

CHURCH UNION GETS APPROVAL

GENERAL CONFERENCE OVERWHELMING VOTE

Need of Evangelizing Revival is Dwelt on Earnestly at Evening Session

By an overwhelming vote, 220 to 35, the General Conference of the Methodist church expressed approval of the constitution of church union Friday afternoon. In the evening it was decided that the documents in the case go down to conferences and district meetings for consideration, and action at some time to be fixed.

When the discussion was resumed in the afternoon a motion to take a vote at once was adopted. Rev. A. M. Sanford, Vancouver, protested that this should not be done without the consent of which he had given notice in the forenoon.

"It is the way in which the principle of church union is going to be carried through that is unfortunate for church union," he said.

Chancellor Burwash, summing up, referred to objections urged against the basis of union. He declared that there could be no mistake as to the absolute teaching of that document as to the deity of Christ, and reviewed what it had to say on the doctrine of Christian perfection. Under its Methodist pattern would have full opportunity to preach as full and broad a gospel as ever.

"I assure you, brethren, that this document preserves to you the whole theology of the New Testament, and every important and saving truth that you preached in the past, and as such I commend it to your acceptance." Rev. Dr. Briggs put in a plea for the movers of two amendments that had been heard of in the morning, and considered that they should not be shut off. Union was not meant to mean to separate, but as a focus to draw together.

The conference held with Dr. Briggs' appeal to "play the game" and voted for reconsideration, and when a further proposal was made that only the two men be heard, voted that down.

Rev. Oliver Darwin, Regina, said he had decided to drop his suggestion, that the matter be referred to a vote in quarterly boards, district meetings and conferences, in favor of Mr. Sanford's. He found that there was a portion of that conference that did not want elected members to speak ("no, no"), and consequently time had been extended to so many representatives, while those who might have said something in five minutes had been shut off.

DON'T FAVOR STANDARD WAGES

MAYOR OPPOSES THE LABORERS' PETITION

Street Committee Turns Down a Recommendation From City Engineer Smith

Mayor Morley and a majority of the members present at Friday evening's meeting expressed themselves as opposed to a standard wage scale system in connection with city work, taking the position that all employees of the works department should be paid according to ability.

The city engineer was instructed to use his judgment in the matter. The mayor and some other members of the board displayed some annoyance at the fact that the engineer had brought the matter of the street works, and that he should be asked to ignore the fact that the engineer had no alternative in the matter which at the last meeting of the city council had been referred to him for report. This was as presented last night read as follows:

"The Laborers' Protective union suggests the following schedule of wages: Responsible foremen, \$4.00; engineers, \$5.50; blacksmiths, \$3.50; rock drillers, \$3.00; laborers, \$2.75. The rate of wages in the city at the present time varies from \$2.25 to \$5.50 per day for the classes of labor mentioned above.

The average wage for each class of work is as follows: Responsible foremen, \$3.50 to \$5.50; engineers, \$3.50; blacksmiths, \$3.50; rock drillers, \$2.75; laborers, \$2.50. The men engaged on the water works, and approximately 25 cents per day less than the pay on other works. The prices suggested by the labor union are approximately 50 cents a day higher than those paid for the water works, and approximately 25 cents per day higher than those paid other corporation men.

The chairman of the committee, Ald. Bannerman, expressed himself as opposed to making any changes in the wage scale at this season of the year. Mayor Morley said he was disposed to dismiss the matter by stating the matter was in the engineer's hand anyway.

Ald. Bannerman, continuing, pointed out that there were a number of important points which the committee would have to find employment for anyhow, and to give them the increased scale of wages asked for would not be a good proposition.

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Ald. Fullerton took a contrary view. His experience was that a standard wage scale was desirable. If the best results were to be obtained, he cited what happened in his own trade, that of carpentering, where all members were paid the same rates.



LEGAL ADVICE COMES HIGH

BIG BILL PRESENTED BY FORMER SOLICITOR

Sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars is Asked by J. P. Mann

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DR. CRIPPEN AND MISS LENEVE LAND

Crowd Makes Hostile Demonstration When Prisoners Reach Liverpool

Liverpool, Aug. 27.—Dr. H. H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Clare Leneve, with their police escort under Inspector Dew of Scotland Yard, arrived here this afternoon on the steamer Megantic from Quebec.

IDEAL WEATHER FOR THRESHING

(Special to the Times.) Portage la Prairie, Aug. 27.—Ideal threshing weather is what the farmers of the Portage plains are now securing, and in less than two weeks of this kind of weather they will have their work completed.

MAYOR IS TIRED OF PRESENT SYSTEM

Believes a "Continuous Council" Would Work Better for Good Civic Government

The mayor dropped a hint at Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council that he considered the present "system" of civic government a failure, and that if improvement is to be secured there will have to be a board of control or some body to take the place of the present plan.

The question of how to secure an adequate supply of iron castings used in cement sidewalk construction, the storekeeper, J. Galt, having reported that it was impossible to get any of the foundrymen to sign a contract, gave rise to his worship's remark.

FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF NEARLY HALF MILLION

Blaze on Tacoma Waterfront Destroys Sawmill and Lumber—Two Men Injured

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 27.—Fire that broke out an hour before midnight and which was not brought under control until early this morning, did damage estimated at nearly \$500,000 on the waterfront, burning over five acres of valuable property. Two men were hurt. The mill of E. J. McNely & Co. valued at \$250,000, with \$150,000 worth of finished lumber, including 5,000,000 feet of cedar siding, 3,000,000 shingles and 1,000,000 feet of fir lumber were destroyed.

