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A FEDERATION OF THE CHURCHES MAY BE OUTCOME

The Committee on Closer Relation of all the Presbyterian Churches of the United States, Now in Session at the First Presbyterian Church,

The Officers who Presided at the Meeting in Pittsburg Pa., were Re-elected. The Report of the Secretary Made at the Morning Session of the Committee.

The most distinguished gathering of men of the church ever held in Charlotte was that of the committee on federation of the Presbyterian churches of the United States which was called to order in the First Church this morning.

There were present men of State and National reputation from all over the United States, gathered in Charlotte upon invitation of Dr. Howerton, to carefully consider a question of national importance to the Presbyterian church in all of its branches in the United States.

There were men present from the great Northern Presbyterian church, the Reformed Church in the United States, from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, from the Reformed Church in America, from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (Southern), from the German Reformed Church, the Associate Reformed Church, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, however, was not officially represented this morning.

Officers of Meeting Elected. The principal business transacted at this morning's session of the committee was the election of a moderator or president, and of a secretary.

Without opposition the former officers were re-elected: Dr. J. P. Seale, of New Brunswick, N. J., moderator, and J. D. Steele, Ph.D., of Passaic, N. J., secretary.

The officers being already in their respective places, it was not necessary for them to be formally inducted into office. Both made appropriate remarks, stating their appreciation of the fact that the committee saw fit to entrust them for a second time with the offices to which they had been chosen.

Reporters in Hot Place. After the preliminaries this morning Dr. Neal, of Kansas City, was heard in the conference: "I move that reporters be excluded from the meeting, as they were in Pittsburg," and "the motion" came close after, and the warmest discussion of the day followed. The bad habits of reporters as well as the good were fully gone into by the august assemblage, who had gathered together to discuss weighty matters of the church.

Then Dr. Strickler, of Richmond, was on his feet and was telling the conference that he did not believe in secret meetings; that he hoped nothing would occur in the conference, that the people would not have a right to know. Dr. Howerton arose to say that he hoped the motion would not pass in its present form; that he had told the reporters that they could get in with the understanding that they would not print notices of motions and plans that were merely mentioned, without anything definite being done.

Dr. Howerton championed the cause of the press in the meetings, as did Secretary Steele, of Passaic, N. J., who declared conditions here were different from those in Pittsburg.

The discussion was growing interesting, especially for the reporters, when Dr. Neale arose to say that he always live in the open, etc., but that Charlotte had a remarkable set of reporters if they could tell things just as they happened every time—that the ecclesiastical terms of the conference might prove a good ground for the reporters—not that he intended any reflection on the moral stamina of reporters, but sometimes they got mixed on the logical terms—that was all.

Another eminent man said that there was a difference between strict information and "newsy" stories that the reporters might get hold of, but that if it stopped with information only it was all right.

Still another member of the conference wanted to know if the public was not admitted. He was informed that nothing had ever been said against their being present unless the committee held a secret session.

Dr. Howerton offered an amendment that the reporters should allow a committee to go over what they wanted to use, to see that it was correct.

Somebody had suggested the word "censorship," but this did not meet with Dr. Howerton's approval, and he wanted the word "examination" or something akin to be substituted.

Still another member hoped the conference would take the public into its confidence.

It was finally decided that the meetings should be open unless otherwise ordered and that if the conference should want to hold a secret session at any time, it might do so. Finally a member arose to state that it must be understood in this motion that the public included the reporters, and by a vote on a substitute motion, reporters were allowed to remain in the conference hall during the sessions unless otherwise ordered, and with the understanding that they should submit their



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DENOUNCE ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL

President Gompers and President Furuseth Create Sensation Before House Committee on Judiciary. Furuseth's Opinion of President's Endorsement.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 14.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, and A. Furuseth, president of the Seamen's Union, caused a furor before the House Committee on Judiciary by denouncing the Gifford Anti-Injunction Bill. Regarding President Roosevelt's reported endorsement of the bill.

