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CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 30, 1909

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LUTHERAN COMMISSION MEETS HERE TO CONSIDER SITE FOR THE SEMINARY

Charlotte Believed to be Favorite in Straw Taken of Ministers and Laymen Throughout the Southern Synod.

Salisbury Will Send a Delegation Here After the Institution - Columbia Also Bidding Strong, as Well as Other Cities.

At 11 o'clock in this city to-morrow in St. Mark's Lutheran church will be held the meeting of the board of directors of the Lutheran Seminary, consisting of 14 members, laymen and ministers, for the purpose of considering the relocation of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the South, now located at Mount Pleasant, S. C.

To make a strong bid for the location of the school in this city will be seen by the attractive locations, that have been secured and the arguments and inducements they will offer at the meeting to-morrow. Everything seems to be in favor of this place. The majority of the commission certainly is. The geographical location is the best in the South, as it is, in the general average, a healthy city, it is centrally located, being neither too far South or too far North, the railroad facilities are as good as can be secured in most Southern cities and are far better than any of the towns competing for the location of the school. In fact, when the meeting convenes to-morrow, Charlotte will have achieved the perfect collocation of the time, the place and the only logical location in the South for the seminary.

King's Speech To Parliament

By Associated Press. London, Nov. 30.—The cabinet met at noon today for the purpose of discussing the form of the king's speech to be read in parliament. All members with the exception of Sir Edward Grey, were present. A crowd filled the street and mildly cheered the ministers as they entered the building. While the government has not announced whether it proposes adjournment or prorogation of parliament today's reports are to the effect that the latter course is certain. It is believed Premier Asquith will see King Edward to-morrow. Both chambers will hold short sessions Friday for reading the king's speech.

News From Lion Killers

By Associated Press. Londani, British East Africa, Nov. 30.—Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt, Edmund Heller and Leslie A. Tarleton arrived here today from Guss Inhuu Plateau. All are in splendid health. The former president is greatly elated over the success of the hunt on the plateau. Among the sights witnessed was the display of lion killing with spears by Mandi warriors. The exhibition was thrilling. This evening the party will proceed to Njoro where they will be the guests of Lord Delamere on the latter's ranch until December 10th, when they will proceed to Nairobi.

Defends Dr. Cook's Claims

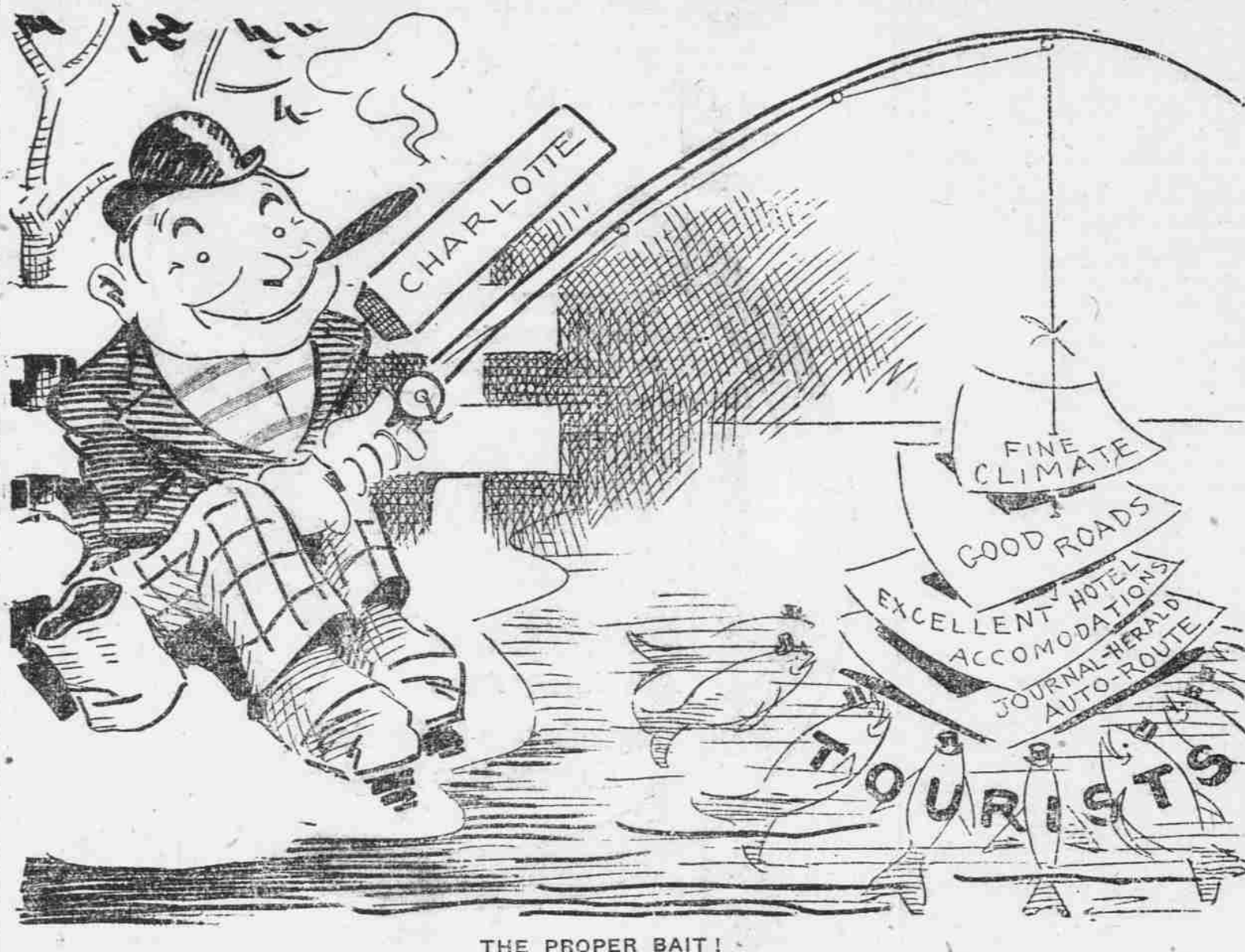
By Associated Press. San Jose, Cal., Nov. 30.—Maurice Connel, observer at the weather bureau, and survivor of the Greely polar expedition, defends Dr. Frederick A. Cook from the recent attack of Walter Wellman. Mr. Connel declared: "Wellman tells us he could manufacture a latitude observation at any time. Certainly that is not very convincing. But Cook could not well manufacture a time observation or a longitude observation, neither could he manufacture the magnetic variations and above all could he state whether the North Pole was on land or sea unless he had been there? anything he needed to confirm Cook's claim that he reached the Pole, Peary's narrative of the journey confirms it."

