

METHODISTS FOR UNION

Result of Vote Announced at Meeting of General Conference

Detailed Vote of Ministers and Adherents was 6 to 1 in Favor of Union

Toronto, July 16.—Both morning and afternoon sessions of the Methodist General Conference special committee today were devoted to discussion of organic union and co-operation with the Presbyterian and Congregational denominations, but no definite decision was reached. Rev. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the General Conference, presented a report dealing with the attitude of the church towards union and the action to be taken, which will be made public tomorrow.

Dr. Moore also presented a report giving the final official returns of the voting, showing that the total vote of the official board's membership and adherents was 234,119 in favor and 38,075 against, or about six to one in favor of church union. This caused considerable surprise as the earlier returns indicated a majority of nearly ten to one in favor of union. Toronto conference voted 12 to 1 for union. An unusually large number of the qualified voters recorded their opinion on the subject and the result is considered an excellent example of the feeling of Canadian Methodists at large on the question.

The detailed vote was as follows: Official boards, for 23,475; against 3,869; members, 18 years old and over, for 150,941; against 21,357; members under 18 years, for 17,918; against 2,615; adherents, for 42,115; against 7,231.

Rev. Dr. Carman, the veteran superintendent of the Methodist church, presided and delegates were present from all over the Dominion. Hon. H. J. B. Wood of St. John's, Nfld., and Rev. Newton Powell, of Vancouver, are among the delegates.

The meeting will continue tomorrow morning.

RUN OVER AND KILLED BY ROAD MACHINE

Sussex, N. B., July 16.—Another fatal accident happened this afternoon about 4 o'clock near Jeffrey's Corner in which Robert McFarlane lost his life by being run over by a road machine. Young McFarlane was engaged in driving one of the four teams attached to the machine. About 4 o'clock a heavy shower came on and the men took shelter under a tree. They had been there only a few minutes when a crash of thunder came which frightened the horses and they started to run away. The drivers ran after their teams and in some way McFarlane fell under the heavy machine, the wheel passing over his chest, which crushed his life out. He was picked up and carried to a neighbor's house, where he died a few minutes later.

Dr. McAlister, who was on his way from Hammond in his auto, arrived on the scene a few minutes after the accident, but the unfortunate man was beyond medical aid. It was very fortunate for Dr. McAlister that he did not come along three or four minutes sooner as it would have been hard to avoid being run down by the runaway teams. The road where the accident occurred is very narrow and the doctor would have had considerable trouble in keeping out of the way with his car.

Robert McFarlane, who was twenty-three years of age, was a son of King McFarlane, who resides near Jeffrey's Corner. The young man was of splendid character and beloved by his many friends in the vicinity. His father, mother sisters and brothers are left to mourn.

Mrs. Sol. Smith has been engaged by David Belasco for the coming season.

May Buckley has been engaged as the leading woman of a summer stock company in Cleveland.

CANADIANS WILL LOYALLY RESPOND, SAYS BORDEN

Premier Delivered Important Speech at the Inaugural Dinner of the Empire Parliamentary Association—Says that the Colonies are Prepared to Accept a Share of the Responsibility of Defending the Empire—Churchill to make Announcement

London, July 17.—Amid prolonged and renewed applause, Premier Borden declared in the Harcourt room of the Houses of Parliament, at Westminster, last night, that in time of peril he believed every Dominion including Canada, would give a response not less loyal or less earnest than that of the motherland herself. "One realizes, however," said Mr. Borden, "that when the day of peril comes, the day of effective preparation may have passed. I conceive that those who accept a share in the responsibility for the defence and security of this vast empire may no longer be considered as wards by the self constituted guardians."

The occasion was the inaugural dinner of the Empire Parliamentary Association to Mr. Borden, Mr. Alfred Lyttleton, presiding and with a most distinguished gathering of invited guests including Mr. Sydney Buxton, the Marquis of Crewe, Lord Strathcona, Lord Kinnaird, Mr. Harry Lawson, Speaker Lowther, the Earl of Meath, Lord Newlands, the father-in-law of Mr. Churchill, Sir Gilbert Parker, Sir Geo. Paed, Sir Chas. Ross, Post Master General Samuel, and many ladies.

