

HODD RAPS HIGH EVANGELISTS

Rev. Dr. S. W. Gehrett Asails Revivalists Seeking High Pay

ATTACKS "IMITATIONS"

Imitators of Billy Sunday, eager for financial profit and intellectual unit, have been bludgeoned by the work of the Rev. Dr. S. W. Gehrett, acting superintendent of the northwest district, read at today's session of the 19th annual meeting of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference, held in Cookman Church, Twelfth street and Lehigh avenue.

Doctor Gehrett said: "No Methodist preacher should play second part in a revival. If a pastor needs help, instead of importing a stranger, procure a conference evangelist, who will do good service and will not receive a fatigued overcoat, a limousine, gifts galore in addition to a check of six or eight figures. This system is very costly. Some of the imitations of the revivalists have led to the mental and spiritual equipment for real evangelism and often leave a reaction harmful to the normal work of the church."

Doctor Gehrett delivered his message as a substitute for the Rev. Dr. George W. Tzer, district superintendent, who was unable to attend the conference because of serious illness.

In the same report Doctor Gehrett pointed out that the United States would soon become a "dry" nation. "The time is not far off," he said, "when we shall see a schoolhouse on every hill and a church in every neighborhood, with the saloon consigned to eternal oblivion."

Bishop T. S. Henderson, of Detroit, who is presiding at the conference, also had something to say about the evangelistic scheme. He was rather inclined to criticize the work of throwing the burden of their work on evangelists when these itinerants come to town.

"If cashiers and bookkeepers in banks," said Bishop Henderson, "are to be in the same slovenly way as do most ministers, they would be in jail."

"If Methodism had taken the street car attitude toward religion long ago, there would never have been any use for the work of the Salvation Army," he said.

Methodist women, too, will aid in the preparedness movement, in conjunction with the Emergency Aid. This was brought out at the afternoon session by Mrs. Anna Wallace La. Doms, State representative of the Emergency Aid. Her address stirred the clergymen to applause.

Considerable interest among those in attendance at the meeting centers in the impending transfer of preachers. The congregation of the Park Avenue Church last night presented a purse of \$500 to the present pastor, the Rev. Dr. Eugene D. Bagnell, who is expected to be transferred to the Grace Church, Harrisburg. The Rev. Dr. Richard Radcliffe, of St. Matthew's Church, who will in all probability be assigned to the Cookman Church, was presented by his congregation with a gold watch and chain.

How immigration has affected the membership of the South Philadelphia Methodist churches was described in the annual report of the Rev. Dr. G. W. Henson, superintendent of the south district. The influx of all European nationalities, it was explained, had changed the character of the neighborhoods, but the old members remained loyal to their congregations. Praise for this demonstration of religious fidelity was contained in the report. These churches have been involved in the changes described in the report: Vane Memorial, Bethany, Broad Street, Christian Street, Eighteenth Street, Eleventh Street, Snyder Avenue, Belmont, Bethel, Scott and St. Paul.

Memorial services for the ten ministers who died during the last conference year were held this morning. Ten-minute memorials for each were read.

The dead ministers were the Revs. Matthias Barnhill, Josiah Hawden, J. Wharton Bradley, Alfred Harris, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Jacob P. Miller, Eugene W. Stillman, Walter V. Stewart, George Hamilton and Francis M. Collins.

The memorial services followed the regular business sitting of the conference, which began at 8:30 o'clock. A conference executive session was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Lehigh Avenue Baptist Church, just across the street from the Cookman Church.

WOMEN TO MEET At the same time to anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Cookman Church. Dr. Belle J. Allen, a medical missionary of Baroda, India, spoke. The daily pentecostal service was conducted at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Boswell.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the anniversary meeting of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. D. B. Forsyth, secretary of the board.

The campaign to raise \$15,000,000 for aged Methodist ministers received an impetus at the meeting last night when the Rev. Dr. J. D. C. Hanna, campaign manager, announced that the Conference had contributed \$25,000 in cash during the year, which virtually covers its pledge to raise \$175,000 toward the big fund.

