

SITUATION IN NEW YORK POLITICAL CIRCLES CHAOTIC

Both Democratic and Republican Conventions to be Held Tomorrow. Fierce Factional Fights on in Both Parties. Party Leaders Cannot Agree.

Conferences Adjourn Without Reaching any Definite Conclusion. Delegations Arrive Today. Five Popular Candidates Generally Spoken of.

By Associated Press. Buffalo, Sept. 24.—The day preceding the Democratic State Convention finds the party leaders still apparently as widely apart as ever as to the head of the ticket.

A series of important conferences which extended far into the night adjourned without any definite conclusion being reached.

The delegations from Greater New York will arrive today. The five candidates are Hearst, Jerome, Mayor Adam, Sulzer and Judge Gaynor.

These are most generally spoken of with an equal number mentioned as possibilities.

Will He Accept? Saratoga, Sept. 24.—The Republican State Convention waits on Governor Higgins on his acceptance or declination of the nomination for Governor. On this pivot the whole situation rests. A bitter fight for the nomination seems inevitable on the convention floor if Higgins refuses renomination.

Governor Higgins Declines. Governor Higgins declined to be a candidate for renomination. Shortly before noon he telephoned his friends here that he did not see his way clear to make the contest.

The Political Situation. The determination of both the old political parties in this State to hold their State conventions on the same date this year is in its way indicative of the unprecedented situation in the political affairs of this commonwealth.

It is a situation which has attracted the interest of the entire country and is looked to have an effect upon the Presidential campaign of two years hence.

The situation involves men of national political repute and President Roosevelt himself has let his influence diplomatically be felt through ostensibly keeping "his hands off" the matter.

Both Republican and Democratic parties are torn with factional disputes. With these internal dissensions afflicting the old parties, a third political party has been launched under the title of the Independent League.

This League, which now has completed its organization in every county of the State is the outgrowth of the National Ownership League which made the mayoralty fight in New York City last November with William Randolph Hearst, the Congressman and newspaper proprietor, at the head of the ticket.

Mr. Hearst fell short of election on the face of the returns by some three thousand votes. He contested, but the ballot boxes have never been opened. A petition to the Supreme Court to burn the ballots was recently made by the Corporation Counsel. Mr. Hearst resisted this move and was sustained by the court with the understanding that Mr. Hearst would furnish at his own expense the new ballot boxes needed for the local primaries and the regular election in November.

The Republican State Convention is as state chairman, will call the Republican State Convention on Tuesday, September 25th, and will continue probably through Wednesday.

The Democrat State Convention is to be held at Buffalo, beginning Wednesday and continuing through Wednesday or until a nomination has been agreed upon.

Former Governor B. B. O'Dell, Jr., as state chairman, will call the Republican assembly to order. Cord Meyer, of New York, is the chairman of the Democratic State Committee, having been elected to that position for the Parker and Herrick campaign two years ago.

The Democrats were first to choose a convention date. The Republicans had apparently been undecided as to whether they should meet before or after the Democrats. Chairman O'Dell called the State Committee together soon after the Democrats had announced their decision and the Go-don knot was cut by a decision to meet simultaneously with the Democrats.

The Democratic convention promises to be one of the liveliest ever held in this State. Mr. Hearst's name will be placed before it by the delegates who have been instructed to vote for his nomination. Mr. Hearst is likely to be attacked by his opponents on the ground that he is the head of an "out-law" ticket and that he cannot be named or endorsed without turning the Democratic party over to the newly organized Independence League, which includes both Democrats and Republicans in its membership. These lines of battle have already been laid down and there is no need for conjecture on the point. Just what effect the naming of a complete ticket by the Independence League will have upon the fusion movement suggested by

Messrs. Mack and Connors is problematical, however.

Another name to go before the Democratic convention is that of the present district attorney, of New York county, Williams Travers Jerome.

Mayor George B. McClellan, of New York City, has expressed his preference for Mr. Jerome for governor and has announced his intention of voting for him at the convention. Mr. Jerome is without political machinery and came into the race too late to have his name before many of the county conventions called to name delegates to Buffalo.

If the so-called "regular" Democrats prove unwilling to accept either Mr. Hearst or Mr. Jerome, because of their independent attitudes in the past, there is much speculation as to just whom they will bring before the convention.

The famous Tammany Hall organization of the Democratic party in New York City has felt the dissensions that have effected the party in general and there are evidences of greater factional troubles inside the "Big House" than ever before in its history. Charles F. Murphy, the present leader of Tammany Hall, and Mayor McClellan have generally been regarded as heading the opposing forces in the organization.

