

Congregation-ists Holding a Conference

Peace Is to Theme of Opening Session—More Than 150 Delegates Are Registered.

Omaha.—The seventy-eighth annual meeting of the Nebraska Congregational conference opened here Thursday with 150 ministers and delegates registered.

Mrs. Margaret Thompson Sheldon, presiding officer of the state executive board, reviewed the child labor situation, pointing out that child labor laws are inadequate because it has been found that those states which have the worst laws are those in which the great industries that exploit child labor are situated.

At the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, a motion was passed whereby each person attending the conference would sign a pledge "never to cross the boundary of another nation to kill or destroy nor will I support my country in doing so."

STAND AGAINST SCHOOL AID

Boston.—The National League of Women Voters, after one of the most active discussions of its week's convention, voted not to support legislation seeking federal aid for public education in the present emergency.

Previous to this action, the convention recommended for study the following subjects: School finances, ways and means of equalizing the burden of school support, the school systems of cities, and the federal government's emergency project in education and their possible future.

BIG YEAR FOR INVENTORS

Omaha.—There will be plenty of new ideas in the offing when the National Inventors congress convenes here June 5 to 9. Albert G. Burns of Oakland, Calif., president of the group, has arrived to establish headquarters.

The Inventors Congress is chiefly concerned in seeing that the inventors get an opportunity to market their gadgets. One gadget to be shown will be a device into which one puts a quarter, and receives five nickels in change.

Among new developments, Burns pointed out, are: The invisible death ray, used to kill pigeons several blocks away; a method of transmitting heavy current of electricity by wireless; and instant photography, whereby the scene is transferred instantly to the print. Women, too, will get a thrill out of a device to shell peas, to say nothing of the enthusiasm the men will show the gadget to eliminate collar buttons.

One of the features of the congress, Burns said, is the selection of a "Miss Gadget of 1934." And if you're preuming that Miss Gadget is to be of wood and iron, with a steel-toed head of hair, and a rubber neck, then it's you, not the inventor who is wrong. She'll be human and alive, young and beautiful, and she'll walk and talk and keep the girls watching their boy friends.

Thanks to enforced leisure, Burns added, last year was the greatest year of all times for the creation of new things. "I never say anymore that a thing can't be done," he said. "No such phrase exists in the inventor's language."

MURPHY SEES WHEAT RISE

New York.—A belief that ratification of a proposal to set up a special committee to fix minimum export prices for wheat would gradually raise the world price for that commodity was expressed by Frederick E. Murphy of Minneapolis, American delegate to the international wheat conference at Rome.

Murphy, returning aboard the Europa, said he believed the proposal would be ratified by the various countries represented at conference and said he was encouraged by what he termed the increasingly co-operative attitude of other wheat producing nations. Asserting that the world wheat surplus has risen steadily since 1928 until it reached 600 million bushels last fall, Murphy declared he was "very much hopeful" that production can be curtailed thru international agreement.

TWO LIFE TERMERS CAUGHT

Indianapolis.—Two negro life terms who escaped last Sunday from the Michigan City prison were recaptured here. They are Willard Butler and Charles Irwin. Butler was arrested at a rooming house with a negro who gave her name as Clela Todd of Michigan City. Irwin was arrested at another house with a negro who said she was Mary Lewis of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Deny Return of Lindbergh Baby Ransom Money

Published Reports of Restitution in Part Is Without Confirmation by the Authorities.

Boston.—The discovery in New England of a large portion of the \$50,000 ransom money paid by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh after the kidnaping of his infant son was reported and denied. Late editions of Boston newspapers announced that more than half of the \$50,000 which Dr. John F. "Jatsie" Condon tossed over a Bronx wall as ransom for return of the kidnaped son of Lindbergh had turned up thru the federal reserve bank in Boston, William W. Paddock, deputy governor of the bank denied any knowledge of the recovery of the money, which was said in the published reports to amount to as much as \$30,000. One report said this had been unloaded in amounts of \$4,000 and \$5,000 during the past six months.

