

**CHURCHES APPROVE  
GIGANTIC BUDGET**

**Calls for Expenditure of \$1,330,000,000  
in Next Five Years for Church  
Work.**

Atlantic City, N. J.—The budget of the inter-church world movement to be used in co-ordinating the energies of the protestant denominations for the evangelization of the world, was approved today at the conference of 1,400 church leaders here. The budget calls for the expenditure of \$1,330,000,000 in the next five years. It provides for evangelistic work in American and the foreign held, proper financing of hospitals and homes, liberal awards to struggling colleges, for the fighting of social and industrial unrest, and better wages to both ministers and missionaries. It is specified that no part of the budget shall be changed by a board of review to be appointed with equal representation of all denominations, without the consent of the denominational board directly affected.

Three hundred and twenty millions are to be expended in 1920. Presbyterians and Methodists joined in protesting the original selection of the period between April 21 and May 2 as the time for the drive to raise this year's quota. Dr. Nolan R. Best, a Presbyterian, complained that these dates would conflict with the Presbyterians' "every member" canvass and moved that the drive be deferred to February 16-27, 1921.

Dr. David C. Downey of New York, a Methodist, called attention to a declaration of the Methodists leaders that followers of that faith should participate in no other drives until after Methodism's centenary fund of \$112,000,000 is completed.

Dr. Downey said the world surveys of the inter-church world movement, which it was proposed to use as a basis for the \$320,000,000 drive, are "incomplete and inconclusive."

After considerable discussion the administration plan to have the campaign this year was adopted.

Methodists and Presbyterians asserted that they could not be participating bodies without first gaining the consent of the ruling bodies of their denominations.

Another discussion occurred over the manner in which the funds to be raised in the co-operative "ingathering" are to be apportioned. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., proposed that all money received through the central treasury, aside from the several denominational funds, be distributed among the various active denominations pro-rata.

A substitute plan advanced by Dr. C. H. Patton of Boston, who presented the report, proposed that the general fund be apportioned on the basis of actual collections made by the denominations. When a fight seemed imminent on the question it was referred to the general committee to be appointed later, which is to rule upon all questions in conflict.

**AID OF CAPITALISTS  
GIVEN GOVERNMENT**

**Vast Sums Were Spent by Capitalists to Aid Government in Making Explosives. Valuable Secrets were Also Uncovered.**

New York, Jan. 9.—A story of how American capitalists spent vast sums without expectation of return or profit to aid the government in its efforts to supply explosives for the war was told here today to members of the house committee on expenditures in the war department. Incidentally it developed that the same men had put at the service of their country valuable secrets learned from the Germans for the extraction of nitrogen from the air. The committee met to open an investigation into the expenditures of

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**\$84,000,000 for two nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.**

Frank S. Washburn, president of the American Cyanamid Company, which built one of the plants at Muscle Shoals, informed the committee that the company had made no profit on over \$89,000,000 worth of war work it had done for the government. The plant cost the government \$62,000,000, had produced 1,500 tons of ammonium nitrate when the armistice was signed, and then ceased operation.

Mr. Washburn said that his company had acquired the American rights to the Cyanamid process of getting nitrogen from the air from the German inventors in 1907 with the intention of using it in connection with extensive hydro-electric developments he had promoted in Alabama. When the United States was about to enter the war he said he offered the services of the company to the government but they were not accepted until after the government had started work on another air nitrate plant at Sheffield, Alabama, to use another process. This plant, according to members of the committee, cost \$22,000,000 and was abandoned after it had produced fifty tons of ammonium sulphate.

Mr. Washburn said the Muscle Shoals plant would have "extraordinary economic usefulness" for the country eventually.

**DESTRUCTION OF MONEY  
THRILL IN FEATURE FILM**

**Spectacle of Man Burning Greenbacks Is Big Scene in Stewart Picture.**

The spectacle of a person deliberately burning up \$2,000 in currency presented in Vitagraph's current production, "The Sins of the Mothers," brings forward an interesting question of law. Legal experts who passed on the picture are reported to have declared that the deliberate act of destruction, even in the case where the persons owns the money, is against the law.

It was further asserted that when proof is given that a certain amount of money has been destroyed the government stands ready at all times to reissue that amount to the loser.

"The Sins of the Mothers" will be shown at the Opera House on Monday. Anita Stewart is the star, supported by a notable cast that includes Earle Williams, Paul Scardon and Julia Swayne Gordon.