Mr. Murphy was said to favor the nomination of Hearst, but the latter in a public statement declared he did not want Mr. Murphy's support.

The Republican factional fight appears to be as bitter as that among the Democrats, but the adherents of the Republican faith are not hampered by an "independent" movement, although it is admitted the Independence League may poll some Republican votes. Its principal influence, if the full state ticket goes on the official ballot, will be felt, however, by the Democrats.

Popular opinion arrays State Chairman Odell against Governor Frank W. Higgins in the struggle for control of the Saratoga convention and of the Republican party in this State. Two years ago Mr. Odell and Mr. Higgins were quite intimate. It was not long after Governor Higgins was inaugurated that there came rumors of differences existing between the governor and the State chairman. There was no open breach, however, until the fight last winter for the Assembly speakership.

During the speakership fight a number of the Legislative leaders were summoned to Washington and were in conference with President Roosevelt. When they returned to Albany there was immediate assurance that young Mr. Wadsworth would be chosen speaker. He was so chosen on the first ballot, then became generally noted about that the President had aligned himself morally if not openly with Governor Higgins and his followers in the State. Chairman Odell was nettled at this and the further report that every effort would be made to overthrow his leadership in the State committee. He called upon his friends for support and the fight which still continues was begun.

There is a well founded belief that President Roosevelt is lending his implied influence to Governor Higgins for the purpose of helping him gain control of the State convention. Then it is intimated that the Governor will withdraw and himself nominate his successor, who will be a man believed to be capable of drawing the votes of both factions of the party and will also be cordially approved by President Roosevelt.

He declined the honor. The Republican fight is all the more interesting from the fact that the party is at present in power in the State and has been for several years.

The Independent League, which is an incorporated body with Mr. Hearst as President, held its convention in Carnegie Hall, New York City, September 11th and 12th. It was the largest delegate convention in the history of the State, over 1,600 representatives of the various counties being in attendance.

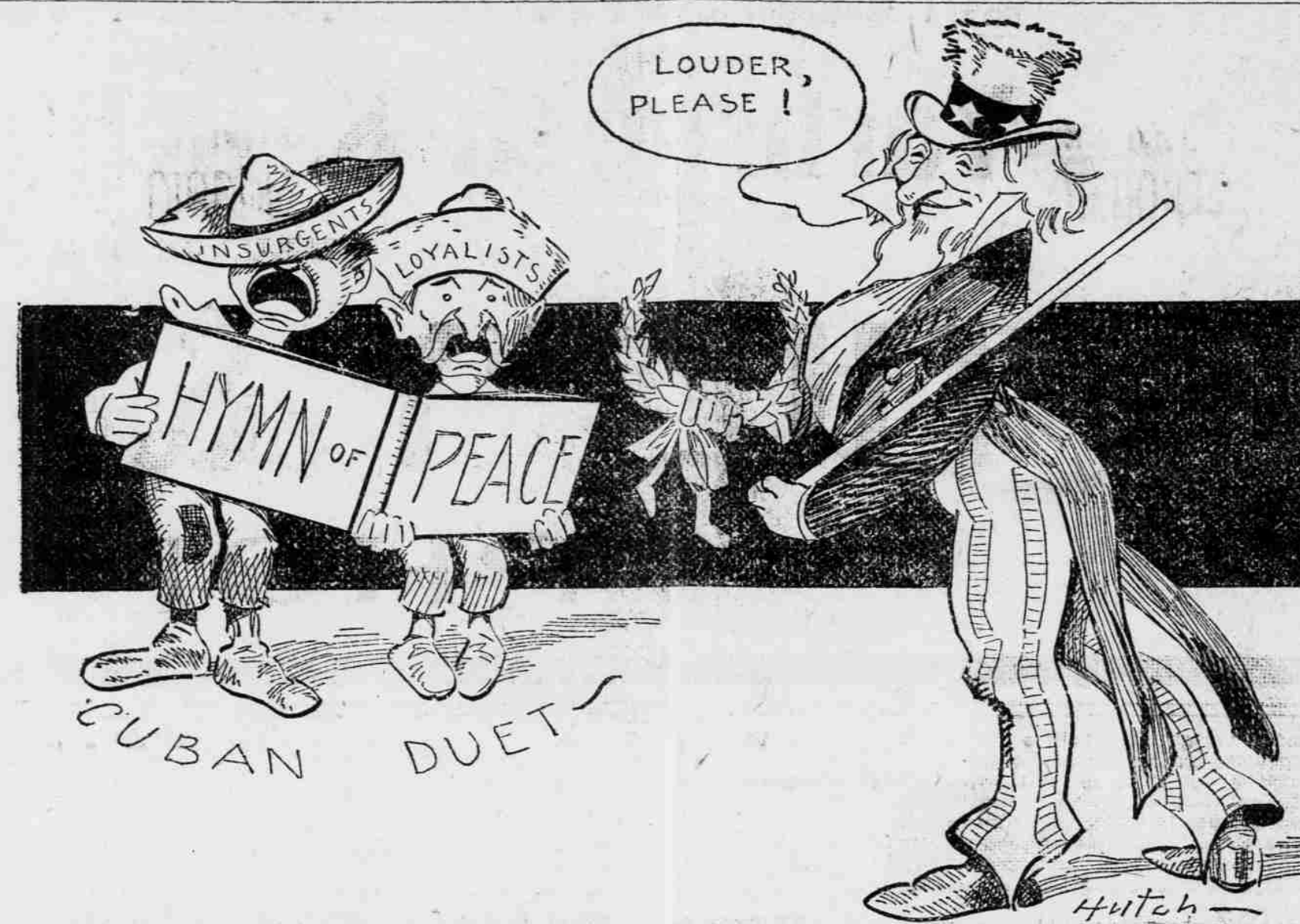
The temper of the delegates was against fusion and after an all night session of the State Committee, the Independent League decided to nominate a full state ticket. This was done amid much enthusiasm. Mr. Hearst being named for Governor and a complete list of the candidates agreed upon and named.

