'OBEY' MAY BE SWEPT FROM BRIDAL PLEDGE IN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Committees of General Convention, Opening in St. Louis Tomorrow, Would Also Revise Lord's Prayer

MAY ALTER DECALOGUE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 10.—The Ten Commandments, the marriage ceremony and the Lord's prayer as they have stood through ages are to be changed by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which begins here tomorrow, if the reports of committees and subcommittees are indorsed.

In the marriage ceremony the committee will recommend that the word "obey" in the bride's promise be eliminated, that the giving away of the bride be omitted entirely and that the bridegroom's promise to "endow" the bride "with all his worldly goods" be eliminated.

A committee will recommend that the commandments be shortened by the omission of the reason for their observance. The recommendation will be based on the fact that the reasons were peculiar to the life of the Israelites and that changed modern ways have robbed the arguments of much of their weight.

The committee on revising the Lord's prayer will recommend the elimination of the words "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." In requesting the omission the committee will say the words constitute a part of the doxology added by early translators and that they are not in the original text of Holy Scriptures. The omission would make the prayer identical with the Roman Catholic version.

The same committee will probably ask the elimination from the Book of Common Prayer of the prayers for "Jews, infidels and Turks." The proposal is based on the ground that it is unwarranted to class the Jews with the others.

A canon prohibiting marriage when either party to the contract has a wife or husband living and has been divorced for any cause arising after marriage will be presented for action. Many notable churchmen gathered here today for the opening.

MEXICANS GROW FIRM AFTER U-BOAT EXPLOIT

Possibility of German-American Crisis Causes Carranza Conferees to Gain Confidence

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 10.—The activities of German submarines off the American coast and the possibility of another crisis between the United States and Germany had an appreciable effect upon the Mexican conference here.

The Carranza delegates were elated at the prospect of this country being involved in further international entanglements, and their attitude stiffened considerably.

Dr. Luis Cabrera and his colleagues succeeded in again placing the question of border control uppermost in the deliberations of the conference, the proceedings of which were surrounded with the greatest secrecy. No official statement was made to the press, and Chairman Lane said that no information could be imparted beyond the fact that several plans for control of the border were discussed and that today's session will be devoted to the same topic.

Pending the arrival of Ambassador Designate Arredondo, who left Mexico City for Washington on Sunday night and will come here from the capital, it had been assumed that the conference would continue discussing matters which the American commissioners consider an integral part of the problem of Mexican rehabilitation. But the Mexican commissioners took the position that they are still bound by their original instructions and asked that consideration of other matters be deferred till later in the week.

Suggestions for border control submitted by the Mexican representatives were gone over carefully by General Bliss and the Americans placed before the Mexicans some of the General's opinions.

CASH FOR SWARTHMORE FIELD

$70,000 Raised for Athletic Ground by Alumni Committee and More Is Assured

Contributions of approximately $70,000 have been collected by the alumni committee of Swarthmore College in its campaign for funds to complete the Swarthmore athletic field. A summarized statement of the committee's labors will appear in the Phoenix, Swarthmore's college magazine, showing the contributors by class units. In this list appear records of contributions from every class in the history of the college, from 1873, its foundation year, to the present undergraduate bodies.

The committee, of which Howard Cooper Johnson, an attorney, is chairman, is gratified by the general and generous response, and, while the athletic field is not finished, its completion is assured by the results of the campaign. The names of individual contributors have not been announced.

Friends' Home Quarantined

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 10. — The Friends' Home, a refuge for elderly men and women members of the Society of Friends, situated at Powell and Swede streets, Norristown, has been quarantined by the Norristown Board of Health following an outbreak of infantile paralysis in the institution. The victim, a six-year-old daughter of the matron, Mrs. Alcorn, is the seventeenth case of the disease to be reported in Norristown. It was a week since the previous case was reported and the authorities had begun to believe that the dread malady had been entirely wiped out.

Held for Stealing Philadelphian's Bag

READING, Pa., Oct. 10.—After a hearing before Magistrate Focht here today, Garfield Jones was held for court, on a charge of stealing from a local hotel a traveling bag containing $1000 worth of bonds belonging to J. Lawrence Grogan, of Philadelphia. Neither the bag nor contents have been recovered.