Miss Stewart plays the role of Trixie Raymond, a girl who inherits the consuming desire to gamble from her mother. The latter sends her daughter to a convent for seven years to cure her. On returning to the frivolous life of the outside world Trixie soon plunges again into a whirl of gambling.

Marriage fails to curb her spirit. Finally her husband, Norris Graham, finding her with \$2,000 she had won on the races after breaking solemn promises to cease betting, burns the money up.

The destruction of the money forms one of the most dramatic episodes of the picture.

**ABBEVILLE-MUTUAL  
HOLDS MEETING**

**General Manager Blake Makes Annual Report Showing Company to be in Most Prosperous Condition.**

Greenwood, Jan. 6.—The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Fire Insurance Co., was held this morning in the parlors of the Oregon Hotel, with Hon. J. Fraser Lyon, president of the company, presiding. The following compose the board of directors and all were present for the meeting this morning: W. C. Bates, Batesburg; A. W. Youngblood, Hodges; W. H. Wharton, Waterloo; R. E. Nicholson, Edgefield; J. R. Blake, Greenwood; A. O. Grant, Mt. Carmel; J. M. Gambrell, Abbeville, and J. F. Lyon, Columbia. All of the officers were re-elected for the coming year.

Mr. J. R. Blake, the general manager of the company read his report for the year, which showed the company to be in the most prosperous condition. All claims have been paid promptly and all debts of the company have been paid. In addition, the company has a handsome surplus on hand. The reports from the various counties covered by the company, were read and all were very flattering. One-half million dollars of insurance is being written every month and the company is growing by leaps and bounds.

The Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Insurance Co., has its headquarters in Greenwood and has agencies in sixteen counties in this section of the state in all of which they are doing an excellent business. The company has about nine million dollars of insurance now in force. Mr. J. R. Blake, the efficient general manager, was highly complimented today by the directors for the excellent manner in which the affairs of the company have been handled and was given much credit for the fine showing for the past year.

**LAVA FROM VOLCANO  
FLOWING 20 MILES**

**Mexican Towns and Countryside in West Vera Cruz Blotted Out by New Crater.**

Mexico City, Jan. 10.—Flames are still being emitted by the new volcano at San Miguel in the western part of the state of Vera Cruz, according to advices received here last night. It is stated volcanic lava is flowing twenty miles east of the new crater. Every village in that vicinity has been destroyed, while lava and floods of contaminated water from sources opened by the recent earthquakes are flooding the district near the crater.

Refugees from San Miguel confirm earlier reports telling of numerous deaths from falling buildings and poisonous gases. Rebels who had their headquarters in that region have suffered severely from casualties and from loss of supplies, it is stated.

Reports from Teocelo by way of Vera Cruz, state a panic prevails there from the fear that the old volcano near Cofre de Perote will become

tive since cracks have appeared on the sides of the mountain.

First accurate news from Couztlan, were carried last night in special dispatches from Palapa quoting Dr. Garcia Luna, who had just returned from Couztlan. He stated he had counted seventy-two dead and 100 injured in that village.

Palapa reports that other travelers arriving there say the village of Baranza Alta, near Couztlan was almost destroyed with numerous victims. In Palapa itself, 95 per cent of the buildings were damaged.

**SIMPLE WARNINGS  
OF LITTLE MOMENT**

**Mexican Warning to Americans, Disregarded, Nothing More than Waiver.**

Washington, Jan. 9.—Warnings of local authorities, disregard of which, reports to the Mexican interior department declared, resulted in the killing of F. J. Roney and Earl Bales, Americans, in the Tampico region several days ago, amounted in the opinion of officials here to nothing more than the waiver which all Americans

are compelled to sign before they can obtain a Mexico visa for the Tampico region on their passports.

This waiver, by which the person signing it agrees that no claims in case of harm or death shall be brought by his heirs or employers, has never been recognized by the state department.

Information reaching the state department today was that the wound sustained by Boles in the foot was made by a Mauser bullet. Carranza soldiers are known to be the only Mexicans in that region armed with Mausers, officials said.

Advices given out in Mexico City that the two Americans were mistaken for smugglers of munitions to Manuel Pelaez, the rebel chief, was discredited by officials of the department, who said that it would be impossible for a vessel to land arms at the point stated in the advices as that territory is in entire control of the Carranza forces. Officials also regard as significant that Miguel Sierra, the Mexican who was with the two Americans when they were murdered, escaped without injury.

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