The platform of the convention declared for municipal ownership and operation of public utilities, direct nominations, election of United States Senators by the people, recognition and enforcement of the eight hour day and other kindred principles including a new election law which would insure a fair count.

DEATH FOLLOWED FIGHT. Richard Munson, One of the Contestants in a Prize Fight, Died After Fighting. By Associated Press. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Following the prize fight Saturday night at Woodlawn Beach, Richard Munson, aged 20, one of the combatants, died. Walter Robinson, colored, aged 26, Munson's opponent, was arrested.

STENSLAND REACHES HOME. Steamer on Which Was Bank Broker Stensland Arrived This Afternoon. By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 24.—The steamer, Pruz Albert, on which Stensland, the fugitive Chicago bank president, is being returned from Morocco, will reach the dock in Hoboken at four this afternoon.

Mrs. Tilford Dead. By Associated Press. Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Henry J. Tilford, of Louisville, Ky., a cousin of Mrs. Tom L. Johnson, who fell in the bathroom at the mayor's home and sustained a fracture of the skull last week, died without regaining consciousness.



A PART OF BODY HAS BEEN FOUND

A Portion of Dismembered Body Found. One Thigh Found Two Blocks Away. Head Still Missing. Police Still Mystified as to Guilty Ones.

By Associated Press. New York City, September 24.—Another portion of the dismembered body of Torso which was found yesterday in a pit at 11th avenue and 36th street was discovered by the police.

One of the thighs which was missing was found two blocks away. The police are engaged in searching for the head of the missing man and until that is found there is little hope of identifying the body.

The police are also trying to trace five men who were seen Saturday night beating a man in West 36th street not far from the spot where Torso was afterwards found.

New York, Sept. 24.—The only new developments this morning in the mystery surrounding the finding of a headless, armless and legless boy or man yesterday was the finding of the upper portion of his legs in the New York Central freight yards. After 24 hours continuous search today admit they are no nearer solving the mystery than when started. Unless the head of the victim is found there is no chance of even establishing identity.

AID THE NEEDY. Mayors of Jellico, Tenn., and Jellico, Ky., Make Urgent Appeal for Aid. By Associated Press. Jellico, Tenn., Sept. 24.—The mayors of Jellico, Tenn., and Jellico, Ky., have requested the Associated Press to publish an urgent appeal for aid for the people of the town which was practically ruined by the dynamite explosion Friday. The appeal says: "The gravity of the situation is more appalling than was at first anticipated and contributions of money or other material assistance will be gratefully received."

Monthly Service Established. By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 24.—The pioneer steamer, Goyaz, of Lloyd Brazileire, arrived. This company has inaugurated a monthly service between Santos and New York, calling at Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Ceara, Maranhao, Para and Barbadoes.

