

# FIVE THOUSAND AT BIG WAYNESVILLE M.E. CONFERENCE

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Brown, D. D. This afternoon at four o'clock the conference reconvened, but with a smaller attendance. A perfect day had proven too strong for many of the visitors and they were busy seeing the sights from Eagles Nest and other nearby mountain peaks. The auditorium, however, was comfortably filled. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. W. Byrd, formerly of Asheville, and then came the first real disappointment of the conference in the announcement that Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, of Los Angeles, Calif., had found it impossible to reach the conference in time to fill his place on the program this afternoon and speak on "The Challenge of the Great West."

The disappointment caused by his absence was soon forgotten, however, by the strong address delivered by Rev. Charles Stelze, D. D., of New York city, on "The Church and the Industrial Classes," a theme which has rarely been touched by such a master hand. This subject, which in the past few years has come to be a vital one to many churches in different portions of the country, was handled simply and yet so forcefully that the seeming difficulties which have surrounded it were swept away, leaving a blazed path for the churches to follow.

The Southern Highlander, "was the subject of an address by Mrs. J. H. Spillman, of Harrisburg, Ky., a woman who has given much of her life to the work among the people of the mountain sections and who this afternoon spoke for them sympathetically and with knowledge.

Dr. Anderson. Rev. Stonewall Anderson, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., had for his subject "The Student in the State School," and Dr. Peter Roberts, of New York city, spoke of "The Immigrant," laying special stress upon the need of energetic and intelligent work by the churches among the foreigners who land in such large numbers upon the shores of the United States.

Tomorrow will be one of the big days of the conference, though as a matter of fact every day is a big one according to the program arranged. It is true that never in all the south has there been gathered for any one conference such a number of distinguished leaders in religious work. The ranks of the Southern Methodist church have naturally furnished the most, but other churches have been called upon the supply their best men for these five days upon the assembly grounds at Waynesville. On the program tomorrow are Bishops Hess, Hendrix, Murrain, Dr. Egbert W. Smith, Mr. W. T. Ellis and others with reputations wider than the confines of America.

Perfect Weather. The weather has been perfect and

this had added much to the pleasure of the occasion. Waynesville is caring for the crowds perfectly. No one has had to suffer inconveniences in finding a home while here, and the only criticisms heard have been caused by the fact that the work upon the great assembly grounds has not progressed quite as far as some had expected. The water was turned in to the immense Lake Junaluska, covering two hundred and fifty-two acres of valley land, on Wednesday evening of last week for the first time, and today the stream which is filling it has carried the sheet of water over nearly half the area. Last night the string of incandescent lamps around the lake was lighted, and the effect was most beautiful.

About a dozen cottages have been completed on the grounds. Bishop James Akkus with his family have moved into his, Rev. George Stuart occupying his, Mr. James R. Pepper, of Memphis, Tenn., has one of the handsomest, and others are also occupied. The proposed hotel is only to the first floor stage as yet, and the general utility building is not completed, but has reached such a stage that it has been thrown into active use. About fifty miles of roads and walkways have been finished and altogether, while somewhat new and crude, the assembly grounds show the wonderful possibilities contained upon them and the thousands here are as a whole more than well pleased.

The Southern railroad has added much to the success of the conference and the convenience of the people by supplying what amounts to a street car service between this city and the assembly grounds, operating a shuttle train every half hour.

## A. J. ROBERTS DIES AT LITTLE PINE CREEK

MARSHALL, N. C., June 26.—A. J. Roberts, of Little Pine Creek, one of the leading citizens of Madison county, died Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks.

"Uncle Jack" Roberts, as he was familiarly known, has been considered one of the most substantial men in this section of the country and a man who had a great number of friends. He had accumulated considerable property by hard work and industry and was regarded as one of the safest business men in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife and two sons, J. H. Roberts and Wiley M. Roberts.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at the home of the deceased at 4 o'clock, and the Marshall Masonic lodge, of which he was a member, will have charge of the burial service.

### GEN. CARR INVITED.

General Julian S. Carr, commander of the Confederate veterans of North Carolina, has been invited to be present at the Western North Carolina fair on Military Day, and make a speech. General Bennett H. Young of Louisville, commander-in-chief of the Confederate veterans, will make the principal address of the day.

## JOHNSON HEADED FOR ENGLAND OR FRANCE?

Reported at Montreal That Negro and White Wife Passed Through City.

MONTREAL, June 26.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, under prison sentence in Chicago for violation of the white slave act, and out on bail, is in this city on the way to England or France, according to report here today. A man believed to be Johnson, accompanied by a white woman, resembling his wife, arrived here on a Canadian Pacific railroad train this morning and immediately disappeared.