PHILADELPHIA PROTEST STARTS COUNTRY-WIDE WAR ON MILK FREIGHTS

International Dealers' Association Names Committee to Fight "Gradual but Material" Increases in Rates

CRY OF DISCRIMINATION

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—The International Milk Dealers' Association, meeting in Chicago, has appointed a committee to plan and conduct a fight against the "gradual but material" increase in rates for the shipment of milk and its byproducts. The committee, according to the association's plans, will apply to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the various State public utilities commissions for reductions whenever a freight increase is proposed by the carriers.

The organized opposition of the association has grown out of complaints filed with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission by the Philadelphia Milk Exchange against the tariffs adopted January 23 by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Pennsylvania's tariffs increased rates on all lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie and are regarded by the Philadelphia Milk Exchange as discriminatory.

The dealers contend that the present rates of many railroads are so made and groups are so arranged that dealers are forced to develop distant trade territory. Nearby farming areas, they say, have not the transportation advantages that their locations should give them.

It is an economic waste, the dealers say, to haul milk for long distances if it may be obtained at shorter distances, and no rate adjustment can be successfully defended which deprives any shipper of the natural advantages his nearness to the consumer may give him.

"When we consider," one dealer explained, "that the railroads transporting milk to Philadelphia have not paid out any money to build up this business, surely the producers nearest to Philadelphia markets have been discriminated against.

"When a tabulation of the rates in various sections of the country had been made, it was noticed that decided advances had been made by the railroads within the last few years, especially on distances beyond twenty-five to thirty miles, with a further tendency on the part of the railroads to advance rates on milk and cream in those districts from which shipments were not moving, but from which they might be moving within a few years. The railroads recognize, dealers say, that the increased population of the cities is gradually forcing producers to ship from a greater distance."

Complaint also has been filed with the Public Service Commission against freight increases by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company.

Under a general investigation hearings have been held in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati.

At the hearings in Philadelphia dealers point out it was shown that: In 1907 on all milk rates there was a general increase of approximately fifteen per cent. In 1911 by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company rates were further increased fifteen per cent to "cover the cost of icing." In 1912 the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company rates were increased twenty per cent to cover the cost of icing, while the Baltimore and Ohio rates were increased 33 1-3 per cent for same purpose.

In 1912 there was a further and more marked increase in most rates on the Pennsylvania Railroad, over which the traffic was then moving. In 1915 there was a further increase in the rates of the Pennsylvania for all distances beyond sixty-five miles.

The net effect of these increases and changes in the rates dealers say, has been to increase very materially the rates on milk on the Pennsylvania. From Philadelphia to Harrisburg there has been an increase of seventy-seven per cent within eight years, while on the P., B. and W. Division for the first thirty miles there has been an increase of fifty-four per cent; for the next thirty miles an increase of thirty-two per cent, while the average increase amounts to more than fifty per cent when the volume of milk moved is taken into consideration.

BERNHARDT ARRIVES FOR ANOTHER GOOD-BY

"Divine Sarah" Just a Little Bit Older Looking, but Young as Ever Inside

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The divine Sarah Bernhardt returned to America today for still another good-by. She arrived on the Espagne, and as usual monopolized ninety per cent of the attention bestowed on the passengers aboard the ship.

She was just a little older looking. She wanted that made plain. Inside, she insisted, she's as young as she was forty years ago. And the flash of her eyes, except when "her bleeding France" was mentioned, tended to corroborate her claim.

MISTER McDEVITT "SUBMERGES," SNUBS PHILADELPHIA AND "SAILS" SEAWARD

"Nominee for Presidency Adopts Platform, Saying, "I'm Irish, Always Prepared"

Goes to Atlantic City to Make Speech of Notification to Himself

Mr. J. J. McDevitt, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., presidential nominee of the Mr. McDevitt party, snubbed Philadelphia and hurried toward Atlantic City today.

The cradle of American liberty, where the Mr. McDevitt party candidate was to fire the opening gun of his campaign, was "passed up," as it were, and the "millionaire for a day," sometimes colloquially referred to as "Butch," hastened toward the sea. If Mr. McDevitt and entourage will ever get there depends upon the condition of the Mr. McDevitt party campaign fund. This fund was $3500 before the convention in New York yesterday, but then conventions are expensive.

