N. J. METHODISTS PROD LEGISLATURE

Members of Conference Call for Action on New Testament Bill

BACK DRY AMENDMENT

Atlantic City, March 8.—Telegrams demanding the release of a bill authorizing the reading of the New Testament in the schools by the Senate Judiciary Committee and pleading with members of the House to approve the Senate's ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment were drawn at today's opening session of the eighty-sixth annual meeting of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference at the St. Paul's Church.

Two former Camden pastors took prominent parts in the actions. The Rev. Charles L. Fitz George, now pastor of First Church, Millville, severely criticised the committee, of which Charles D. White, of Atlantic County, is chairman, and Senators Mackay and Runyon the other members, for allowing the Bible Bill, known as Senate Bill 118, to slumber. The present laws provide for the reading of the Old Testament and the new act would make it discretionary.

The Rev. M. E. Snyder, superintendent of the Trenton district, charged politics as the reason for the generally accepted report that the bill would never be reported out. "The reason is," he stated, "the Hebrew vote of the State."

The Rev. John Handley, now at Ocean City, created somewhat of a sensation with his attack on the opponents of the measure.

"American civilization is Christian civilization and no sectarian minority can upset this Christianity. The Jewish people come to America because of religious tolerance of that Christianity, but become parasite on American civilization," he declared.

A sister Protestant church has locked arms with the Jews to defeat the bill, was the charge of the Rev. J. W. Lee, of Trenton.

Approve Eighteenth Amendment

Dr. Handley also brought up the resolution dealing with the action at Trenton on the Eighteenth Amendment. He reported that while the Senate ratified the Federal measure at midnight, there was uncertainty as to the approval in the House.

"There are 100,000 Methodists in the State watching the lawmakers and 500,000 church people of all bodies in New Jersey who are to be considered. There is an election this fall that must be reckoned with, and we must make the legislators realize our power," Dr. Handley declared.

The Board of Foreign Mission needs at least 250 men and women yearly if funds were available for financing them in foreign land; the total need for men and women in all fields is not less than 2500 a year, declared the Rev. William J. Davidson, of Chicago, who urged the necessity for inducing young people to devote their lives to church work.

He declared that recruiting in schools and colleges throughout the country showed a changing spirit among students leading them into a life of religion.

Bishop Berry during the organization routine remarked that, in fixing the seats for delegates the division was to be known as the "legal limits of the conference instead of bars, as in these prohibition days we are not talking so much about bars."

The conference adopted a resolution authorizing a change in the charter of the Preachers' Aid Society, at present calling for funds of $100,000, which total has already been reached, to $500,000.

The Rev. John W. Marshall officiated at the memorial services this morning. Three ministers died during the last year—Edward H. Durrell, of Woodbury, the oldest member of the conference, which he joined in 1854; William A. Massey, of Goshen, and Pennington Corson, Sr., of Hammonton, father of District Superintendent Alexander Corson, of Camden district.

Conference Officers Named

Conference officers named were: Secretary, Edward A. Wells; assistant secretary, J. C. Lippincott; journalists, H. J. Belting, H. M. Blake, H. L. Bradway, Laurence Correll and E. A. Chambers; statistician, John Goorley; assistants, H. P. Grim, A. T. Frazer, T. H. Hicks, E. A. Miller, Jr., G. W. Abel, O. C. Apgar, C. M. Hogate, H. J. Smith and William Ewing; railroad secretary, Daniel E. Clair; treasurer, DeWitt C. Cobb; assistants, W. J. Sayre, W. E. Zimmerman, Christian Ernst, J. W. Stokes, J. H. Cann, C. J. Champion, W. J. Hickman, C. V. D. Conover, E. M. Munyan, H. D. Stratton, W. J. Williams, E. T. Weeks and Ira S. Pimm.

Home for Aged Needs $30,000

Reporting for the home for the aged at Asbury Park Superintendent Parker stated that they have now closed fifteen years of success, that $30,000 was required to operate the home last year and that it had all been secured.

There are now ninety men and women on the waiting list, in addition to which many have been rejected for the reason that immediate relief was required, which, because of the lack of accommodations, nothing could be done for them.

The afternoon will be given over to various committee meetings, to be followed by a lecture, "The Compelling Passion," by the Rev. Lyman H. Hough, D. D., and devotional services.

The Rev. W. M. Gilbert, D. D., will deliver an address at the anniversary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension tonight.

FASCISTI ATTACK UNIONISTS

Genoa in Turmoil as Armed Factions Battle in Streets

Genoa, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Tension between the Fascisti and Socialist elements, which has been smouldering for months, culminated in several pitched battles and gun and revolver fights in the streets of Genoa last night.

