A Ridiculous Canard.

But as a last resort Col. Fairbroth-

PETROGRAD SAYS Will Germany And Russia Form Alliance? AUSTRIAN CAMPAIGN Such Is The Report HAS COLLAPSED

Dec. 26 .- International (tion, the pact will join the "scraps of New York have ralvanized into renew European war dereport that negotiafor an adjustment of herween Russia and Ger-Russia's withdrawal

he two nations to being made most powerful ina medium friend-Germany and Russia, it is is definitely known that ins have at least reached stage and are in such have caught the atten-

n given the preliminary dicates that there may from Europe a new tering all predictions the present war the maps of Europe Africa new boundaries and thought of when the

Russia to conpact with Germany is failure of the Austrian To protect the ests by preventing Servia was Russia's ex-With Servia's rotect her own real interest in the ically ceased. To fight chiefly to aid the world and policies of Great Brit-Russia has had an

which the negoconducted are not understood that the Russia is the unfet-Black Sea and the ice or in war. It is the Czar will face Great Britain and France ng a huge quid pro quo and the warm water Black Sea, which sired for years, will be

paper" which litter Europe. It is known that both Russia and day refers to what he calls the "col- freedom of the press against the focs ence and Mr. Duke should arise and France have already been restive un- lapse of the Austrian campaign in within. der the failure of England to aid in Galicia; the lack of cohesion on the protecting Belgium from Germany by part of the German armies to the north rushing large masses of troops across of Cracow, and the dogged perserver- er and some others who are attacking the channel. The apathy of England ance, but with waning spirit of the me say that I was an "anonymous toward the Allies as evidenced by her Germans at Sochaczew," which he says scribbler" because my sermons were

the German fleet, which in the Baltic Going into details this observer of the facts this is the most ridicu- would brother Kirkpatrick make to is a constant menace to Russia, and says: other reasons might readily be given

had in view from the beginning.

an important effect upon the situation of the garrison's expiring energy.

shattered.

way lines, and the fear that Russia,

move to secure warm ports in the Pacific as a connecting link with the commerce which she plans to build up

Bryan Just Escapes Violating the Law of The Old Dominion

Washington, Dec. 26 .- Secretary of State Bryon locked his peace treaties

in his desk Christmas morning, took warm water ports has down his shotgun, and declared war patch received here from Nancy says Superior Court Judge warned me vain for admittance and they will nevregarded by Russia as on rabbits. He hunted many miles that a Zeppelin airship flew over that against, they may be fitting up a Zep- er let him in until he "swears off." reason for her failure to be- through snow in the Virginia hills and city early this morning and dropped pelin and suddenly this monster of the Can you imagine a funnier situation Eng- then came back without a single total of tourteen nombs direct outlet were killed and two Two persons He had not even seen a rabbit's others wounded. track rom Port Ar-He was horrified to learn on his slightly damaged. double-tracking the and later the return to Washington that his ill luck public buildings was injured acquisition of ports as a hunter was all that prevented This is the first report of any hos his being a law breaker. He didn't tile activity by a Zeppelin airship expected to be reknow there was a law in Virginia for- against a French city. The last notabidding rabbit hunting while there is ble exploit of a Zeppelin was over the awatts on or Russia's Navy snow on the ground Antwerp when such a ship flew over al opportunity if "I am glad to say that I returned that Belgian seaport in the early weeks Black Sea and guiltless of any rabbit's blood," said of the war and threw down bombs. be secured. The Bryan; "but I enjoyed it just as much! Nancy has a population of about minerals of the Cau- as if we had caught something. 100,000. It is due east from Paris,

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 26 .-

The war expert of the Novoe Vremya, newspaper, then we need some constiin a summary of the war published to tutional amendment to enforce the he should have Mr. Duke in his audi-

slow recruiting, her failure to smash describes the situation in Poand.

