

THE METHODIST MINISTERS FOR WAR

Resolutions Against Spain and Latin Civilization Are Adopted.

SENTIMENT ALMOST UNANIMOUS

Not the Conference's Duty to Legislate, It Says, but It Can Advise and Exhort.—The Reign in Cuba Dangerous to American Morals.—The President Upheld.

New York, April 5.—The conference in the Metropolitan Temple was lively and excited this morning when Dr. James M. King, chairman of the committee on national affairs, read the report of the committee regarding Spain and demanding the freedom of Cuba.

A standing vote on the adoption of the report was proposed by the president, Bishop Hurst. All the ministers immediately jumped to their feet and the bishop declared the report adopted unanimously. When, however, some degree of quiet was restored three members were standing, calling on the chair for recognition. The chair recognized the Rev. George B. Mendel, of York, Pa., who said: "My heart is thumping at what I have just heard. I want Cuba free, but I do not want war. I cannot feel that the general tendency of the report is wise."

He was interrupted by several members making points of order. Mr. Mendel claimed the privilege, however, and was allowed to go on. He said that he had not voted for the report and could not. "I may not be a fool," he said, "but I am a conscientious one." Two other members sided with Mr. Mendel, and the chair then proclaimed the report adopted by a vote of 165 to 2. A resolution was offered and passed that copies of the report be sent to the president and the heads of the various committees on foreign relations.

THIS REPORT.

The report read in part as follows:

America has furnished a new general in the history of the human race, with its unparalleled movements. We are the heirs of history and we are living in times when history is being made. It becomes only reasonable and make sure that we are in the will of God's thought and purpose.

It seems to have been the divine purpose to punish Latin civilization, with its ecclesiastical domination and its insular persecutions, with its heartless torments and consciousness of crime, from hiding root in soil reserved for the great experiments in self-government.

Inspired by this republic the nations in the South and Central America and Mexico have thrown off the yoke of Latin tyranny, and despite the bondage of heredity, have made commendable progress toward republican forms of government.

The relations of Spain to the Americas has always been that of suppression and spoliation, of commercial monopoly and political domination. Although Spain once owned this entire hemisphere, and was the most powerful nation on the earth, today in this western world she stands in the rank of her real hand, already struck with paralysis, Porto Rico and unhappy Cuba.

AN INDICTMENT.

We believe that the following facts constitute an indictment demanding the expulsion of Spanish rule from Cuba:

- 1. Its destruction of commercial interests of the United States already making an income of hundreds of millions of dollars.
2. Its insolent searching of our merchantmen on the high seas and recalcitrance of claims for restitution.
3. Its cowardly insult to our honored president, by its representative at our nation's capital.
4. Its trivial treatment of international diplomatic relations.
5. Its refusal to respect the United States in obedience to humiliating treaty obligations, to police the seas, to prevent the extension of aid to struggling states, to respect our neutrality.
6. Its perpetually permissive, if not ordered, destruction of the Maine, with the loss of the lives of 26 American defenders.
7. Its barbarity and inhumanity in the methods of warfare, with its treacherous murder of men, its herding and starting of the aged and women and children to the extent of over 60,000 in number.
8. Its suspicious pretext of claiming to be a Christian nation.
9. Its prohibition of the moral sense of our citizens by obliging them for years to look upon and become familiar with Spanish barbarism.
10. Its paralyzing power upon the Christian civilization of the century, by holding in darkness, denser than that of the middle ages, the manufacturers of the future of the world.

We desire to renew our expression of confidence in the patriotism, courage and sagacity of the president of the United States, and to renew our faith in the wisdom of his counselors, and the belief that coarces will be found equal to the demands of every national emergency.

PRESIDENT TO THE POPE.

Mr. McKinley Explains His Reasons for Rejecting Intervention.

London, April 5.—A special dispatch from Rome, published here this afternoon, says a telegram received at the Vatican from the United States has announced the failure of the pope's intervention. It says that President McKinley shows himself extremely sensible of the initiative taken by the pontiff, but it was impossible for him to overcome the prejudice, even though it may be unjust, entertained by a majority of the American people against the various intervention in political affairs.

President McKinley added that he was opposed to war now as in the past and would still do all possible to avoid having recourse to such a lamentable expedient, which he considered to be "unworthy of civilized countries; but, he could not do so against the sentiment of the nation, which claimed the independence of Cuba and a cessation of the horrors which have been going on for three years in that unhappy island."

Rome, April 5.—The Vatican authorities this evening absolutely refused to furnish any information relative to the dispatch which President McKinley is said to have sent to the pope on the subject of the latter's mediation with Spain, and in which the president was represented as having outlined his views on the Cuban situation. The clerical organ, the Osservatore Romano, is equally silent.