The labor unions declared a general strike in protest against the burning of the building occupied by the labor Argan Lavora, by the Fascisti. The unions organized a parade and traversed the principal streets, but their parade was broken up several times by Fascisti attacks.

The Unionists attempting to hold a meeting, were dispersed by the Royal Guards, whereupon a free-for all fight ensued, in which revolvers and clubs were the principal weapons.

More than a score of policemen were injured during the fighting, and some of them were reported dying today.

Convention Honors Bishop Lines

Word was received at the church house of the diocese of Pennsylvania in this city today that the Rt. Rev. Edwin Stevens Lines, Bishop of Newark, has been designated as the preacher for the opening session of the general convention of the Episcopal Church, which will meet in Portland, Ore., next September.

To Pick Best Lim'rick at Business Show Here

The winners of the Lim'rick prizes to be announced in next Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER will be chosen by a jury of exhibitors at the National Business Show being held at the Commercial Museum.

The jurors will meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the PUBLIC LEDGER booth at the Museum, which is at Thirty-fourth and Spruce streets.

Ask for Mr. Greenwald.

Antigonish Ghost Fails to Appear

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The other members of the party banked last night on the floor in the kitchen beside the stove. They played cards most of the night. Dr. Prince, however, retired early and did not want to be disturbed. He set his "electrical ghost alarm apparatus" and forbid any one to answer. "If it rings I'll attend to it," he warned.

Meets With No Mishap

Dr. Prince met with no mishap on his trip here, but had a few upsets from his one-horse cutter while he plowed through the huge snowdrifts for which Antigonish County is noted.

Deep as the snow is, it is not nearly as deep as is the mystery which Dr. Prince is here to solve. Yesterday Dr. Prince received from neighbors a story to the effect that the manifestations which recently occurred on the farm and in the home of Alex MacDonald were caused by spirits sent to the MacDonald farm by the dead brother of the farmer.

While unable to conceal his fear that nothing will occur while he is in the house, Dr. Prince is hopeful that such will not be the case. He is confident that what has been reported as having occurred in the house is true in every detail. But unless they occur again while he is there he can do little toward studying and ascertaining their cause.

The zest of the hunt is getting into Dr. Prince's blood. He is much different now than when he first appeared at Halifax. It can be easily seen that he is putting every ounce of concentration into the work at hand.

Trusts in MacDonalds

"There appears to be no reason," Dr. Price says, "to doubt the good faith of Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald, the McGillvrays and other witnesses. I believe they have told their stories as faithfully as their senses have recorded their experiences, whether their interpretation of facts is correct or not. Mr. Whidden's statement I believe to be absolutely truthful in every detail and I have no doubt they heard sounds and mentally felt some sensation that interpreted itself to their minds as a distinct slap.

"It is too early for me to pronounce an opinion as to what explains these happenings. The events are more occult in their nature than the fires which I have found to have occurred as stated beyond any possibility of doubt."

The Prince expedition on its arrival here went directly to the Boyle homestead, where the MacDonalds have taken shelter, and where they have been invited to remain as long as they wish. Dr. Prince interviewed Mr. MacDonald, Mrs. MacDonald and the adopted daughter, Mary Ellen. He did not cross-examine them yesterday, but will do so today. He received sufficient information from them to convince him that they had been telling the truth. He also interviewed the MacGillvray boys, Duncan MacDonald and other witnesses to the fire.

Mr. MacDonald volunteered to escort Dr. Prince and his party to the homestead, and turned over to them the keys of the house, which he has not visited since he slept there with Detective Carroll and a newspaper reporter, who conducted an investigation three weeks ago. He says he never again will enter the house alone, although he attends the cattle in the barn each day.

The furniture, which was moved from the house after the last outbreak of fires, was moved in again yesterday afternoon.

With the aid of lanterns we visited the barn early last evening and saw that the cattle and horses were securely fastened. The first night it is warm Dr. Prince will be "at home" in the haymow for a night to study conditions in the barn. We are all to be allowed to accompany him.

Dr. Prince's greatest fear, Jack Frost, was not in evidence last night. Instead there was a drizzling rain and the wind was beginning to blow, one of the surest forerunners of a blizzard. We have a good supply of wood, which the neighbors gathered for us and piled high in the wood box. We brought a large supply of food, which has since been augmented by neighbors.

Part Ascribed to Dead Man

With respect to the part a dead brother is said to play in the manifestations on the farm, the neighbors declare that some years ago Dan MacDonald, the brother, left the homestead and went to the United States to earn money to pay off the mortgage on the farm, bequeathed the MacDonald boys by their father. It is stated the brother made considerable money while in Wisconsin and other States of the Union, returned to Antigonish and paid off the mortgage, but was later turned away from the farm by Alexander MacDonald.