"The lack of the success of the Aus- my first sermon to the Observer I told for Russia's withdrawal from the war. trian army on the Sanok-Lisko front the editor that I was signing a pen In the event that this happens, Ger- devitalized all the Austrian operations name not for the purpose of concealmany will bend all of her power to in Galicia. The fate of Przemysl ing my identity, but to make my prothe disruption of England. France has been a weighty factor with the ductions impersonal and I told him will be disregarded as a more or less Austrian general staff, which placed to tell who I was to any one wishing negligible quantity, and with augment- great importance on the co-operation to know. The day I handed in my ed fleets, with peace on her eastern of the garrison of this fortress with Tainted Money sermon I distinctly sugborder, and with the fighting popula- the army advancing through the Pez- gested to the editor that he make an tion of her opponents reduced to an laboretz pass. The unsuccessful sor- editorial reference to the article and niest performance that any great cigarettes and he does a complete job ness is pernicious. equality, Germany will continue the ties of the garrison of the fortress and tell that I was the author, because struggle to the supreme end she has the failure to effect a junction with the as to that particular sermon I wished field army caused the collapse of the it known that I was the author, but the The withdrawal of Russia from the entire Austrian plan. The Przemysl editor did not see proper to follow this war it is also pointed out, will have sorties were the last feverish efforts suggestion. The next day after it

was printed in the Charlotte Observer in the Orient, and indirectly affect "Following the failure of the Aus- I sent copies of it to the News and Obthe United States. The growing cor- trian army on the Sanok-Lisko line," | server and the Statesville Landmark, diality between Japan and Russia, the writer in the Novoe Vremya, goes, requesting the editors to publish it and which has been increased since the on, "their entire campaign weakened requesting them to state that I was two nations found themselves united so that our counter attacks became the author of it, both of them comin fighting Germany, will be suddenly more and more effective. Finally the plied with both of these requests. Be-Japan will have in the Orient the along the entire front. The Austrians Tainted Money sermon appeared in

the offensive sides that two (2) weeks before my other high dignitaries of the church. enmity of Germany for the seizure of lost all interest in their third Galician print I stated to a crowded church on mate and close personal friends, but Tryon street that I was the sinner. this does not keep me from seeing But apart from all this the thing that the humor of the situation. The fact makes the charge grotesquely absurd that the enactment above quoted says is that the article which was rejected nothing about those who are already was not an anonymous article, but addicted to the use of tobacco, imwas signed as follows: "Charles W. Til- plicitly grants to them what, in olden

lett; Alias, Carolus; Alias, The Sin- times among the Roman Catholic Ponner." I do not know what other ridicu- tiffs, used to be called "indulgences." lous charges are being brought against Here stand two preachers at the anme in various parts of the state, but I nual Conference, both addicted to the hope this explanation will dispose of use of tobacco. One of them is on the inside of the Conference and the the canard above mentioned.

Fort Candler.

other one is on the outside. No church There is an ominous silence at this legislation affects the man on the Fort. I would like it much better if I inside in respect to this habit and could hear the "barking" of the guns he can go on smoking, at least, to the of Fort Candler. It may be that instead | end of his days; but the poor fellow

Paris, Dec. 26, 3:55 p. m .- A des- of sending the steam roller which the who is on the outside may knock in ir may appear above me and drop than to have one of these "Holy