Mr. Furuseth said: "If he understands this bill and then gives it his endorsement, he is an enemy to honest labor struggling under adverse conditions for a better life; nay, he would be an enemy to human liberty. We do not believe, will not believe it."

DEBARRED FROM QUOTATIONS. Two Memphis Brokerage Firms Restrained From Receiving Quotations of New York Cotton Exchange.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., March 14.—Judge McCall, of the United States Circuit Court, issued an order restraining two Memphis brokerage firms from receiving quotations of the New York Cotton Exchange. The decision upholds the New York Exchange's contention that the telegraph companies shall deliver quotations to only those subscribers sanctioned by the exchange.

Gasoline Advanced. Cleveland, Nov. 14.—The Standard Oil Company to day advanced the price of gasoline a half cent a gallon.

Mr. James Stinson, bookkeeper for Davidson & Wolfe, is absent from his post of duty on account of illness.

"copy" to a committee or to the secretary of the meeting.

In Favor of Federation. The meeting next heard the secretary, Dr. Steele, read the reports of action taken by seven of the churches represented at their general synods or elsewhere on the question of church union, and with scarce an exception, all endorsed the movement, but some with conditions attached.

The reports from the churches as read by the secretary were in part as follows:

The Reformed Presbyterian church, in their general synod, voted that the report on federation be printed in their minutes and that the minutes be continued for discussion, the church favoring the effort to bring about a union.

The Reformed Church in America was heard from through the secretary, who said that at the meeting of the church synod a resolution was adopted that "We report the sentiment of our church to be in favor of federation, and that we approve the plan of federation."

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Judge Goff or Judge Morris To Hear the Blackburn Case

By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—A special from Asheville says that Judge Pritchard and Judge Boyd have signed a joint order for the holding of the special term of court at Greensboro April 17, for the trial of Congressman

BIG MEETING OF N. C. PINE ASSOCIATION

About 200 Operators and Number of Lumbermen Present at Opening of Session in Norfolk. Interest Embraced by Association is \$20,000,000.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, March 14.—The North Carolina Pine Association, embracing an interest in Virginia and North and South Carolina that represents \$20,000,000 and has an output of 1,200,000 feet annually, opened its annual convention here with about 200 operators and a number of lumbermen from distant states in attendance.

The morning session was devoted to reports of the officers and this afternoon the regular and special committees met. Tonight there will be a banquet. Among the speakers at the convention will be Gifford Pinchot, a forerunner of the National Forest Service.

LOSS BY FIRE \$150,000. Large Cotton Platform, 700 Bales of Cotton and Seven Loaded Freight Cars Destroyed By Fire.—Was Insured.

By Associated Press. Toconog, Ga., March 14.—Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the large cotton platform and warehouse of the Inman Aker and Inman, the plant of the Atlanta Compress Company, 700 bales cotton and seven loaded freight cars. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, fully insured.

SPECIAL TERM FOR WILKES. The Governor Ordered Special Term of Wilkes County Supreme Court.

By Associated Press. Raleigh, March 14.—Governor Glenn this morning issued an order for a special term of Wilkes County Supreme Court for the trial of civil cases to convene June 11. Judge W. B. Council will continue a two weeks court ordered because of the congested condition of the docket. A charter was issued for the Kingsdale Turpentine Manufacturing Company of Kingsdale at a capital of \$20,000 by H. B. Snell of Jacksonville Fla., and others.

REPORT OF TOBACCO COMPANY. Amount of Earnings and Surplus, etc. of American Tobacco Co. Given in Annual Report.

By Associated Press. New York, March 14.—The net earnings of \$25,212,285 for 1905, an increase of \$2,997,589, are shown in the annual report of the American Tobacco Company. The net balance for the year was \$14,294,551, an increase of \$1,969,129. The total surplus, after deducting \$9,988,990 for bonds purchased and \$8,048,480 for dividends on American Tobacco stocks, was \$25,655,961, a decrease of \$3,832,919. The retiring board of directors was re-elected.

Blackburn, indicted by the grand jury for accepting fee for service performed before government department.