At Rutland Vt., Boston newspapers said, a group of thirty or more department of justice agents had been concentrated under orders of Clarence D. McKean chief of the bureau of investigation for New England. At offices of the bureau here the only information forthcoming was a statement of one official that the men were there in connection with "a kidnaping." No kidnaping has recently been reported in that section. Department of justice officials in Washington said, however, that reports of the finding of Lindbergh ransom money in New England were unfounded and Attorney General Cummings said there was no concentration of federal agents in Vermont.

For the past week or more the presence of more than the usual number of department of justice agents has been noted at headquarters here and in the vicinity of Rutland, Vt. Local police in Rutland professed no knowledge of federal activities there, despite a report that a number of high school students had been questioned in connection with the inquiry, and some had been asked to write the words "meet me at the Union station in Albany and will give you a thousand."

The \$50,000 paid by Colonel Lindbergh was tossed over a cemetery wall two years ago by Dr. Condon after negotiations had convinced him that the man to whom he paid was one of the kidnapers of the baby. The recipient of the money disappeared and search for him has been unrelenting since.

Clarence D. McKean, chief of the New England bureau of investigation of the department of justice, said: "I was in Vermont on a confidential matter. It did not relate to the Lindbergh kidnaping case."

Department of justice agents said there was not now any department agent in Rutland. Late Wednesday night witnesses reported seeing five

agents of the department of justice carrying machine guns and a radio outfit into the Boston federal building, but agents refused to say whether these agents had been in Rutland.

TUGWELL BILL IS TARGET

New York.—A sharp attack on the so-called Tugwell food and drug bill and the "pernicious influence" of advertising definitions and restrictions propounded by Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell was made before the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

Condemnation of the Tugwell advertising theories was made by L. B. Palmer, general manager of the association. It was reported in the corridors that the association would, by resolution, take a strong stand in the matter later.

"During the past year," Palmer said, "there has been marked evidence of effort on the part of administrative officials and others to change the existing philosophy and practices relating to advertising and to substitute punitive and tyrannical legislation to harass manufacturers and advertisers." Relating details of the fight to obtain a satisfactory definition of advertising in the third and final food and drug bill now pending in the senate, Palmer said the latest amendment was comparatively satisfactory, but that Tugwell "advertising language" had already crept into fifty-three codes.

HUGH BUTLER IS ELECTED

Omaha.—Hugh A. Butler of Omaha, was elected moderator of the Nebraska Congregational conference at the late session Friday of the group's annual convention. He succeeds Dr. M. C. Bullock of McCook. Mrs. H. W. Orr of Lincoln, was named associate moderator to succeed Rev. Christiana R. Dickey of Red Cloud.

The election was preceded by association meetings, followed by brief talks by Rev. Leo L. Diersen, Ashland; C. C. Sheldon, Columbus; W. A. Tyler, Lincoln; Mrs. Orr, Rev. P. J. Thiel, Lincoln; Andrew E. E. Morrill, Albion, on the general subject "Fellowship in Common Tasks."

Forum group meetings for men and women followed the reading of the committee reports during the morning session. Rev. Helen Street Ranney of Chicago, spoke to the women, telling of the family centennial plan of providing funds for ministerial relief and of a missionary exposition held in Chicago. Robert R. Hastings of Crete, led a discussion on "The Opportunity and Responsibility of Church Leadership," at the men's forum.

VACATIONS ARE RESTORED

Washington.—Restoration of vacations for postal workers was ordered by Postmaster General Farley. Farley said improvement of business conditions resulting in increases in postal revenue made the vacations possible.

In a statement he said: "I am gratified to be able to announce that I have found it possible to revoke that portion of my order of March 2 which relates to the discontinuance of annual vacations for postal employees. . . ."

"This order has been revoked because the improvement in general business conditions thruout the country has resulted in sufficiently increased postal revenues to justify this action. Postal employees who have not taken their annual vacation may do so between now and the end of the fiscal year June 30, instead of having them deferred until after the beginning of the next fiscal year on July 1, as was contemplated in the order of March 2. With the resumption of vacations additional employment will be provided for postal substitutes thruout the country."