Speaking at the anniversary of the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund in Cookman Methodist Episcopal Church, Doctor Hanna told of the work of the fund two years ago, being conducted during the first year under the direction of the Rev. Dr. George W. Henson. He said the pledges were payable within four years.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Hingley, secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, told of money-raising campaigns inaugurated by several western conferences and urged the Philadelphia Conference to get in the forefront of the movement. He emphasized the value of publicity, telling how the Presbyterian board received an unsolicited contribution of \$20,000 for its aged ministers' fund from a Wall street broker who was unknown to the Presbyterian leaders, but who became interested through the newspaper.

Doctor Hingley told of a ranch owner in the Middle West who, upon coming into a fortune of \$5,000,000, decided to give \$1,000,000 to the fund for aged Methodist preachers.

REVOLUTIONARY DEMONSTRATION IN PETROGRAD



A typical uprising in the Russian capital with a great mob assembled in the courtyard of the Royal Palace.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA; DUMA DEFIES CZAR; JAILS CABINET

Continued from Page One In Petrograd, at least, the Russian army garrison aided in the coup d'etat by the revolutionists.

GOVERNMENT PRO-ALLY

The new Government of Russia is pro-Ally. It is likely to be even more pro-Ally than was the former bureaucratic Russian Government.

One of the main causes for the overthrow of the Czar's bureaucrats was the repeated charge that his officials were of pro-German leanings.

RUSSIANS IN PHILADELPHIA PREDICTED THE REVOLUTION

News of the revolution in Russia did not come as a surprise to those who have been leading in touch with conditions in this country.

It is the belief of prominent Russians and others in Philadelphia that the revolution will continue and that the Government will not be able to check it.

The Rev. Father Max Kinash, rector of the Russian Catholic Church, 815 North Franklin street, said the Russians of this country will be glad to hear of the revolution in Russia.

"It was bound to come," he said. "The people are dissatisfied because of the general treatment accorded them by the Government. Russians here have ways of keeping in touch with conditions in the old country, regardless of all war censorship."

"Every one knows that the revolutionists are right and the Government will not be able to check them, for they will not know whom to depend on. I believe that the revolution will continue until the voice of the people is heard by the Government."

DUMA AND COUNTRY UNITED FOR DEFENSE

The present crisis in Russia is mainly due to a conflict between the central government and the majority of the Zemstvos, provincial and municipal bodies which have grown in strength and independence.

The Duma, in approving the national defense and munition factories and gun works all over the empire. With a view to intensifying their work for a better military preparation, the executive committee of the Zemstvos and municipal bodies had decided a couple of months ago to hold a mass-meeting in Moscow.

This was forbidden by the Minister of the Interior, who said that the Duma should not meet until the next day. The Duma passed a resolution censuring the Government for the prohibition with 123 votes against 47.

"Considering that the obstacles put by the Government toward the organization of the rural, municipal and working bodies for national defense have caused discontent which in some instances has taken dangerous proportions, and considering the fact that these bodies agree with the Duma in judging serious the present situation, agreement which shows the close moral union between the country and its representatives, the Duma approves the national participation of the unions in the national defense and protests against the refusal of the Government to allow them to meet at Moscow."

The same evening, however, the Czar signed an ukase adjourning indefinitely the Duma and the upper branch of the Parliament. "The coup d'etat" had its immediate effect in the elections held in Moscow, where the progressive party obtained a crushing majority. The Government was so impressed with this beginning of a true revolution that it decided to nullify the election.

As a side incident of this internal political strife in Russia, the case of Manassevitch Mamuloff, former assistant of ex-President Turner, only threw some light on the present situation. This man was arrested some time ago for his pro-German activities and was ever put on trial. It might have cost him his life, but he was recently and quite unexpectedly freed, notwithstanding the fact that he had offered a huge sum of money to the editor of the Novos Vremya if he would consent to support in that paper the agitation for a separate peace.