Judge Goff has been designated as the trial judge. In the event Judge Goff cannot preside, Judge Morris of Baltimore will be named.

ADMISSION OF HIGH CLASS OF CHINESE WAS CONSIDERED

Mr. John Foord Appeared Before House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Support of Foster Bill to Amend Chinese Exclusion Act.

Favored Admission of High Class of Chinese. Mr. D. A. Tompkins Spoke as Representative of Nat. Association of Manufacturers.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 14.—John Foord, Secretary of the American Asiatic Association and representative of the commercial interests in prominent cities of the United States, appeared before the House committee on Foreign Affairs in support of the Foster Bill to amend the Chinese Exclusion act so that the high class of Chinese may be admitted with less inconvenience.

D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., representing the National Association of Manufacturers, said his Association, had no desire to admit Chinese coolies. He said that class distinctions were made in China and must be recognized by the United States. The coolie was so easily recognized it was desirable for this country to say all Chinese but coolies may enter our ports.

He urged that there was no desire among manufacturers to bring Chinese laborers here to compete with American labor for he said intelligent labor using improved machinery excels cheap labor.

In response to the questions as to the effect of the Chinese boycott on the machinery and cotton trade in which he is interested, Mr. Tompkins said the effect has been very injurious and threatens to grow if conditions are not relieved at once.

THE COMMISSION MET. Mr. C. B. Sikes to Be Station Master at Southern's New Passenger Station.

At the meeting of the Police, Fire and Health Commission last night, Mayor S. S. McIninch presided and all the members of the body were present except Mr. J. K. Wolfe.

Mr. J. A. Durham, chairman of the police committee, submitted the February report of the police department. Chief H. C. Irwin stated that his force was in good shape; that there were 151 arrests during February and that \$14.65 was collected from all sources. Chief Irwin recommended that the two sergeants, Messrs. Farrington and Pitts, be paid \$5 additional per month. He also asked that blanks suitable to make out the monthly reports of the department be furnished. Mr. C. B. Sikes, who has been filling the position of police officer at the Southern railway depot, was selected as station master at the new depot. He will wear the uniform of the Southern railway, though he will be under the direction of Chief Irwin. His full salary will be paid by the road.

A communication from the Southern asking that a special officer be detailed to meet all night trains when the occasion demands.

Col. A. L. Smith, chairman of the fire committee, submitted the report for February of Chief W. S. Orr. The resignations of Messrs. R. A. Kennedy and E. F. Creswell, call firemen, were read and accepted. Mr. W. C. Owens was elected to succeed Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Creswell was made honorary call fireman in recognition of his long and faithful service.

Mr. J. J. Williams moved that the ordinance committee of the board of aldermen be asked to draft an ordinance ordering all vehicles to stop when the fire bell rings. The motion prevailed.

28 MAY BE LOST. Steamer British King Foundered Sunday Only 28 Out of 56 on Board Known to Have Been Saved.

Boston, March 14.—The Phoenix Line steamer, British King, from New York for Antwerp, foundered Sunday and only 28 out of 56 on board are known to have been saved.

ABOUT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Cornelius N. Bliss Treasurer of Republican Nat. Committee in 1904 in Conference with Jerome. Reported he Received Contributions.

By Associated Press. New York, March 14.—Cornelius N. Bliss who was treasurer of the Republican National Committee in 1904, and who, it was testified to before the Legislative Insurance Investigation committee received contributions from the Insurance Companies for Campaign purposes, was in conference with District Attorney Jerome. The nature of the conference is not divulged.



HON. HOKE SMITH,

Formerly Secretary of the Interior in Cleveland's Cabinet, and a Candidate For Governor of Georgia.

OPINIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT

Opinions in Supreme Court. Interesting Case of Mast vs. Sapp. Other Cases. Effort to Get S. A. L. General Shops Located at Raleigh.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—In a batch of 15 opinions delivered last evening by the Supreme Court by odds the most interesting was Mast vs. Sapp, from Forsyth.

The involving an unusual point of law, the opinion orderly a new trial on account of error in the trial below. Chief Justice Walter Clark files an opinion dissenting from the majority of the court and insisting that the original trial should be sustained.

