

**WE WANT**  
Your work and you will want ours. Try  
**Packard's Laundry**  
912 Prairie Avenue.  
Phone 532.

**Tin Plate Corrugated Tar Flintkote**  
Complete Stock for Quick Shipment  
**F. W. HEITMANN & CO.,**  
Houston, Texas.

**OTTON GINNERS**  
We are well prepared to furnish what supplies you will need at close figures. Write us.

**Edward Smith Co.**  
are ready to furnish

**SPLIT BASKETS**  
any quantity and without delay. Send your orders or inquire for prices.

**Dr. Ed Lunn,**  
Diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.  
KIAM BUILDING, HOUSTON, TEXAS

**Jos. F. Meyer Co.**  
806-812 Franklin Ave.  
HOUSTON - - - TEXAS  
Agents for...  
Buckeye Mowers, Banner and Bull Rakes, Eagle Hay Presses, Mitchell and Florence Wagons, Moyer and Westcott Buggies.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC**  
SUNSET ROUTE

**ROUND TRIP \$1.00 SPECIAL TRAIN To Galveston**  
Leaves Houston May 23, at 8:00 a. m. Regular train leaves at 10:05 a. m. and 1:50 p. m.  
**Children's and Flower Parades**  
Special Train will leave Galveston at 11:45 p. m. same night (Friday 23).

**"T. P. A." Grand Excursion to PORTLAND and Return**  
The Superb Sunset Limited Train leaves Houston May 28 at 11:15 p. m.  
**Round Trip \$50.00 Berth Rate \$16.00**  
SECURE YOUR SLEEPING CAR SPACE AT ONCE.  
**W. L. SAUGIER, C. P. & T. A. Office 202 Main St.**

**SOUTHWESTERN OIL COMPANY**  
HOUSTON, TEX.

**RUBEROID ROOFING.**  
The best composition roofing for this climate; a standard brand. It has become universal—there is no substitute.  
**BEWARE OF CHEAPER IMITATIONS**  
Write for references, prices, etc. Remember the name,  
**RUBEROID**  
**Peden Iron & Steel Co.**

airs to  
**WELL DRILLING RIGS**  
Promptly Made.

**Dickson Car Wheel Co.**  
Houston, Texas.  
2000 Pounds  
**LADY PEAS**  
A splendid Nitrogenizer.  
Write for prices.

**Central Dry Goods Co.**  
HOUSTON, TEX.  
In order to make room for our stock coming in for fall trade we offer  
**Special Inducements**  
to buyers on seasonal goods. Also offer all STAPLE GOODS as low as can be bought in any market allowing difference in freight. Orders here prompt and careful attention.

**OIL STORAGE TANKS.**  
**HARTWELL IRON WORKS**  
HOUSTON, TEX.

**Pins and Brackets BARDEN**  
**Electric and Machinery Co.,**  
1009 Texas Avenue.

We carry the largest stock in the state  
**LIME, CEMENTS and BRICK.**  
ALL KINDS OF BUILDING MATERIAL.  
Write for Prices...  
**H. P. McLaughlin & Co.**  
810 Willow St. Phone 220.

**CIDER.**

**KIRKLAND & MORROW**  
We Are Leaders  
In the Building Material line.  
**W. L. Macatee & Sons,**  
Houston, Texas.  
**STIRLING**  
Safety Water Tube Boilers and Machinery of all kinds  
**CONNELLY & CO.,**  
215 1/2 Main Street

Doctors **GEO. P. HALL and W. L. ROGERS.**  
(Formerly of Galveston.)  
Practices Limited to the Diseases of the **EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.**  
Office: Blue Building, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

**Houston Show Case & Mfg. Co.**  
1113 1/2 CONGRESS AVE.  
GET OUR PRICES.  
**20 BEN WILBUSH BACK DRUGS FROM EACH 100**

**LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.**  
There Was Another Flood of Constitutional Amendments.  
(Special to The Post.)  
Baton Rouge, La., May 21.—There was another eruption of constitutional amendments in the Louisiana legislature today and if half of them are adopted the constitution recently enacted will look like a crazy quilt.  
The most important amendment proposed today was one by Mr. Ventress to permit the governor to succeed himself in office. It is in reality the first gain in the gubernatorial campaign and is of deep political significance. It is aimed at Judge Blanchard, who is now the leading candidate and is in the interest of Governor Heard, and is debarré by the present law from succeeding himself. A number of sugar planters are opposed to Judge Blanchard, and not having an available man in sight who can defeat him they propose to change the constitution and support Heard for re-election.  
A democratic caucus will be held to agree on a party policy in regard to the proposition to repeal the poll-tax clause in the constitution. It is aimed at Judge Blanchard.  
Senator Drew introduced a bill authorizing the city of Lake Charles to appropriate future revenues for the purpose of erecting a free public library.  
The senate adopted the house resolution inviting William Jennings Bryan to address the legislature.

**WAR CLAIM MATTER**  
Methodists Have Come to an Agreement on the Matter.  
**HARMONY IS IN EVIDENCE**  
And the Matter Was Disposed of Without Any Acrimony.  
**IT IS NOT SATISFACTORY TO ALL**  
But Is Believed to Be the Best Solution of It Possible.

**THE MONEY IS TO BE RETURNED**  
To the National Treasury if the Senate Will Provide a Way in Which It Can Be Done.

Dallas, Texas, May 21.—The subject that has chiefly interested the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for four long years is believed to be finally and forever settled.  
The spirit of harmony that descended on the general quadrennial conference yesterday returned today and there was an evident desire to get together on the part of a great majority of the delegates.  
Bishop Galloway who, while being one of the most eloquent men in the church, is also one of the finest presiding officers that ever faced an ecclesiastical body, helped along the harmony movement by his rapid dispatch of business and the result accomplished by the conference, while unsatisfactory to many of the delegates of both the majority and minority, is believed to be the best that could have been adopted by the conflicting tendencies with which the conference is permeated.  
The result of the long controversy on the war claim is a compromise between the radicals of the majority who wanted to keep the money and condemn nobody, and the radicals of the minority who wanted to return the entire amount of \$288,000 to congress and condemn everybody who helped to get the claim through.  
The preamble of the resolutions offered by W. E. McMurry of St. Louis, which was adopted and made part of the conference action, fully contains the gist of the whole matter. The resolution offered by Prof. T. N. Jordan of Knoxville approves the action of the bishops in offering to return the money and holds the offer good at any time the Senate of the United States shall afford a way for the return of the claim. As the senators already refused to consider such an act, the end of the battle has come.  
Both the McMurry's preamble and Prof. Jordan's resolution were adopted last night separately. Today they were adopted as a whole. A motion to reconsider this action was vehemently lost and delegates of all shades of opinion agreed to stand by the conference action and let the whole subject rest forever.  
A motion not to publish the report of the minority of the committee on publishing interests was carried by a heavy majority and all the speeches made deprecated further agitation of the bitter issue.  
Only one line in connection with the whole matter remains before the delegates. It was declared by many that the grammar of McMurry's preamble and of the Jordan resolution, even though it was constructed by a teacher of Latin in a State university, was faulty, and a motion to have a committee appointed to correct grammatical inaccuracies and make the whole matter correct without injuring its sense was adopted. Both Dr. McMurry and Prof. Jordan are on the committee named by Bishop Galloway and the report of their work will be ready early tomorrow. As they are not allowed in any way to alter the sense of the resolutions, no trouble is anticipated when they exhibit their product of finished English.

