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Hold Conferences.

Chicago, Dec. 15. - Railroad employees, a Federal Government arbiter and committees from the General Managers' Association of Chicago Railroads, yesterday resumed conferences in the effort to avert threatened ences in the effort threate industrial disturbances.

hange Building, and telegraphers em- gration to Ireland, and ployed by the Illinois Central held sessions with Charles P. Neill. United States commissioner of labor, who is attempting to smooth over a threat or the men to desert their keys. Both preachers. sides to the controversy predict peace

standpoint of the roads. "The is a thing of the past," he said.

the strikers' side. A committee from railroad em-Chicago in a few days to study the situation in the strike zone and de- near that place in 1804. bate means to assist the labor organ-

CHILD REFUSED TO BELIEVE FATHER DEAD

Oiler Wirtz, of the Bessemer, Was Coming Home for Christmas.

Detroit, Dec. 15.-Edna Wirtz, 13year-old daughter of John Wirtz, oiler on the Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, still believes that by some miraculous who were lost with the car ferry. She insists that he will come back, bringing with him the beautiful Christmas presents he wrote about in his last letter to the little girl.

Edna is living with her mother, who day. was divorced from Wirtz some time daughter and to his sister, Mrs. Geo. and carried unanimously. Reiber, 1274 Canton avenue, state that this was to be his last season on the

The body of Ernest J. Cleary, second mate of the steamer W. C. Richardson, and one of the four members of the crew who attempted to land in a vawl boat before the steamer foundered, was recovered near Buffalo yes-Cleary's parents, residing at 76 Joseph Campau avenue, were notified by telegrams yesterday afternoor and made arrangements to have the body shipped to Detroit last night. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, Clearly leaves a father, mother and sister

Regarded as a whole, the European champagne vintage of 1908 approaches that of the preceding year neither in quantity nor in quality.



The best thing you

ate appetite for imported drugs. In 15 Beirut, a city where soft drinks are in The Candy Cure

NEW SITE FOR HIGH ST. CHURCH

Methodist Council of London Last Night Discussed the Matter at Length.

LEFT TO CHURCH BOARD

To Take the Initiative in the Matter -Methodists Will Hold a Week of Prayer in January.

The regular meeting of the London Hall last night, with the president, Mr J. H. Chapman, in the chair. Several matters considered by the executive

were presented for ratification.

It was decided to hold a week of prayer in connection with the world's week of prayer, on Jan. 3, 4, 5 and 6, After some discussion it was decided to hold the meetings in the Dundas Centre Church, as it was thought that by so doing the meetings would draw more largely from the eastern end of

It was also decided to request the pastors of all the Methodist churches of the city to continue the services in their own churches, for the week immediately following the week of prayer. A Banquet.

The matter of a banquet was also discussed and favorably received, but as it was announced that the laymen's movement were also considering the holding of a banquet, it was decided to confer with a committee of the laymen's me vement for the purpose of seeing whether it would be possible to hold a joint banquet, and to make the necessary arrangements.

Moving High Street Church. The question of moving the present High Street Church to a more populous and growing locality was again discussed, but it was finally recommended that before any action be taken the High Street board be requested to secure definite information as to what might be obtained for the present property, and as to the possibility of raising additional funds, and then re-port to the material committee of the

The site considered by several members of the High Street board was at the corner of Methuen and Ridout

Dr. Manning's Views.

Dr. Manning thought that the initiation of such matters should come from the council itself, and was supported in his contention by Rev. Mr. Dewey. Mr. Birks, however, pointed out that where there was a regularly appointed trustee board the council was not jus ified in overriding their rights and

Council Sunday.

Several churches had reported in favor of holding a "Council Sunday, but the matter was left till the next meeting for further consideration. Railway Employes and Managers Eccles to address the council in March on the subject of "The Place of the Class Meeting in Methodism."

Barbara Heck. At the close of the business meeting Rev. Mr. Malott gave an interesting paper on Barbara Heck. the United States," said the speaker, "have been contributing towards the erection of a monument to Barbara

opportune time to consider the begin-The local switchmen, who have nings of Methodism."

emanded wage advances, met offi-The local switchmen, who have demanded wage advances, met offi- of Methodism in Bayaria, of their mimigration owing to the despotism of the landlords, when they went to New York. While in Ireland they came un-

The speaker went on to tell of the early meetings while yet there was no O. L. Dickerson, spokesman of the thought of forming a separate church. mployers, declared that the switch- but soon they outgrew this accommomen's strike in the northwest was dation, and at last a church was built progressing satisfactorily from the standpoint of the roads. "The strike ers are the names of many of the ancestors of people we have among us Reports from the northwest give an today. Mrs. (Dr.) Hannon, of this qually rosy tint to the situation from city, is one of the descendants of the first subscribers to the first Methodist church on the continent. The revoluployes' organizations affiliated with tion ultimately drove out many of these the striking switchmen will leave people, and they settled at Prescott, Ont., in 1785, and Barbara Heck died

Growth of Methodism.

