

### N. J. METHODISTS HIT ALIEN TONGUES

Recommend to General Conference Discontinuance of Foreign Language Sessions

### VOTE TO SOFTEN DISCIPLINE

Atlantic City, March 4.—The New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference in session today concluded in a memorial to the general conference which recommended the discontinuance of the foreign language conferences as soon as practicable and incorporating them into the various English-speaking churches in those territory they are situated.

### Defend Foreign Churches

The question brought a long discussion. E. M. Conover, of Philadelphia, led the opposition.

"We are not sufficiently informed on the question to pass upon the memorial," Doctor Conover said. "We should investigate further. If we throw out the slightest discouragement, it will only tend to have these conferences draw away from us."

"The foreign conference pressed itself as patriotic as the English-speaking conference during the war. Without the influence of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, there would have been far more pro-Germans in America," declared Mr. Conover.

A strong protest came before the conference from the eastern Swedish conference on the subject of merging the foreign-speaking churches. "We hold that the foreign-speaking church is the only enduring and controlling element of 'Irish dangers' in foreign assemblies. Dissolve and you have removed from these people the best means of salvation from the evil and unpatriotic tendencies that we all fear. We should not destroy this vital agency but rather extend it by straightening and encouraging foreign work."

The Swedish conference asked for a commission, including representatives of all foreign-speaking groups, to study thoroughly the whole question of amalgamation and report to the general conference of 1921 instead of taking the question up at the coming general sessions at Des Moines on May 1.

### Want Discipline Modified

The New Jersey conference today passed a memorial to the general conference to modify the amendment paragraphs in the discipline. The conference recommends the substitution in Paragraph 69 of "advice" in place of a legal paragraph that would penalize. The judicial paragraph, No. 209, would be taken out.

This resolution was introduced by the Rev. John W. Marshall, former district superintendent and vice president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. It caused heated debate, but was finally carried by the vote of 76 to 71, and the resolution was followed by applause.

"The rigorous paragraph is not observed," the Rev. Marshall declared in presenting the substitution. "This is conceded. Everybody knows it is not followed, and so why not make a substitution as the solution."

The conference endorsed the present movement looking to the unification of the Methodist Church South and the Northern Church.

### BANK RUNNER DISAPPEARS

Messenger Has \$77,000 in Checks and \$2000 in Cash

New York, March 4.—(By A. P.)—Disappearance of a messenger sent from the First National Bank with about \$77,000 in checks for collection was reported to the police last night.

The messenger had, when last seen, a sum in money which a bank officer said had not been definitely determined, but might have been as much as \$2200.

### U. B. IN WORLD MOVE

To Join Other Evangelical Churches in Financial Drive

Dayton, O., March 4.—The denomination of the United Brethren in Christ will take its place alongside of the thirty other evangelical denominations that have endorsed the Interchurch World Movement, according to announcement from the church national headquarters here today.

A \$4,000,000 budget to finance a two-year program based on home and foreign surveys will be the goal of the United Brethren in their share of the unified simultaneous financial campaign during the last week of April. The budget was determined on by a committee of laymen headed by Congressman A. S. Krefler, of Pennsylvania.

These bishops of the Church will assist the financial crusade. The Rev. W. M. Bell, Harrisburg; the Rev. C. W. Matthews, Dayton, O.; the Rev. H. M. Ford, Indianapolis; the Rev. Chris Krefler, Kansas City; the Rev. W. H. Washington, Portland, Ore. The United Brethren have 3500 churches and 350,000 members.

### WANTS N. J. ROADS PAVED

Governor Opposes Highway Commission Taking Over Unimproved Parts

Trenton, March 4.—Warning the State Highway Commission that if it persisted in taking over unimproved stretches of road by May 1, the board would do so contrary to the policy of the administration, Governor Edwards, in a letter to the commission, today said the cost of the highway system, completed, would approximate \$42,000,000 instead of the \$15,000,000 estimated by the framers of the 1918 highway act. Therefore it seemed ridiculous to him that considerably more than 100 miles of these roads should be taken over by the state alone.

The governor told the board he was in hearty accord with its project of taking over paved stretches of roads between sections which have been reconstructed by the state. He called the board's attention to the law of 1918 which provides a means by which counties could improve state highways before being taken over.