In short, the long bitter controversy is thought to have been forever buried by today's action. For five years it has been an irritant and a divider in the entire church. All the delegates and all the bishops regard it as one of the most unfortunate incidents in the history of the church, and all have been praying for an amicable adjustment of its wide differences that have existed. It is taken that the conference will not be in flood at any time hereafter to have the wounds reopened. **THE PROVISIONS OF THE SUBSTITUTE.**  
The principal provisions of the McMurry substitute are a mild censure of any agent of the church who may use improper methods before congress when the war claim was pending; ratification of the former action of the college of bishops in their offer to the senate to return the entire sum of the war claim if that body approve; makes the action of the bishops legal action of the general conference and the Methodist Episcopal church, South. This latter provision is embodied in what is known as the Jordan amendment, which created debate last night and during the morning's session.  
Very few of the delegates seemed perfectly satisfied with the words of the Jordan amendment and after a amendment made and the McMurry paper as a whole had been adopted today a special committee, by vote of the general conference, was authorized to be appointed by the presiding officer whose duty it shall be to revise and make more perfect and clear the provisions of the entire document. It was stated in explanation of the necessity for the creation of this committee that the paper had been drafted hastily, contained many grammatical errors and some extraneous provisions and might be susceptible of misconstruction because of these defects.  
Tomorrow the new bishops and the

**A REIGN OF TERROR.**  
**Fort de France and Kingston Terrorized by Mont Pelee.**  
**GREAT COLUMNS OF VOLCANIC MATTER RAINED DOWN UPON THE ISLAND.**  
**City Seems Doomed and If Crater Resumes Activity a Scene of Horror Is Expected—American Vessels Are Doing Heroic Rescue Work.**

Fort de France, Martinique, May 21.—Yesterday's eruption from Mont Pelee was the most extreme. Colossal columns of volcanic matter were ejected from the volcano, which rained huge, red-hot boulders, many feet in diameter, on the ruins of St. Pierre and the country near it from enormous elevations and with fearful velocity. The volcanic clouds advanced until they reached Fort de France.  
The spectacle was appalling and beyond description. The whole population of Fort de France was thrown into a frenzy of panic, during which soldiers, police, men and women, all terrorized, frantic, weeping and praying, rushed through the streets, while overhead the glowing, fiery clouds rained scorching and burning down stones, still hot, amid the swirling ashes. **AMERICAN VESSELS DOING THE RESCUE WORK.**  
The steam launch of the United States cruiser Cincinnati took some refugees to the French cruiser Souchet and nearly a hundred persons sought refuge on the Cincinnati and on the United States supply steamer Potomac. At 10 o'clock the Potomac went to investigate matters and all reports say that Lieutenant Benjamin B. McCormack, the commander of the steamer, did great work. He went in close to St. Pierre and found that city had been bombarded with enormous stones from the volcano, and that the ruins left standing after the first great disaster had been nearly razed. Millions of tons of ashes then covered the city.  
Farther south smaller stones had destroyed the houses of the brave villagers who had stuck to their homes.  
Lieutenant McCormack took on board the Potomac and brought to Fort de France 180 refugees, the oldest of whom was 72 years and the youngest three days. This work of rescue was difficult and dangerous. It is reported that the whole population of the island is fleeing toward Fort de France. The consternation prevailing is indescribable. Mont Pelee is still very threatening.

**FRENCH CRUISER DID NOT ASSIST IN RESCUE WORK.**  
The French cruiser Souchet went on another tour round the island and did not take part in the rescue work of the Potomac.  
The United States steamer Dixie is expected here this afternoon from New York. Governor L'Hoeste is on board the French cruiser Souchet. Comparative quiet is restored, but every one is trying to leave the island, which the inhabitants believe to be doomed. Should the volcano again resume activity, scenes of panic and horror will surely occur. No further relief seems needed. The people want to get away.