Then, the neighbors say, Dan MacDonald went to live in the town of Antigonish, where he died of a broken heart, after putting a curse on the farm of his brother, declaring the latter would be tormented by evil spirits.

After Dan MacDonald's death, which it is said was several years ago, there began the series of mysterious happenings in the MacDonald barn. Finally last spring MacDonald called for assistance, and his neighbors visited the barn at night, chaining the cattle and even nailing the stanchions. Returning a few minutes later the cattle were again roaming around the barn in terror. The nails had been pulled and had disappeared and the chains had been removed from the necks of the cattle with all the links intact.

Residents have testified that they passed the barn at night and have been attracted by the sight of bluish flames. When going to the barn door the flames would die down, but the cattle were always found to be unfastened.

These uncanny happenings ceased for a time and there was no more trouble reported on the farm until January 12, when the series of mysterious fires broke out in the MacDonald home, culminating on the night of January 14, when the MacDonalds were driven from their home at a temperature of 20 degrees below zero, following thirty-eight separate fires which were seen by six persons who had been summoned to the house by the terrified family.

Alex MacDonald stoutly denies that he had trouble with his brother, and it is said by some trustworthy citizens in Antigonish County that Dan MacDonald was given a "decent" burial by his brother, and that, while there might have been some ill feeling between the brothers, they did not believe Dan had placed a curse on the farm.

DO YOU WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE? The classified columns of the Public Ledger list some of the best bargains to be found in Used Cars on pages 25 and 28.—Adv.

CORRECTION SCORED AS A DANGER SPOT

Director Warburton Says It Lacks Fire Protection and Is Antiquated

DEMANDS IMPROVEMENTS

The House of Correction is "antiquated" and has reached a point where it has become dangerous for the inmates in the matter of fire protection, according to Director of Public Welfare Warburton.

He recommends, in a report submitted to Mayor Moore today, that the entire inside of the building be torn out, and suggests that in renovating it more modern appliances should be installed.

The report will be sent to Council tomorrow, with similar reports on the Home for the Indigent and Brown's Farms.

It is understood the two latter institutions were found to be in better condition.

The conditions at the House of Correction have borne the brunt of criticism of Grand Juries for some time.

LANGLEY HEIRS PAY $25,000 TO MINNIE DUPREE, ACTRESS

Two Assume Unexplained Obligation Which One Daughter Rejected

Riverhead, L. I., March 8.—Through the filing here today of the decree on the final accounting of the estate of William H. Langley, it became known that the executors had paid a claim for $25,000 against the estate to Minnie Dupree, an actress, and that on protest of one of Mr. Langley's daughters the obligation had been assumed by Mr. Langley's son and another daughter and paid by them out of their own share. There was nothing to show the nature of the claim.

Objection to payment to the actress was made by Mrs. Marjorie Langley Ryan, of Locust Valley, a daughter of Mr. Langley. The claim should never have been paid, she objected, and she asserted that there was, in her opinion, no basis for such a claim, and that Miss Dupree could not have proved it if the matter had been carried into the courts.

The papers are silent as to the nature of this claim. In the will Miss Dupree is said to have been referred to as "my friend." It was also said that Mr. Langley considered adopting Miss Dupree as a daughter. The latter, who is well known on the stage, retired in 1916.

INFLUENZA AND FEVER FAIL TO STOP MINISTER

Under Quarantine, He Continues Membership Campaign by Phone

Although he is suffering from influenza and his daughter Martha, seven years old, has been stricken with scarlet fever, the Rev. Ross Stover, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Sixteenth and Jefferson streets, is conducting the affairs of his church as though all were serene. The Stover home is under quarantine, but the clergyman manages to keep the work going without interruption by use of the telephone.

A campaign for membership started just before Mr. Stover was stricken. He instructed his secretary and church workers to set up headquarters in the church building and by telephone he dictates letters every day and maps out plans for continuing the work along aggressive lines.

The clergyman is awake every morning at 6 o'clock and has his program all mapped out at his home, 1563 North Gratz street by the time the workers have assembled for the daily campaign.

"The telephone is a great ally in this work," said Mr. Stover this morning, "and gives wonderful aid in helping me in the work for Christianity."

The Rev. Dr. Burt Smith is doing the preaching while Mr. Stover is ill. He expects to be able to resume preaching by Palm Sunday.