Reports reached here from Toronto that Johnson and his wife had been in that city, where the fighter had had an interview with his former manager, Tom Flanagan, and had started for Montreal shortly afterward. Flanagan is quoted as saying Johnson intended forfeiting his bail and going to Paris. His presence here had not been confirmed up to a late hour.

## CLASSIC THEATRE TO PRESENT CARMEN

Much interest will be shown in the announcement of the management of the Classic theatre that "Carmen," a Thianhauser production, will be the feature film at that amusement house today. The booking agency has informed the management of the local theatre that the picture has been received with enthusiasm at the cities at which it has been shown and it is expected that it will be seen by many Asheville motion picture enthusiasts today and tonight. The usual number of other pictures will be shown at the Classic.

## VAUDEVILLE TABLEUX AT THE DREAMLAND

The management of the Dreamland theatre presented an unusually enjoyable talking picture at the performances of yesterday and last night, showing Edison's minstrel tableaux. The picture shows up well and the sounds are all that could be expected. It is announced that this kinetophone production will be presented again today.

The vaudeville bill for the latter part of the week is a good one. The Louise Buckley company, booked direct from New York, is being presented, and two "fish-faced" comedians stage a good act.

## DUKE OF SUTHERLAND PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT

With Exception of Emperor of Russia, Was Largest Land Owner in Europe.

LONDON, June 26.—Cromartie Sutherland-Leveson Gower, fourth duke of Sutherland, died tonight.

The Duke of Sutherland, who was born July 26, 1851, was with the exception of the Emperor of Russia, the largest land owner in Europe. His Scottish estates embraced nearly a million and a half acres. He owned 30,000 acres in Staffordshire and Shropshire and much property in other countries.

The duke was noted as a sportsman and a fine yachtsman. As the Marquis of Stafford he several times visited the United States on shooting trips. In 1884 he married Lady Millicent Fanny St. Clair-Erskine, daughter of the fourth Earl of Roslyn, two sons and one daughter being the result of the union. In recent years the duke had been deeply interested in a colonization scheme for western Canada and to that end had purchased vast tracts of territory.

## MANN OF ILLINOIS ATTACKS WILSON

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Mr. Mann charged that the new cabinet officers seemed to have an exaggerated importance in their own eyes and an exaggerated idea of the influence of each.

"A former member of this house (Secretary Wilson)" he said, "telephones to the attorney-general's office, and the attorney-general says that 'without stopping to go through the files and refresh my recollection concerning any particular circumstances of the case, I sent the following telegram to the district attorney ordering him to postpone the case.'"

"What sort of a department of justice is it?" Mr. Mann asked. "No doubt the attorney-general is a great lawyer and a great man. But if the democratic administration intends to proceed upon the theory that when a cabinet officer telephones the attorney-general or when some wealthy defendant, as happened in the Western Fuel case, walks into the office of the attorney-general and asks to have a case postponed, it is done, there will not be many democratic administrations in the next hundred years."

Herry B. Warner will open his second season in "The Ghost Breaker" in Boston next Labor Day, and play continuously until the following June.

## A. M. PALMER TELLS STARTLING STORY

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never seen you; I have never spoken to you, directly or over the telephone, or had any communication with you. You will have to explain yourself a little further."

"He then went on to say that if that was true, there was a very strange and remarkable conspiracy afoot, in which his name had been used, and he then went on to tell me what was to me a very amazing story.

Had a "Pull." "He said that he had been called on the telephone a short time before that, by a gentleman who, after some hesitation about giving his name, saying that he was a representative in congress, finally said he was Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania, and this person told Mr. Ledyard that he was in a position, by reason of his membership in the house, and his relation with prominent members of the house, to be of service to interests which Mr. Ledyard represented, even going so far as to say, as I recall it, that he thought the money trust investigation report could be controlled, that various investigations then proceeding both in congress and in the courts, affecting large financial interests in New York city, could be satisfactorily adjusted and promising most amazing results of his efforts here in Washington.

"Mr. Ledyard detailed the conversation to me and during the next two or three days, he had perhaps a half dozen other telephone conversations with the same person in which this person went into even greater details about how and why he was in a position to grant legislative favors.

"After each of these telephone conversations that Mr. Ledyard had with this party over the wire in New York, Mr. Ledyard called me on the telephone and repeated them to me, for the double purpose of having evidence at hand that it was an impersonation, that I was actually at that time many miles away from New York and also to acquaint me with the proceedings, thinking that perhaps as a member of the house, I ought to know about it.