LOOKS LIKE ATROCIOUS CRIME.

Unconscious and Roughly Treated Woman Found in Her Home.

Lewes, Del., April 5.—Mrs. George Lankford was found in the backyard

of her home here last evening, unconscious. One shoulder was dislocated, her face and limbs bruised, her hair disheveled and clothing disarranged. She is supposed to have been the victim of a brutal assault. Mrs. Lankford had not regained consciousness early this evening, and the particulars of the case cannot be ascertained.

While the theory of assault is accepted, there were no traces of any struggle, either in or out of the house, and it is believed she was chloroformed. If it develops that she was really assaulted the criminal will have a "hot time" if he is found in this locality.

AFTER A SPANISH SPY.

Believed to be Stealing Secrets at Fortress Monroe.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 5.—There is a good deal of excitement here over the alleged discovery of the presence of a Spanish spy. Several nights ago the sentry at Fort Monroe, whose post was nearest the newly-arranged esplanade, saw a man skulking along the grassy side of the slope. He challenged, but received no answer. The next night the same thing occurred, and the sentry challenged and then fired.

Blank cartridges were in use, but since the incident Captain Hoskins, of the fort, is authority for the statement that the guard is armed with ball cartridge, and with orders to shoot. When Commodore Schley was at the Hotel Chamberlain a man of foreign appearance watched him closely. Friends of Commodore and Mrs. Schley noticed the man several times. He is registered at the hotel, but has avoided all the guests.

The sentries at the fort can shoot a stranger intruding, there is no law in force by which at present he can be apprehended. Colonel Frank, in command of Fort Monroe, said tonight that a day guard as well as a night guard was being preserved about the new gun emplacements and strangers would not be given information.

DELAWARE PEACH CROP.

Undoubtedly Ruined This Season by the Cold Weather.

Bridgeville, Del., April 5.—The thermometer this morning registered 26 degrees, and a half inch of ice was laid on the ground. The fourth successive heavy frost since the peach trees have been in bloom. Great damage has been done to the buds, especially the late varieties of fruit. The trees are literally covered with buds and growers are hoping enough have escaped the frost to insure a small crop at least.

It will require one or two warm days before the full damage will be known. Dover, Del., April 5.—Members of the legislature from Sussex county think that the frost yesterday and this morning have seriously damaged the fruit crop, especially, Representatives Duques, of Millsboro, says that the damage to the peach crop is serious, and Mr. Whitney says all the fruit which put out buds is killed. Senator Pennington, from Leipsic, thinks that no great damage has been done in his neighborhood.

PULPIT FIGHT OVER LIQUOR.

Signers of License Applications Liked to Judas.

Stroudsburg, Pa., April 5.—Two well-known preachers here are at variance over the liquor traffic, and their exchange of shots has been the sensational order. Rev. E. E. Dixon, of the First Street Methodist church, recently started his congregation by denouncing church members who signed license applications to Judas Iscariot, and declared that lawyers who took license fees were selling their souls for \$5 apiece.

Dr. Crockett, of Christ Episcopal church, has answered with a sermon on the "Intemperance of Temperance," saying that the state was a higher authority than the people, and that what the state licensed he had no right to condemn. If an evil existed the remedy should be sought at the fountain head.

DIED AFTER EATING SHAD.

The Symptoms Resembled Those of Blood Poisoning.

New York, April 5.—Mrs. M. L. Kindeberger, wife of Dr. Kindeberger, of Washington, D. C., died last night at the Hotel Girard, of what Dr. E. Webster Davis diagnosed as "exhaustion, heart failure and ptomaine poisoning." Mrs. Kindeberger ate shad for dinner on Friday evening. She complained of feeling ill a few hours later, and it was thought that her illness would soon pass off, and a physician was not at once called. But the woman grew worse, and late yesterday afternoon Dr. Davis was sent for, but she died at 8 o'clock.

CHURCH TREASURER ABSCONDS.

Disappears Leaving a Shortage of \$3,600.

Chicasso, Ill., April 5.—Frederick W. Lee, treasurer of the "high" Episcopal Church of the Ascension, has been arrested on the charge of converting to his own use \$3,600 of the church funds.

He had charge of every penny of the organization's fund for more than eight years, and such confidence was placed in him that no one ever thought of looking over his books.

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WHITNEY'S WEEKLY DISH OF SALAD

A Beautiful Bear Story from Br'er Samuel More.

