

THE CONVENTION OPENING TODAY IS WELL ATTENDED

A Beautiful Service Marked the Opening of the Diocesan Convention in St. Peter's Episcopal Church Early This Morning.

THURSDAY'S PROGRAM.

7:30 a. m.—Holy Communion. 8:30 a. m.—Morning Prayer. 9:30 a. m.—Official convention addresses of the bishop.

The eighty-ninth annual convention of the North Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal Church began in St. Peter's Church, corner Seventh and Tryon streets, this morning.

At 10 o'clock the delegates assembled for registration and preliminary organization. At 11 o'clock the opening service was held.

A feature of the opening service was the beautiful and inspiring procession to the sanctuary of the Bishops and Priests and Deacons. The procession vested and formed in the vesty of the church, and came thence around the side of the church, entering at the front door and going up the center aisle.

THE BODY OF CRONK NOW LIES IN STATE

Remains of Last Survivor of the War of 1812 Now in the City Hall in New York. Three Surviving Sons and Daughters Accompany Body.

New York, May 17.—The body of Hiram Cronk, the last survivor of the war of 1812, was brought here from Booneville, and will be laid away in the City Hall cemetery tomorrow with full military honors.

ONE OF THE EARLY LITS.

Rock Island Railroad Company to Own Its Refrigerator Service—Decision Brought About by Government Investigation.

Chicago, May 17.—The Rock Island Railroad Company has contracted for seventeen hundred refrigerator cars. The recent inquiry into private refrigerator car lines by the Inter-State commerce commission and the conditions revealed are said to be responsible for the action of the Rock Island, which will inaugurate its own refrigerator service in the West and produce trade of the West and South.

POSSE CAPTURES BURGLAR.

Negro Robber Fatally Wounds Officer. Claims to be Half Breed Indian.

BIG TELEPHONE MERGER.

Consolidation of Two Companies Announced Today in Indiana.

PENNSYLVANIA EXONERATED.

No Blame Attached to Company on Account of Harrisburg Wreck, Says Coroner's Jury.

JERSEY VISITORS NORTH CAROLINA

Governor of New Jersey and a Distinguished Party Bound For Newbern to Unveil Monument, Gov. Glenn and Escort Join the Visitors.

Special to The News. Goldsboro, May 17.—The Governor of New Jersey, with a number of high officials of State of that Commonwealth and a military escort, arrived in the city today en route for Newbern, where tomorrow the unveiling of the monument to the New Jersey soldiers buried in the Federal cemetery near that two, will take place.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Of Presbyterian Church to Convene at Winona, Ind., Tomorrow—Wm. J. Bryan Present.

CUNARD LINER, AGROUND.

Big Passenger Steamer, Bound For Liverpool, is Struck Off Sandy Hook.

Killed By His Son.

Norfolk, May 17.—James Jenkins, the Gilmerton, Norfolk county, man who was shot by his 16-year old son Sunday, while the father was beating the wife, is dead. The boy has not been arrested.

North Carolina Postmasters. Washington, D. C., May 17.—Postmasters appointed: North Carolina—Murphy, D. Frank; Richardson; Repose; Joseph N. Jones.

JAPANESE FLEET TAKING POSITION BELOW FORMOSA

Belief That Togo is Drawing Up His Squadron to Engage the Russian Ships South of Formosa. Japanese Receiving Orders From That Point.

State of Martial Law Extended Throughout the Island of Formosa. Women and Children Being Moved From Pescadore Islands. Two Steamers Seized.

Amoy, China, May 17.—It is believed that part of the Japanese fleet is taking up a position below Formosa and that Toga has planned to fight the Russians south of Formosa. The Japanese get orders from this vicinity at night.

HOLD FLEET IN READINESS.

Fourth Division of Rojestvensky's Squadron Must Be Prepared to Sail For Far East By June 14.

ROJESTVENSKY'S NERVE FAILS.