The steamer Goyaz and Sergipe are at present employed. The Acre, now building, will be added later, and should the service be successful, other steamers will be built.

THE PIKE CELEBRATION. Centennial Celebration of Man Who First Discovered Pike's Peak Begun. By Associated Press. Colorado Springs, Sept. 24.—The Pike centennial celebration, commemorating the discovery of Pike's Peak by the man whose name it bears, has opened. The feature of today was a parade reviewed by Vice-President Fairbanks, who also delivered an address.

Sail for Havana. By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 24.—The naval colliers, Leonidas, at Lambert's Point and Hannibal, at Newport News, will sail in a day or two for Havana loaded with coal for the American Naval vessels.

CRIMINAL COURT CONVENE TODAY

Judge Peebles Address Grand Jury on the Question of Bucket Shops and the Illicit Sale of Whiskey. A Number of Minor Cases on Docket.

The one week's term of Criminal Court convened this morning at 10:45 the hour of opening being delayed on account of the late arrival of Judge Peebles. A number of cases remain on the docket for disposition and this session of the court was called as preliminary to the civil term which commences next Monday.

The names of the grand jurors were called this morning and all reported present. Judge Peebles stated in his opening remarks that it was not necessary to address the grand jury as lengthily as at the preceding term. He further stated that he had been requested to call their attention to the statute relative to contracts.

This statute was read at some length and Judge Peebles said in part of the conclusion of the reading: "A great deal of money has been wasted in the South through the operation of bucket shops. The people down here desire to get as high a price for the staple as possible and the Northern buyers desire to pay just as little as possible."

"The fortunes of a great many people have been wrecked through such manipulation and I want to call your attention to the fact that if any of you know of an office in Charlotte doing such business it is your duty to report such, because it violates the law."

"I want you also to consider the unlawful sale of whiskey. Prior to the last legislature a man could act as another man's agent in securing whiskey from unlawful sources and not be subject to the law. But since that time a law has been passed making both the agent and the man selling the whiskey liable to the penalty of the law. I deem it proper to say this because a great many innocent people are thus made liable to the law when they are only acting as another's agent."

"It is customary for white people to employ a negro to secure whiskey for him and thus an innocent negro is made to subject himself to the penalty of the law when he merely acts as agent."

"It is wrong to enforce innocent people into this crime, because it assists men who would otherwise be law-abiding citizens to become criminals."

The case of Ed Johnson, charged with an affray with Will Beatty and Eli Watson, was first taken up. The defendant pleaded guilty and was made to pay the costs in the case and also to pay old man Eli Watson whom he had incapacitated for three weeks the sum of \$20. The evidence showed that the negro was a well-balanced citizen except when he imbued too freely and the defending attorney, H. N. Pharr, asked the leniency of the court on this ground. Judge Peebles said in reply that "One of the best temperance laws that could be made was to make it a misdemeanor for a man to appear in public drunk."

Ed Ross, colored, plead guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons and was made to pay the minimum fine \$20. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs in the case of Alex. Reel, charged with an assault. Isaac Potts and Arthur Reid, submitted to an affray and were fined \$5 each and the costs.

The Little Workers' Society of Dilworth Methodist Church will serve refreshments at the church tomorrow evening from 7 to 9. They hope to see their friends present.

SALE OF INSURANCE CO., IS CONFIRMED

Attorney Ruffin Returned Last Night from Raleigh where he Secured Necessary Approval on Sale of Conservative Mutual to Southern Life of Fayetteville.

The report appearing in Saturday's issue of the News relative to the sale of the Conservative Mutual Life Ins. company of this city to the Southern Life Insurance company of Fayetteville was confirmed today by Attorney Thomas Ruffin who returned to the city last night after a trip in reference to the settlement of this affair.

Mr. Ruffin states that very satisfactory agreement has been reached between himself as receiver for the old company and the officials of the Fayetteville company by which the business of the former will be turned over into the hands of the Southern Life.

All the business of the Conservative Mutual will be reinsured by the Southern life who will also assume all insurance contracts and conduct the affairs of the old company on a larger basis.

This simply means that the policyholders in the insolvent company will be fully protected and their affairs placed in safer and stronger hands.

The Fayetteville company is the strongest home company in the State having a capital of \$150,000, whereas the Conservative Mutual had only a capital of \$20,000. This should be received with marked gratification on the part of the policyholders in the latter-named company when their policies will be taken up and fully protected by a company as strong as the Southern Life.