BERTHELOT SUMMONED BY DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Must Explain Telegram Sent While in French Cabinet

Paris, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Philippe Berthelot, formerly Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who resigned on December 26 last, has been summoned to appear before a disciplinary board to answer charges relating to the conduct of his office.

According to today's newspapers, M. Berthelot must explain a telegram which he is accused of having sent on behalf of the French Government to the French High Commissioner in New York, Maurice Casenave, exhorting him to use his full influence with American banks in order that checks of the Banque Industrielle of China might be met. At the time it was declared that this communication was sent without the knowledge of Premier Briand. M. Berthelot's brother, Senator Andre Berthelot, was one of the principals in the bank. It is understood that the defense will be that he was working in the interests of France in seeking to revive credit of the banking institution.

The disciplinary board will be presided over by Premier Poincare and will consist of two Ambassadors, the director in the political department of the ministry and a principal secretary. In the event of Berthelot being found guilty, the penalty may be deprivation of rank as Ambassador, suspension of rank, suspension of salary or censure.

SHIPBUILDERS IN STRAITS

Receivers in Equity Appointed for Standard Corporation, of New York

New York, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Receivers in equity were appointed today by Federal Judge Garvin in Brooklyn for the Standard Shipbuilding Corporation at Shooters' Island on the application of James Howden & Co., Ltd., of Glasgow, Scotland, which presented a claim for $8000 for goods delivered.

The corporation was organized in 1916 and the assets were stated to be large and valuable, including lands, machinery, tools, accounts receivable and contracts. Outstanding obligations were listed as in excess of $250,000, and it was stated that there were liens on the property amounting to $2,000,000.

Game Protectors to Dine

The fortieth annual banquet of the Pennsylvania State Fish and Game Protective Association will be held at the City Club, 313 South Broad street, tonight, beginning at 7 o'clock. The Commissioner of Fisheries and the secretary of the Game Commission will be the principal speakers.

S. & C. Capital Stock $9,400,000

Strawbridge & Clothier, recently incorporated for a million dollars, increased their capital stock today to $9,400,000.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP? Perhaps the very person you want is advertising under Situations on page 28.—Adv.

BACK FROM SUNNY SOUTH

Thomas W. Cunningham, clerk of Quarter Sessions Court, and Richard Weglein, president of Council, who returned today from a midwinter vacation in Florida

Council Will Back Fair on Any Site

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pected to arrive in the city today for a conference with Senator Vare on the subject of the Republican State ticket.

This conference will be the first of a series by the State leaders, including Governor Sproul, with the object of attempting formation of a harmony ticket. As things stand now, there is a prospect, unless harmony can be had, of a bitter factional fight in the May primaries between State Banking Commissioner Fisher and Mr. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Fisher is backed by powerful financial and business interests, while Mackey has the indorsement of Senator Vare and of William Flinn also, it is said. The latter was the Roosevelt leader in Pennsylvania in 1912. Senator Vare would prefer not to have a harmony ticket headed by Fisher for Governor, but nevertheless the Fisher backers will try to win him over to their point of view.

With the arrival of Mayor Magee, the Vare leaders will probably get some first-hand information as to the condition of United States Senator Crow, who is seriously ill in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. There is a revival of reports that Senator Crow's condition is such that he will not be able to enter the campaign, and that shortly he will make an announcement to that effect.

Mayor Magee's one special interest in the approaching primaries is the candidacy of John A. Bell, the Pittsburgh banker, for the United States Senate to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Knox. Senator Vare insists that he will support Senator Crow for the election if Mr. Crow is a candidate. It is understood, however, that he will be very glad of an opportunity to support Mr. Bell and on that basis work out a deal on the governorship.

Governor Sproul is in Harrisburg today, but will be in the city this week, when it is believed the most important conference preceding the primary will get under way. The Governor, by his statements, has left himself open to lining up with either the Fisher or the Mackey movements.

It is believed that the Vare leaders, in exchange for a Sproul indorsement of Mackey, would pledge themselves to work for the election of Governor Sproul as the national committeeman to succeed the late Senator Penrose.

ROME OPPOSES GIURIATI

Vetoes Appointment of D'Annunzio's Aide as Fiume Chief

Rome, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Fascisti identified with the recent coup at Fiume are insisting upon the appointment of Giovanni Giuriati, former chief of Gabriele D'Annunzio's cabinet, as head of the government of the Fiume Free State in succession to the Vanella government.

The Italian Government, however, is understood to have declared to Giuriati's supporters that such a course would be in violation of the treaty of Rapallo, the agreement with Jugo-Slavia, under which the Fiume Free State was organized.