GRAFT LIVE SKIN ON BABY

Omaha.—An unusual skin grafting operation is resulting in the gradual restoration to Raymond Dishaw, jr., 14 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dishaw of Omaha, of the use of his right hand. The boy's hand was severely burned seven months ago on a hot stove. Surgeons cut a strip of skin on the child's back about two inches wide and three inches long and inserted the burned palm under this strip of skin.

The skin was not cut at the ends, in order to keep the tissue alive. A plaster cast was then made to surround the baby's body, keeping the arm and hand in place. Surgeons said that when the skin from the back is strongly attached to the palm of the hand, the ends of the strip will be cut from the back. Then, by a series of spot grafting operations, skin being taken in small pieces from the baby's thigh, the skinless area on the back will be covered. It will take several months more for full recovery the surgeons said.

Bishop Cannon and Woman Aid are Not Guilty

Verdict of Jury in District of Columbia Supreme Court Acquits Them Both of Violation.

Washington.—Bishop James Cannon, jr., and Ada L. Burroughs are innocent of concealing campaign contributions in 1928, when the churchman opposed Alfred E. Smith for president. A jury so found in the District of Columbia supreme court.

After three hours of deliberations, during which the jury took four ballots, it brought to the bishop, sitting tensely forward on the edge of his chair, and Miss Burroughs, standing stiffly grasping a table, an acquittal on both counts of the indictment against them. On the first ballot, the jury voted nine innocent, one guilty of wilfully violating the corrupt practices act and two unwittingly and unlawfully violating. The second ballot found ten voting to acquit and two that the funds were unwittingly not reported. The third ballot was eleven to one for acquittal. The charges involved money given Bishop Cannon by Edwin C. Jameson, a New York insurance executive, for use in the campaign in Virginia and other southern states against Alfred E. Smith.

No Immediate Comment

As his friends and newspapermen crowded about his chair in the courtroom, the bishop waved aside immediate comment. He said that later, "after I take a nap," he would have a statement. Miss Burroughs, too, preferred to remain silent, but she smiled when women pushed thru the crowd to shake her hand or touch her arm and congratulate her.

There was little demonstration at the verdict. A few handclaps rippled thru the hum of voices, but sharp shouts of "quiet" from the marshals halted this. Bishop Cannon said he would leave for a conference of Methodist Episcopal bishops at Jackson, Miss.

A woman spectator, Ada Pairrey of Parkersburg, W. Va., fought her way thru the crowd surrounding the bishop to exclaim: "Bishop, I said I'd hug you if you were acquitted."

"Hug away," the bishop said smiling.

She did. "We still love you, we know you're not a criminal," she said. "It is a victory for protestantism." The courtroom, the seating capacity of which had been crowded thruout the trial, was jammed with standing spectators when Justice Gordon ascended to the bench, a moment before the first of the jurors begin filing in. The woman juror, Mrs. Naomi A. Jackson, a housewife, trooped in behind the first two men. Her face flushed slightly. The clerk of the court stood up, the indictment slip in his hands.

"Mr. Foreman," he asked of William J. Newman, accountant, "what verdict do you find for the defendants, James Cannon, jr., and Ada L. Burroughs, on the ninth count?" "Not guilty," answered Newman in a steady tone.

BYRAN DEFENDS PROJECT STAND

Lincoln, April 27.—Governor Bryan received the plaudits of state house employes and a group of about 50 University of Nebraska students at two informal receptions in the capitol late Thursday preparatory to the governor's departure for Washington.

The students heard him review his handling of water rights for the state's two big power and irrigation projects with a comment that "work hasn't started yet although it's been more than a month since I granted water rights, while they were sand-bagging me and charging I was delaying the projects."

ESTATE OF A MILLION

Chicago.—Frank O. Mars, who died April 8, left an estate of approximately a million dollars, it was revealed with the filing of his will in probate court. Mars lived in Minnesota and Nebraska before founding his Chicago business.

MISSIONARY GROUP ELECTS

North Bend, Neb.—The fourth annual convention of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary society of Nebraska closed here late Wednesday with the election of Mrs. F. J. McConnee of Minden, as president.