press. My position, which I believe is are generally like the resolutions of so that they cannot see the force of source of endowments shall have any the same as that of all the editors who respect for the dead; they are the any arguments against it. They seem have spoken, except Col. Fairbrother, last thing done. What I want to see to ignore the statements of great ex- taught in our theological seminaries, is that a newspaper should not become the Methodist preachers do is go after perts like Dr. Wiley, the great educa- or proclaimed from American pulpits." a slave of its counting room; that it the cigarette business and the manu- tors of the country who have charge should not so commit itself to any ad- facturers of cigarettes like our own of the young men, and the social servertiser that it would feel compelled "Bob" Glenn goes after the whiskey vice workers and eminent physicians. n protection of him to exclude from business and the manufacturers of Well, all I can say is, that if they will its columns any criticism of the adver. whiskey. Suppose, brother Kirkpatrick not believe these testimonials against a more rarefied atmosphere? Many tiser's business. As I have stated be- should go after cigarettes and the coca-cola, then they would not believe fore, the provision in the Constitution manufacturers of cigarettes and tell though one of these victims should as to the freedom of the press, was in. these manufacturers of cigarettes arise from the dead and should tell tended to protect it from the foes that they were engaged in a perni- the gruesome tale of how this without, but if the counting room is to cious and damning business; and sup- D-O-P-E brought him to the Charnel- Almoner of the Church. be the dominant factor in running a pose, while he was going after the house through the tortuous course of

cigarette manufacturers in this way wrecked nerves. Brother Kirkpatrick protests in the beginning of his article that he is not ask him how he could have the going to defend coca-cola, and yet "cheek" to talk that way when the he uses about one-fourth of his space Metuodist church was enjoying the in doing that very thing.

profits of the sale of cigarettes and when the church had pronounced Mr. Duke as perhaps the greatest benefactor and philanthropist that the not signed with my name. In the light South has ever known; what reply lous charge of all. When I handed in such a question from Mr. Duke?

General Conference on Tobacco.

But brotner Kirkpatrick in order ed in making any attack on cigarettes a Church, in attacking any form of to show how vigorously the Methodist and coca-cola, because the Church to wrong. I want to see our young men church is going after tobacco, has which they belong is "feeding" in part come out of our institutions of learnseen fit to refer to the action of the on both cigarettes and coca-cola. Who ing so that they may stand "fourlast general conference upon this is there that would not be embarrass- square to all the world" and not feel question. Well, according to this sin- ed by such a situation? If the Meth- themselves under any obligations to ner's view, that was about the fun- odist preacher attacks coca-cola and any man or class of men whose busi-Church Council ever "pulled off." It is he not obliged also to attack the is worthy to go down as the great Church that is profiting by the very comedy of Ecclesiastical history. thing that he is condemning, upon the This great Legislature of the Church solemnly enacted a law in words as follows:

mission shall require all applicants for admission on trial to agree to abstain from the use of tobacco."

Now comes the funny part. At least three of the Bishops smoke like tar kilns, and Heaven knows how many Some of these smokers are my inti-

attack coca-cola until we can prove

beyond any doubt its baneful effect.

When did, the Methodist preachers

begin to talk that way about warn-

ing people against dangers? He means

to resolve every doubt in favor of

accept as a gift the proceeds of just

as many sales as the Candlers and

the Dukes may see fit to bestow upon

the Church; and upon the acceptance

commendation, says

ground that the Church ought not to encourage any pernicious business by accepting the proceeds arising from "Section 148. The Committee on adthe business. Not Attacking Methodist Preachers.

Let me make my position clear. do not believe that the Methodist preachers as a rule are under the dominion of the money power, and as have stated frequently. I will trust the rank and file of these veterans to do the right. They will when aroused,

> them." However, as stated above, I think all Methodist preachers are emthey are placed, because I do not believe that while many of them are now attacking both cigarettes and

coca cola, they all do, nevertheless. suffer from the embarrassment of the situation.

In this connection, I would like to refer to a great Methodist revival that was held somewhere in North Carolina not a great while ago. It was reported that there was at this meeting a "gracious outpouring of the Spirit" and God forbid that I should the meeting, but I have information from the most reliable sources that at this meeting which was conducted

influence in the shade of opinion Does it not make your Methodist blood tingle to read words like that? Does it not make you hold your Meth-odist head up and sniff the pure air of more are talking just in that way, and the time is coming rapidly when we are not going to accept either a Duke or a Candler as the Lord High

