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## THE REASON WHY

### Spitzer Tells Why He Did Not Confess.

### UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION

### Had He Told All Last February, He Declared, Henry O. Havemeyer Would Have Been Implicated in Frauds.

New York, May 25.—Olive Spitzer, former superintendent of the docks of the American Sugar Refining company, in Williamsburg (Brooklyn), who recently was pardoned from the penitentiary by President Taft, explained today why he did not confess during the trial which ended last February with his being sentenced to two years at Alcatraz. Such a confession, he declared on the stand today, would "have carried him to a cemetery." In other words, he would have implicated a dead man—Henry O. Havemeyer, late head of the sugar trust.

Spitzer was under cross-examination by the defense at the trial of Charles E. Heike, secretary-treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, who, with five subordinates, is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by underselling sugar. He gave his direct testimony for the prosecution on Monday. He repeated that he had made his confession, not with hope of pardon, but to ease his conscience, and added that after his conviction his attorneys, now appearing for several of the defendants, had urged him to tell all he knew.

"What did you say when advised to confess?" asked Clarence Lewis, for the defense.

"I said the only confession I can make will carry me into a cemetery, and Mr. Stimson (the government prosecutor), couldn't want that."

"You are referring to Henry O. Havemeyer?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes, I am," answered Spitzer.

This closed the court incident, but Spitzer talked more freely after leaving the stand. He said he had met H. O. Havemeyer two or three times, and that Charles E. Heike, former secretary-treasurer, had made his reports direct to Mr. Havemeyer. The frauds, he insisted, had begun before his time, although he worked on the docks 29 years. He admitted that the steel springs used to manipulate the scales on the docks were his invention.

"Why did you not tell the truth in the first place," he was asked.

"Every time I look in a mirror I see a damn fool," he was asked.

"Another reason why I committed perjury was because I thought nothing could happen to the sugar trust. We all thought the trust was so strong that the government could not do anything with it."

Aside from Spitzer's confession, the government attaches the most importance in its case to the testimony given today by Miss Viola C. Mertens, a stenographer employed by the sugar company. She said that she made three copies of the so-called technical statements concerning sugar weights which have disappeared, and that one copy went to Heike, and another to Gerbraeth. The government has eight or ten witnesses who, it is said, will confirm her statement and attempt to prove that Heike received these statements.

They will be put on the stand tomorrow and Mr. Stimson will then rest the prosecution. He expects to close his case by noon.

## SOMETHING DOING

### Nicaraguan Forces Defy Ruling Made by Washington.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 25.—A Nicaraguan force from the gulfboat Venus today boarded and searched the American schooner Estuerzo, flying the Stars and Stripes. The action was in defiance of a ruling from Washington that the Venus had forfeited her right of search.

Following the search, the Venus and the other Nicaraguan gulfboat, San Jacinto, were seen approaching the Bluefields bluff. The American gulfboats Pasadena and Dubouche were cruising off Bluefields and it was expected here this afternoon their commanders would take prompt action.

The fighting outside Bluefields continues without definite results. Throughout yesterday the battle waged without decided advantage to either side. General Lara, of the Nicaraguan government army, seeking a position near the city was repulsed by General Estrada's artillery and sustained small losses.

The situation at Rama remains unchanged.

Met With Encouragement.

Charlotte, May 25.—J. B. Freeman, of Chimney Rock, was in Charlotte today in the interest of the proposed turpentine from Charlotte to Knoxville via Asheville. Mr. Freeman met with much encouragement from the business men of Charlotte.

## GREAT BUILDING AND LOAN CONVENTION OPEN

### President of Great Body Tells How Well Judicious Advertising Pays—Speeches of Welcome and Responses Were Made Yesterday—Many Social Features.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Charlotte, May 25.—The eighteenth annual convention of the United States League of Local Building and Loan associations was welcomed to Charlotte and the State of North Carolina today by President Wittkowsky, of the State Building and Loan league; Mayor Hawkins, of the city, and Hon. C. E. Tillett, for the governor and the state. The addresses were delivered in the happiest manner possible and were received with prolonged applause.