At Atlantic City Mr. McDevitt will make a notification speech, after which Mr. McDevitt will launch into a speech of acceptance. It is not known what Ex-Mayor Riddle, of Atlantic City, will say when he's notified that he was nominated for the vice presidency.

In the presence of thirteen loyal delegates, Mr. McDevitt nominated Mr. McDevitt at New York yesterday, between drinks, in a hall at Terrace Garden. The following platform was read:

Planks in Platform of Mr. McDevitt Party

SELL the Philippines and buy Ireland, so we can get policemen for nothing.

As for the tariff, we don't give two whoops for the tariff.

Let the Mexicans fight.

We do not believe in prohibition.

As for preparedness, I am Irish.

First—We believe that all men are created equal, but some of them do not take advantage of it.

Second—We urge that the Philippine Islands be sold and Ireland purchased, so we can get our policemen for nothing.

Third—We promise to raise a new standing army to take the place of the one which was lost in Mexico.

Fourth—As for preparedness, I am Irish and am always prepared.

Fifth—So far as the tariff is concerned, the Mister McDevitt Party doesn't give two whoops for the tariff.

Sixth—Concerning the Mexican situation—let 'em fight! What good are they, anyway?

Seventh—There has ben much talk of protecting the homes. The Mister McDevitt Party promises to protect the homes of the East and part of the West.

Eighth—We do not believe in prohibition. We believe every man should have the right to get drunk. It makes it easier for him to beat his wife. When a sober man beats his wife the people say, "Oh, the brute!" But when a drunken man beats his wife they say, "The poor man was drinking!"

Ninth—We denounce the hyphenates. I am a loyal Irish-American, and we want no hyphenates.

John J. McGraw, Wilbert Robinson, "Billy" Sunday, Brian G. Hughes, Mayor Mitchel and Dudley Field Malone were promised places in the Cabinet.

It is expected that Mr. McDevitt will return to his job in a Wilkes-Barre iron foundry within a few days.

ABSOLVED OF SOCIETY GIRL'S DEATH IN AUTO

Accident, Coroner Rules in Dougherty-Tower Tragedy in Park

Thomas Harvey Dougherty, Jr., of School House lane, Germantown, was exonorated today by a Coroner's jury of guilt in connection with the death of Miss Gertrude Tower, nineteen-year-old daughter of Charlemagne Tower, former Ambassador to Germany, who received fatal injuries when Dougherty's automobile turned turtle near Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, May 13. Miss Tower died four days later.

"There is nothing to warrant holding any one criminally responsible," said Chief Deputy Coroner Sellers in his instruction to the jury.

The accident was due to faulty reconstruction of the motorcar, according to the testimony of Robert M. Abbott, 5329 Hadfield street, a Packard inspector, who examined the wrecked car. Two days before the accident, he said, it had been transformed from a limousine to a roadster, causing a defect in the steering gear. Two witnesses of the accident, William D. Aubrey, of Bryn Mawr, and John M. Duncan, of 32 South Fifty-fourth street, said they saw the front wheels appear to lock together on the curve, heard Dougherty put on the emergency brake, and then saw the machine skid and overturn. It was going at a moderate rate of speed, they said.

Dougherty, represented by former Attorney General John C. Bell, a friend of the Tower family, limped to the stand, appearing to be in a daze. He said he could recall nothing of the accident. He is slowly recovering from his injuries, which included concussion of the brain. Before the inquest he was held for the coroner by Magistrate Stevenson, Fortieth street and Lancaster avenue, and taken at once to City Hall.

JURY ACCUSES PROSECUTOR

County Attorney in St. Joseph Indicted as Wife Slayer

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 10.—County Prosecutor Oscar McDaniel today was indicted by the Grand Jury for murder in the first degree after a ten-day probe of the mystery surrounding the killing of his wife.

McDaniel conducted a search for the murderer for several days before suspicion was turned on him and he was arrested.

READY TO EXTRADITE FOUR IN JERSEY MURDER

Driver of Auto Identified as Murderer of Cranberry King's Brother

Extradition papers have been signed by Governor Brumbaugh on which the four men under arrest in Philadelphia for holding up and shooting the occupants of the pay automobile of A. J. Rider, "the New Jersey cranberry king," will be taken to Burlington County, N. J., for trial.