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For myself. I want to say that I am against accepting these munificent benefits from any source, whether a Duke, a Candler or a Carnegie, if any of them come in such way as that the result is brought about to which the prave preacher above quoted from refers, viz., that "the source of endow-Methodist Preachers Embarrassed. ments shall have any influence in the Reverend Kirkpatrick is also promulgating which should not appear to shade of opinion taught in our theologbe an old "gag", that I am attacking ical seminaries, or proclaimed from the Methodist preachers as a class. I American pulpits." I am opposed out have asserted, and I still assert, that and out to the acceptance of any gifts Methodist preachers, one and all, feel from any sources that will in the either estopped or greatly embarrass- slightest particular embarrass us as

Not Attacking Wine of Cardul.

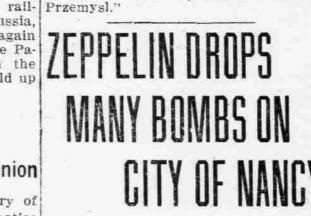
But this article is getting so hot that the printer may have to use as bestos paper unless I cool it down. I, therefore, shift over to another subject and ask leave to say to the large number of friends who have written me in reference to the fight going on against the Wine of Cardui and the good Methodist brother who is manufacturing and selling it, that I

have all that I can attend to in my "scrap" with the cigarette and cocacola people and in discussing tainted money and the freedom of the press. push the battle line forward and "the It seems that this Wine of Cardui has gates of hell shall not prevail against so much of "the "reverend" in it, that it is troubling the reverends, but I ask that you will kindly excuse me barrassed by the situation in which from "butting in" to the fight on brother Patton out in Tennessee.

Finally Brethren.

And now finally brethren. I am receiving letters from all over the state saying, "We read with pleasure all

you say." "Write some more." "Hit 'em again!" On the other hand, nearly all of my critics speak of my long discourses which evidently are very boring to them. I have no doubt that these articles have been too long, but I have had so many attacking me from so many different standpoints that it controvert that fact. I did not attend has been impossible to be brief. Besides that. I rather feel flattered that my communications are boring to the "enemy." I am reminded of a story



Kiau-chau, the resentment of China campaign when they failed to relieve for the seizure of the connecting rail- Przemysl."

at peace with Germany, will again through the Baltic Sea.

Russian armies took

of the steppes and

facturing activities have an outlet.

located lans for extension as Roark.

believed by those developments in since the opening of governs ractically ion der Goltz, recently Belgium, and Turkish armies from in Turkey on

He is by offia Turkish pasha, moment the Turkish

outbreak of war between Egypt, nomi overeignty of Turover as a posses This carries which, under the original agreement,

the return of

out in connection with ivities in Turkey., into extend her railtain, on the contrary, itterly protested against German influence an explanation of Russia's pas hinted that long before war broke out German diplomats had discussed practically along the regotiations now pendof Egypt by Great given Germany the final needed to bring Turkey comnto the plan