Mr. Tillett was the first speaker and his welcoming address was one of the greatest speeches of his kind ever heard in Charlotte. He brought tears to the eyes of the venerable head of the state league and moisture to the eyes of the delegates as he referred to the old gentleman. Mayor Hawkins followed Mr. Tillett with a short but pleasing address, making the delegates really feel that they were honoring the city by choosing it as a meeting place for their convention. Mr. Wittkowsky was happier and more cheerful than ever in his life. He was given an ovation at the end of his address, which went to the bottom of the hearts of the delegates and filled them with enthusiasm over the building and loan work.

If the speeches of welcome pleased, the responses were even more pleasing. The spirit of the gentlemen who were extending the welcome and responding permeated the convention. President Sutton thanked Mayor Hawkins, Mr. Tillett, Mr. Wittkowsky and the city and state for the cordial welcome. Mr. James McKay, delegate from Ohio, also expressed for the delegates their appreciation of the bary welcome extended to them, stating that he had anticipated a pleasant time in Charlotte and that he had not been disappointed. He declared that he hoped the mutual lessons learned in the Queen City of North Carolina would be helpful not only to the city and state, but also to those cities and states from which the delegates came.

Down to Business.  
When the convention finally got down to business at 12 o'clock every member present was ready to make the most of his time, and no return home better satisfied with the great meeting, the work accomplished, and the city and state, whose honor and pleasure it was to entertain the league. At 12 o'clock the president, Jay W. Sutton, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., read his annual report, and shortly thereafter the secretary, H. F. Cellarius, of Cincinnati, Ohio, presented his annual report, both of which showed astounding progress of the building and loan movement during the past year. The progress by far surpassed even the wildest dreams of the delegates, but Mr. Cellarius presented the facts completely and minutely.

At the afternoon session the convention heard three addresses and a symposium, all of which were replete with useful information and were delivered in most pleasing style. Alexander Moore, of Port Huron, Mich., spoke on the subject, "Status of Investors and Borrowers in Insolvent Building and Loan associations." Hon. Winfield T. Durbin, of Indianapolis, Ind., ex-governor of Indiana, highly delighted the convention with a learned address on "Corporate Surety Bonds—Preferable to Personal Surety Bonds."

Following these two brilliant addresses, a symposium on the subject, "Local Government Withdrawals—What Should It Be?" was given by Charles O'Connor Hennessy, of New York, and Judge Walter L. Durack, of Brooklyn, New York.

The last address of the afternoon session was by George P. Gilmore, of Omaha, Neb., on the all important subject, "Postal Savings Banks." This subject is attracting great interest throughout the United States at this time and proved to be a timely one at today's convention. The delegates listened to Mr. Gilmore with marked attention and greatly enjoyed the address. Mr. Gilmore was familiar with all phases of his subject and treated it in a learned manner.

Social Features.  
At 4 o'clock this afternoon there was a complimentary auto ride over the city and to Highland Park mill, where gingham dress patterns were presented to the visiting ladies as souvenirs. Tonight the visitors were given a dance at Lakewood, which was largely attended.

The ladies' committee will give a lawn party on Mrs. W. J. E. Liddell's lawn, East avenue, from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon, to which the wives and daughters of the local association in addition to the visitors are especially invited.

There will be another automobile ride at 4 p. m. Thursday afternoon and those taking the ride will be shown through Highland Park mill No. 3.  
At 11 o'clock Thursday morning the visiting ladies will be received by Mrs. Stonewall Jackson at her residence. Assisting Mrs. Jackson in receiving will be the ladies of the local entertainment committee and the gentlemen of the local committee.

Following the lawn fete at Mrs. Liddell's, the street car company will give a trolley ride over the city to all who desire to take the trip.

The grand climax to the social program will be a brilliant reception at the Manufacturers' club Thursday night. There are about 125 delegates from all parts of the United States in attendance. Over a score of visiting ladies are being entertained by the ladies' committee. The meetings are being held in the Colonial club auditorium.

