

COMMISSIONERS MEET FOR METHODIST PEACE

North and South Church Representatives Discuss Reunion Favored by Bishops

DIVISION CAME IN 1844

Bishop's Marriage and Loyalty to Slave-Holding Wife Resulted in Break

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Effective work in the plan of corporate union of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches began this morning at the First Methodist Episcopal Church when the two commissions on union met for organization into a joint commission.

All the sessions will be executive and secret, even representatives of church papers being excluded. The conference is expected to continue into next week.

Though almost any one of the fifty commissioners will unhesitatingly state unambiguously that the union of the two bodies is ardently to be desired, if it is possible to unite with complete unanimity of spirit, none will tell his opinion of the definite prospects.

Bishops Earl Cranston, of the Northern Church, and Edwin D. Moulton, of the Southern Church, have been foremost among advocates of union and consider the continued division almost an iniquity, according to the tenor of the speeches made in Baltimore and elsewhere.

After the joint commission finishes its work the two general conferences, the hundreds of annual conferences and possibly the thousands of individual congregations have each to vote on the proposition before it becomes officially the will of the two denominations.

The split which resulted in the separation of the Methodist Episcopal Church came in 1844-45, at which time Bishop James O. Andrew, who had married a slave-holding wife, refused to oppose slavery. The southern Methodists then sprang into being.

DISCOUNTS RADIUM AS CURE FOR CANCER

Cornell Expert Tells Scientists Early Diagnosis Is Only Remedy

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Radium cannot be relied upon as permanent cure for cancer, but its general recommendation for use as a cancer cure is inadvisable, Dr. James Ewing, of Cornell University, said today, speaking before the division of physiology of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Ewing urged early diagnosis as the only effective aid to cure or control cancer. He spoke of the possibilities of radium as being limited, though in the future radium cures may prove more sweepingly effective.

Mortality from cancer can be reduced if people will take prophylactic care of themselves, Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood, of Johns Hopkins University, said.

"Cancer is not a blood disease," Dr. Bloodgood said. "It is not a disease of which any one has any reason to be ashamed. So far as physicians can tell it is not brought on by ill health or poor food. It comes from the healthy man or the healthy woman, but if she notices warning signs be heed our task becomes comparatively easy."

FOX TROT TO MAKE WAY FOR 'TODDLE' NEXT YEAR

Dancing Masters' "Inner Circle" Teach Mystery of New Dance in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Now it is to be the "Toddle." This was settled at the mid-winter convention of the "Inner Circle," an organization devoted to the development of the modern dance, which held its closing session at the Hotel Baltimore yesterday afternoon.

The "Toddle" is danced to music in the same tempo as the old schottische, which is an innovation in modern ballrooms, but in theatres and music halls has set the feet of audiences tapping for generations. According to the official description, the new dance consists of a few walking steps, some turns, several running steps and a limp in the air—and there you are. It was explained that the "Toddle" came at the end of each figure, and was like the "break" that the old-time stage dancers were wont to use at the end of their dances.

G. Hepburn Wilson is the originator of the "Toddle," and he, with Oscar Duryea and Voronine Vestoff, have been initiating the dancing masters from all over the country into its mysteries. The dancing masters also gave their approval to the "London Taps" and the "Four-Four," and they worked on a number of new figures for the waltz and fox trot.

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GERMANS NOW ACCUSED OF ENSLAVING RESCUERS

Belgians Charge War Workers Are Being Deported From Homes

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Germany is now going so far in her Belgian deportations as to arrest and transfer from Belgian soil Belgians engaged in relief work and hitherto protected by the card of the American Relief Commission.

This charge was made today by the Belgian Ministry of Justice. "Not only are the Germans deporting Belgians who are still employed," the Ministry asserted, "not only are they carrying off children from fifteen to seventeen years of age and factory managers, farmers and physicians, but they are now bringing arrested for deportation Belgians engaged in the relief of their own countrymen."

"This new outrage has been committed in at least three cities. At Ghent, Belgium, the chiefs of the local agency of the relief organization were deported. At two other members of the organization were deported. At Libramont twenty-one employees of the national relief committee were deported. During a raid at Arlon forty-three employees of the local regional agencies of the relief committee were among 400 men taken to Germany."

"This suffices to prove that when the German authorities defend their policy of deportation on the ground that they are thus checking unemployment, they are merely trying to bluff neutrals."

FARMERS AT COLLEGE WITHOUT ANY HAYSEED

Throng to "School" in Automobiles and "Store Clothes" to Hear Experts

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 28.—Many a little red schoolhouse that has long since crumbled to ruins lives again in the memory of Pennsylvania farmers who have thronged to State College for their annual six-day course in scientific agriculture. By hundreds they troop again to the call of their lessons. But the trailing lad of their youthful memory is replaced by the prosperous agriculturist, clad no longer in homespun. Today he travels in an automobile.

Valuable and valuable were the lessons learned today by the visiting soil tillers, their wives and children from the experts of the State College faculty. First they were told that the dairy cow is the foundation of agriculture and the wealth of the farmer, and then were impressed with the fact that co-operation in production and marketing their products will bring about a wonderful agricultural development, such as has been attained in Switzerland, Denmark and Holland.

Another instructive hit came from C. F. Noll, the best authority on potato growing at State College. He said clover is the best crop to precede potatoes, because it supplies the nitrogen needed for potato growth. The clover takes this element from the air, he explained, thereby saving a lot of money that would have to be spent for nitrate imported from Chile.

SEEK TO SHOW MOTIVE FOR MURDER OF WOMAN

Prosecution Endeavors to Prove Broker Killed Wife to Get Life Insurance

OSSEPE, N. H., Dec. 28.—The State today began building into the court records the motive which it charges caused Frederick L. Small, the Boston broker, to murder his wife in their lonely mountain cottage last September.