Proposing the toast of the overseas members of the association, Mr. Lyttleton in passing, remarked it was fortunate for French Canadians they had developed the genius of their race and pursued Liberty under the British flag, some things that would have been difficult if not impossible had Canada been obtained by France and fallen under the sway of the revolutionary movement and Napoleonic periods.

Mr. Borden followed, and the

course of a striking utterance said when Canada began to take part in Imperial defence, then would conditions change and the overseas Dominions necessarily be summoned to the councils of the central authority in foreign and naval matters.

The time is at hand, said Mr. Borden when the Dominions could be called upon to take a reasonable and legitimate share in maintaining the security of the Empire existence. Mr. Borden closed with an eloquent peroration. The next ten or twenty years would be the critical one in the history of the Empire. They may be even decisive of its future.

London, July 17.—It is now authoritatively stated that Mr. Churchill will on Monday make an important pronouncement on the British course of action in view of German Naval Augmentation he will deal fully with the policy of the Government regarding the fleet in home waters and the Mediterranean. He will pronounce for a united imperial navy. Mr. Churchill has consulted the highest authority including Lord Fisher and Lord Charles Beresford, in addition to his chief professional advisor, Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman. The supplementary estimates which Mr. Churchill will introduce, are expected to contain provision for the addition of men to the whole fleet an acceleration of work on certain ships building for this year's program and a special program for the Mediterranean.

"God grant that whether we be of these mother islands or of the Dominions," we may so bear ourselves that the future shall not hold to our lips the charge of vain regret for opportunity neglected and dead," he exclaimed.

MR. A. R. SLIPP BUYS GRAND LAKE FARM

Waterborough, Q. Co., July 15.—Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P., has purchased the farm of Mr. David Robinson, near Sypher's Cove, on the western side of the Grand Lake, recently. The price paid for it was, it is said, \$80,000. Mr. Slipp has, it is alleged, offered to Mr. Elias Sypher, the sum of \$1,500 for his farm at Sypher's Cove and it is also reported that he is about to purchase the Hohen farm, now the property of Mr. Charles Conkley, about two and one-half miles from Douglas Harbor. There is a rumor current that the different farms are bought for the government as ready-made farms for settlers. It is also said that they will be used as an experimental farm. The former is the most likely theory. In the event of Mr. Slipp acquiring the last two properties, it will make five farms he has purchased on the western side of the Lake within a month.

QUARRELLED THEN SUICIDED

Victoria, B. C., July 17.—After following his wife half across the continent to patch up a quarrel and failing in the attempt, A. J. Vaniet of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, today walked several paces in front of her on Government street here and shot himself with a revolver, succumbing almost instantly. The tragedy was witnessed by scores of persons. Vaniet made his will yesterday after an interview with his wife, during which she refused to return to live with him. It was after handing his wife his will that he shot himself.

OPERATOR IN TROUBLE

Prescott, Ont., July 17.—After one days employment Fred Tromley, telegraph operator at the Grand Trunk, was arrested on a charge of having stolen \$101 from the cash box in the station.

BOXING TOURNAMENT IN NEW YORK

New York, July 17.—A national boxing tournament to decide the championship in all the various classes is to be held in New York next winter, on a scale never before attempted. The scheme has the backing of a syndicate of wealthy patrons of the sport.

According to preliminary announcement, the battles are all to be a finish and \$100,000 in purses will be offered, divided as follows:

Bantam weight, \$5,000; feather weight, \$15,000; light weight, \$20,000; middle weight, \$10,000; heavy weight, \$50,000.

The title holders in the different classes are Coulin, Kilbane, Wolgast, Gibbons and Johnson. The question of selecting the most suitable opponents for these men will be put in the hands of a jury of sporting editors.