SEEKS PARDON FOR HUSBAND

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wife of the former ice king and banker of New York, who is serving a term in the federal prison here for bank wrecking, said today that she had thousands of signatures to a petition for the freedom of her husband to exist. The one is of medium grade, she added that she would present the petition to President Taft in a short time.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SCHEME MOVEMENT GROWING IN OLD COUNTRY

Proposed Tax on Those Who Evade Military Training

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 27.—The Tory press of England, the British militarists are rapidly gaining ground in their "universal service" movement, which would render every man between the ages of 18 and 45 subject to at least a year's strict military training.

The German scare enabled the militarist press and the London Express in particular to found their arguments for conscription on a popular basis. Already the movement has become an issue that will be threshed out at the next general election. The substance of the scheme is to impress every male subject between 18 and 45 for a military service of one year and a maximum of five.

FUGITIVE WILL NOT BE GRANTED IMMUNITY

Believed to Know Details of Alleged Attempt to Bribe Jury in Illinois

(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, Aug. 27.—That "Big Dan" Coughlin, who is believed to know the details of alleged jury bribing by Illinois Central railroad officials, will not be promised immunity to return from British Honduras and testify here, was intimated today by State Attorney Wayman.

FIELD ARTILLERY

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Militia orders contain the comparative efficiency ratings of field artillery units. Winnipeg, 12th battery, took fifth place for efficiency in 12-pounder batteries now training at Petawawa and Lethbridge; 25th battery took seventh in the same class.

FIRE SITUATION IS IMPROVING

OFFICIAL LIST PLACES DEAD AT 185

Survivors Say Number of Men Perished as Result of Disobedience

(Times Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., Aug. 27.—Following the receipt of news at midnight that the missing party of 15 fire fighters under Ranger Joe Halm were safe, the list of missing-to-day was reduced to 84, while the official list of dead was given out at 185.

Among the missing are three parties of fire fighters who are surrounded by fires in the Clearwater district of Idaho. It is believed that the men are in little danger as it is known that their camps are located in cleared areas.

The message announcing the safety of Halm and his party was dated from Mountain, Mont., and was signed by Ranger Haines, who left Tuesday at the head of a relief party to search for Halm at the headwaters of the St. Joe. While there is little indication of rain, the forest fire situation continues to improve, as many of the conflagrations have practically burned themselves out.

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Aug. 27.—Reports received here today from the fire-ravaged district in the Cedar River valley are more sanguine, and the force of 1,000 fire fighters working under the direction of the forest rangers will probably be able to stay the flames from encroaching upon any of the settlements that were yesterday in danger.

One life has been lost in this district. The body of an unknown fire fighter was found in the woods near North Bend yesterday.

SETTLERS FROM STATES

(Special to the Times.)

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AVIATOR LEAPS FROM FALLING BIPLANE

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Aug. 27.—Aviator Mars achieved fame today as a high diver, when he leaped from his falling aeroplane at a height of 300 yards into the sea near Sandy Hook. The machine had become unmanageable, collapsed and fell. Mars narrowly escaped being struck by the falling wreckage.

CANADA NEEDS MORE RAILWAYS

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SPEAKS AT VERNON

Prime Minister Says National Transcontinental is Worth the Cost

(Special to the Times.) Vernon, B. C., Aug. 26.—Vernon spoke the welcome of the first Okanagan valley to the Canadian premier. Following the usual rail program complete arch of fresh fruit against the main thoroughfare, apples from the structural frame with lettering and bunched grapes, decorated with floral designs, the premier was also designed in fragrant hay and foliage.

In acknowledging Mayor Hissson's enthusiastic greeting, said his visit to the skating rink at night, when Senator Bostock, Hon. Wm. Templeman and E. M. Macdonald spoke.

The premier, who received an enthusiastic greeting, said his visit to British Columbia had been a revelation to him. Beyond the mineral, forest and fish resources previously recognized, he had learned of the province's agricultural possibilities.

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Special Aid to Prisoners at Winnipeg

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APPOINTMENTS TO CRUISER NIobe

(Special to the Times.) London, Aug. 27.—The admiralty has made appointments to the Canadian cruiser Niobe, to take effect September 6th. These include W. B. Macdonald, commander, and nine lieutenants, besides engineers, surgeons, paymasters, gunners, carpenters, and others.

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One Hundred Their Live

(Times Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., Aug. 27.—A succeeding day report from the fire zone of Washington, Montana and Idaho... were killed in the... week, while 44 are... Official records of... do not include scores... been fighting the... parties of fire fighters... the past few days... reported concerning... of this... the official list of... ably is far from ac... total number of dead... never be known, as... tler and traveller mu... having no record be... dead and missing to... Dead U. S. forest employ... Montana... Settlers and fire fight... Valley, Idaho... At Newport, Wash... At Wallace, Idaho... At Pullman and Spok... Total... Miss... Negro soldiers, near a... Ranger Halm's party... of St. Joe... Forest employees in S... Total... Many reports of... bodies continue to p... Missoula, Butte and... fire swept districts... of list, from all India... St. Joe fire, which... None of the Idaho a... are endangered, acc... reached here early... is believed that the... fires has passed and... tion is mending.

It is expected that... rain will fall soon... pour, forest officials... of the fires that... are \$15,000,000... this figure to \$10... that the situation... may not be as bad... The fire in the Cle... also continues to s... Five Hundred... Vancouver, Wash... hundred persons a... are thrown out of... million in Clark cou... Vancouver.

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Word was received this afternoon that the Success probably would be saved, but there was no hope of saving the "13."

GEOGRAPHICAL

(Special to the Times.) Stockholm, Aug. 27.—The Swedish national geographical society held its sessions. It will be held in Canada...