A news agency dispatch from Rome today said Giuriati had been proclaimed head of the Fiume government, but no direct advices have confirmed this report, and such action would appear from the present dispatch to have been out of line with the Italian Government's intention.

TO DEMONSTRATE RADIO PHONE BEFORE FORUM

Apparatus to Give News Dispatches and Concert to Audience

The Academy of Music is fitted with an elaborate wireless apparatus ready for Brigadier General John J. Carty, who tonight will tell of the marvels of wireless telephonic and telegraphic communication before the Philadelphia Forum and its guests.

Current news from all parts of the United States and foreign countries will be relayed to the Academy from the PUBLIC LEDGER over wireless telephones. By means of amplifiers these news dispatches will be distinctly heard by all in the Academy.

General Carty, who is vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, is considered one of the leading authorities of the country on wireless telephony. In addition to the news dispatches the audience will be treated to a wireless concert if conditions are favorable.

Coalition Wins an Election

London, March 8.—(By A. P.)—In the Wolverhampton by-election yesterday the Coalition retained the seat against a strong Labor attack. Sir Robert Bird, Coalition Unionist, received 16,790 votes to 13,799 for the Labor candidate, A. G. Walkden.

Political Shift Seen on Bonus Bill

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a large minority successfully asserted its independence of that control.

This action of the Fordney committee, behind which lies the determination of the majority in the House to pass the bill, goes a step further and is a definite rejection of party authority, as exercised by the President, on the part of regular party organization in the House.

Members of Congress have come to obey minorities with certain interests in legislation rather than the party. The farm bloc owes a larger allegiance to the agricultural interests than to the Republican or Democratic parties. Members of the House seeking re-election are more responsive to the soldiers' bonus lobby than they are to the call of their party.

Lack of Leadership Blamed

There is a disposition to blame the confusion which exists here upon what it is customary to call lack of leadership. Some say the lack of leadership of the President; others say the lack of leadership of the congressional chiefs. But the difficulty lies deeper than that. Mr. Harding does not lead any more forcefully than he has because he is aware of the weakness of his position. The authority behind him is weak. Other forces, stronger than his authority, break his natural followers into groups.

The so-called leaders of the House and Senate are in the same position as the President. The change which has enfeebled him has equally shaken their influence. They stand for nothing except the seniority system in the legislative branch, and that very uncertain thing, party authority.

A member from an agricultural State says the party cannot save me if the farmers turn against me. When there is conflict between farm interests and wider interests represented by Mr. Harding, he takes his orders from the Farm Bureau Federation. He acts similarly on the soldier bonus issue.

Congress Disorganized

For the moment there is a breakdown. Beyond the present it is impossible to see, except to note the tendency of authority to shift from the Executive to Congress. Congress is in no position to receive it. It is disorganized. It has neither the men nor the methods or traditions for great constructive work.

The forces that are moving in the country may make over Congress into an efficient instrument for working out a compromise between the various interests which are striving to control the taxing power and the credit of the country. It is because taxes and credit have assumed a new importance that Congress, which has them in its hands, is taking a place of new importance in our political system.

PREPARE TO RAILROAD BONUS BILL IN HOUSE

Washington, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Republican leaders disclosed today that they were considering a plan to put the Soldiers' Bonus Bill through the House under a suspension of the rules which would shut out amendments of any kind and limit debate to forty minutes.

Under this plan a two-thirds vote would be necessary to pass the measure, but leaders believed on the basis of present sentiment among members that this majority could be obtained with votes to spare. Monday, March 20, will be the next rules suspension day.

The Army Appropriation Bill will be taken up before the bonus measure, it was said, probably on next Tuesday. This probably would mean that in any event the bonus bill would be put over until the week following. Representative Mondell, the majority leader, said today he did not think the statement made yesterday at the White House that President Harding had not changed his position set forth last month in his letter to Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, was to be taken as an indication that Mr. Harding was prepared to veto the bonus measure as now drawn, with its bank loan provisions in lieu of the cash bonus.

U. S. EMPLOYES HARD HIT

Eighty Thousand Held Not Entitled to Retirement Act Benefits

Washington, March 8.—Approximately 80,000 Government employes, holding their positions by presidential order, are held to be not entitled to the benefits of the retirement act in an opinion rendered by Attorney General Daugherty and transmitted to the Interior Department, which administers the act.

Secretary Fall, in announcing the opinion, said that out of 8000 employes who have been retired under the act, 3400 had been receiving compensation illegally and that upon receipt of the Attorney General's ruling an order was issued that no more certificates for payment be issued.

