

WILL TRUST THE BISHOPS

Methodists Decide Not to Take One Prerogative Out of Their Hands.

WRANGLING OVER A COMMITTEE'S WORK

The Man with an Anti-Secret Society Reaction Dined Early in the Fight—Some Interesting Questions to be Considered.

The muscular arm of Bishop Walden wielded the gavel yesterday morning at the Methodist conference.

Rev. Jesse Kilpatrick of the Detroit conference led in the devotional exercises. He read the twelfth chapter of Romans.

After the journal had been read and corrected Secretary Monroe requested all delegates to notify him in error in the Daily Advocate so that all errors could be corrected in the manual.

Dr. Parker of Indiana moved that the reading of Bishop Thoburn's report be fixed for Friday at 10 o'clock. Carried.

Dr. Beit moved that the rules be suspended until the remaining committees had been appointed. This required a two-thirds vote, and it was carried.

A committee on conference boundaries was added to the list of committees to be appointed.

Dr. Earl Cranston requested authority to present the report of the Western book concern. He was authorized to do so.

Dr. Neely moved that the conference remain in session until the formation of committees. It was carried.

On Conference Claims.

Rev. W. L. McDowell of Philadelphia got the floor in his speech today.

Dr. L. R. Plisk of Michigan arose to a question of privilege. He stated that Dr. Knott, of Detroit, had been in England.

A long discussion arose over the selection of a time for holding this reception.

Dr. Monahan moved that the reception be held at the residence of the distinguished delegate from England.

Then a discussion arose over the work to be assigned to the judiciary committee.

Dr. Bueley called attention to a charge requested to appoint the judiciary committee, consisting of fifteen, one from each of the general conference districts and a layman.

After a rather forcible speech upon the subject by Dr. Bueley, the conference adjourned.

Dr. J. M. Buckley of the Christian Advocate, New York, proposed that the judiciary committee should be called upon to pass upon any matter involving the part of the bishops and it would, therefore, be perfectly proper for the bishops to appoint the judiciary committee.

Dr. Buckley called attention to some of the historic statements made by Dr. Moore with regard to the appointment of judiciary committees.

"I didn't go back that far," spoke up Dr. Moore. "That was two years before I was born. You could not expect me to remember things that have been so long born."

No Limit to Memory.

"Not as a matter of personal consciousness, sir, would we expect you to remember things that occurred before you were born," replied Dr. Buckley, "but as a matter of historic fact you should go back in memory even to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ." [Laughter and applause.]

Dr. Bueley declared that he did not care whether he agreed with the bishops or not, but he believed that the bishops should appoint the judiciary committee.

Dr. Pullman of the New York East conference, favored the idea of having the judiciary committee appointed by the conference districts and a layman.

A part of the work of the judiciary committee would be to pass upon the decisions of the bishops on questions of law, and Dr. Pullman thought it was not consistent to have the bishops appoint this committee.

Dr. A. B. Leonard of New York made a ringing speech in which he took the ground that the bishops were the creatures of the conference and that the conference was the supreme authority. He held that it was an insult to the delegates to appoint a judiciary committee.

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Much Ado About Nothing.

Dr. Quaal of Central New York thought the conference was becoming too much concerned about the question. The judiciary committee, he held, was not a committee of the conference. The committee would have to report to the conference. He therefore moved a substitute authorizing the bishops to nominate the committee and to have conference confirm the nominations or reject them. His substitute was declared out of order until another substitute offered by Dr. Leonard, declaring the conference to appoint had been disposed of.

Dr. Moore's substitute was tabled by a decisive vote.

Dr. Lauban then got the floor and proceeded to make a good deal of fun despite the fact that the chair called attention to rules prohibiting merriment and applause.

"I call Dr. Lauban to order," shouted a delegate, "he is speaking upon a question that has been tabled."

"I am discussing the eloquent speeches we have just heard," retorted Dr. Lauban, "and you are interrupting me. He continued to amuse the audience for a few moments while he prodded the editors of the Advocate who had been inhibiting their oratorical abilities. He finally said that he never made a practice of talking against time and would retire.

Very Important Question Indented.

Just here Dr. Leonard of Cincinnati sprang a grievance. He wanted the pages prohibited

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

Holman and Breckinridge Denounce it as a Piece of Extravagance.

SOME OBJECTIONS TO THE MEASURE

Catchings' Uncomplimentary Reference to the Great Objection from Indiana—Senators Discuss the Merits of Chicago and Choctaw Claims—Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—The attack in the house today upon the river and harbor bill by Mr. Holman was sharp and bitter, but his remarks did not create a sensation as did those of Mr. Breckinridge of Kentucky, when he appealed to a democratic house to deal frankly and fairly with the people and not to create the impression that the bill involved an appropriation of but \$21,000,000 when it really carried an expenditure of \$47,000,000.

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Weakened by a Flood a Bridge Gives Way Beneath the Train—A Long List of Killed and Injured—The Particulars.