Mrs. J. Haupt of Superior, was elected vice president; Mrs. George Miller, Pawnee City, efficiency secretary; Ada Grah, Lincoln, treasurer; Mrs. Rion Robbins, Summerfield, Kas. prayer group secretary; Mrs. Harriet Donmeyer, North Bend, special work secretary.

SEEK CHAIR FOR HAMILTON

Dallas, Tex.—A quick trip to the electric chair was planned by state authorities who hope to gain a capital conviction of Raymond Hamilton, cocksure, 20 year old Texas desperado and pal of Clyde Barrow, the southwest's public enemy No. 1.

Captured while fleeing with \$800 lost from the First National bank of Lewisville, Hamilton will be tried under the habitual criminal act for participation in the recent robbery of the Grand Prairie State bank. Hamilton intimated he did not resist capture because he had no machine gun and elected not to shoot it out with pistols when the Grayson and Denton county officers overtook his speeding automobile near Sherman, Tex.

COUPLE AND BABE HUNTED

Miami, Fla.—Authorities broadcast thruout the southeastern states and California a request for the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moran, of San Fernando, Calif., on a warrant charging them with the kidnaping of nine weeks old Franklin Delano Roosevelt Godima here April 5. The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Goodman, of Whitman, Mass., allegedly was taken from a tourist camp here where his parents and the Morans lived.

Authorities said the infant was to have made a journey to St. Petersburg with the Morans where the Morans were to get money to enable them and the Goodmans to go to San Fernando. No trace of the Morans or the baby has been found.

STUDENT OF THE NEW DEAL

San Francisco.—Former President Hoover was represented as being an eager student of the new deal. The San Francisco News said that Paul Sexton, Hoover's secretary, went to the freshman citizenship library at Stanford university and reserved for the former president a book written by Rexford Guy Tugwell, ranking member of President Roosevelt's so-called "brain trust."

U. S. WAITS JAP CLARIFICATION

Washington, April 27.—The United States will await clarification of Japan's "hands off China" policy before taking any steps in the far eastern situation.

This was ascertained Friday following President Roosevelt's conference with Secretary of State Hull and the diplomatic representatives of other powers.

Dispatch from Tokio Friday said the Japanese government had decided to yield to foreign pressure and amplify its new policy toward China.

FIRE DAMAGES YORK STORE

York, Neb.—Fire of undetermined origin did heavy damage to the stock of the Mary Lou women's apparel shop here Thursday as twenty-eight representatives of fire insurance companies were making a building to building canvass for fire hazards in the business district.

The flames were confined to the rear room of the shop and spread to the Deluxe cafe next door. Smoke and water did heavy damage to the stock in the store and smoke poured into the came, the Bradwell drug store and the eMitz mortuary adjoining. B. M. Greenle owns the Mary Lou store. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

CELEBRATE NEW BANK

North Bend, Neb.—The Platte Valley bank of North Bend was formally opened Wednesday and the citizens of the town made quite a day of it. Stores were closed, cigars, candy and flowers were given away, and there was a free baseball game and a dance. North Bend has been without a bank since February of 1933. The Platte Valley bank is capitalized at \$25,000 and is headed by Richard McChuhan.

COUPLE ARRESTED IN UTAH

Salt Lake City.—Salt Lake City police were questioning a man and woman arrested with five guns in their possession while they were riding in a canyon near here in a bullet-riddled automobile bearing Nebraska and Indiana license plates.

Police said the couple gave the names "William H. Hall and a Mr. Hall," but declined to divulge any information.

Remember that Sunday, May 13th will be Mother's Day and that to secure a suitable gift at the best possible prices you can be accommodated at the Bates Book store. Call there and see their lines of candy, cards and special Mother's Day mottos.

No better town in which to reside than Plattsmouth.

Advertisement for Ladies Toggerly featuring Spring clothes like slips, panties, chemises, and nightgowns. Includes images of women in various outfits and a list of items with prices.

Advertisement for Ladies Toggerly featuring Summer Hats. Includes images of women wearing hats and a list of items with prices like \$1.95 and \$2.95.