Tomorrow's Hot Springs Entries First race, selling, horses and geldings, four-year-olds and on, 4 furlongs. "Circulate," 110; "The Star," 112; "Crested," 114; "Fair Amoret," 115; "Ed Love," 116; "Captain Ben," 118; "Van Over," 119; "Pudruff," 120; "Piedmont," 121; "Uncle Jim Mac," 122; "Carrollist," 123; "Providence," 124.

CARTER GLASS PICKED AS M'ADOO SUCCESSOR

American Bankers' Official Organ, in Administration Confidence, So Declares

WASHINGTON, March 15. Carter Glass, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, is slated to succeed William Gibbs McAdoo as Secretary of the Treasury, says the Journal of the American Bankers' Association today.

Secretary McAdoo feels that he has completed his program, now that the shipping bill, the rural credit bill and the Federal reserve act have been passed and are in operation, and is ready to step down, the financial publication says.

"The Journal of the American Bankers' Association, besides being the official organ of the American banking world, is in very close touch with the Administration generally and with Secretary McAdoo particularly."

WOMEN FOOD RIOTERS PREFER JAIL TO FINE

Three Berate Butcher for High Prices, Refuse to Pay, Get Thirty Days

Three West Philadelphia women have decided to go to jail as a protest against the high cost of living, rather than pay the \$10 and costs fine imposed upon them by Magistrate Stevenson this afternoon, at his office, where they were brought, charged with creating a disturbance in a butcher shop.

The women are Mrs. Esther Altshuler, 2823 Wyalusing avenue, Mrs. Fannie Reed, 2811 Wyalusing avenue, and Mrs. Vera Gornin, 2845 Wyalusing avenue. This afternoon they entered the butcher shop of Morris Hankin, at 2878 Wyalusing avenue, and started to berate him for the high cost of meat.

The butcher tried to calm them, but was unsuccessful. Policeman Burns tried to calm them, but was unsuccessful. Policeman Weigh tried to calm them, but was unsuccessful. The police then arrested them, and the women, one of whom had a child in her arms, fought fiercely, "mussing the cops up quite a bit."

Trainmen Debate Magnates' Offer

Continued from Page One In preparation for possible trouble at local stations and freight depots, but in no way indicates the extent of the plans made to prevent loss of life or injury to railroad property.

Railroad officials reported to the Mayor the steps already taken to guard property and have assured him that with the cooperation of the local police and detective force, trains carrying food supplies to this city would be operated on schedule time, thus preventing any increase in the present shortage or its existing high prices.

At the conference particular attention was given to the protection of lives and freight property in yards or at freight terminals, as the Mayor is particularly anxious that there be no tie-up of food supplies at a time when city housewives are clamoring for price reductions.

COUNCILS GET TRANSFER BILL

\$50,000 Measure, Including \$12,000 Legislative Item, Reintroduced

Chairman Gaffney, of the Finance Committee, reintroduced in Councils today the \$50,000 transfer bill held up in Select Council two weeks ago by the McNichol-Pennrose leaders on account of an item of \$1200 for the expenses of the Legislative Committee in drafting the all-Philadelphia bill. The charge was made then that this item was slipped into the transfer bill after it had passed the Finance Committee.

The bill, accordingly, was dropped at that time and reintroduced today. It was again referred to the Finance Committee and will have to take the usual course before passage. The \$1200 item is clearly set forth in the new bill.