### SUNDAY HITS WAR WORK OF Y. M. C. A.

"World's Going Crazy." Evangelist Warns Lancaster Congregation

### ADVISES HELL INSURANCE

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Lancaster, Pa., March 4.—"Billy" Sunday, carrying out a two-week program in this county today, told the farmers that they are "knocking bugs off their tobacco because God said they'd have to work by the sweat of their brow to atone for the sins of Adam."

He spoke this morning at the high school, the Millersville Normal School, and the Bowman Technical School, in addition to a morning church audience. After his service tonight the evangelist will take a midnight train for Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. Sunday said this morning that the Y. M. C. A. activities overseas were a gigantic mess because social service was not ahead of the work of God.

"Christian science is the biggest bunk on earth," he continued. "Christian Scientists say that Mrs. Eddy will come back to earth before the Judgment Day. It's bunk. If she comes back to earth I'm going to eat a polecat on that day for supper."

"Why argue whether hell is a literal fire or whether it was God's only method of explaining to us its horrors? Why argue whether Heaven is literally paved with gold or not? I don't care whether hell is a literal fire or not, and I am not going to lead a rebellious life to go there and find out."

"Some men say that only man is there in a hell. Got ready for that maybe. If you and I die, and then you are right and there is no hell, then I win anyway. If I am right and there is a hell, then I win again and you lose. I can't lose and you can't. You don't insure a building because you think it will burn, but it may. A ship doesn't carry lifeboats and preservers because the ship is going to sink, but it may."

### EDGE APPOINTED HARRY KNIGHT, OF BURLINGTON, AND LATER APPOINTED ANDREW F. GAUL, OF BERGEN, AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.

Senator Runyon expressed the belief that in the event of the passage of his bill it would result in the removal of Knight and Gaul. Others contended that it would mean the ousting of Mr. Wright instead of Mr. Knight, since the latter was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Douges, and that Wright was appointed as the fourth member of the commission.

### SCORES "BLIND" DELEGATES

Stokes Urges Candidates to Declare Presidential Preference

Trenton, March 4.—Republican State Chairman Edward C. Stokes, in a statement issued today, declared that if he should be a delegate to the Republican national convention he would support General Wood for the presidency. He urged all candidates for delegates to announce their choice in filing their petitions.

Chairman Stokes said he hoped the rank and file of the voters would insist on this policy in accordance with "the forgotten but none the less good principle of open covenants openly arrived at." He added that the party has had sufficient experience in sending "blind" delegates to a national convention to be able in this way to select a candidate who is not always the popular choice.

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### RUNYON'S UTILITY BILL CREATES STIR

Much Speculation as to Which Commissioners Will Be Removed After Passage

### KNIGHT AND GAUL NAMED

Trenton, March 4.—Removal of two of the members of the Public Utility Commission as authorized in a bill introduced in the Legislature by Senator Runyon, of Union, has caused more or less speculation in political circles as to which members the bill would affect in the event of the measure becoming a law. Specifically the proposed legislation repeals a supplement to the act creating the commission approved February 25, 1918, authorizing appointment of two additional members to the existing board of three members.

At the time of the adoption of the act the board consisted of Messrs. Slocum, March and Douges. Almost immediately upon the passage of the supplement Governor Edge appointed George F. Wright, of Paterson, as one of the members authorized by the act giving the executive power to appoint two new members.

Prior to the appointment of Mr. Wright, Mr. Douges had resigned to perform some appraisal work for the government during the war, and this was three months after the passage of the supplement. In his place Governor

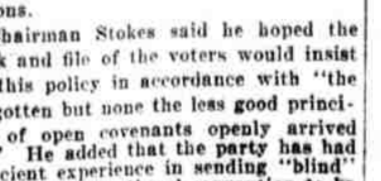
### BOLSHEVIKI NEAR FINLAND

Entire Front Moving Toward Border—Serious Situation Seen

London, March 4.—(By A. P.)—Advices from Sordavala, on Lake Ladoga, Northwest Russia, say events are far more serious in that region than had been supposed, according to a dispatch from Abo, Finland. The dispatch adds that the Bolsheviki reached Porajerwi on Saturday and along the whole of the front is hearing the Finnish boundary. Soviet ski runners have been observed south of Mangsila. A Moscow wireless dispatch announced that the Reds have captured Hattula on the sea of Anov.

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