DODGE CATCHES A WILD CAT

Late News from Hughesville—Old Curiosity Shop at Upperville—Exciting Experience with a Bold, Bad Eagle at Vestal—Eric Transacts a Fair Business.

HE CAUGHT A WILDCAT.

Jack Dodge, the noted Lanesboro hunter and fisherman, a few days since had a queer adventure while fishing for suckers in the river near the Cascade. He was crossing the stream in a boat, when he saw something swimming a few rods above him. He thought it was a mink, but when he got within a few yards he saw it was a wildcat. Without stopping to think he cast a line toward the animal. The hook caught in the cat's ears and it at once swam toward the boat. Dodge paddled away, but the cat overtook the boat and proceeded to climb in. Jack knocked the animal on the head with the paddle, and the cat capsize the boat. Then there was a fight in the water, and the fisherman defended himself so well with the paddle that he reached shore. The wildcat followed, but a few well directed blows killed him. Jack lost his entire outfit, but he will get \$2 bounty for the hide of the wildcat.

AND OTHER MATTERS.

A Sunday school institute for the First county district will be held in the Methodist church in Thomson on Thursday, April 7.

A paint mine has been discovered in the Paul Barrager farm, in Great Bend township. In honor of the event, it will be in order to paint Great Bend and Thomson a crimson hue.

It is now in order for you to sacrifice your rich relatives upon the altar of your country.

During all these battles, Congressman Grow appears to be as quiet as the dumb and servative clam.

From now on, if you have any anti-American sentiments, it will be the heights of wisdom to keep them to yourself—or go to Spain.

It is said that the Mormon elders have made a few converts in this county. "There's a fool born every minute!"—and sometimes, two.

A Susquehanna couple thought they had burgled in the house the other night, and in going down stairs, the husband said to his wife: "You go first; it's a mean man that would shoot a woman!"

AN ODD STORY.

E. H. Merriman, of Upperville, this county, for years had one of the queerest stores in the state. The stock consisted of articles of the long-ago. Nearly every article had a strange and peculiar history.

One box, covered with dust and cobwebs, contained the tail of a horse, which had been docked. The merchant had an idea that some day he would sell it to a blacksmith. Merriman's great hobby was cats. Sleeping in drawers, on the counters and on the floor, were always a score of cats. The store was a veritable "cat country."

The queer stock was sold by the sheriff and Merriman has been sent to the state asylum for the insane.

SOME SUSQUEHANNA SIFTING.

The Baptist congregation on Sunday pledged \$700 to improve the church and manse.

Daniel Reardon was on Saturday evening in default of \$300 bail, taken to Monroe to await the action of the grand jury, on a charge of having resisted and assaulted Officer Elijah Horton, of the Oakland side, some months since. Reardon had just served out a sentence for another crime.

Rev. G. B. Stone a few days since pulled a large shad from the Lackawanna river, near the railroad station at Forest City. To prove that the shad was not a sucker, the clergyman had it photographed.

In the excitement of an impending war with Spain, the people are forgetting the congressional fight in this district.

The Erie is doing a fair business for this season of the year. There are 6,000,000 bushels of grain at Buffalo, and when it begins to move eastward, the Erie will probably receive its share. Last year it had the greatest business in its history.

A BOLD, BAD EAGLE.

Farmer Nash, of the Vestal section, last fall captured a large eagle in a trap. It soon became tame and quite a pet. Of late it has been unusually vicious. One day last week Mrs. Nash went to a neighbor's for a few moments, leaving the eagle with the small children. When she returned she was horrified to see the eagle sitting upon the shed with the baby in its great talons.

Rev. W. H. French has assumed the pastorate of the Thomson Baptist church.

It is expected that some of the unpleasant kinks in the Oakland Methodist church will be straightened out in the Wyoming conference. How good and how pleasant it is to see brethren dwelling together in unity.

Some of the Susquehanna base ball team of '97 are slated for the coming season as follows: Nolan will play with the Columbus team of the Western league, O'Garra will pitch for Paterson, of the Atlantic league. Moran will catch for the Homestead club. Harris will play short stop for the Montreal Interstate league.

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talons. Some men chanced to be passing along, and one of them had a rifle. Before a shot could be fired, the eagle swooped up the child and flew away. The weight of the child was too much, and the bird could not rise more than twenty feet from the ground. The men were afraid to shoot on account of the child. The mother and the men followed the eagle for a quarter of a mile, when a shot from the rifle broke one of the bird's wings. The great bird beat the air furiously with the remaining wing for a moment, and then began to fall. The frantic mother seized her babe and ran for home. The eagle began to fight, but he was soon killed with the butt of the rifle. The child was little injured. Whitney.

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