SIR PERCY GIROUARD HAS NEW POSITION

London, July 17.—The Times' announcement that Lieut. Col. Sir Percy Girouard, who suddenly resigned as governor of British East Africa, has accepted an important position with Messrs. Armstrong, thus adding another name to the growing list of able public men who have exchanged service with the crown for private business.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN UNION

Pittsburgh, July 17.—Members of the Young People's Christian Union are here from every section of the country for their twenty-first annual convention, which assembled today for a four days' session. The union is affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church in North America, and some of the best known preachers and missionaries of the denomination are here to speak at the convention.

BRUTAL MURDER IN THE BRONX

Father and Sister of Suspect Give Sensational Testimony

Twelve-year-old Julia Connors was Foully Murdered by a Youth Named Swartz

New York, July 16.—Events moved rapidly today in the proceedings to fix the responsibility for the brutal murder of 12-year-old Julia Connors in the Bronx last week. The father of Nathan Swartz, the young hanger-on of pugilism, who has been sought in connection with the crime, admitted to the grand jury that his son had confessed to him that he was guilty of killing the girl, Mrs. Francis Alexander, sister of the youth, corroborated the statement and gave the jury the first details of the tragedy which has called out all the resources of the local police for a week past. At the conclusion of a hearing filled with sensational testimony, the grand jury unanimously voted in favor of an indictment for murder in the first degree. On account of the late hour the drawing up of the bill was put over until tomorrow. Mrs. Alexander's repetition of the story of the crime as she said her brother had told it to her was detailed, explicit and telling in its revelation of horror. Mrs. Alexander, according to Attorney Mott, told the jury that her brother said he had met Julia Connors on Saturday night and asked her to take a pair of opera glasses to his home, which is just across the hall from the vacant flat where the murder was committed.

The young man said he followed the girl and at the top of the stairs hushed her into the vacant flat and attempted to assault her. The child screamed, according to the story of Mrs. Alexander, and then Nathan said he plunged his pocket knife into her. She continued to scream, the witness testified, and Nathan stabbed her until she finally fell and then plunged the knife into her breast, near the heart. Then Julia remained still.

Then, the witness continued, Nathan went across the hall to his own home and procured the box in which the body was found. He placed the still living child into this box on the dumb waiter and let it slide to the bottom.

He went to the cellar and took the unconscious child from the dumb waiter and laid her in the cellar. He then went home, Mrs. Alexander said he told her, and went to sleep. Early the next morning, Sunday, he took the girl still alive, into the lot where she was found later. Mrs. Alexander said she threw the youth out of her house when she heard the tale. He then went to his father's place of business where he told the same story, according to the father, who corroborated the daughter's story.

Other witnesses were called but their testimony was significant compared with that offered by Samuel Swartz and his daughter.

It was stated today that the police know where Swartz is and that as soon as the indictment is filed tomorrow he will be arrested.

REBEL LEADER TO QUIT

Washington, July 17.—Copies of a proclamation by some of General Orozco's men, charging that the rebel leader has \$500,000 in El Paso banks and is preparing to go into the United States to enjoy it, have been received by the state department.

Depredations by three thousand rebels concentrated near Cuatla Morelos, have been reported.

ONCE INHABITED BY PIGMIES

Colorado Springs, Col., July 17.—Evidence that Colorado was once inhabited by a race of human pigmies, not easily distinguished from apes have been discovered in the Fossil fields of Florissant by Prof. Farnsworth of the British museum and Prof. Yakihi of the Imperial University of Tokio. The bones are so small that they could not have belonged to a person over three or four feet in height.

OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE

Reports from Missionaries Say Disease is Rapidly Spreading

Baptist Church at Coritina has been Closed—Effort Being made to get rid of Infected Rats

Boston, July 17.—A number of reports concerning the bubonic plague have been received from Porto Rico by missionary societies here and in New York. Accounts seem to agree that the disease is spreading through the island. The societies are planning to raise money to fight its advance.