**ADVAL WAVE**  
**AT FORT DE FRANCE.**  
Cherbourg, France, May 21.—Reports received here today confirm the dispatches announcing that a panic prevailed at Fort de France, Martinique, yesterday. The town was covered with ashes, stones were falling, and a tidal wave added to the terror of the population, which was flying to the hills.  
Three hundred refugees have just arrived here and thousands have embarked for the neighboring islands.  
The people are very much excited and seem determined to make vigorous resistance to the entrance of the army of the north into this city. The general belief is

that if Firmin persists in his intention to attempt to force an entry into Fort de France, a severe engagement will take place. As this dispatch is sent the beating of drums can be heard on all sides and armed men are gathering for the battle.  
The members of the diplomatic corps assembled here this morning and decided to protest against the entrance of the northern army into the capital. Unfortunately this protest is not likely to have much effect, as there are no foreign men-of-war in the harbor. Regret is especially expressed at the absence of a United States warship from Fort de France.  
The United States cruiser Topeka sailed from Port Royal, S. C., for Port au Prince, Haiti, May 16 to protect American interests. She is due to arrive at her destination today.  
**SOUFRIERE AGAIN ACTIVE.**  
Throughout Sunday the volcano rumbled and threatened.  
Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, Monday, May 19.—Another great eruption of the Soufriere volcano occurred last night. Throughout Sunday the adjoining districts trembled and some of the shocks were felt here. Smoke issued from the craters and fissures in the mountain and the atmosphere throughout the island of St. Vincent was exceedingly hot. White worshippers were returning from church at 8:30 p. m. an alarming, tumbling cloud suddenly appeared many miles high in the north of the island and drifted slightly to the north-west. Incessant lightning fell on the mountains and one severe flash seemed to strike about three miles from Kingstown. The thunderous rumblings in the craters lasted for two hours and then diminished until they became more murmuring. The remainder of the night was clear. Ashes fell from 10 o'clock until midnight. The inhabitants were frenzied with fear at the time of the outbreak, dreading a repetition of the catastrophe which caused such terrible loss of life on this island.  
**PEOPLE OF KINGSTOWN FLEEING WITH FEAR.**  
—A mob ran from the streets into the open country, crying and praying for preservation from another calamity. No one on the island of St. Vincent slept that night.  
Reports received here from the districts in the vicinity of the volcano say that the rumblings of the craters were appalling and that streams of lava flowed down the mountain side. The villagers who had fled to Chateau Belair and Georgetown for safety are now pouring into Kingstown, this being the farthest town from La Soufriere.  
The royal mail steamer Wear is bringing refugees here from Chateau Belair.

Kingstown is now congested and the demands on the government are increasing rapidly, as more and more people are obliged to leave their homes and business. The continual agitation of the volcano and the absence of rain has caused the vicinity of the afflicted villages to look like the portions of the desert of Sahara.  
A thick smoke overpreads the island and all business is suspended here. The streets are empty and every one is terror-stricken. The feeling of suspense is painful.  
Ashes and pumice are falling in the outlying districts.  
Reports come from a credible source that the Enham mountain, near the Marriaguay valley, six miles from Kingstown, an apparently extinct crater, is showing signs of activity.  
A motion to reconsider the vote by which the substitute was adopted was laid on the table and the conference proceeded to the committee.

Bishop Galloway appointed the following committee to correct inaccuracies in the McMurray paper: J. E. Godby of Arkansas, T. W. Jordan of Tennessee, Paul Whitehead of Virginia, W. S. McMurray of Mississippi, G. B. Winton of Monterey, Mexico.  
Report No. 1 of the committee on Epworth League was read. It is a very lengthy document and was taken up section and passed. The most important change in the report was one making it possible for a layman to be chosen general secretary of the order. Formerly laymen were ineligible.  
**THE MINORITY REPORT NOT TO BE PRINTED.**  
Efforts to have the minority report of the publishing committee on the war claim matter printed in pamphlet form as an official act of the general conference were defeated.  
Bishop Isaac Lane of Jackson, Tenn., was

(Continued on Page Five.)  
**Minneapolis And St. Paul, Minn. . . \$33.45**  
Round Trip Tickets May 31 and June 1  
Via I. & G. N. R. R.  
"The Quick Line."  
Geo. D. Hunter, C. P. & T. A. 217 Main.