of every such gift there will be great thanksgiving and rejoicing and great the Western North Carolina Conference Fifth: Getting from Col. Fairbroth portance of the pending ne-However, gentle reader, I flatter my. nal. columns of my noblest ally, the praise of the noble, Christian benefac- has said within two weeks passed. I er about \$30 for publishing his at commander. He is firing through the ns on the future of Europe canself by saying that if you will begin | Col. Fairbrother convinced himself find it quoted in the Statesville Land- tack on me. It has become reading this article, I believe you will that cigarettes were narmful and ne, Statesville Landmark, a paper that However, a little thing like that mark of December 18th. This man of Sixth: The criticising of me in its since the war opened that Gerread it to the end, notwithstanding its therefore, declined any advertisement very properly prints everything pro would doubtless be no embarrassment God preaching upon the courageous editorial columns and forcing me to hally's real objective in the war is length. It gets hotter and hotter un- of cigarettes, which was very credita- and con without charge. The grievspecial quarrel or grievance against til down towards the end you will al- ble to him. He examined into coca- ance of Reverend-Captain Kirkpatrick to brother Kirkpatrick. words of Saint Paul,-"Where the reply in advertising columns. ther France or Russia, and while, most be able to smell something burn- cola and became convinced that it was is, that I have insisted that the Meth-Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," You see I am criticised editorially. Demolishing a Windmill. On the other hand, instead of sup- closed his brave sermon with these but have to reply advertising-ly. And 10 a large extent a friendly tone to- ing! Go on, and see, harmless and accepted the advertise- odist church does not go after the While you are reading, don't forget ment, and surely no fair minded per- cigarette business as it should. He porting me in my attack on coca- words: then I am criticised again editorially Ward both these nations has been maintained by both the press and offi- my four Forts: My Anti-Cigarette son could complain of him in this re- seems to think he has completely de- cola, Mr. Kirkpatrick joins Col. Fair-"The question before America today, and have to reply again advertising-ly. clais of Germany, against England the Fort; my Anti-Coca-Cola Fort; spect, except as to the fulness of his stroyed my position when he, has brother in trying to cast contempt is not the question of 'tainted money, Thus the News has made for itself one fames of enmity have been increased my Anti-Tainted-Money Fort; and my investigation. The point of complaint, quoted at great length the somewhat on my argument against coca-cola. but a question of tainted men. It is of these endless chains, with cups on Wevery means in Germany's power. Freedom-of-the-Press Fort. I am com- however, is that he should become so intermittent resolutions passed at the The pact between Great Britain, pelled to fire from all of them today. enamored of coca-cola as not to be various sessions of the Methodist little joke about the glass of coca- can control American manhood, my little well of wealth and is grad-Russia and France entered upon A good many guns have been fired able to discuss the question without Conference condemning cigarettes. 1 cola that I drank some eighteen whether money can control the chan- ually drawing up my "plunks" and where the opening of the war and under which it is agreed that the public is entitled to a furthree nations shall act jointly in mak- ther report of the progress of the he claims for himself. Any person who tary title any longer) is a fine young these two, like Don Quixote and country. It is a question as to whether spot! will take occasion to read his at- man, but when he has attained the Sancho Panza, as Knight-Errants we shall allow the columns of our The only thing I am now concerned regarded as an obstacle to the negotia- I shall find it necessary to mix my tack on me will see the pertinency of experience which "the sinner" has, de Coca-Cola they assault the wind- newspapers to become directly or in- about is to learn how long it will be, arising out of a long and varied mill and demolish it, and then stand directly subsidized; it is a question as at the present rate, before the Chardons between Germany and Russia. metaphor and violate all rules of these remarks. It is pointed out that this is an rhetoric; but then war, like poetry, I coould but feel my head swelling career, then brother Kirkpatrick will ready to proclaim that they have to whether the faculties of our Amer- lotte News will have all I possess as just a little when I discovered that find out that the most usual way to "won the war" and vindicated coca- ican colleges can be trained to hear a result of this newspaper controagreement founded upon self interest, knows no rhetoric. So here goes. their Master's voice, before they speak versy. Col. Fairbrother was getting after the put a question to sleep is to give it cola. Use in the store of the state for following me "dope" (not coca-cola) by passing there. These cola that seems to blind its advocates it is a question as to whether the and that if it is found by any of the CHAS. W. TILLETT. Dec. 26th, 1914.

and about ten miles from the German New Jeweler at Roark's. frontier

Mr. R. E. Ford, formerly of Cumbe -ons Batum on the land, Md., has been engaged by B. today said that German airmen had this direction-at least none such as would probably soon |F. Roark, the jeweler, as watchmaker thrown medium sized bombs into the Russian and engraver. Mr. Ford has been a outskirts of Nancy in retaliation for resident of Charlotte before, having the throwing of bombs by a French now in a position been with the Little-Long Co., as well airman into an unnamed German vil-



To The Charlotte News.