President's Address.  
Jay W. Sutton, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the president, in his address, said, in part:  
"This is the 18th convocation of the unique organization of business people known as the United States League of Local Building and Loan associations. I say unique, for the reason that practically all other business organizations are organized for the very reason that they afford opportunities for some special advantage or profit, aside from salaries or compensation for services, to the organizers or some special few of the stockholders and persons with whom they have business relations. Ours are unique. We know no nationality, no race, no class. Membership in our association may, and in fact does, embrace all classes, all nationalities and persons of all grades of financial standing, and, in fact, those who have no financial standing until they establish it through their connection with us. Our entire work and sole object is to uplift the human family through its homes and to help every person, male or female, who will cooperate with us to rise in the world and to become a more valuable citizen, a better parent or child and of more benefit to himself or herself as well as to the world at large. These being our objects we have a right to be proud of our relationship and to claim to be one of the most, if not the most, exclusive humanitarian organization in the world, outside of exclusively religious or educational organizations."  
"During the past year we have seen growth among building and loan lines that has rarely, if ever, been equaled in this or any other country. The report of our secretary will show that there are in the United States 5,713 associations, with a total membership of 2,016,511, and total assets of \$865,532,719, an increase for the year of 114 associations, 96,294 in membership and \$72,154,966 in assets. Such a growth is worthy of attention and should cause us to realize that this league has serious as well as grand work before it. We must remember that 'in union there is strength,' but we must also remember that the greater the strength the greater the responsibility."  
"The question of life insurance, and sick and accident insurance is a question that vitally touches our associations and every member thereof, be he investor or borrower. Along this line permit me to quote briefly from the American Building association News: 'The man who has just recovered from a serious illness generally sits down and makes some sort of calculation of cost, including loss of salary or business earnings, cost of medical attendance, etc. Very often the entire cost cannot be computed, as the illness has affected more than the present, and the evil results stretch far into the future years. Plans very dear to the heart must be postponed indefinitely and many times must be given up altogether. In no way can this be more strikingly illustrated than in the case of the man who is endeavoring to pay for a home out of his weekly or monthly earnings. A serious sickness or a more, or less serious accident sets up all the surplus salary and very soon the little nestegg that has been carefully gotten together for such contingencies is also exhausted.'"  
And we may add, very often the home itself is lost when it might have been saved had the father or producer of the family been protected by insurance against sickness, accident and death. That every man with a family should carry some sort of good life insurance is, we take it, conceded. This question of insurance for the purpose of protecting the association through its borrowing members, and the investing members themselves, is one that we believe is worthy of careful and exhaustive consideration by this league, and perhaps the appointment of a special committee or a special resolution in relation thereto would be advisable."  
We believe the use of newspaper advertising has been more general during the past year with our people than ever before and we imagine all of our members who have judiciously used the liner or reading column method of advertising, rather than the display advertisement, will agree that the first mentioned method is preferable. It can be made more interesting, more educational and is more apt to be read by the class of people whom we desire to reach. We are not conducting a bargain sale, but an educational, uplifting campaign, and we can use logic, figures and facts, together with good English language, to better advantage than we can claptrap, flashlights and funny pictures.

TO UPLIFT NEGRO RACE THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
Atlanta, Ga., May 25.—One thousand negroes, representing every state in the union, are attending the National Baptist Sunday School congress, which opened its annual session here today. "We are struggling to uplift the negro church by the proper training of the children and by discouraging loafing and idleness in the adult population," said Rev. Dr. C. B. Clark, of Nashville, Tenn., who presided.

## LOST TO CHURCH

### Large Number of Boys Who Never Make Profession.

## AN ASTONISHING STATEMENT

### Sunday School Workers Listen to a Declaration That Surprised Them Considerably.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 25.—Seventy-five per cent. of all the boys over 13 years in the Protestant Sunday schools of the United States are lost to the church and never make profession of faith. Such a statement, spoken by Eugene C. Foster, of Detroit, in one of the workers' conferences today which followed the world's Sunday school convention, astonished Sunday school workers from all parts of the earth.  
"That is the most astonishing statement I have heard in this country," exclaimed an English delegate, who said he was a Sunday school worker in Haverhill, Suffolk, England. "There must be something radically wrong with the system which permits it. In England we do not lose more than 3 per cent."  
"I have made that calculation after study, observation and experience," replied Mr. Foster. "Practically all the delegates in the meeting agreed with him."  
The workers' conference will continue tomorrow. The meetings are in the nature of experience gatherings, following the convention proper, which adjourned last night.

