

WOMEN IN DISPUTE ON MISSION MERGER

Some Board Members Oppose
Move Suggested by Congre-
gational Council.

FEAR LOSS OF CONTROL

Brooklyn Meeting May Demand
Share in Management if Plan
Is Adopted.

The fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Congregational Church opened yesterday in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Spirited discussion is expected this morning when the board takes up a proposal to submit to the entire membership of the Atlantic district for a decision as to the policy, the question of merging with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church. It was apparent at yesterday's meeting that there was considerable opposition to the merger unless the Commissioners were to give the women at least a third representation in the management of the proposed organization.

The merger plan originated with the National Council of Congregational Churches, which approved the plan at its recent meeting in Washington. The purpose of the merger, it was said, was to coordinate the work of the two great branches, foreign and home, under the control of the Commissioners. The opposition declares that unless some compromise is reached, the Atlantic, Interior and Pacific boards of the women's organization, with about 75,000 members and property estimated at \$100,000,000, will lose their identity and control of the work that they have built up.

The decision of the present meeting does not, however, mean that such a merger would become effective immediately. If the board favors the proposal today, the organization cannot take place for legal reasons, it was said, for two years at least.

About 100 delegates attended the meeting yesterday, representing organizations from Maine to Florida. Mrs. Frank W. Warner of White Plains presided at the meeting in Plymouth Church in the morning and in Central Church in the afternoon. The out-of-town delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Warner James, President of the New York State branch, who spoke in Plymouth Church. Other speakers at the morning meeting were Mrs. Theodore S. Lee, Associate Secretary; Miss Helen B. Calder, Home Secretary; and Miss Jean Gordon of Wai, India. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Raymond A. McConnell of Brooklyn.

The report of Miss S. Emma Keith, Assistant Secretary, showed that during the year ended Oct. 15 the total contributions were \$225,797, legacies \$24,460 and interest \$16,632, making the total receipts \$306,911.

The Rev. S. Horace Chapman spoke on "International Justice and Good Will" in the Central Church. Other speakers were Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Foreign Secretary, and Miss Isabella Nugent of Satara, India.

A girls' rally and supper was held in the Clinton Avenue Church in the early evening, followed by a reception in Plymouth Church.

THIEF SUSPECTS SHOT TRYING TO ESCAPE

Police Say They Trapped Wounded Men as They Attempted to Pierce Wall Into Fur Shop.

Two alleged burglars, trapped in a third floor loft in a building on East 14th street, were wounded by detectives when they attempted to escape. Both men were shot in the right thigh and were sent to the prison ward at Bellevue, where they were held on charges of attempted burglary. They were Samuel Stein of 135 Ridge Street and Frank Fisher of the Forsyth Baths, Forsyth Street, near Grand Street.

Detective James Morrissey of the Oak Street Station said he caught sight of Stein, whom he recognized as a former convict, and shadowed him and Fisher. The detective said he followed the pair into the building at 37 East Broadway and then notified the station house. He was joined by Detective Frank O'Hara and reserves. While the two detectives went inside, the reserves, aided by firemen from a near-by fire house, surrounded the building.

The detectives said that on the third floor they found Stein and Fisher trying to break through the wall into the building at 39 East Broadway, occupied by Morris Zaretsky, a furrier, where valuable furs were stored. When the detectives called for the men to surrender they tried to leap for a window. Shots fired simultaneously by O'Hara and Morrissey brought them down.

ROOSEVELTS TO HUNT RHINO

Change Their Plan to Seek "Armor-Plated" Species.

Special to The New York Times.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The James Simpson-Roosevelt expedition to Central Asia for the Field Museum, which has just completed its original purpose by securing four Oxys Poli (Marco Polo sheep) from "The Roof of the World," will now, instead of returning directly home, march into Kashmir, Central India and Nepal, in quest of additional large and small game that includes the famous "armor plated" rhinoceros.

This important extension of the expedition is made possible by a cable offer from Colonel Theodore and Captain Kenneth Roosevelt, leaders of the expedition, to make the trip, according to C. D. Davis, director of the museum, who declared that the new plans will result in the museum receiving scores of important zoological specimens that will round out the collection from that region.

The cable added: "You have world record book and also largest Oxys Poli shot in twenty years." The reference to the "world record book" is taken here to mean that the Roosevelts, in their march into the Tian Shan Mountains, a trip that preceded the Pamir dash, obtained the largest Tian Shan ibex ever brought out from that region. This information, together with the statement that one of the Oxys Poli secured is the largest taken in twelve years, is supplementary to a telegram received by the museum from the Roosevelts about two weeks ago stating the Poli had been obtained and that the two men were then en route to the Pamir Knot. The patches of yesterday said they had arrived there.

The "armor plated" rhinoceros to be hunted in Nepal is a somewhat unusual animal, having one horn and a hide which lies in folds, giving the great brute the appearance of being plated with armor.

The Roosevelts did not say how long the new trip will be. They will not be accompanied by George K. Chertie, big game hunter and explorer, who has been with them heretofore.

Can Christian France Justify Her Moslem Massacre?

THE screaming and bursting shells that spattered the streets of Damascus with the blood of innocent men, women, and children sent a thrill of horror through the civilized world—a horror not lessened by the fact that the shells were fired from the guns of a Christian nation. And the work of the artillery was supplemented by bombing air-planes and by tanks that spat machine-gun fire as they lumbered through the historic streets of what is said to be the world's oldest inhabited city.

"While we still mourn with the French over the shelling of the cathedral at Reims, Damascus lies in smoking ruins," remarks the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, which reminds us that "Damascus is to the Moham-medan what Reims is to the Christian." The same paper notes further that "while the right hand of France was signing the Locarno agreements and

intervening, as a member of the League of Nations, in the Greek-Bulgar squabble, its left hand was committing ruthless butchery in Syria."

French witnesses from Damascus, however, are quoted as saying that the greater part of the damage done to the city was due to vandalism by the rebels. They also argue that the shelling of Damascus "saved Syria from much more serious trouble."

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST, the November 14th number, deals in much detail with France's war in Syria and presents its political significance as viewed by the newspaper press of America and France. The article is graphically illustrated, with a reproduced photograph of Damascus, a map showing the territory taken over by France in Syria, and a picture of Major-General Paul Emmanuel Serrail, who is blamed for the Damascus massacre.

Parents Beware--A Warning From Church and State

STATESMEN OF THE CHURCH AND NATION emphasize again that the "perils ahead" are moral, and speaking at different times and places, urge that reform begin with the parents if the younger generation is to be kept safely on its feet in the swirling currents of changing conditions.

THE LITERARY DIGEST this week presents the views of the President of the United States, The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, a Cabinet officer and the Chief Magistrate of New York City, who all draw the same conclusions and hammer the same lesson home — that parents may not wash their hands of the responsibilities of parenthood.

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