He Was Shy. "Mr. Ledyard endeavored to get a personal interview with the man. He fought shy of that, as I recollect it, saying that no good would be accomplished from a personal interview with him, but promised to see him later, and even went so far as to declare that in the next day or so, he was obliged to be in Bethlehem, which is in my district, so that he could not meet Mr. Ledyard at an hour that Mr. Ledyard suggested for a conference.

"Mr. Ledyard, through the telephone company and I think through various other agencies, made a very earnest effort to locate the person who talked with him over the telephone. The best he could do was to trace the telephone calls, and he traced them to a place which satisfied him as to who the party was.

"If the committee wants to go into that further, it seems to me Mr. Ledyard and I will leave it for him to say

## ADMINISTRATION BILL LAUNCHED ON SEAS

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committee were not in a position to discuss or criticize the bill until they had attended the conference to which they had been invited. But in the meantime, the chairman of the committee on banking and currency, the secretary of state, and the president himself, have taken occasion to commend this proposition and announce that it is the policy of the administration to push it to a passage, so they have done all they can do, it seems to me, to make an administration—or a partisan—measure of it."

## POLICE BLOTTER'S DAILY RECORD

The following arrests were made yesterday:  
Tim Cooks, exceeding the speed limit.  
Monro Hensley, exceeding the speed limit.  
Joe Harris, colored, retelling.  
Tom Johnson, running automobile without the proper lights.  
Nora Shelton, colored, assault.  
Rannie May Crump, colored, assault.  
James Forney, colored, assault.  
Press Baldwin, assault.  
Chas. Plais, larceny.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The authorities of Cassel, Germany, so it is reported, recently forbade the performance of a translation of Eugene Walter's play, "The Earliest Way," on moral grounds.

William A. Brady will open his Thirty-ninth street theatre in New York in August with "Believe Me, Xantippe," a farce written by a Harvard university student.

E. J. Locke, author of "The Case of Becky," has written a play called "The Silver Wedding." Alice Gala and Thomas Wise will be featured in the new play.

Brieux's new play about the woman who works, "La Femme Seule," is to be translated by George Bernard Shaw for the Woman's theatre that soon will be opened in London.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., author of "The Clansman" and other plays of the south, is writing a new play in which he will act himself next season.

What he found out as to who this party was.

"This person who declared that he was Representative Palmer when Mr. Ledyard was unable to secure a personal interview with him, declared that he would name a person in whom Mr. Ledyard would have confidence, and to whom he could talk freely and who would be able to produce evidence and this Representative Palmer would be able to do what they said.

## IRA JONES IS HELD FOLLOWING INQUEST

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict to the Effect That McClure's Death Was Due to Wound.

WAYNESVILLE, June 26.—That William C. McClure, who was found dead by the road near here Tuesday afternoon, came to his death as the result of a wound on the head is the verdict of the coroner's jury which heard the evidence in connection with the case this morning, and upon the recommendation of the jury, Ira Jones is being held in connection with the death of McClure. Charles Jones and Minnie Brown have been required to give bond to insure their appearance as witnesses at the term of court at which Jones will be tried. McClure's body was found by persons who discovered it in some weeds a short distance from a public highway, about one mile from Waynesville. The body was taken home and examination showed that there was a wound on the head of the deceased. Coroner J. M. Russell, of Canton, was summoned and the inquest was held today, the following composing the coroner's jury: I. M. High, W. H. Nichols, W. M. Hoyle, J. B. S. McIntosh, J. C. Swearingan and Jerry McAffey. It was in evidence that McClure was to have appeared at the approaching term of court as the prosecuting witness in a case charging Minnie Brown with retelling.

## AROUND TOWN

ALL MEMBERS' MEETING.

The Asheville Merchants' association held an all members' meeting at the headquarters of the association, 28 North Main street, last night. Reports were read by S. F. Burton, L. B. Rogers and J. E. Rector, recent delegates to the North Carolina Retail Merchants' association convention at Wrightsville Beach.

### TAXED WITH COSTS.

J. G. Ramsey, of Grace, was tried before Magistrate Walter Haynes at that place yesterday, on the charge of assaulting Everett armer, of Burnsville Hill. He was dismissed on payment of the costs. The trouble occurred Wednesday night about 7 o'clock.

### MR. JORDAN ILL.

Frank M. Jordan, deputy fire insurance commissioner, with headquarters at Raleigh, is ill at his home in this city. He became suddenly ill yesterday morning, although it was stated last night that his condition is improved.

Hale Hamilton, of "Wallingford" fame, has been engaged for the leading part in the Drury Lane, London, annual melodrama production next fall.

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