Baptists heard today that their Church in Coritina had been closed in an effort to rid that section of the thousands of infected rats. A few deaths among the natives recently occurred in the town. The entire island is greatly concerned over the outlook. There seems, however, to be some good done by the plague. The island is being so thoroughly cleaned that it is almost unfamiliar to old timers. The situation will also in all probability result in a movement for the erection of hospitals and similar institutions much needed in all parts of the island.

R. BARRY SMITH DEAD AT PORT ELGIN

Moncton, July 16.—R. Barry Smith, one of the best known barristers of the province for the past ten years, occupying the position of chief law clerk in the I.C.R. offices here, passed away about 5 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his son-in-law, Wilson Moore, Port Elgin, where and Mrs. Smith had been spending the past few weeks.

Mr. Smith had been ailing "some little time, but the end came sooner than friends expected. He was well known throughout New Brunswick, especially among the legal fraternity although for the past twelve or fifteen years he had not practiced law. He was born at St. John May 15, 1852. His father was Rev. William Smith, a Wesleyan minister, who came to Nova Scotia from Nottingham, England, as a missionary in 1827 and who died at St. Andrews N. B., in 1862.

REDUCTION OF DUTY MAY BE PERMANENT

Ottawa, July 16.—It is understood to be probable that the cement duty cut down by the government recently, may not be put back to where it was when the time expires in October. Taking into account the cost of freight from the United States, it is figured that there is still about 35 per cent. protection on cement. The cabinet will take up the question when Premier Borden returns from the Old Country.

LIBERALS MAY WIN SEAT

Ottawa, July 16.—R. L. Richardson editor of The Winnipeg Tribune, and ex-M. P. for Lisgar, has been offered the Liberal nomination for Macdonald, the seat of which in the Commons is vacant by the appointment of W. D. Staples at a member of the grain committee. If Mr. Richardson accepts he will be given the endorsement of the federal party and should win.

Mr. Staples' majority last year was about 160 and as the trade issue is a vital one in the rural districts of Manitoba, any advocate of larger markets should be able to win, especially in view of the weakening of the Rogers-Roblin influence by the failure of their telephone and elevator policies.

STEAMER SERVICE.

The steamer Elaine made her first trip from St. John yesterday, returning today. On account of delay in making repairs the Victoria will not be on the route for some days longer.

SWEDEN WON FIRST PLACE

Defeated Germany and United States in Riding Competition

The Olympic Regatta the Largest International Rowing Contest on Record

Stockholm, July 17.—The military horse riding competition for teams at the Olympic games was concluded this morning. It included a distance ride of about 34 miles across country ride of about three miles. An individual steeple chase ride, prize jumping and prize riding, the Swedish team finished first, with 139.06 points. Germany second with 38.43 points and the United States third with 137.33 points.

The Olympic regatta probably the largest international rowing gathering on record, opened this morning with the race for inrigged fours with sliding seats and with a coxswain. The result of the heats were as follows:—

Stockholm beat Christiania by two lengths; Denmark beat Gothenburg by a length and a half. Norway beat France by five lengths. The race for eight oared outrigger shells with coxswain absorbed most of the attention of the spectators. The heats resulted as follows:—

Germany beat France by a length and a half, time 6 minutes 45 seconds. Germany led throughout. Australia beat Sweden easily time 6 minutes 57 seconds. The race was practically a procession.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY IN ONTARIO

(Canadian Press.)

Brantford, Ont., July 17.—A brutal murder, has been reported to the authorities from Middleport, twelve miles below Brantford, following the finding of the body of a woman known as Emily Antone last night and the police are searching John R. Bennett, a notorious member of the six nations. The woman had been beaten to death, her head and body showing the results of all kinds of blows and ill treatment.

In the meantime George Lowry is under arrest as an accessory.

It is thought that a drunken brawl ensued in the Bennett home some time early Tuesday morning, in which Bennett attacked the woman. It is also alleged that Lowry supplied liquor to Bennett. Coroner Aston is to hold an inquest, the remains of the woman having been ordered to be brought to Brantford. The jury will meet on Friday. In the meantime a vigorous search is being conducted for Bennett. The alleged murderer is a half breed, brother of the famous Joe Bennett, who was hanged here a few years ago for the murder of Betty Jacobs.