I am of the opinion that King David

wrote the thirty-eighth Psalm, for in fense of my Freedom-of-the-Press Fort, the nineteenth verse he exclaims:

'Mine enemies are lively!

words: "Mine enemies" are not so very numerous for most everybody seems to be

with me, but those that are against me are certainly "lively." I have had anal to the com- scarcely a dull moment since shortly Turkey is the re- after my now famous discourse on held out to the "tainted money" was first published. for acquiescence By the way, it is interesting to note on the Black Sea. how often the battle line has shifted certain that if the since the "war" first began. As every under way are con- one knows, my primary purpose was ilty will be met with not to go particularly after coca-cola consent to any- or cigarettes either, but assuming or demand. German arguing that both of these were perni-Furkey which rose tri- cious, my primary purpose was to get of England after the Methodist church for acceptdecisive diplomacy of ing the proceeds of the sale of articles Biberstein, is now such whose use was harmful, and thus well

ead will be blindly fol- nigh destroying the ability of the Church to combat successfully these tive. The Commander has not only growing evils. This primary purpose been firing broadside after broadside

tion that Russia has has in a large measure been lost sight through the columns of his own pamany"s commercial of, somewhat to my regret, but I pro- per, but has "butted in" to the Charpose later on in this article, or "war lotte News and published his attack report," or whatever you may term it, on me there at so much "per quod em." mmerce to the Persian to come back to a discussion of my I regret to say that Col. Fairbrother original proposition and to disclose has allowed some vitriol and mud to somewhat more clearly the purpose 1 get mixed in with his ammunition. do not know him very well, but I am have in mind in all this.

An Explanation

To those of my friends who might high-toned solider, and this being true, be disposed to criticise me for what he must have allowed these ingredients seems to be the unreasonable length to get in by oversight. My experts tell of this communication, I beg to re- me, however, that no ammunition fired mind them that I am replying to num- at us which contains either vitriol or erous attacks from several different mud does any of my Forts any harm sources. I am trying to make one "bom- My own guns are not yet equipped bardment's answer all of these attacks with a mud-slinging attachment, but and, therefore, it is necessarily long, perhaps this may be added at the arse-

Fort Everything

bombs upon me sufficient to destroy Fathers" who is now a all of my Forts. Or, it may be that | Bishop taking into the Church

Fort Candler is preparing to send out preacher who is already addicted to the use of tobacco, and refusing to but none of the its best submarine, U-11, for the puruose of torpedoeing Commodore John- admit the aforesaid tobacco user as son's battleship. I shall have to send a member of the Conference until he vows total abstinence, and as soon a warning at once to Commodore Johnson to protect my Navy against as the Bishop lays his hands on the minister and pronounces the benedicsuch a disaster.

Mount Duko

Nothing doing. The Commander of this Fort is a veteran of many such wars as this. I have about come to the conclusion that he thinks "discretion is the better part of valor." and I really do not believe we are going

The Berlin official announcement of to have any shots fired on us from anybody can see

Fort Charlotte News.

Fort, after having remained quiescent for two weeks, has opened up and fired on me from four standpoints, viz., the News and Observer, the Statesville Landmark, the Greens boro News, and the editorial columns of the Charlotte News. The headlines in the News and Observer above Col. Dowd's attack, read, "W. C. Dowd goes after C. W. Tillet. Col. Dowd's complaint is the

minister, I have been brought face to which become somewhat hackneved. face with those two pernicious, habit-This denouement came most unexpectviz. that I am violating the rules of forming stimulants and am persuaded edly one night this week. While I was watching Fort Guthrie I saw, very equitable warfare. He charges that I was fighting something like cigarettes, much to my gratification, that a shell am wrongfully putting him before the coca cola or tainted money when he was being fired from this source in de. people of North Carolina as an editor who was unwilling to open his columns underly this controversy