## WILL PASS BILL

### Republican Caucus Considering Postal Savings Measure.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 25.—The caucus of the Republican members of the House of Representatives on the subject of the postal savings bank bill began tonight in the chamber of the House. Practically all of the changes considered in the bill tonight related to phrasingology. The caucus will be resumed at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening and may continue through Saturday.  
The total number of Republican members who answered to their names at tonight's session was 144, out of a total Republican membership of 217. Among the absentees were both "regulars" and "insurgents," but it was claimed that a majority of those not present had promised their support to the caucus measure so that the Republicans would be assured of a sufficient vote on the floor of the House to pass the bill.  
There will be no doubt but what we will have enough votes to pass the bill which the caucus will agree upon," said Representative John Dwight, of New York, the Republican whip. He based his statement upon the fact that the temper of those who attended the caucus was indicative of harmony.  
"We had assurances from nearly all of those who were absent that they would support the action of the caucus. Those who were not present were called away from Washington by other matters and will be with us on the bill when the final vote comes."  
When the caucus convened tonight, the bill introduced by Representative Gardner (Republican, New Jersey) was taken as a basis upon which to make a caucus measure.

## CAPTAIN "PAUL" JONES DEAD IN CALIFORNIA

(By The Associated Press.)  
Pasadena, Cal., May 25.—Capt. John Pembroke Jones, the oldest graduate of the United States naval academy at Annapolis and a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, died at his home today.  
He was born in Hampton, Va., in 1825, and was graduated from Annapolis navy academy in 1847. He participated in the battle of the Monitor and the Merrimack. Jones was executive officer of the Merrimack. Captain Jones was married three times. His first wife was Miss Jane Vance London of North Carolina. She died soon after the wreck of Pembroke Jones, now of New York.  
The second wife was Miss Mary Willis, of Savannah, Ga., who died soon after the birth of a son, Edward Jones Willis, of Richmond, Va. He took the name of his maternal grandfather by the request of the grandparents.  
The third wife is Miss Georgia Newton, of Norfolk, who survives.  
Three sisters live in Warwick county, Virginia, and a brother, Col. Thomas M. Jones, is in Prescott, Ariz.

## Seyler Acquitted

Mays Landing, N. J., May 25.—William Seyler, charged with the murder of Isaac Adams on the million dollar pier at Atlantic City last February, was tonight acquitted. The jury was out a little more than five hours.

## JEALOUSIES DOMINATE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### Leaders That Boast of Their Truly Good Political Characters Handled Without Gloves by Burke, Who Talks English Straight Out.

(By Burke.)  
The office-seeking element and political tricksters in the Democratic party have become so corrupt and jealous of each other that they have ceased to watch the movements of the Republican party. The same methods that have in the past been employed to defeat the Republicans at the polls have been adopted in their mass meetings and conventions to secure the nominations for state and other officers.  
The convention at Charlotte last year, and the mass meeting at Raleigh this year are not to be denominated storms when compared to the hurricane that is gathering in the east and the cyclone that is rising in the west. The storm center will, perhaps, be Charlotte. No one can surmise who may survive or who shall perish politically. The best man, of course, will be eased down into the political pulp, or swept beyond the mountain into utter oblivion.  
The Democratic party, by gerrymandering, by dishonest election laws, by bogus tickets and by "general revivment," has held the offices in the state and most of the counties for many years.  
"There is an evil under the sun, and it is common among men," God almighty is watching them. "These things hast thou done and I kept silent, but I will arise and rebuke you, sayeth the Lord of Hosts." Justice may sleep, but it never dies. "That which a man soweth that shall he also reap." There was a time in the history of this state when honest and patriotic men were elected by pure, unadulterated votes. When gentlemen became candidates for office with the full assurance that the purity of the ballotbox was undisturbed, when bribery and theft were unknown quantities in elections, and money, slander and invidious were small factors in vote-getting; or even in a Democratic convention. But now a good pure Democratic candidate, among such a clamorous mob of unscrupulous demagogues, at their conventions, has no earthly chance. He cannot stoop to the methods now in vogue. The demagogues, the most law-defying tricksters, have become the principle of free suffrage by a question of dollars, cents and knavery.  
The Republicans have faced this situation at all times. They who have allowed their names to be placed on the Republican ticket have done so through pure patriotic principle, knowing that their ballots would not be counted as cast, yet trusting that the God of liberty might still return. Good Democrats have refused to have their names placed on the Democratic ticket simply because they could not become parties to such corruption. But this howling mob of office-getting demagogues are always ready to die for the "dear people," and in the meantime would kill others for wanting to die for the people.