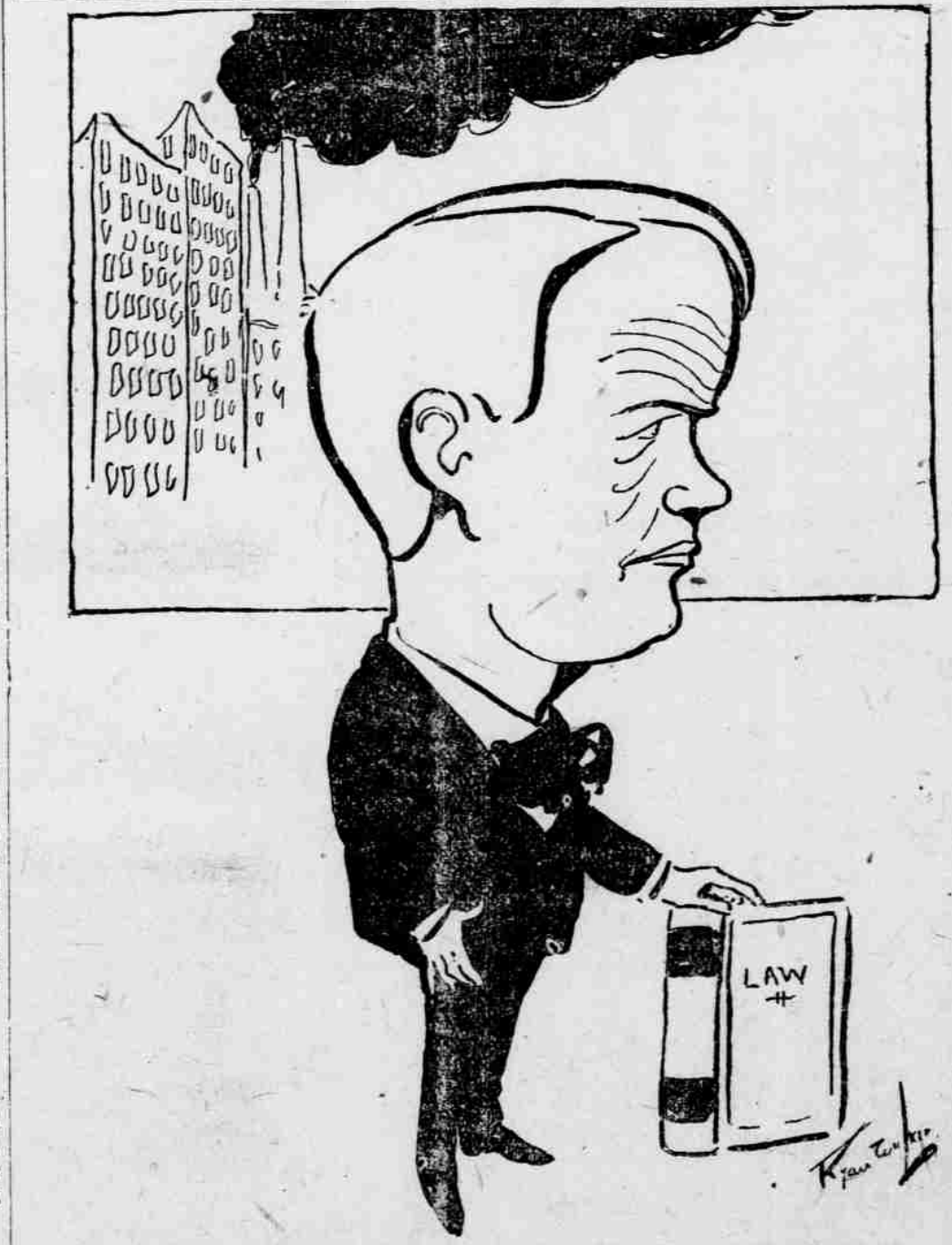
Report That Russian Admiral Has Asked to Be Relieved of Duty As Commander of Fleet.

SEIZED BY JAP WARSHIPS.

English and French Vessels Held Up South of Korea.

The French steamer Quang Nam was captured by a warship of Japan on the same date near Pescadore Islands. The cargo or destination of the two vessels are not announced.

Pistol Duel in Kentucky. Owensville, Ky., May 17.—In a pistol duel on Main street, James Stephens, white, and John Burns, colored, were fatally wounded.