**TEXAS REPUBLICANS**  
May Be Stirred Up by the Appointment of Houston.  
**HE WAS A GREEN MAN**  
And Distasteful to State Chairman Cecil Lyon.  
**McDANIEL HAD A GOOD SHOW**  
For the Place, but Grant's Letter Settled the Matter.  
**BOOKER T. WASHINGTON TOOK A HAND**  
In the Matter of the Texas Marshalships. There Were a Number of Applicants for the Place.

(Special to The Post.)  
Washington, May 21.—It develops today that the statement of Dr. John Grant printed in last Sunday's Post had the effect of hastening the president's action in connection with the Eastern district marshalship. It had been decided to hold up the appointment until Judge Walter Burns and possibly one or two others could get here. But when the president read the attack made on him by Dr. Grant he decided to settle the matter at once.  
The Southern district marshalship had been decided some time ago, but the Eastern district contest had been narrowed down to two men—Lock McDaniel and A. J. Houston. Mr. McDaniel was endorsed by State Chairman Lyon and it is believed that his claims would have been urged by Judge Burns had the latter come to Washington. National Committeeman Hawley took no part in the Eastern district fight. The president has been informed from several sources during the past two days that his action in removing Grant and appointing Houston will have the effect of putting Chairman Lyon and the majority of the State committee against him, inasmuch as, according to the statements made to him, Lyon and Grant are very close friends and Houston (who was a Green man) is not acceptable to the organization as a whole. In addition to McDaniel and Houston, the following were applicants for the marshalship: James R. Fore of Pittsburgh, W. H. Love of McKinney, J. A. Huxley of Sulphur Springs, J. M. Claiborne of Rusk, J. A. Dickerson of Paris, and Wiley Butler of Tyler. It is also stated that C. M. Ferguson, who managed W. M. Hanson's campaign successfully, would have accepted the position had it been offered him.

A feature of considerable interest in connection with the matter is furnished by a fact that Booker T. Washington took a hand in the fight and sent his secretary here to see the president in the interest of one of the candidates.  
"Goose-neck Bill" McDonald, E. H. K. Green's negro lieutenant, who is here on one of his periodical mysterious missions, thinks that some credit for the appointment of Houston is due to Green, but it is likely that sentiment had more to do with the matter than anything else.

**STORM AT BIRMINGHAM**  
Killed One Person and Injured Two Others at Ball Park.  
Birmingham, Ala., May 21.—A violent windstorm, followed by a heavy downpour of rain and hail, passed over Birmingham at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon, doing considerable damage and causing the death of one boy, the serious injury of another and the slight injury of an old man. The dead: **GEORGE SWANTON, aged 12 years.**  
Injured:  
Henry Duncan, aged 10, St. S. Cook, ground keeper at ball park, bruised about the head.  
The greatest damage was done at the ball park, where an entire section of the grand stand was blown away. A crowd of boys were standing on the outside of the fence just back of the grandstand, and George Swanton was caught in the wreckage and crushed to death. Henry Duncan was fastened between two pieces of timber, but his injuries are not fatal. The other boys escaped without injury.  
When the storm struck the ball grounds a large crowd was en route to the park to witness a game between Birmingham and New Orleans and a serious disaster was averted by the park not being open to the public before 3 o'clock. Several houses were unroofed.  
The dead boy is a son of George Swanton, a steel worker at Youngstown, Ohio.

**NEGRO STILL AT LARGE.**  
The Situation Has Quieted Down in Camp County.  
Pittsburg, Texas, May 21.—The situation here today has quieted down perceptibly. The negro rapist has so far succeeded in eluding several hundred pursuers and the last heard of him was seen four miles west of Mount Pleasant by negroes. He is evidently making for Mount Pleasant. It is a mystery how the brute has so successfully escaped his pursuers. The base of operations has been transferred to Mount Pleasant from this place.