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236 DEAD IN MINE DISASTERS OCCURRING SINCE SAT.

Cong'l Conference Adjourns After Successful Session

MERGER WITH TWO OTHER SOCIETIES NOTABLE EVENT

Mass. Home Missionary Society and Christian Church Join CONGREGATIONALISTS IN UNITED BODY

Most Successful Conference in Years Is Voted: Old Delegate, Benquet Held Last Night

The 126th annual meeting of what is now the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society came to a close shortly after noon today when the final adjournment was taken, the conference having been in session at the Second Congregational church since Monday afternoon. Among the notable features of the business sessions was the adoption of a resolution favoring the merger of the Congregational denomination with that of the Christian church and also the action by which the conference and the Massachusetts Home Missionary society were also merged. Officers for the coming year were elected and committees chosen upon which the following members from Western Massachusetts will serve: Pastoral supply, Rev. Dr. A. P. Pratt; regional committee, Albert G. Moody of East Northfield, nominal committee, Rev. Edward B. Robinson of Holyoke, Rev. C. Thurston Chase of Great Barrington; missions and appointments, Rev.

MOTORCYCLIST KILLS DEER IS KILLED HIMSELF

KENT, Conn., May 23.—(A. P.)—Frank Gawel, 18, speeding along the Federal highway four miles north of here as he rode a motorcycle, struck and killed two deer and was himself killed when catapulted from his machine last night. The bodies of the deer were found by a Torrington couple out driving. While still wondering how the animals met their death, the couple discovered Gawel's motorcycle a short distance away and his body just past it. The cranial wound indicated that the lad struck head foremost after his flight through the air. He was the son of Andrew Gawel, a farmer in the hills, several miles back.

DEERFIELD MOURNS PRINCIPAL GIBBS

FUNERAL TAKES PLACE AT EAGLEBROOK SCHOOL

Academy Glee Club Sings His Favorite Hymn. Students Line Road side as Body Passes to Cemetery

Feeling in the high esteem in which Principal Howard B. Gibbs, head master of Eaglebrook school, was held, a large body of Deerfield and Greenfield residents, college classmates and friends and the student bodies of Deerfield academy and his own school gathered at Eaglebrook to pay the last tribute to him. An atmosphere of deep sorrow prevailed and many rare and beautiful floral tributes expressed the affection of his friends and students. Rev. Canon Hemenway of Portland father of Mrs. Gibbs, conducted a simple service at the opening

COOLIDGE VEToes FARM RELIEF BILL

PRESIDENT SENDS IT BACK THE SECOND TIME

Objects To Equalization Fee Provision And Declares It Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(A. P.)—President Coolidge today vetoed the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill. This for the second time in as many years Mr. Coolidge has disapproved a farm plan, embodying the equalization fee machinery for surplus crop control.

Whether there will be any farm relief enacted this season now is up in the air. The house and senate have a choice of re-passing the bill without the equalization fee, in the hope of winning presidential favor, or of attempting enactment of the measure as it stands by overriding Mr. Coolidge's veto.

There is much doubt that the latter course would prove successful. The president vetoed the bill on the grounds of constitutionality and because "so-called equalization fee and other features of the measure are still prejudicial to my opinion in regard to public policy and to agriculture."

TO WAGE WAR ON WAR IN METHODIST CIRCLES

KANSAS CITY, May 23.—(A. P.)—A resolution stating "The agencies of our church shall not be used in preparation for war" has been adopted by the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here.

The resolution, specifying that the agencies of the church shall be used in preparation for peace, was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Memorial Day Dispute Nears A Settlement

Grand Army Commander Agrees To Confer With Head Of Patriotic Societies With Judge Fessenden As Counsellor

Recorder Brought Matters To A Head This Morning

The Recorder is glad to announce that the Memorial Day dispute seems in a fair way to be settled. Representatives of the younger veteran bodies called on this newspaper last evening to use its good offices to bring about peace and stated that on their behalf they would waive all considerations that have heretofore stood in the way of agreement. The matter of the parade order was included in this offer, younger veterans expressing their willingness to abide by the Grand Army's wishes in the matter of the Sons of Veterans being its escort.