CARICATURE SKETCH OF CLARENCE S. DARROW. Clarence S. Darrow has been appointed by Mayor Dunne to take charge of all traction litigation of Chicago in the move for municipal ownership of street railways. Mr. Darrow is a noted lawyer and author. He is of the Tolstoid school of mild anarchy. His book "Resist Not Evil" is along this line of thought.

DOING AS HE PLEASES.

Russian Admiral Pays no Attention to Criticisms About His Observance of Neutrality.

Saigon, May 17.—Admiral Djonquiere, French naval commander at Saigon, who has been cruising along the Annam coast, returned today. According to reports gathered concerning the Russian fleet, Rojestvensky showed absolute disregard of discussions on the subject of neutrality. The Russian commander proceeded as if his position gave him complete independence. He declared that he acted on his own judgment, and said the criticisms did not change his opinions. Iron discipline, it is added, was maintained on board the Russian warships.

WILL APPROVE NO BILLS.

For Supplies Purchased From Aldermen, Says Mayor McNinch.

The News was informed today by a prominent citizen that Mayor McNinch will approve no bills for supplies that are purchased from any firm or corporation in which aldermen have any interest.

Mr. McNinch, it is said, was led to take this step by the unfortunate criticisms that have emanated from a certain quarter in the past few months.

BAPTISTS AT ST. LOUIS.

Discussion Today on a Permanent Organization of the Joint Church.

BAPTISTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Southern and Northern Church Effort a Permanent Organization.

St. Louis, May 17.—The report of the committee recommending a permanent organization was adopted. The name was designated as the General Convention of Baptists of North America. The Geographical scope is to be North America and its islands.

TAR HEEL HONORED.

Dr. Richard H. Lewis Elected President of National Board of Health.

Washington, May 17.—The twentieth annual conference of the State and Provincial Boards of Health concluded its sessions after electing Dr. Richard H. Lewis, of North Carolina president, and inviting the International Congress of Hygiene to hold its 1909 meeting in the United States. The conference will meet next year in this city.

GOVERNOR GLENN AND LARGE PARTY OFF FOR NEWBERN

Chief Executive, His Staff, State Officials and Military Escort Will Extend Welcome to the Visitors From New Jersey. Notes of Trip.

Appeals in Three Murder Cases. New Trial For Blivins. Will Adams Must Hang. Seven Years For Garland. Used Base Ball Bat on Negro.

Raleigh, May 17.—Governor R. B. Glenn left this morning for Newbern, accompanied by State officers, members of his personal and general staff and the Raleigh Light Infantry as a special escort to participate in the unveiling of monument by New Jersey to the Ninth New Jersey Volunteers.

It is a source of much regret that illness prevented the attendance of Adjutant General T. R. Robertson, of Charlotte. State Auditor Dixon was expected to return from Charlotte in time to join the Governor's party to Newbern, but he did not arrive.

Secretary of State charters the Elkin Drug Co. of Elkin, capital, \$5,000, by J. W. King, H. G. Chatham and J. F. Henderson. Another charter was to the Fuller Combining Gin Co. of Charlotte, authorized capital, \$100,000, incorporation, Jos. L. Farrow, Chas. F. Waisworth and J. T. Fuller, the latter of Texas.

Struck Negro With Bat. Yesterday afternoon Howard Rogers, a white boy, became involved in a row with a negro about his age. The negro applied a vile epithet to him and Rogers seized a base ball bat and struck the negro over the head. Inflicting a wound that was at first thought not serious. However, late last night there were serious developments and the white boy was placed in the city prison, the opinion of the physicians at the hospital being that the negro could not live. His death is still expected at any time. The white boy, Rogers, is the son of a respectable blacksmith on Wilmington street.

Three Murder Cases. Appeals in three murder cases were settled yesterday in the Supreme Court, the convictions and sentences in two—State against Will Adams, from Wake, and the State vs. Garland, from McDowell, being affirmed, and a new trial allowed in the case of B. P. Blivins, from Mitchell county. The ruling in the Adams case means that Adams must hang for the murder of Mary Bridges and two children near Raleigh two years ago, and Garland, from McDowell, must serve a seven years sentence for killing Ivy Calicut, colored, because the negro refused to put some words in the charge in the deed at Marion in December, 1904. Blivins was convicted of manslaughter for the killing of J. J. Buchanan, as he claimed, in self-defense. The new trial is because the trial judge failed to present the self-defense feature in the case in the light that the defense asked that it should be in his charge.