And the storm gathers. The core of the party is so rotten that the whole thing has become cancerous, and they fall out among themselves at the least provocation and, like wounded wolves, they devour each other. God save the innocent, but let the good work proceed.  
At their state conventions, and minor ones, true worth, ability and patriotism are neither weighed or measured. The candidate that can tell the fairest story of the promises of a "place," that can get up the biggest mortgage and can pierce the most in the nicest man, and hence the successful candidate. But we be unto him who goeth down in defeat; his money is gone, his good name has been assailed and his personal character ridiculed. He gathers up the fragments, returns to his shattered fortune and finds a hiding place in a political tomb.  
And yet there is more honor in such defeat for the vanquished than there is glory for the victor. Success, amid such a scene, is a halfhearted advertisement of political degradation, corruption and fraud. Now, you magnificent, you most splendid reprobates, your days are numbered.  
For years you have tyrannized over the Republican party and the people. Your legislature repealed an honest election law, and one that was non-partisan, and fair in every respect, and you know it. This same legislature enacted an election law with hardly the semblance of fairness on its face and placed the execution of it in the hands of the vilest men in your party, and God knows that it is putting it strong enough. This election law was supported by every Democrat in the legislature, with the full intent of violating it, or having it done, every phrase or letter that resembled fairness as the first opportunity, and it has been done. God save this state from such "vandalism," from such hypocrisy.  
You also planned on to the tail of the late amendment a polltax qualification which was intended solely for Democratic sheriffs to apply for party purposes, and they have done that. Now hear ye the word of the Lord again: "These things hast thou done and I kept silent, but I will arise and rebuke you, sayeth the Lord of Hosts." Be not deceived, and think that you can fight against yourselves until the campaign opens, and after getting your nominations you will have smooth sailing into the harbor of office. Your old enemy, the Republican party, was never more sanguine, was never in better array for battle. The glitter of the bayonets goes out from Greensboro every day, clear or cloudy, and behold the "Campbells are coming."  
Nothing to fight? Wait and see. You will have everything to fight that you have opposed, or even effected, from God Almighty down, from the railroad bill to the chicken law.

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## OPINIONS HANDED DOWN BY STATE SUPREME COURT

(Special to Daily News.)  
Raleigh, May 25.—The Supreme Court delivered opinions in 17 appeals today. It is probable that final adjournment for the term will be taken Saturday or Monday. The opinions today follow: Security Company vs. Forrest, Danbo county, affirmed; Morse vs. Heide, New Hanover, affirmed; McCormick vs. Williams, Robeson, affirmed; Gresham Manufacturing Company vs. Buggy Company, Moore, new trial; Underwood vs. Ashboro, Randolph, affirmed; Garrison vs. Vermont Mills, Gaston, affirmed; Miller vs. Epaley, McDowell, reversed; Dobson vs. Telegraph Company, Burke, affirmed; Dale vs. Lumber Company, Burke, affirmed; Pitts vs. Curtis, McDowell, reversed and dismissed; Smith vs. Hendersonville, Henderson, affirmed; State vs. Fawcett, Brunswick, affirmed; McCall vs. Tanning Company, Transylvania, new trial; Calvert vs. Aley, Buncombe, affirmed; White vs. Rhodes, Buncombe, affirmed; Stevens vs. Railroad Company, Madison, affirmed, per curiam; Redmond vs. Railroad Company, Buncombe, per curiam affirmed.

## HAD A SPIRITED TILT

### Delegates to Seed Crushers' Convention Discuss Boll Weevil.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Little Rock, Ark., May 25.—In the opinion of Dr. W. D. Hunter, entomologist of the United States department of agriculture, the boll weevil will have invaded the entire cotton belt within the coming 15 years. This prediction was made at the opening session of the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers' annual meeting.

## HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

### Siler City Family Shocked By Lightning Coming Down Chimney.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Siler City, May 25.—Tuesday afternoon a severe thunderstorm struck Siler City, accompanied by much rain, wind and hail.  
The dwelling of John Turner was struck by lightning and Mrs. Turner and her two daughters, who were lying on a bed, were badly shocked. The bolt tore a large hole in the ceiling of the bed. An overcoat belonging to Mr. Turner, which was hanging on the wall of the room, was also hit and burned. It was truly a miraculous escape. The lightning came down the chimney, before which they had been sitting but a moment before.  
The house was set afire and when the alarm was turned in the entire town became excited to a remarkable degree. Stores were deserted, merchants and clerks hurrying to the scene of the fire. By quick and effective work the home was saved with but slight damage.  
Siler City was waked up over the appearance of an exceptionally fine piece of horse flesh, which has been brought here from Indiana. The animal is a Percheron, three years old, and weighs over 1,400 pounds, and cost very little at that. Some of the townspeople are negotiating with the owner with a view of purchasing the horse, thereby getting the stock of good heavy draught horses, which is needed very much in this neighborhood.

## MADE HEADWAY

### Presbyterians Get Through Great Amount of Business.

## STANDBY ALABAMA BRETHREN

### Report of Committee on Negro Evangelization Adopted, Which Means To Talk Less and Do More.

Lewisburg, W. Va., May 25.—Standing by the Presbytery of North Alabama in its declaration for the prohibition amendment to the state constitution, sending down to the Presbyteries for approval a new expression on infant salvation, and in transacting a large amount of other business, the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church today made great headway. The rapid progress practically assured adjournment tomorrow.

Only by the shrewdest management did they escape what would have been a bitter debate on the complaint of the Rev. W. I. Sinnott against the Presbytery of North Alabama for approving a prohibition amendment to issue in a political campaign. The commission recorded that the presbytery acted on the belief that it was placed in prejudicial light by the press of the state announcing that Mr. Sinnott, its stated clerk, was opposed to prohibition.

"Your commission in voting not to sustain," said the majority report signed by 14 members, "did not mean to recede from or compromise the principle of noninterference into civil affairs or affairs that concerned the commonwealth, but to leave our courts free as to the mode of dealing with a gigantic moral evil, which mode, in this case, was the urging upon our people in the state of Alabama to vote for constitutional prohibition."

"On the other hand," the majority report concluded, "the commission condemned the action, language and spirit of the complainant as highly unbecoming in a minister of the gospel."  
The minority report, signed by seven, held that the presbytery should have been content merely with disavowing Mr. Sinnott's views.

The report on amending "the infant clause" of the confession so as to eradicate any doubt that the church believed that some infants are not elected was disposed of as quickly, debate being crowded out. The proposal that a foot note be added to explain the position of the church was voted down and by a decided majority it was agreed that the following clause should be sent to the presbyteries for approval and to supplement the clause which has been in the confession for over two centuries: "Of such as are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the word, are regenerated and saved by Christ, through the spirit who worketh when and where and how He pleaseth."  
During the afternoon the assembly authorized the organization of women's synodical missionary conferences and the issue of a letter of appeal to men for foreign mission work.

By endorsing the report of the committee on negro evangelization the assembly made a promise to talk less and do more for the negro.

"The hour has struck," said the report, "when we must either cease to assert that we know more about the negro problem than any other people, or we must show to the world by our works that we are at least familiar with some of the rudimentary facts and principles of the problem of evangelizing of the negro in the south."

## KEPT OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY

(Special to Daily News.)  
Winston-Salem, May 25.—Yesterday afternoon and last night Mrs. Henry E. Pines kept open house to celebrate her fiftieth birthday anniversary, and, notwithstanding unfavorable weather conditions, a large number, perhaps 200, called to congratulate the generally happy hostess.

The ministers heard today were the Revs. John Fox, Frederick Shearer and Walter D. Buchanan, of New York, representing the minority of the New York Presbytery, who are appealing to the assembly against the action of the presbytery of New York city in licensing Stoen, Black and Fitch.  
During the afternoon session a resolution touching upon the temperance question was introduced by Homer L. Castle, of Pittsburg.  
The Rev. D. H. Sharp, of Red Bluff, Cal., said, while discussing the resolution: "I know some excellent Presbyterian ministers and laymen who drink wine, and they are as good as we are." There was a chorus of "No, no," from the commissioners, followed by hissing.  
"Well, any way," Dr. Sharp said, "they would not hit a man who has courage enough to stand in the open and give his opinions."