

WELCOMETOTORONTO

EPWORTH LEAGUE IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Twenty Thousand Delegates from the United States and Canada Attend the Convention—Baptist Young People Meet in Chattanooga.

Greeted by Canadians.

There is scarcely a city of importance in the United States or Canada that was not represented at the big Epworth League convention in Toronto.

Reception of the Visitors.

The welcome in behalf of the city and Canada generally was most spontaneous and enthusiastic.

It was understood that some of the principal aims and objects of the society were, in short, helpfulness to themselves and to others.

Other Words of Welcome.

The Rev. Dr. Carman, the general superintendent of the Methodist Church of Toronto, in an eloquent address of welcome said:

"Methodism was providentially prepared for America, as this American continent was kept for popular enfranchisement and personal freedom.

Eloquent responses, full of the spirit of brotherly love and good fellowship, especially between the people of Anglo-Saxon blood and of the Christian faith, were made by Bishop C. C. McCabe for the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The most important feature of this convention was the fact that arrangements were made for the evolution from an international to an inter-continental convention.

A message from President McKinley was received by the Epworth League officers. It was read by Dr. Berryman of Chicago.

Forty families of Polish Jews, numbering over 100, who were landed at New York by the steamships Sicilia and Teradama, will be deported because they are in a desolate condition and are therefore subject to exclusion as "persons liable to become public charges."

The members of the old Western Freight Traffic Association, disrupted last spring by the United States Supreme Court decision, have made a new agreement, which provides heavy penalties for any road which shall violate the schedule rates.

It is said that Richard Mansfield has a new play, by Oscar Wilde, which was written while the latter was undergoing his term of imprisonment in England.

BAPTISTS AT CHATTANOOGA.

The National Convention Meets in the Southern City.

The seventh international convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America began in Chattanooga, Tenn., Thursday morning with about 4,000 delegates and some of the most prominent Baptist leaders in the country present.

The convention was opened with a short song service, led by Dr. L. L. Henson of Fort Wayne, Ind., formerly secretary of the board of managers.

The report of Treasurer Frank Moody of Milwaukee showed evidences of greater economy and better financial condition than before.

The board of managers recommended some changes in the constitution, which were accepted and approved by the convention.

SPANISH JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Meant to Carry Both Coasts of the Union in Case of Hostilities.

A dispatch from Paris to a London news agency says that inquiry at an American embassy there has elicited a confirmation of the rumor that the Governments of Spain and Japan have arranged an offensive alliance against the United States.

At Washington, little credence is placed in the statement that the Spanish and Japanese Governments have entered into an offensive alliance against the United States for the mutual protection of Cuba and Hawaii.

KICKED TO DEATH AND BURNED.

Fate of the Negro Murderer of Miss Williams at West Point, Tenn.

Near West Point, Tenn., Tuesday afternoon, Miss Rene Williams was found brutally murdered in the woods near her home.



How much does a hundred pounds of ice weigh?

Pay in the coal industries is really a matter of minor importance.

Now, aren't these nice days for any one to be called upon to worry over the price of coal?

The Dallas News says that "wild oats are now sown by machinery." This is harrowing.

Actor Batelliffe is strongly suspected of a desire to change the sex of the mother-in-law joke.

The Buffalo Courier says: "There is one more punch in John L. Sullivan." About every ten minutes.

Another hot wave is coming. Will the brethren please rise and join in singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains?"

June was the coldest "month of roses" this country has seen in many years, but that's no reason why July should get hot about it.

A Dallas hack driver says he "has had a glimpse of hell and knows that there is such a place." Where in Texas has that fellow been?

PEACE NOW IN SIGHT.

STRIKE OF COAL MINERS MAY SOON END.

Agreement Between Men and Operators Is Near—Basis of Settlement Is Famous "Uniformity" Agreement—Report on the Competitor Prisoners.

Strike May Be Settled.

The end of the great strike of coal miners seems in sight. W. P. De Armit, president of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company, which concern has been freely blamed by rival operators as responsible for all the mining troubles of the last three years, has come to terms with the arbitration commission.

This agreement was approved at the conference in Pittsburg by President Patrick Dolan and Secretary William Warner of the United Mine Workers of the Pittsburg district.

Under the terms of the agreement Mr. De Armit consents to sign a contract which will bring about a condition of true uniformity in the Pittsburg district, according to the plan formulated, but which failed eighteen months ago.

The agreement moreover provides for an assessment of one-tenth of a cent on every ton of coal produced by the operators. This money will create a fund to be used for the purpose of protecting the operators inside the deal against those on



ROAST DOG FESTIVAL AT THE BIG PEACE POW-WOW.

the outside. The miners in turn will adopt suitable measures to protect themselves and their employers from the same source of danger.

No Fear of a Shortage.

A Pittsburg dispatch says: The fear of a coal shortage, which caused a scramble for the black diamonds and a heavy advance in prices, is over, and unless the miners' strike continues for many months a famine is not now expected.

BLOW IS DEALT SPAIN.

Trenchant Report on the Competitor Prisoners' Case.

Another blow was struck at Spain Wednesday. It is in the form of a report from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and it virtually asks the President to interfere in the case of the Competitor prisoners.

Senator Davis, chairman of the committee, reported the following joint resolution: "That the President be empowered to take such measures as in his judgment may be necessary to obtain the release from the Spanish Government of Ona Melton, Alfred O. Laborde and William Gildea, and the restoration of the schooner Competitor to her owner, and to secure this he is authorized and requested to employ such means or exercise such power as may be necessary."

The report recites all the facts that have been brought out in the Competitor case, her ownership, capture and the citizenship of the three men named in the resolution, together with the proceedings thus far had by the Spanish authorities, the trial, sentence, etc.

The report characterizes it a "mockery of a trial." The affidavits of the parties are cited to show that they were coerced into Spanish waters, in which case they were not amenable to Spanish jurisdiction.

The report then says: "Irrespective of any of the foregoing considerations, the conduct of Spain, as hereinbefore detailed, constitutes such delay and denial of justice and such an actual infliction of injustice upon these men as to make it the duty of this Government to demand reparation therefor irrespective of any act which these prisoners may have committed up to the date of their capture. Among

the acts of reparation which ought to be demanded should be the release of these captives." Secretary Evarts is quoted to sustain this position.

GREAT PEACE POW-WOW.

Sioux and Chippewa Indians Bury the Bloody Hatched.

Sioux Indians marched from their Dakota reservations to White Birch, Wis., where a two weeks' peace powwow was held with their old enemies, the Chippewas.

For hundreds of years the Sioux and Chippewas have been implacable foes, making war upon one another at every opportunity, and conducting reprisals with a brutal savagery that would shame even an Apache.

The Chippewas have settled down to peaceful pursuits in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, where many of them have farms, while the Sioux are held in control on reservations far beyond the Mississippi.

Two hundred Sioux have made their way across Minnesota and Dakota to the rendezvous at White Birch, traveling on ponies and encamping out in aboriginal style. These met in little bands at Bismarck, N. D., and there consolidated in one body under the leadership of Chief Red Face.

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