Newbern Unveiling. Governor Glenn, the State officials and the Governor's personal and general staff left this morning for Newbern to attend the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the monument to the Ninth New Jersey Volunteers. The Raleigh Infantry under the command of Capt. W. F. Moody also went along as a special escort for the Governor. The Governor and State officers of New Jersey will also attend the ceremonies, which continue today and tomorrow.

15th District Appeals. Seven cases were argued yesterday in the Supreme Court for the Fifteenth District, as follows: State vs. Stines, by Attorney General for State, no counsel for defendant; State vs. Peter Smith, by Attorney General for State, no counsel for defendant; State vs. Mark Lytle, by Attorney General for State, Frank Carter for defendant; State vs. Cook, by Attorney General for State, V. S. Lusk, W. P. Brown, Chas. E. Jones for defendant; State vs. Jane Lytle, by Attorney General for State, Frank Carter, Z. F. Curtis, Luther & Wells for defendant; Wood vs. Tinsley, by Shuford and Shepherd & Shepherd for plaintiff, W. W. Zachary for defendant. In re Merrick & Hewett, by Merrimon, F. F. Thomas and Thomas Settle for appellant, Charles E. Jones for appellee.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM. Assets of Supreme Council placed at \$2,500,000—Total Membership of 315,000.

Atlantic City, May 17.—The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum opened its financial secretary reports today. The assets at \$2,500,000, and a gain in membership of 25,000, making a total of 315,000.

THE YACHTS ARE OFF.

Race Across the Ocean Started Shortly After Noon Today.

County Surveyors J. B. Spratt, of Mecklenburg county, and John H. Long, of Cabarrus county, will meet next Wednesday, May 24th, at Mr. J. C. Kizer's to establish the dividing lines of the two counties. They ask that the list takers of the townships through which the line runs to meet them at that time.

MATTER FINALLY SETTLED.

City's Suit Against Southern Railway To Be Withdrawn.

Mr. C. B. Northrop, special counsel for the Southern railway, was in Charlotte yesterday and held a conference with Clarkson & Duls and Mayor McNinch, regarding the pending suit before the Corporation Commission, the suit being known as the case of "the city of Charlotte against the Southern railway."

It was understood that should the Southern erect a station adequate to the needs of Charlotte a petition would be presented to the Corporation Commission asking that the suit be withdrawn.

A committee composed of Mayor P. M. Brown and Messrs. D. W. Oates, R. A. Dunn, W. W. Ward and J. A. Durham, was named to act jointly with the city and see that the Southern complied strictly with its promise as to the new station.

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It was for this purpose that Mr. Northrop visited Charlotte yesterday.

THOUSANDS LAID OFF.

As Result of Refusal of Employes of Seven Factories at Troy, N. Y., to Do Work at One Factory.

Troy, N. Y., May 17.—As the result of the refusal of employes of seven factories to do work of Cluett & Co., where the starchers are on a strike, 500 collar starchers and 2,000 other employes depending on the starch department have been laid off.

ATLANTA MEET OF MANUFACTURERS

Increased Attendance and Unusual Interest in the Proceedings, Marked Second Day's Session, Address by President Samuel Spencer and Eugene N. Foss.

Atlanta, May 17.—The National Association of Manufacturers opened the second day of its tenth annual meeting with President Parry in the chair. Increased attendance and unusual interest in the proceedings followed a discussion of reciprocity by Eugene N. Foss, of Massachusetts, marked the first session of the day. Foss was announced as the first speaker, and his subject, "Canadian Reciprocity," was handled in a paper of considerable length. He was followed by President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern railway.

The visitors were tendered a Georgia barbecue after the adjournment of the morning session, while it was attended by several hundred guests and their entertainers.

SETTLING CHICAGO STRIKE.

Effort Will Be Made to Get National Civic Federation to Intervene.

Chicago, May 17.—The presence of President Gompers, of the American Federation, is an indication that a settlement of the strike is a question of a few days. He had a talk with Mayor Dunne and also with the chairman of the Aldermanic Peace Committee and strike leaders.