peared in great fireworks letters, the let me say that Mr. Dowd will not "Love to everybody! Goodnight!" I then saw the commander deny that he published my communi- letter is from a man in whom no ment of the matter had been pre- tacking them in the editorial columns of Fort Guthrie withdrawing for good cation very reluctantly, even as an doubt, you have the highest conti- vented "through ecclesiastical dema- of his paper, but if he is, I think he from his fort. After such a brilliant advertisement, and he will not deny dence and whose judgment you would goguery and dictation." Right you are, ought to let them reply to his editorial exit from the field of battle, I hated that in his editorial "reply" to my "ad- follow in everything else except his my worthy brother. I go you one bet- attack without charging them. vertisement' he defended both cigar- opinion of coca-cola. How many testo call him back, but was compelled to do so. I have requested him to remain ettes and coca-cola. He certainly does timonials like that would it take Ecclesiastical Demagogues high up; protestation that I was treating him in the fight long enough to get for pub. not mean to make the impression that to cinvince you "beyond a doubt" as he was willing to publish my reply to to the evil effects of coca-cola? lication the letters that passed between the Coca-Cola Company and the Mr. Guthrie free of charge as a com-Charlotte Observer relating to the act municaton, because that would put me in the attitude of being forty-nine er sirkpatrick to reflect upon. He of the Coca-Cola Company in withtimes an ass in insisting on paying does not know, perhaps, that the drawing its advertising patronage from him forty-nine "plunks" for that which Board of Directors, or Central Manthe Observer on account of my ser-I could have had published free of agers of that great Methodist summon on "tainted money." After that is charge. done, we are going to excuse Reverend-Captain Guthrie for good and all.

Mr. Dowd contends that he has al- bly Grounds, have, by common conways stood for righteousness on all sent, forbidden the sale of either ci-

public questions. I do not care to garettes or coca-cola anywhere upon deny that proposition further than to the Assembly grounds. These Direc This Fort has been exceedingly ac say, that on these particular public tors or Managers took that action un questions he has stood for cigarettes questionably because they thought and coca-cola. Col Fairbrother has coca-cola was something more than attacked cigarettes: Rev. Mr. Guthie merely "delicious and refreshing" and the they believed that its use, like the use has defended the freedom of press; but Mr. Dowd alone of all of cigarettes, was pernicious. who are opposing me, has not said a glory to them for this action! But in solitary word in defense of any of my what position does this leave our positions. If he is willling to come out great Church? Here we have the and help me on any one of these great Church refusing to receive any profits informed that he is a courageous and questions, then I beg him to

Fire one clear shot, From out a clear sky, That goes to the spot And hits the bull's eye! (Poetry original)

Fort Clerico Fort Clerico is a new fort that attacking me, Reverend Captain C. S.

Kirkpatrick, of Mooresville, N. C.,

every form of sin and wickedness, indrinking. cluding gambling, and the like, and not omitting dancing, card playing and theater going, were boldly attacked; everything you could think of except,-cigarettes and the 'dope' habit. I wonder if my brother Kirkpatrick will not agree with me that these subjects tion, he seizes a cigar and proceeds were omitted on account of the emto fill the air with tobacco fumes. barrassment that the aforesaid minis-Really, brother Kirkpatrick, aren ters experienced in attacking the you sorry you alluded to that action Church's sources of revenue? of the General Conference on tobacco Must be Convinced Beyond Doubt.

W could hardly reach the conclusion that the omission to mention these was But the funniest part of Mr. Kirk accidental." patrick's article is that part in which I have an humble purpose to al he in effect says that he will not

untoward circumstances. My motives the anecdote. have been assailed from every stand-

point, but I have a set purpose to accomplish, if possible, a great task. hear some derisive voice ask how I,

coca-cola. How different he is from who am but a pigmy, expect to acanother Methodist preacher in this state who, writing me warm words of complish a task fit only for one who was able to perform the labors of "I am so glad that you have attacked the coca-cola and cigarette great undertaking for one occupying business so bravely. As teacher and my position, but

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow! Theological Demagoguery.