Mr. C. J. Cooper, general manager of the Southern Life and Mr. S. L. Miller general agent located at Columbia were in the city last week negotiating with the officials of the local company.

Since that time Mr. Ruffin, receiver for the old firm went to Raleigh and secured the approval of State Commissioner J. R. Young and also that of Hon. R. B. Peebles, judge presiding in this district. With the approval of these officials the business of the old company is turned completely over into the hands of the new firm which is considered very fortunate for all concerned.

The Southern Life with headquarters in Fayetteville will open an office in this city in the near future with Messrs S. R. Brown and Will McDonald in charge, two of the best known insurance men in the city who are well qualified to conduct the business of the new company in a very successful manner. It is not yet known where their offices will be located.

TWO STORMS APPROACHING. Moving Towards Each Other From Opposite Directions. By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 24.—Two great storms are moving towards each other from opposite directions. One is another West Indian hurricane, reported this morning to be off the West end of Cuba. The other is a rain storm now prevailing in the Northwest. The hurricane is moving Northward and the Northwest storm is moving Southward. They are expected to meet and considerable damage will likely result. The West Indian hurricane is expected to reach the Gulf coast tomorrow or Wednesday.

Six Dead, Many Injured. By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Sept. 24.—Six are reported dead and a score or more injured in a year-end collision between a passenger and a freight train on the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad at New Prague. Both engine crews were killed.

SHALL UNIFORM BE BARRED?

President Contributes \$100 for Purpose of Determining if Wearer of U. S. Uniform Can be Barred From Place of Entertainment.

By Associated Press. Oyster Bay, Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt contributed \$100 to be used by Rear Admiral Thomas in a legal suit instituted recently at Newport to determine whether a man may be excluded from a public place of entertainment because he wears a uniform of United States army or navy.

Thomas is reported to be paying half the expenses of the suit for \$500 damage sustained by Chief Yeoman Bueuzle, against the Newport Amusement Company, on the grounds that he was excluded from the dance hall while in uniform. Bueuzle is on duty at the naval training station at Newport. The suit is not to be tried until Oct. 2nd, or later. The President in a letter to Admiral Thomas says:

"I feel it is the duty of every good citizen to endeavor in every shape and way to make it plain that he regards the uniform of the United States army or navy just as much when worn by an enlisted man as when worn by an officer, as the badge of honor and therefore entitling the wearer to honor so long as he behaves decently. There is no finer body of men in all our country than the enlisted men of the army and navy of the United States, and I cannot sufficiently express my indignation and contempt for any man who treats his uniform save with the respect to which it is entitled."

SYSTEM OF EFFICIENCY. Public Printer Stillings Inaugurates New System of Efficiency in Government Work.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 24.—Public Printer Stillings inaugurated a system of efficiency as applied to government work. By it he hopes to be able at any time to give an exact statement as to the cost of any government job.

He declares the new system will not impose extra work on printers, bookbinders or others, but on the contrary will secure to them proper credit for the work they individually do.

It is believed the new order will call forth bitter opposition from labor unions. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry's attempt to break into the union rules prescribing a certain stint of work at the Washington navy yard recently failed, owing to the opposition of the unions, who vigorously protested against the competitive system which, they asserted, was sought to be imposed upon the workmen.

UNCLE JOE ON THE WAR PATH. The Speaker says He is No Candidate For Presidency—Working for Republican House.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Mo., September 24.—Speaker Joe Cannon passing through St. Louis on his way to Sedalia to begin a campaign tour through the State said:

"I am not a candidate for the Presidency and there is no such bee in my head. When the next Republican Convention meets it will look over the records of men and name the best man."

"I am out to do what I can with my little mite toward electing Republican members to Congress to assure a Republican House, for if the House is not Republican there will be little chance for a Republican candidate to be elected President."

NEGRO SHOOTING AFFAIR. Negro Badly Shot by Member of His Race—Not Expected to Live. Special to The News.

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 24.—Tom Hill shot Charles Washington last night. Both are well known negroes. The cause of the difficulty is not learned. Washington received fatal wounds in the stomach, his intestines being perforated 21 times by bullets. Washington is at the hospital. The surgeons state he cannot live till night. His assailant escaped during the confusion that resulted during the shooting and is not yet apprehended.