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School Election 'Plot' Up to Gratz

Continued from Page One tion with Doctor Martin's retraction. His visit to her was the result of the following letter addressed to him this morning:

The letter is: A copy of the EVENING LEDGER of March 14 is before me. In it you may or may not be correctly quoted, but in all fairness to myself I am asking you to give me an opportunity to tell you just what happened, so far as I am concerned in this very unfortunate affair. For any mistakes in judgment which I have made I must bear full responsibility, and that I shall not shrink; but I cannot allow you or any one else to conclude that I "deliberately" led myself to a scheme that is an outrage to the public school system of this city without a chance to be heard. To you, to Doctor Garber, to any member of the Board of Public Education, or to all of them collectively, I will gladly state a clearly, as accurately and as frankly as I can exactly what I did. If after I have done this you still believe me capable of the charge you are credited with having made, I must content myself with knowing that at least your judgment is based on a full knowledge of the facts.

I make this request believing that your desire to deal fairly is as earnest as mine to deal honestly.

At Mr. Gratz's office it was said that he had "gone for the day to a meeting." Further information could not be obtained. Doctor Garber is out of town.

When Miss Farnsworth was asked to comment on her engagement and to verify the rumor that her fiancé was a prominent Chicago attorney, she laughed prettily and putting on a staid look of her former hair, confessed only "that her particular business at this time was in ceasing to be a public person." Her resignation takes effect April 1.

Baker Made Mint Director WASHINGTON, March 15.—Ray Baker, of Nevada, formerly attached to the American embassy at Petrograd, was today confirmed as Director of the United States Mint. Raymond Stevens, New Hampshire, was confirmed as member of the Shipping Board.

EXPLOSION KILLS MAN AT DU PONT MILL

Several Tons of Powder Blown Up and Demolish Building in Hagley Yard

Explosion of a corning mill this morning at one of the du Pont centers at Hagley Yard, three miles outside of Wilmington, killed one man and destroyed several tons of powder, and caused a fire.

Wilmington was shaken as if by an earthquake and the shock was felt in Philadelphia and for miles around.

The dead man is Albert Venetta, thirty-four years old. He lived at Henry Clay, a suburb of Wilmington, but came originally from New York. Just how the explosion was caused could not be ascertained up to this afternoon by officials of the company, but sparks from one of the machines are blamed.

The effect of the shock was the most powerful of any du Pont explosion in many years, according to old residents of Wilmington. Windows rattled in West Philadelphia. At Dover, more than fifty miles from the Hagley mill, the Delaware State capitol trembled, frightening the members of the Legislature. The scene of the explosion is only a few hundred feet from the packing mill, where thirty men were killed in an explosion about eighteen months ago. Nobody was injured, Venetta being the only man in the building. It is supposed, at the time. The building itself was one story high and required the presence of a single employee to keep the machinery running. The loss is not definitely known, but is expected to be \$15,000 or more.

FLAG DESECRATORS FINED AND SENT TO PRISON

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Rev. Bonck White, pastor of the Church of Social Revolution, was fined \$100 and sentenced to three days in jail by Justice McIntire this afternoon for desecrating the American flag. Edward Ames and August Henkel, who joined White in burning the flag with those of other nations in a "melting pot" last June, were sentenced to thirty days each.

FIRST ARMED SHIP SOON TO SAIL FROM THIS PORT

The first American ship to be armed in this port left League Island awaiting sailing orders. She is the Standard Oil tanker Petrolite, and it is expected she will steam off within the next two days for England, with a cargo of oil.



Hotel Adelphia Will celebrate Friday night Irish Melodies Dancing—Souvenirs Reserve Your Table Early

Columbia Records advertisement featuring the 'The Spirit of Opera' series. Includes text: 'The Spirit of Opera on Columbia Records', 'THE most magnificent passages of the greatest operas of every age have been recorded on these Columbia Records...', and a list of records like 'Die Walkure', 'Faust-Fantaisie', and 'La Traviata-Act II. Finale'.

Celestins Vichy advertisement. Text: 'CELESTINS VICHY (FRENCH REPUBLIC PROPERTY) Natural Alkaline Water'. Includes an image of a bottle and text: 'SPLITS are now on sale and can be obtained at all first-class Hotels, Bars and Restaurants. ASK FOR'.