The position of the service organizations was communicated this morning to Commander John R. Sears of Edwin E. Day post, Grand Army, and his efforts toward peace in the controversy were solicited. After a discussion of the matter with The Recorder representative, Mr. Sears said:

"I am as anxious for peace in this matter as anyone. I want Memorial Day to be observed in the spirit that it always has been. If a conference will help, I am willing to do my part, or I agree to abide by the decision of a neutral observer. I offer to confer with President Judge George K. Bliss of the Allied Patriotic societies with Judge Franklin G. Fessenden as the neutral party. Any decision that Judge Fessenden makes in the matter will be satisfactory to the Grand Army."

This offer appears to bridge the gap of dispute which has existed between the Allied Patriotic societies and the Grand Army for several months. Judge Fessenden has agreed to act in the capacity suggested and arrangements for the conference will be made as soon as possible. It will be held as soon as possible in order to give a reasonable amount of time to the patriotic bodies to make their plans for the day.

KNAPP TRIAL IS UNDER WAY AGAIN

DEFENDANT NOT SO JUBILANT THIS TIME

Rather Sober In Her Demeanor, Instead of Smiling As During First Ordeal

ALBANY, May 23.—(A. P.)—The second trial of Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, former secretary of state, charged with larceny of a state census pay check, was resumed today after a 24 hour pause caused by the sudden illness of the defendant.

Mrs. Knapp appeared in the court room about the same time as did supreme court Justice Stephen Calaghan, presiding, and George Z. Medala, chief prosecutor. The jurymen had already taken their seats.

At her first trial Mrs. Knapp smiled frequently, watched the jurymen intently, often took notes and conferred with her counsel. Today she sat quietly looking straight ahead or out of the court room windows.

There were present under subpoena by the prosecution, Mrs. Julia A. Smith, Mrs. Knapp's sister, Charles Hubert Smith, brother, and his wife, Helen B. Smith. At the beginning of the trial, Mr. Medala also called the name of Mrs. Mary A. Bodin, another sister living in Bedford, but Mrs. Bodin did not answer. At the first trial a physician testified that Mrs. Bodin was ill of heart and nervous trouble and could not be present.

Outlining the people's case to the jury, Mr. Medala said:

"She fooled the state of New York into believing that she was a widow and that she was the only one who knew the state of New York's secrets."

BLAST IN W. VA. SHAFT TOOK PLACE TODAY

17 MINERS SUFFOCATED

Yukon-Pocahontas Mine At West Bluefield, W. Va., Blows Up, 17 Dead, 13 Bodies Recovered—Total Loss At Mather, Pa., May Reach 200—42 Miners Are Still Missing At Mather

(By The Associated Press.)
Indications were today that 236 workers had lost their lives in four mine accidents since Saturday as follows:
Mather, Pa.—Coal mine explosion, 150 known dead; 42 missing.
Yukon, W. Va.—Coal mine explosion, 13 known dead; 1 missing.
Harian, Ky.—Coal mine explosion, two dead; 16 missing.
Kimberly, Nev.—Copper mine cave in, four dead.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., May 23.—(A. P.)—An explosion in the No. 1 mine of the Yukon-Pocahontas coal company at Yukon, near Jager, last night killed at least 17 miners, it was reported here early today. Thirteen bodies were recovered, it was said.

The explosion was caused by gas according to reports relayed from Yukon over several different telephone lines. Rescue crews were quickly assembled, some coming from nearby mines, and the workmen penetrated in search of the trapped workers.

In a short time the rescue squads and safety workers had succeeded in bratticing their way into the greater part of the gas-filled underground passages. The thirteen bodies were discovered while this work was in progress.

It was the hope that the mine could be cleared of smoke and fumes within a few hours and the remaining bodies located. The reports indicated that only 17 men were in the pit when the blast came.

The president of the Yukon-Pocahontas Company is W. F. Harmon of Tazewell, Va. The No. 1 is a drift mine and electrically equipped. Yukon is in an isolated portion of McDowell County.

Plans To Land Party at Pole If It Is Feasible—Will Be Gone Forty Hours

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KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, May 23.—(A. P.)—The dirigible Italia started northward at 4:40 A. M. today across the Bering sea cap with the North Pole, some 250 miles away, as its objective. General Umberto Nobile, commander of the expedition, hoped to land at the pole himself to make explorations and to plant a cross given him by Pope

1928 Yukon-Pocahontas mine explosion NEWS

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