MINE-RAIL UNION ALLIANCE RATIFIED

Lewis Announces Executive Board's Approval by Unanimous Vote

ILLINOIS MEN DEFY CHIEF

By the Associated Press

Indianapolis, March 8.—The International Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of America today ratified the articles of alliance between the Transportation and Mine Workers' Union. The announcement was made by John L. Lewis, international president of the miners' organization. The action, it was said, was taken by unanimous vote of the members of the board. Formal notification of the action will be filed with E. J. Manion, president of the Order of Telegraphers, who is secretary of the alliance.

Officials of the United Mine Workers are awaiting an answer from Illinois union officials to a telegram sent by the union's Executive Board calling for a rejection of the operators' proposal for negotiating a wage agreement affecting Illinois alone.

The board's message sent last night called for an "immediate answer" from Frank Farrington, the Illinois district president and the anti-administration leader within the union, but it was thought here that he might delay reply until after the meeting at St. Louis today.

St. Louis, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois State Miners' Union, and the members of the Executive Board of the State organization met here today to discuss the proposed single-State wage agreement with mine operators, in defiance of a counter-request issued by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and sanctioned yesterday by the National Executive Board.

Mr. Farrington arrived late last night. The National Executive Board called on him and other Illinois mine union officials to "co-operate with the international union in bringing about a joint conference within the central competitive field," comprising Illinois Indiana, Ohio and the western section of Pennsylvania.

BECK QUOTES SHAKESPEARE IN SUPREME COURT BRIEF

Child Labor Law Argument Also Includes French Revolution History

Washington, March 8.—(By A. P.)—A brief of many novel and unusual features has been filed in the Supreme Court by the Government in the child labor law cases, argument of which was begun late yesterday.

Solicitor General Beck quotes Shakespeare and his brief includes a historical paper on the French Revolution. Parallel column methods are used to emphasize parts of the Government arguments that its taxation powers are supreme and that the judiciary cannot inquire into the motives of Congress when its act on its face is a legitimate exercise of one of its reserved powers.

Nor can it exercise revision over legislation of Congress except when a concrete case is presented between litigants, and an "invincible, irreconcilable and indubitable repugnancy develops between a statute and the Constitution."

"Mrs. Partington's attempt to sweep up the Atlantic Ocean with a mop and broom," and other quotations are given in the brief in illustration of the "futility" of an attack upon the Federal Government's comprehensive power to tax."

The opponents of the tax contend it is an unconstitutional interference with the police powers of the States, and in support of their assertion that the law was not a proper exercise of the Federal taxing power, the Court is asked to consider the motive as explained by Senators Lodge and Lenroot, and by former Senator, now Judge Kenyon, while the measure was pending.

GERMANS SKEPTICAL ABOUT OWEN EUROPEAN BANK PLAN

Fear Dollar Gold Standard Would Cause New Economic Convulsion

Berlin, March 8.—(By A. P.)—The plan of Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, for the establishment of a Federal Reserve bank in Europe has been carefully considered by German bankers, financiers and industrial leaders, who admit an interest in the suggestion, but have generally reserved expressions of opinion as to its practicability.

Senator Owen, who has been making a tour of Europe to determine the attitude of continental statesmen and business men toward his proposal, has advocated the establishment of a banking institution with a capital of $500,000,000 gold to supply Europe with a gold basis for a medium of exchange for international and domestic business.

"Senator Owen's proposal can be of real interest to Germany," said Herbert Guttmann, director of the Dresden Bank, "only if it is recommended by the Genoa Conference or if, later, an intelligent, workable plan for German reparations and obligations is clearly defined. So far as known, details of Senator Owen's plan do not lead to the formation of a judgment that Germany can expect complete relief.

"His European bank assuredly carries the danger that in countries of low-money valuations it will establish the American dollar as a standard of currency to the injury of those nations. This will result in price levels in countries of low-money valuations being immediately boosted to the level of world prices, thus bringing on a new economic convulsion."

PASS CAMDEN ROAD BILL

Senate Over-Rides Edwards' Veto on Extending State Highway

Trenton, March 8.—(By A. P.)—The Senate by 11 to 0 today passed over Governor Edwards' veto a bill by Senator Wallworth, of Camden, carrying two State Highway routes through Camden to the approach of the proposed Camden-Philadelphia River Bridge.

The Governor in his veto said he was opposed to such an expense at this time and added that the State highway system as now planned meant a heavy burden on the people and unless restricted the cost would be "appalling."

Date for final adjournment of the Legislature was fixed by the Senate for Saturday, March 18. It is understood the House will concur.

Seminole Chief Slain in Florida

Miami, Fla., March 8.—(By A. P.)—Jack Tigertail, Seminole chiefrain, was found slain at an Indian village here yesterday, shot through the heart. Tigertail was a familiar figure on the streets of Miami for years and was known by thousands of Northerners.