GUNBOAT HELENA SAFE. Cablegram Received Announces Safe Arrival of Gunboat. By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 24.—A cablegram was received at the Navy Department from Commander Cutler, of the cruiser Galveston, at Shanghai, announced the safe arrival at that port of the gunboat Helena, reported lost in the hurricane which recently swept over the Chinese sea.

Mallard Creek Presbytery. Mecklenburg Presbytery will meet at the Mallard Creek Church beginning tomorrow morning and continuing two and perhaps three days. The sessions will be called to order by Rev. W. O. Sample, who is the present moderator. A number of important questions pertaining to church and missions will be considered.

Mr. Garrison no Better. A telephone message from Steele Creek states that Mr. J. Star Garrison is still living this afternoon, but that no hope is entertained for his recovery. He has been in a dying condition for the past 48 hours.

Mrs. W. R. Tallafiero entertained a few friends this morning at her home in Dilworth.

QUIET REIGNS IN ATLANTA. MILITIA NOW IN CONTROL

Scenes of Excitement and Bloodshed Passed Away. City Peaceful Again. Business is Resumed and Seventeen Companies of Militia now in Control.

Body of Negro Found this Morning Swinging in Woods Near East Point, a Suburb of Atlanta. Dead Prepared for Burial. Number of Dead Unknown.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—The city is quiet this morning. Seventeen companies of State militia are in complete control.

Business has assumed normal conditions. The street car schedules are resumed, schools have opened as usual and public confidence is being restored, under the energetic measures taken by the authorities of the city, county and State, to maintain order.

No further outbreak is anticipated. The bodies of those killed have been prepared for burial. It is reported on seemingly good authority that several bodies have been taken away for burial and it is equally probable that some deaths have not been reported to the police or other authorities.

Sixteen companies of the State militia are now on duty and will be kept for some days. The entire city is being patrolled, even the limits of the residence sections.

Body Found in Woods. Body of Zeb Long, negro, was found hanging in the woods early this morning about half a mile from East Point, in a suburb eight miles south of Atlanta.

Long was locked in East Point jail charged with disorderly conduct. The jail was broken into shortly after midnight and Long taken to his doom.

Unusual mystery surrounds the affair. It is not known whether Long was suspected of connection with the recent assaults on white women.

Situation in Atlanta. The situation at noon seems more favorable than at any time since Saturday night. The authorities have dismissed and sent home all outside militia companies excepting those belonging to the Fifth Regiment leaving one full regiment in charge. The troops have been withdrawn from the streets until the night, excepting that the guards have been posted at hardware stores to protect them from possible raids for firearms and ammunition. The sale of fire arms and ammunition has been ordered stopped.

All the saloons are closed until further orders. The lynching of Zeb Long, a negro, at East Point, has been the only event of excitement to-day.

Long was heavily armed when arrested and made a hard fight. Particulars of the affair have not been ascertained as no one will admit having seen connected with the lynching. Long, so far as known, was not suspected of having assaulted any white woman.

The feature of the situation is the scarcity of negroes usually employed about the city. The telegraph companies are advertising for white delivery clerks. The postoffice is experiencing difficulty in sending out special delivery mail. Although negro drivers are seen on many wagons, many such vehicles are handled by whites. Domestic servants are frightened and an exodus of large proportions of these negroes from the city is reported.

The Clansman Barred. Macon, Georgia, September 24.—Thomas Dixon's play "The Clansman," booked for Wednesday night, will not be permitted by order of the mayor in view of the race riots in Atlanta.

THE LAUNSBURGA ARRIVES. Is Towed Into Port By Steamer Joseph Wharton. Special to The News.

Wilmington, N. C., September 24.—The bark Launzberga, Captain Johnson, was towed into Southport this morning by steamer Joseph Wharton. The Launzberga hails from Lillesand, Norway, owned by A. C. Hansen. It had a cargo of lumber from Pensacola to Rio Janeiro. It was blown on Frying Pan shoals and dismasted by the hurricane. The Wharton found the Launzberga in a water-logged condition and picked up the wrecked boat. The crew state that the hurricane was the worst they ever encountered. The owner has been notified of the wreck of the vessel.

BRYAN AT NEW ORLEANS. To Deliver Two Speeches in City—Reception Tendered Him. By Associated Press.

New Orleans, September 24.—Mr. Bryan arrived on a brief trip into this State his train stopped at Hammond, La., for him to make a 15 minutes speech. Upon the arrival here he was escorted through the principal streets and then followed a reception and banquet. Mr. Bryan is scheduled to speak both at this banquet and later at an open gathering the city park.