A \$20,000 joint life insurance policy, the State charged, was the temptation which led the broker to commit the crime. As a basis for contention, the prosecution opened today's session by putting on the stand Charles E. Merritt, an insurance agent, who testified that last March Small took out the policy and paid him \$1,107.50 as the first year's premium. It was specified, the agent asserted, that the money would be payable to either Small or his wife in the event of the other's death.

Crowds which jammed the little courtroom and overflowed into the yard outside attended the hearing today. More than two-thirds of them were women.

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DELIRIOUS MAN SHOTS DOCTOR THREE TIMES

Victim of Nervous Breakdown Attempts Murder and Defies Police Behind Barricade

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Wildly delirious, George Gantz, a patient, shot Dr. George H. Hocking, a widely known physician of Gwynn, a suburb of Baltimore, three times shortly before noon today. A fourth bullet missed its mark.

The frenzied man then barricaded himself in a room at his home, and this afternoon brandishing a loaded revolver, is defying a squad of police in an effort to capture him. Gantz is a Harvard graduate and connected with an insurance company here. He devoted much time to studies, and this is said to be responsible for his breakdown. Gantz had been treated for some time by Doctor Hocking for nervous troubles, and shortly after the physician called on his patient the shooting took place.

Two of the bullets from Gantz's revolver passed through the doctor's left shoulder and a third laden missile plowed through the fleshy part of his left arm. Doctor Hocking, blood pouring from his wounds, calmly walked to his home nearby and gave himself first-aid treatment and then summoned Doctor Peters. Doctor Hocking this afternoon, despite great loss of blood, is reported to be in a fair way to recovery.

MAN AND GIRL HURT IN CRASH OF AUTOS

Their Machine Overtaken at Dangerous Street Crossing. Other Speeds On

Thrown from an automobile in which they were riding when it was struck and upset by another automobile at the intersection of Twenty-second and Venango streets at an early hour this morning two persons received injuries which caused their removal to a hospital.

The injured are Miss Elba Hess, twenty-one years old, 2124 North Twenty-second street, who received cuts and lacerations of her face and hands and a fractured rib, and Walter Gilbert, of Glenside, who was badly shaken up and received minor cuts and bruises.

Gilbert was taking Miss Hess to her home and was going south on Twenty-second street when the other car, of the big touring type, crashed into him as he was crossing Venango street. The impact of the collision hurled Gilbert's car over on its side. The occupants of the bigger car did not stop after the collision, according to Gilbert. He last saw it speeding east on Venango street.

B. J. YOST, OF TAMAQUA, NEW LEGISLATOR, DIES

Special Election Will Be Necessary to Name Successor to Penrose Lieutenant

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 28.—Benjamin Jefferson Yost, of Tamaqua, who was elected a member of the Legislature from the Third District, died at his home last night after a short illness of uremia. He was a Republican and was allied with the followers of Senator Penrose.

His death will necessitate a general election to fill the vacancy, as will also the entrance of State Senator C. A. Snyder, of this city, upon his duties as State Auditor General, require a special election to choose a successor as Senator.

Dies Suddenly in His Mill

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 28.—While at work in his grain mill at Milford, J. Talbot Broomall, sixty-three years of age, a widely known resident of Delaware County, was stricken with heart disease and died. His body was discovered by employees, who at first suspected foul play. Physicians called in found heart disease the cause of death. Mr. Broomall was a member of Prospect Park Lodge of Masons and is survived by two sisters.

MEAT SHOP THAT SLASHED PRICES COMES TO GRIEF IN POLICE COURT

Keeper Offered 30-Cent Chops for Eight, but Cautious Germantown Refused to Buy—He Bought of Packing Company Driver, but Not of Company, It Seems

The mystery of the "Morgue" is explained—not of the gloomy place on Wood street, but of the butcher shop traveling under the same name. You know the place, Harry Beckman's shop up at 2113 Germantown avenue, the shop decorated like a circus with red, green and blue posters no larger than the side of a house announcing that prime lamb chops worth thirty cents and upward could be bought for eight cents.

Not that it ever did Harry any good to decorate so extensively. Nary a one of the folks within a wide radius of Germantown and Spanguehanna avenues would patronize his store. One can't be too careful in these days of substitution, they would say, as they carefully shunned the "Morgue," while wondering how Harry could sell as good stuff as he said he had for the price of a small stew.

Harry's grand entrance in the Central Police Station today solved all the questions that the good folk of the vicinity had been asking themselves. He hadn't been, as was charged, digging up stray carcasses of ancient animals and parading the creaking joints as fresh beef. Not Harry. What Harry had been doing was buying \$2000 worth of meat from "Jack" Hissland, one time driver for every packing company in the city.

"That's my kick," quoth Jack this morning. "That's what it is. I gets a job first with Armour's, then the Consolidated, and all the way down the line from Cadahy to Sulzberger to Swift. And I sells the stuff to this guy Beckman. And what do I get? Stuff. Only three hundred. That's what I call tough."

BOYS TELL STRANGE STORY

Lads Returned to Girard College When Tale Proves False

Two Girard College boys, John Salter, eight years old, and Charles, his brother, ten years old, were taken back to Girard College today after spending the night at the House of Detention.

The boys, surrounded by Christmas gifts, were found sleeping in Heading Terminal last night at 10:30 o'clock by Detective Jacob Biateau, of City Hall. They told a tale of having been brought from Shamokin by their mother, early yesterday morning and said she had deserted them and left them there alone since 6:30 in the morning without food. Detective Biateau took the lads out and fed them, believing their tale, and then took them to the House of Detention.



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