The speaker went on to tell of the growth of M thodism in the different parts of Canada. In the Niagara district Major George Neil was being instrumental in fostering the work of Methodism. Rev. George Neil Hazen, of the Centennial Church, is a descendant of the early pioneer of Methodism. Nathan Bangs was another name that figured largely in Methodist history. He worked among the settlers Thames River, and as far as Detroit. It was, in the work of such men as these that Methodism had its beginnings in Canada less than 100 years ago, at which time there were only three preachers in Uppper Canada, to the great denomination as it exists to

A very hearty vote of thanks was ago. Letters written by Wirtz to his moved by Mr. Irwin and Dr. Manning

LLOYD-GEORGE DINED AS PEERS KILLED BILL

How the Chancellor Spent That Epoch-Making Evening— Clever Pen Picture.

An admirer of Mr. Lloyd-George While the fate of his budget was being decided, perhaps his own future

career, certainly the future of England, Mr. Lloyd-George sat quietly in a Strand restaurant enjoying his din-ner, evidently little worried by the can do for your great historic event with which his throat is to use name will be always associated. able, and the man fascinated me. I

could not keep my eyes off him. watched every play of his features.

There is nothing of the stolid John his excessive gestures. Here was the new leader of democratic England. The lords may tear up the Magna Charta of the people, may stamp on the great principle which is the life-blood of freedom—that there what the state of the people in ecstasy. He is wrapped in ecstasy. He is lord features that there what there was the same of the people in sentiment and appearance. No even ing wear, but quietly, plainly dresend, his long hair falling over his coat collaboration. the great principle which is the life-blood of freedom—that there shall dreaming. Yes, Lloyd-George is a lar, he looks what he is—a true son Made by Paterson of Breatford be no taxation without representation sentimentalist, a very soft-hearted of the people. Never for a moment London, Dec. 11. — Mr. Blatchford, was he still after coffee was brought. the well-known socialist, has started a

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man, quite unmoved, enjoying himself thoroughly, to judge by his demeanor. A Thorough Celt.

thoughtfulness, it caressed his mous-Then, all at once, the eyes forth, showing two deeply-marked his thoughts move him. Sometimes it paralleled lines at each corner of the is a whole sweep of the left arm;

Loves Humanity. the room. But he is not looking. He no appearance of melancholy-nothing touches you. It inspires you. It gives the lords were going to do. On the tack France with a view to Germaniz you a glance deep down into that soul contrary, all was galety and bright-There is none of the Sphinx about Lloyd-George as there was about

sparkled, and the merry laugh rippled What play he makes with his hands, as

Lloyd-George is a thorough Celt. His fingers are adorned with no rings ous defender, the undaunted enthusiness for a moment is the at rest. All or the other fopperies of elegance. He ast, to be followed immediately by

saw the determined advocate, the zeal- their own countrymen. that sad, melancholy expression so characteristic of his race. And thus lived the man on the night of the lords' great act of treason British liberty.

NEW "GERMAN PERIL."

The conversation never flagged, but campaign in a London I see his far-away look roam over there was no dullness, no brooding, the "German peril," which he declared he room. But he is not looking. He no appearance of melanghely—nothing is far more serious to the British peril. does not see. You know that look; it to suggest that he cared one jot what serts that Germany is preparing to at England that were about to be de- danger, he declares, is to adept cor scription and go ahead with the nav; It is the true Celtic spirit-serious But, he says, British workmen fear while work is to be done, delightful conscript army will be used agains abandon when it is over. I had never them in strikes, and hence the mass of met Lloyd-George so close before, but Englishmen never will agree to un that alluring smile of his will remain versal service unless a pledge is given with me amongst the most lasting of that under no circumstances will the my impressions. But occasionally 1 soldiers be called upon to fight against



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An admirer of Mr. Lloyd-George gives the following pen-picture of the now famous chancellor:

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The property point with his uplifted humanity inspired and nurtured amongst his native Welsh hills.

The property point with his uplifted humanity inspired and nurtured amongst his native Welsh hills. raised at other times, in sombre

towards him as by a magnet.

It was my fortune to sit opposite him and his companion at the next mouth. But it was his winning smile sometimes the raised forefinger; anthat chiefly attracted me. It drew me other time the outstretched open palm. He has no one characteristic gesture. Lloyd-George is a thorough Celt. His fingers are adorned with no rings Bull about Lloyd-George. He has the the moods of human nature—and he is the very antithesis of his companion intellectuality of a Frenchman without is very human—from grave to gay al—youthful, clean shaven, the beau