Mayor Dunne, it is understood, told President Gompers that if the strike spread the militia will be called out. It is understood that an effort will be made to get the National Civic Federation to intervene to procure a settlement.

ESTATE BOUGHT FOR YALE.

Graduates Present Property Worth \$750,000 to University.

New Haven, Conn., May 17.—The purchase for Yale university of the property known as the Hill house estate, on Prospect street, was announced today. The estate has an area of about thirty acres, and has an estimated value of about three-quarters of a million dollars, that part of it going to the university costing upward of half a million dollars and constituting the most important gift, for in effect that is what it will be, that has come to Yale in half a century.

William M. Barnum, of New York; Gifford Pinchot, of Washington; L. H. Welsh, of New Haven, and Secretary Stokes, of the Yale corporation, and others interested bought the property on behalf of Yale graduates, who will present it to the university.

COUNTY SURVEYORS TO MEET.

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GOV. DOUGLAS AS STRIKE REFEREE GIVES HIS VIEW

Issues Statement in Which He Says a Partial Restoration of Wages is Not Warranted by the Condition of Textile Mills Since January.

He Has Made Careful Investigation, Gathering Figures Wherever Possible, and He is Forced to Conclude Against an Increase in Wages

Boston, May 17.—In a statement issued today, Governor Douglas, as referee in the settlement of the Fall River textile strike of 1904 finds that a partial restoration of wages is not warranted. When the strike was settled in January last, through the Governor's intervention, he was empowered to fix a margin of profit at which the operatives would receive an increase of wages. The Governor reports that the conditions between the months of January and April was not such as to warrant the increase.

The strike affected 25,000 persons, and was begun in July, 1904, to resist a cut of 12 1/2 per cent, and it lasted nearly six months, when the operatives returned to work with the reduction in effect.

The Governor finds it would require a margin 74 38-100 cents between the price of cloth and its equivalent in unmanufactured cotton to pay the requested increase of five per cent, earned during the time which his investigation covered. This margin would allow six per cent, for mill dividends and five per cent, for annual depreciation. While the exact margin of the profit which prevailed during the period of investigation is not known, since it is a matter of which the manufacturers alone have the figures, it is understood that it was under seventy cents.

The Governor offers no direct recommendation bearing on the Fall river situation.

PRIVATE CAR LINES.

Senate Committee Continues Investigation—Statement Made That the Santa Fe System Gives Rebates.

Washington, May 17.—George F. Mead, of Boston, president of the National League of Commission Merchants, testified this morning before the Senate Commerce Commission. He wanted to know if railroads were required to supply all the refrigerator cars and refrigeration demanded by shippers. Senator Elkin said his State produced no strawberries, but did coal and iron, and he would object to legislation favoring strawberries, if it did not apply to coal and iron.

President Mead suggested that the committee call Mr. Streckman, who testified in Chicago concerning the Armour company. Questions by Senators Foraker, Keam and Cullom developed the fact that Streckman had admitted stealing records and papers from his employers and consulting the newspapers for railroad passes. Considerable interest was excited by his statement that the Santa Fe refrigerator line paid rebates. Witnesses never received rebates from the Armour lines and knew no one who had.

David A. Wilburton, Pennsylvania State Senator, testified that the service of private car lines is eminently satisfactory. As a Pittsburg fruit dealer, he had always found the service excellent. The rates were high, but not excessive in consideration of the service given. He had tried other cars, but found the Armour cars the most satisfactory of all.

MORTON TO HEAD WABASH

Rumor Says so in Washington—Secretary Absent on Cruise.

Washington, May 17.—There is a rumor here that Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton is to be the new president of the Wabash system.

GRUBB CHARACTER IS ON TRIAL TODAY

A Large Number of Witnesses Swear That the Man's Character is Good, While Others Say It is Bad. Will Probably Go to Friday.

Special to The News. Salisbury, May 17.—The greater part of today's testimony in the trial of H. Clay Grubb was devoted to proving the character of the defendant. Twenty or more witnesses testified that Grubb's character is good, while others declared it to be bad. The taking of the testimony will be concluded this evening and the case will probably go to the jury Friday.