Frank Vassella, driver of the automobile, has been identified by Rider as the murderer of Henry Rider, brother of the cranberry grower. Frank Ledonne and Giuseppe Rossi also have been identified as participants in the hold-up and murder.

Mrs. Elsie R. Smathers, daughter of A. J. Rider, and her father, who are recovering from their wounds in Jefferson Hospital, identified the three men. John M. Rigby, suffering from six bullet wounds, has been too weak to see the prisoners.

The detectives who accompanied the prisoners to the hospital were surprised at the identification of Vasella and Ledonne. Their stories had been that they were not implicated in the hold-up in the New Jersey cranberry bog except by hiring the automobile to Rossi. Vasella is now charged with being the leader of the gang instead of being, as he has contended, a dupe of Rossi.

Rider, besides being positive that Vasella was the man who had shot him, charged that the Italian was the actual murderer of his brother, Harry. Mr. Rider said that Vasella had shot him in the arm and had given Rigby one of his wounds. Ledonne was the only member of the gang, Rider said, who did not wear a mask. He said he did not see Ledonne shoot, but that he had a revolver in his hand.

Millie di Marco, who had been suspected by the police of being the leader of the gang, was not identified by either of the wounded. Rider recognized her, however, as a former employe.

Rossi was taken to the bedside of Mrs. Smathers to be identified. His face was partly covered by a mask to make him look as victims of the hold-up said the hold-up men looked. Mrs. Smathers identified him as the man who had shot over her head when she dodged.

Giuseppe Rosso, Millie di Marco, Frank Ledonne and Frank Vassella will be taken back to New Jersey by Ellis H. Parker, Burlington county detective; Sheriff William T. Specher and Deputy Sheriff Joseph Fleetwood.

Mabel Knoll (above), and Elizabeth Walsh.

TWO 17-YEAR-OLD GIRLS MISSING FROM HOME

Police Asked to Find Department Store Employes Mysteriously Gone

Two seventeen-year-old girls have disappeared from their homes and their parents have asked the police of the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station to find them.

The girls are Mabel Knoll, of 2500 East Cumberland street, and Elizabeth Walsh, 2438 East Hazzard street. They left their homes on Monday night.

Two married sisters of the Knoll girl, Mrs. Bessie Enwright and Mrs. Mary Hookey, had gone to Horticultural Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Knoll had gone to their bungalow at Clementon, N. J., and Mabel was left at home alone.

When the sisters returned they found she had gone. An hour later a relative of the Walsh girl informed them that she, too, had disapeared. Both girls are employed in the perfumery department of a Market street department store.

Their parents fear that they are being detained somewhere against their wishes. The mother of Elizabeth Walsh has been suffering from nervous prostration for several months and her condition was made worse by her daughter's disappearance.

Child Left at Doctor's Door

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 10.—A baby, just born, was found on the doorstep of Dr. J. Quincy Thomas, of Conshohocken, last night by Policeman Kays. The child was brought here to the hospital. It was in a bundle, warmly wrapped.

ELLIS STILL ALIVE; IS NOT LIKELY TO RECOVER

Nephew of Slayer's Wife Gets Permission to Take Body to Old Home

William Howard Ellis, who shot and killed his wife in a fit of jealousy at their home, Hollyhock Farm, near Ambler, on Sunday, and then shot himself, is still alive at the Chestnut Hill Hospital, but physicians say he cannot recover.

The body of the wife, Augusta Willoughby Ellis, will not lie beside her husband if he dies, but will be buried in the family plot in the cemetery of her former home, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. A nephew of the murdered woman, Thomas Gage, of Saratoga Springs, has obtained permission from Coroner McGlatchery, of Norristown, to take the body.

The burial permission was given by the coroner to the nephew against the requests of Ellis's mother, who desired to retain the body of her son's wife for burial beside Ellis in his home cemetery, should he die of his wound.

At Ellis's bedside at the hospital is his mother, and the father, who was in the South at the time of the shooting, is expected to arrive today. The three children of the family are being cared for by friends.

Spain Denies Food to Submarines

LONDON, Oct. 10.—A Madrid dispatch says orders have been issued by the Spanish Government prohibiting the revictualing of foreign submarines in Spanish waters.