PORT MONROE, Ia., May 5.—Without a word of warning, in the midst of a frightful storm, the eastbound transcontinental express on the Atchafalpa, filled with human beings wrapped in slumber, plunged through a trestle weakened by rain to death at about 1:45 o'clock this morning between Rogers and Medill, in Missouri, about 265 miles from Chicago.

It was a frightful night, the rain fell as it had never been known to fall before and occasional flashes of lightning could be seen in the room. The great express, passing through from San Francisco, through New Mexico to Kansas City on time.

Started on its Fatal Trip.

On arriving at Kansas City at 4:30 on Wednesday afternoon orders were received to hold it until 6:40 and run to Chicago on the time of the Denver limited, which was very late.

At 6:30 the train, composed of a postal car, a baggage car, smoker, chair car, tourist sleeper and two Pullman coaches, commenced its run to Chicago. All went well until a pile and trestle bridge over the Fox river near Rogers was reached. This bridge is about 175 feet long and thirty feet high. Two hours before the transcontinental express struck the bridge a heavy frost train passed over it, safety, but the heavy rains had swollen the torrent which raged beneath the rails to a miniature Niagara, which had carried the bridge into the lake, yet left it standing, and, so far as the engineer on the locomotive could see, all right. With wheels turning slowly for safety's sake, for the storm was terrific, the train crawled slowly onto the bridge.

Plunged to an Awful Death.

The engine crossed in safety, but not the balance of the train, for the bridge went down with its precious load, only the engine and rear sleeper remaining on either end of the abutments. The other part of the train was precipitated into a swirling flood of water, which rushed through the ravine below. Five cars with their load of human freight, weaned with a long trip, and the remains of the bridge sank together in one conglomeration of crushed timbers, torn and twisted iron work and mangled humanity.

There arose a wild shriek from the wounded and dying, rising above the roar of the storm. The engineer and fireman, who were occupants of the rear sleeper on the opposite bank hurried to give what aid was possible to the poor unfortunates who were battling for life in the ravine below. Men sprang from the windows of the wrecked cars and, fighting their way through the whirling waters filled with debris, reached the bank in safety, but the engine and rear sleeper were in the wreck to die. Twenty-six are known to have been injured.

List of the Killed.

WILLIAM HYNES, Oklahoma City, O. T. LOU MARKELE of MARKE, Kansas City. LUTHER CORVELLUS, Kelsville, Mo. S. E. VICKLE, Westport, Mo. JOHN C. GIBSON, Macon, Mo. LADY AND CHILD, names unknown.

It is also rumored that the engineer and fireman have been killed, but this is denied on the ground that the engine passed over in safety.

Names of the Injured.

J. TUCKER, conductor, Downers Grove, Ill. MARTIN REGAN, brakeman, Riverside. ANDREW ROSAN, express messenger. CALVIN BELLE, postal clerk. R. E. DUTCHER, postal clerk. MRS. JAMES HENRY, Riverside. J. E. WATSON, Chicago. H. C. GUNTER, Chicago. M. H. COLEMAN, Chicago. N. LANSBERRY, Chicago. W. A. ALLEN, Athens, Pa. MRS. E. T. ALLEN, Athens, Pa. ROBERT SCHULTZ, Lexington Junction, Mo. J. F. HURDGEN, Reading, Pa. WILLIAM ADAMS. O. L. BROWN, Chicago. J. L. GUNTER. W. B. BARNES. S. A. LOUGH. J. F. MAON. W. G. SMITH. A. D. MEADE, Stillwater, Minn. PORTER JOHN GENTNER, Chicago. O. L. BROWN, Kansas City. N. S. HOBBS, Oklahoma. J. H. SYDNEY, Lexington, Ky. JAMES MORAN, Sedley, Ind. R. H. MOREL, Kansas City. MRS. A. H. SULLIVAN, Coffeyville, Kan. MRS. ALICE HUGHES, Sedan, Kan. MRS. J. H. KEATING, Katon, N. M. MRS. W. A. JANA, Riverside, Ill. WILLIAM A. JANA, Deversburg, Yorkshire, England, and about fifty more with slight cuts and scratches.

The extent of the injuries have not yet been ascertained. This morning there were washouts on all sides of this place, three on the Santa Fe and three on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. The great accident happened at a bridge 150 feet long and thirty feet high.

Information Hard to Get.

Chicago, Ill., May 5.—Third Vice President J. D. Springer of the Atchafalpa and W. F. Hite, the passenger traffic manager, used every effort to obtain fuller details of the accident, and freely furnished the information in their power to the reporters and anxious relatives of the passengers who besieged the Atchafalpa offices demanding information. It was with great difficulty that messages could be gotten through, but late in the evening the officials of the road reported a list of the dead and injured.

The Atchafalpa is in very bad shape. Superintendent H. C. Ives started for the wreck early in the morning, but was confronted with three feet of water on the track at Lockport. The road was also under water

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