Trolley Injures Overbrook Man

Benjamin Goldsmith, of 1628 Nassau road, Overbrook, was struck by a trolley car at Sixteenth street and Columbia avenue, last evening during the heavy downpour of rain.

Deaths of a Day

JAMES P. HARBESON

Aged Philadelphian Had Been Associated With S. T. Freeman & Co.

James P. Harbeson, who was associated with the firm of Samuel T. Freeman & Co. before he retired from business in 1910, died yesterday at his home, 6122 McCallum street. He was eighty-five years old. At one time he was in partnership with F. Gutekunst in the production of phototype.

Mr. Harbeson was born in Philadelphia in 1837 and lived here all his life. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frieda Harbeson; one daughter, Mrs. Roy T. Bloser, of Providence, R. I., and three sons, Prof. N. W. Harbeson, of the University of Pennsylvania; John F. Harbeson and James P. Harbeson, Jr.

Funeral services will be held next Friday afternoon at the Harbeson home. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. William Beatty Jennings, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Germantown.

REV. PAUL SWETT

Garden City, N. Y., March 8.—The Rev. Paul Swett, sixty-one years old, precentor of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation, died at his home yesterday of heart disease.

William H. Laurentz

Paris, March 8.—William H. Laurentz, the noted tennis player who held the world's hard-court championship, died yesterday.

Laurentz came prominently into notice in 1911 by defeating A. F. Wilding the New Zealand champion, in the final of the French open covered-court championship at Auteuil. He also won the doubles championship with A. H. Gobert at the same meeting. Laurentz who in the late t ranking of French lawn tennis players by the Selection Committee of the French Association was placed first, was a member of the French team in the Davis Cup series for several years. He broke down after the Davis Cup series in 1921.

Harry Lukens

Following an operation, Harry Lukens, transcriber in the Recorder of Deeds office at the Montgomery County Court House, died last night. He was forty-one years old. He had suffered several years with digestive troubles. Mr. Lukens, who was extremely popular among his fellow-workers, was active in political circles in Whitpain Township, his life-long home, where he was the principal Republican supporter. He is survived by his widow and one child.

Bernard T. Lambert

Bernard T. Lambert, a retired merchant of Gloucester City, died Monday night in his home, 827 Market street, that city. The deceased had resided in Gloucester for more than fifty years. For fifteen years he was sexton of St. Mary's Church and parochial school and also the high school. He then started a general store and accumulated much real estate. He is survived by two children. Court Washington, No. 99, Foresters of America, and the Rosary Society tomorrow morning will attend the funeral and services in St. Mary's Church.

Leon A. Dickinson

The body of Sergeant Leon A. Dickinson, of Company G, Thirty-eighth Infantry, a Camden man, who was killed in action in France in 1918, will be buried Saturday afternoon in Harleigh Cemetery, after services in the chapel of an undertaking establishment at Third and Market streets, Camden.

Mrs. Anna McGovern

Mrs. Anna M. Clad McGovern, wife of James F. McGovern, a member of the reportorial staff of the PUBLIC LEDGER, died shortly after 9 o'clock last night at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Grace G. McGovern, at 2314 Fitzwater street. She had been suffering from pneumonia and complications for six weeks. She was twenty-seven years old. She was married to Mr. McGovern only six months ago.

Mrs. McGovern was a daughter of the late Jerome A. Clad, who was a son of Victor V. Clad, a pioneer in the manufacture of ranges in this city. Besides her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Valentine V. Clad and Victor Eugene Clad.

William S. Mailing

Collingswood, N. J., March 8.—William S. Mailing died Monday night at home, 34 Crestmont terrace. He was ninety years old and was born in Philadelphia. He enlisted in the Sixth New Jersey Regiment, Company G, September 22, 1861, and served three years in the war. In the Battle of Bull Run he was wounded in his right shoulder. He is survived by three children, William E. Mailing, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Elizabeth D. Locklin, of Germantown, and Mrs. A. S. Kille, of Collingswood.

Anthony H. Hildenberger

Bethlehem, Pa., March 8.—Anthony H. Hildenberger, builder of the first theatre in this city in 1874, died yesterday.

RUSSIAN NOBLEWOMAN NOW SCRUBS FLOOR FOR BARBER

Says Millionaire Promise to Wed Lured Her to America

Chicago, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Federal authorities are investigating Madame Elizabeth Girenka, who said she was a Russian noblewoman, found last night employed as a scrubwoman in the barber shop of a large downtown hotel here.