RAILWAYS CANNOT PAY INCREASED WAGES

New York, July 17.—Many railroads would face bankruptcy if the now heeding demands of various classes of employees for increased wages should all be granted, it was asserted by B. A. Worthington today when he resumed argument in behalf of fifty eastern railroads before the arbitration commission which is deciding the wage dispute between the railroads and the locomotive engineers. He said that while only the demands of the engineers are directly before the commission, the firemen have filed an application for an increase which would cost the railways \$20,000,000 a year. He added that shopmen and other classes of employees also expect advances similar to what ever the engineers receive.

Life is the business of learning to use things as tools; the real as the servant of the ideal; the realizing of the best of ourselves, the rendering of our best to others.

POLICE MAY BE IMPLICATED

The District Attorney Thinks the System Caused Gambler's Death

Grand Jury will Probe the Charge of Graft made against the Police by Rosenthal

New York, July 17.—Father arrests in the murder case of Herman Rosenthal the gambler, who was shot down and killed early yesterday a few hours before he was to make additional charges that the police and gamblers were in collusion, were expected today to disclose whether the police or gamblers directly, instigated the plot to kill Rosenthal.

A score of more of plain clothes men are searching the city today for several men whom District Attorney Whitman learned were connected with the shooting. After several hours of grilling Louis Libby and William Shapiro, who owned the motor car that was used in the killing broke down and told all they knew of the murder.

District Attorney Whitman believes that the "Police System," as it is familiarly known, was largely, if not directly, responsible for the slaying of Rosenthal whose elimination was probably decided upon when slaying of Rosenthal whose elimination was found that he intended to make further charges that certain of the police were grafting from gamblers. One theory is, according to the police, that one of the east side gambling gangs hated Rosenthal, because of his gambling disclosures and decided to make a way with him.

District Attorney Whitman said today that he would proceed with the grand jury investigation into the charges made by Rosenthal. It was reported that Rosenthal gave the public prosecutor the names of three men who had to be seen by the gamblers before they could do business. One of them is said to be a former city official, another a police official and a third holding a clerical position in the police department.

MEDICOS MEETING AT MONCTON

Moncton, N.B., July 16.—The thirty-second annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society was opened in the I.O.O.F. Hall this morning with a large number of medical men in attendance. The president C. T. Purdy of Moncton presided. In his address he called attention to the death during the year of four members of the society namely Dr. L. J. Belliveau of Shediac; Dr. Oscar J. McCully of Moncton; Dr. Percy E. Butler of McAdam and Dr. Isaac Wilson Doherty of Rexton. The delegates were extended a civic welcome by Mayor F. C. Robinson.

During the first session papers were read by Dr. G. R. J. Crawford of St. John and Dr. D. Townsend of River Glade, the first being on Tubercular Laryngitis and the latter on Tuberculosis, Its Diagnosis and Treatment.

This afternoon the election took place resulting as follows: President, Dr. G. R. J. Crawford, St. John; first vice-president, Dr. G. C. Vanwart, Fredericton; second vice-president, Dr. G. W. Flemming, Petiteduc; recording secretary, Dr. G. S. Bentley, St. John; corresponding secretary, Dr. E. H. Wetmore, Hampton; treasurer, Dr. Thomas Walker, St. John; trustees, Drs T. E. Bishop, St. John; H. E. Gilmors, St. Martins; D. D. McDonald, Dorchester.

The Treatment of Infant Diarrhoea was next discussed by Drs Thomas Walker, G. C. Vanwart and J. D. Lawson of St. Stephen.

The trip to the oil and gas wells planned for this afternoon at four o'clock was postponed on account of a heavy storm.

At this evening's session Dr. G. G. Melvin of St. John read a paper on the Bacteriology of Typhoid and Its Allies. Other papers were read by Dr. Murray McLaren of St. John; Dr. J.

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