In November 1904, the reservoir burst in Winston and destroyed a number of residences and other property and killed several people. Mrs. Angeline Peebles lived in a little house close by the reservoir with husband, a son and a step son. She owned the place. The impact of the water pouring out of the reservoir smashed the house. The two boys were rescued. The woman and her husband were found dead under the debris. D. P. Mast was appointed guardian of the son and H. O. Sapp administrator of the mother. The city paid \$4,500 dollars to the administrator for the death of Mrs. Peebles and agreed to pay \$865 for damage to the property. The dispute arose over whether this should go to Mast as guardian of the son or to Sapp as administrator of the mother. And the issue was as to whether or not Mrs. Peebles lived at all after the damage for which the money was paid was done or did she survive the destruction of the property. The jury held that she did not, thereby deciding the case in favor of Mast, as guardian of the boy.

Justice Walker writing the opinion of the court holds that the liability of the city for damages began the instant the waters from the burst reservoir invaded the premises and broke in the end of the house, being liable for all the ensuing damage at once so the administrator was entitled to recover all damage since Mrs. Peebles must have been living and formally administrator of it. The court holds further that the issue was improperly drawn, that it was not whether Mrs. Peebles survived the destruction of the property but whether the damage was committed before or after her death. That the plaintiff must show that his ward was already come to his inheritance when the damage was done.

Deputy Sheriff Dawson, of Edgecombe county, was here today to deliver to the penitentiary Geo. Smith, colored, to serve thirty years for killing his wife. He was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the

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Louis Brown, to Have Been Hanged Friday, Commits Suicide

By Associated Press. Norfolk, March 14.—Louis Brown, 29 years old, awaiting trial Friday for the murder of Flossie Reese, at whom he threw a lighted lamp which exploded, fatally burning the woman, committed suicide in his cell in the Norfolk jail here by cutting his throat with a sharp pen knife which

he had in some unknown manner, smuggled into the jail. Brown was formerly prominent in Portsmouth. Brown was without friends or money, his family having abandoned him, and he grew despondent as the day of the trial approached. During the recent jail fire here he escaped, but surrendered a few hours later.

CHINESE REBELS WERE BEHEADED

The Leader of the Rebels and Three Implicated in Attack on American Missionary at Fati in February were Beheaded Monday.

By Associated Press. Canton, March 14.—The leaders of the Rebels of Kuang Si Province and three others who were implicated in the attack on the house of Rev. Dr. Andrew Beattie, an American Missionary, at Fati in February were beheaded March 12.

A BIG PRIZE FIGHT. Battling Nelson and Terry McGovern to Meet in Six Round Bout Tonight.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, March 14.—"Battling" Nelson and Terry McGovern will meet tonight in a six round bout before the National Athletic Club of this city. Not in the history of the prize ring, it is said, has receipts for a six round fight equalled the sum which has been received for tonight's bout. President Edwards, of the club, said more than \$20,000 has been realized and not a seat remained to be disposed of. The few in hands of scalpers are commanding \$20 each. The boys are to weigh in at 133 pounds ringside, but both are well within the weight limit. The fighters are to receive 75 per cent gross receipts. Nelson's share will be 45 per cent of this sum, win or lose.

The fight is scheduled to commence at 10 o'clock. "Jack" McGuigan, of National Club will referee.

GREENE-GAYNOR. Bank Examiner E. I. Johnson Continued Demonstration of Alleged Division of Spoils.

By Associated Press. Savannah, March 14.—The National Bank examiner, E. I. Johnson, acting as expert accountant, continued his demonstration by means of the charts of the alleged division of spoils secured from the government by Greene and Gayner, and Carter.

PURSuing OUTLAWS. No News Received Today From Posses in Pursuit.

By Associated Press. Vinita, I. T., March 14.—No news from Manshal' Darrough or the posse now pursuing the Wycliffe Indian outlaws has been received today.