Madame Girenka said she obtained a passport to come to America to marry a millionaire to whom she was engaged, and that a wealthy resident of Minneapolis had signed her passport, guaranteeing she would not become a public charge.

She had letters and pictures indicating she was a close friend of the Grand Duke Alexander and other Russian nobles now in exile, and also was acquainted with the late Czar.

Four Years for Attack

After pleading guilty to an attack on Cecil B. Stanford, night watchman in a public garage at Wayne, John Williams, a Negro, of Wayne, was sentenced to three to four years in the Eastern Penitentiary by Judge Hannum at Media today. Police arrested Williams just as he was about to strike Stanford with a hatchet. They were called to the garage by a telephone operator, who heard the fight when a telephone was knocked over.

SAYS FREIGHT RATE CUT IS IMPOSSIBLE

P. R. R. Spokesman Declares Evidence Taken by Commerce Commission Proves It

ASK SIX PER CENT RETURN

By the Associated Press

Washington, March 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation of present freight rate levels entered its final stage today when counsel for all the railroads of the United States and most of the business and shipping interests began the summing up of evidence taken during three months of hearings. For the railroads, which were given the opening argument, Henry Wolf Bikle, of the Pennsylvania system, declared that the evidence had proved a general rate reduction was impossible.

Resting his argument on the sections of the transportation act which fix a 6 per cent return as reasonable, Mr. Bikle said the earning power of the railroads by actual experience during 1921 amounted to 3 3-10 per cent on their investment, and that, considering only the last six months of 1921, when wage decreases and other decreased operating expenses were effective, the earnings were 4.49 per cent.

"The showing is that while expenses of railroad operations have been to some extent diminished," Mr. Bikle said, "they have not been diminished to such an extent as to permit further general reductions in rates, unless these reductions are preceded by reductions in wages."

Commission to Fix Return

Though the transportation act provision of 6 per cent expired March 1, Mr. Bikle said, the commission itself would have the duty of determining a standard of reasonable return and could hardly escape the conclusion that this was a proper amount.

"Have you considered what we shall do in case it is impossible to make rates that will give railroads 6 per cent?" Commissioner Aitchison queried.

"We consider that the law requires the commission to fix the rates so that the earnings shall be either 6 per cent or near that as may be," Mr. Bikle replied. "If you diminish earnings which have not been equal to 6 per cent you are not carrying out the law."

"Are we to understand that the carriers are not asking a return greater than 6 per cent in any case?" Commissioner Potter inquired.

"That is correct," Mr. Bikle said.

Blow to Credit Seen

"No greater blow to the credit of the carriers, to the improvement of transportation or renewed purchasing power of carriers as an impetus to industrial activity could be imagined than an order for general reduction in rates," Fred H. Wood, general attorney for the Southern Pacific, declared. "The maintenance even of present earnings, and of the present upward tendency is involved in much doubt and uncertainty. The credit and financial condition of the carriers has been maintained during this period largely through the hopes of better conditions in the future. When the figures for January, 1922, the first month which reflects the cumulative effects of rate, wage and price reductions, are taken into account, the utter unwisdom, not to say illegality, of orders reducing rates becomes manifest."

Mr. Wood asserted that the only certain result from rate reductions would be to drive back the carriers "to a position as bad as that which faced them at the end of Federal control."

SEES PORTO RICAN CRISIS

Commissioner Davila Issues Warning to American People

Washington, March 8.—(By A. P.)—A warning that "a real crisis is fast approaching" in Porto Rico is contained in a formal statement issued today by Felix Cordova Davila, resident commissioner for the island, who last week demanded a congressional investigation of the official conduct of Governor E. Mont Reily.

"I want to most solemnly warn the American people," Mr. Davila's statement said, "that conditions in Porto Rico are becoming most acute. Advices I have from conservative leaders in the island convince me that a real crisis is fast approaching. The self-respecting, law-abiding, peace-loving citizens have almost reached the limit of human endurance. I am fearful as to what the morrow may bring forth. This statement is not intended, and must not be construed, as a threat."

Camden Drug Store Robbed

Burglars broke into the drug store of William Cowgill, 825 Broadway, Camden, last night and carried off $225 in cash and about $500 worth of goods.

DEATHS

EMERY.—At Cleveland, O., ANNA ABBOTT EMERY. Int. Aura, N. J., Thurs., 11 A. M.

BAUER.—March 7, MINNIE, wife of the late Frederick Bauer, aged 63. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Fri., 10:30 A. M., Asher & Son's, Broad st. chapel, 1309 N. Broad st. Int. private, Chelten Hills Cem. Remains may be viewed Thurs. eve.

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