In praising the Methodist preachers, traffic, two of the greatest evils in tend to praise them all. I had a let-

existence * * * * * Stand forts and many of us will rally to foremost young Methodist ministers of son for declining to put this in free an opportunity to turn loose our best guns upon the common enemy certain church problem had been han- ing to get into The News, and he is of our uprising generation. Really, brother Kirkpatrick, that Divinity said that the proper settle- pay. I do not know whether he is at-

ter. There are more than one of these Lake Junaleska Assembly Grounds. Here is something else for brothranks as has the Southern Methodist Church. I said something then, and you throw a stone into a flock mer resort, Lake Junaleska Assem-

> The Tocsin Has Been Sounded. All Methodist preachers who take some reason that notice went in The

bold stand upon these questions lay News free hemselves liable to counter attacks Up to date the benefits derived by

from the aforesaid theological demathe Charlotte News from this con cogues who may be over them. That troversy are as follows: First: An opportunity for the News is where a layman like myself has the advantage of the preachers in making to pose before the public as the great

this fight, because there is nothing advocate of civic righteousness. Second: An opportunity to defend that these political Fathers of the Church can do to me. But I do not cigarettes and a retention of the ciga

rette advertisement. believe that I would be deterred even! if I were subject to their authority. from the sale of coca-cola and cigar-Third: An opportunity to defend ettes provided the sale is made upon However, thank God there are coca-cola and a retention of the coca

preachers who stand ready to "speak cola advertisement. the Church property, but if the sale is made anywhere else except on the out in meeting" and boldly express Fourth: Getting from me Church property, then the Church will their honest convictions. Some of about ninety dollars of my hard-earned

money in consideration of publishing them have already done so. for me "two pieces" (including this Yes, the tocsin has been sounded; the alarm has been rung! Hear what one) and a "witty little ditty" and let-

a brave preacher occupying the pulpit ting me have a few hundred copies of of one of the foremost churches in the News.

which is frequently told and which runs on this wise: Hon. F. I. Osborne, of this city, was formerly Solicitor prosecuting criminals in the Judicial District which included Charlotte and Monroe. It is doubtless true that there never was a bolder or more eloquent prosecuting officer than he. On one occasion in the town of Monroe, he was trying a defendant charged with some offense and was making before the jury a terrific and scathing arraignment of the conduct of the prisoner at the bar. While Solicitor Osborne was speaking, the defendant went out on the streets of Monroe and

told his friends that that fellow Onborne was making the most boring in liberating these noble Methodist speech he had ever heard! I hope preachers from the thraidom of these "mine enemies" will see the point of

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Well, here I am back again in the advertising colums of the Charlotte News, costing me only a little over Hercules. It does, indeed, seem a \$30 this time. While this article is a good deal longer than the other one. yet it seems that I get reduced rates on account of its length. Thus, I am glad to say a "long haul" cost me less

, than a "short haul," which is very gratthat they are, next to the whiskey please bear in mind that I do not in- ifying to a man who is as long-winded as I am. by your ter a few days ago from one of the" Mr. Dowd informs me that his rea

speaking of the manner in which a the other side of the question are trydled, this learned young Doctor of refusing to admit them unless they

You people perhaps read Mr. Dowd's indeed, still higher up. I go a little unfairly in making it appear that he further and say that, in my humble would not give me access to his paper judgment, no ecclesiastical body has without requiring pay from me. I am ever suffered quite so much from ec- not over here in the advertising colclesiastical demagoguery in high umn from choice, but from necessity The only thing in connection with this whole affair which Mr. Dowd has you will please watch the result. If published for me free of cost was the of notice that I gave out to the Press of chickens, the hit rooster is going to the state that I was not going to run squawk. Listen for the "squawk"! for governor or any other office to which the people could elect me. For

and this was followed by another shell to me for the purpose of discussing your aid, for we are just awaiting this state, and in this letter, while as a communication is that others on from the same source which rose high the moral questions which and burst in the Heavens and there ap-Dropping for a while the allegory