The concert at the Manufacturers' Club will take place tonight between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock. The entire orchestra will be present and the concert promises to be one of unusual interest as Mr. Richardson has arranged a special program.

SERIOUS TROUBLE IS BREWING IN RUSSIAN EMPIRE

A Conspiracy for the Purpose of Sweeping Away Reforms Provided in Manifesto is Reported. Many High in Authority Thought to be Implicated.

Idea is to Demonstrate by Renewed Slaughter of Jews and Further Massacre That People are Not Fit for Self-Government. A Deep Laid Plot.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, March 14.—At today's session of the Cabinet Premier Witte insisted on the suppression of the organization known as the League of the Russian people, through which the agitation of the reactionary "Black Hundred" is propagated.

It is reported that he was forced to arrive at this decision but this is not absolutely confirmed. The police prefect, M. Von Der Launitz, was asked to explain the printing of the proclamation calling for the extermination of the Jews in the official printing office attached to this department. The Prefect denied having any personal knowledge of the printing. However, it was established that there is constantly accumulating evidence that a plot to produce a counter revolution in the hope of sweeping away the reforms outlined in the manifesto of October 30, had its origin in a court cabal.

The conspiracy includes General Treppoff, Commandant of the Palace and General Count Egnatieff, M. St. Chinsky, a former Adjutant of the Interior Department, Count Sheremetoff, a noted reactionary, and General Prince Putiatin, who are said to be utterly reckless of the consequences. The plan is to provoke riots and massacres of the Jews and revolutionists over as wide an area as possible in order to justify still more terrible repressions, and thereby prove to the emperor that the people are not ripe for any sort of self-government.

Premier Witte and the Liberal section of the cabinet will be compelled to fight the conspiracy and consequently a break in the Ministry is not regarded as improbable.

Danger of an outbreak about Easter is regarded as very real.

WORK ON CHURCH BEGINS. To Build New Baptist Church—May Build New Postoffice Building—Death of Woman—Other News Items.

Special to The News. Concord, N. C., March 14.—Work on the new Baptist church in West Concord began today. J. M. Blackwelder is the contractor.

The Mt. Pleasant Comedy Club will present "A Country Kid," in the Junior Hall on Saturday night. The younger set have arranged to attend.

A petition is being circulated today, the subject of which is to keep on No. 97, the fast mail train. There has been some talk about taking it off. The petition is being signed as fast as it can go from man to man and will go to Congressman E. Y. Webb of the Ninth district with the names of every prominent man in Cabarrus county. Jim Turner, an operator of the Buffalo Thresh Mill, who assaulted his uncle, R. M. Turner, a section boss on the Southern, near the depot with a knife, while intoxicated, was fined \$7.50 by Mayor Caldwell. R. M. Turner was fined \$2.50 for fighting.

CASE OF J. E. WHITBECK. Preliminary Hearing of Whitbeck, Charged With Having Been Implicated in the Murder of Henry Kobre Concluded.

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 14.—Upon the conclusion of the taking of evidence for the State this morning in the preliminary hearing of J. E. Whitbeck, charged with being implicated in the murder of Henry Kobre, the defendant was committed to jail without bail to await the May term of the Superior Court. The counsel for the defense did not introduce any testimony.

NEW FRENCH MINISTRY. Presents Chamber of Deputies and Outlined its Policy.

By Associated Press. Paris, March 14.—The new Ministry presented itself to the Chamber of Deputies and outlined its policy as follows: "The Government intends to carry out the Church and State separation law with inflexible firmness, and to establish the responsibility for the resistance to taking inventories.

Fourth Class Postmasters. By Associated Press. Washington, March 14.—The fourth-class postmasters are appointed for Alabama, at Brompton, Lonnie Veason; at Davis, John W. Lawley; at Sewell, William R. Vowell. For Florida, at Haines City, Isaiah F. Tower. For Georgia, at Elsworth, R. H. Simonds; at Stay, Whittle Brady. For South Carolina, at Filbert, Annie L. Brown; at Richburg, Barbara A. Thraikill. For Virginia, at Gertie, Noah O. McPherson.