

The winning team, which is No. 9 of the women's division, collected $1019. It is captained by Mrs. Comly Shoemaker. The business men and professional division was headed by Team 29, with Albert H. Ladner. Its report showed $625, including a donation of $500 from Samuel D. Lit, obtained through the personal solicitation of John J. Ryan, a member of the team. Team No. 18, captained by Dr. W. J. Robinson, won the day's honors in the alumni division, turning in $400.

The total contributions for the day were $4534, which carried the grand total to $65,441. The largest individual subscriptions today, in addition to that of Mr. Lit, were Fred Schwoebel, $300; John C. Fleck, $350; Keystone Supply and Manufacturing Company, $200; Simeon H. Guilford, $150; North Penn Bank, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Yoig, Frank Foster, J. W. Foster, B. C. Tillinghast and C. S. Gibbon, each $100. Several donations of $50 each were acknowledged.

A telegram expressing regret at inability to attend was received from Receiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick, who is attending the Knights Templar conclave at Scranton.

The City Business Club today joined the campaign teams to help raise the first $250,000 of the $1,000,000 fund to endow Temple University. One hundred and fifty-one members of the club went to work in conjunction with the 30 teams of the regular Temple campaigners to call on 185 prospective donors, many of whom had been suggested as possibilities by the City Business Club members.

The City Business Club came into the Temple campaign through the activity of Charles H. Grakelow, president of the club, and the members' own desire to help Temple University. Mr. Grakelow, besides being head of the City Business Club, is captain of team 28 of the campaigners.

Nominated by the President

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Wilson today nominated James Heulihan, Pittsburgh, to be appraiser of merchandise for the 12th district, and Benjamin F. Davis, Lancaster, Pa., to be internal revenue collector for the 9th district.

"ME COMMIT SUICIDE!"

"What for?" Bridegroom of Few Weeks Asks Puzzled Policeman

NEW YORK, May 23.—John J. Walsh, who said he lived at 762 Cortlandt avenue, the Bronx, told Policeman Lawler last night: "I was only married Easter Sunday. What do I want to commit suicide for?"

The policeman had taken him to the West 57th street police station. The nonplused Lawler scratched his head. He had found Walsh posing on a diving board over the North River at the foot of 49th street and arrested him, after a tussle. Three men had called the policeman, after they had dragged Walsh, they said, from the path of a freight train.