American Minister Invited.

By Associated Press. Copenhagen, Nov. 30.—Rector Torp of the University of Copenhagen today extended invitation to Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark, to be present when the North Polar records of Dr. Cook are received, and also during the subsequent examination. Dr. Cook's records are due to reach here December 6th.

SHAKEUP IN CUSTOMS SERVICE

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 30.—As the result of an investigation of shortages from wine casks and other packages at the Baltimore customs house a shakeup in the staff of the service was announced today. The treasury department has approved the reduction of John R. Montgomery, superintendent of the bonded warehouses, to a clerkship. Several minor officials are also reduced to succeed Montgomery. —Mr. E. B. Gresham is building two attractive houses on South Cedar street.



Arguments Are Begun In The Battle Case

Special to the News. Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 30.—In the case of Leo H. Battle, cashier of the City National Bank, in United States Court, here on the eighth day's trial for alleged irregularities, the prosecution at noon rested. After a short conference the defendant's counsel announced they would introduce no evidence. Judge Boyd allowed five hours to each side for arguments and the court adjourned to 2 o'clock. Mr. F. P. Hoggard, for the defense, will make opening argument and be followed by Assistant District Attorney Coble. Having introduced no evidence the defendants will have the closing speech. The evidence presented by the government this morning disclosed losses to the Pomona Mill of several thousand dollars as a result of cotton speculation. A. L. Bain, secretary and superintendent of the mill, as the last witness, explained that he gave a \$70,000 note for apparent purchase of stock at solicitation of Battle, who said the controller was after the bank about the mill's heavy debts and by fixing up these notes, the debt could be reduced and the matter had to be arranged at once before the bank examiner came. Mr. Bain said he was assured he would not have to pay the note if he troubled it, and received a written statement from Battle to this effect, the statement being identified. Mortgages of Battle were introduced to show that at the time he was getting heavy loans at the bank, he was totally insolvent.

Many Lives Lost In Storm -- Twenty Five Bodies Found

By Associated Press. Tokio, Nov. 30.—A fierce storm swept over the vicinity of Shimomoseki yesterday and last night. The Kisagata Maru, a Japanese vessel, was foundered and it is feared that all on board were lost. Twenty-five bodies have been washed ashore. Many fishing boats are also believed to have been wrecked. The pier and embankments at Shimomoseki have been badly damaged by high seas.

Dozen Persons Were Injured In Wreck On the Pennsylvania

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Nov. 30.—Over one dozen persons were injured, a number seriously, when the Uniontown Pittsburgh train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, left the rails today at Manor, Pa., and ran into a ditch. One passenger, baggage-master and mail clerk are probably fatally hurt. The train consisted of a baggage car, mail car, three coaches and a parlor car. The engine remained on the rails intact. The exact cause of the wreck is not known.

Eight Men Imprisoned By Cave-in At Tennessee Mine

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 30.—Eight men were imprisoned in the cave-in and fire today in one of the several copper mines of the Tennessee Copper Company, at Copper Hill, Tenn. Four oxygen helmets, two tanks of oxygen and other mine rescue paraphernalia were sent from here to the mine by special train. The fire is under control and the imprisoned men are thought to be alive.

Want Local Self Government in Spain

By Associated Press. Madrid, Nov. 30.—Premier Moret has published the text of a sweeping bill for the reform of municipal administration in Spain. Moret's bill, like that of his predecessors, aims at the decentralization of power heretofore concentrated at Madrid. The bill promises to give satisfaction to the aspirations of local communities for real local self-government.

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Another Step in Gompers Case

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WHY COULDN'T CITY PUMP. ARTESIAN SUPPLY LIKE SELWYN? 32 GALS. A MINUTE

Thirty-two gallons to the minute of continuous pumping. This is the record of the artesian well sunk by Proprietor Moore, of the Selwyn, against the advice of almost everybody, who said you could not get artesian water under 700 to 1,000 feet, and the like of that; that the burg was built on granite with few water sheets in it. All day yesterday from a pipe running from the new pump made by the Latta & Martin Co., of Hickory, there gushed a limpid stream of crystal clear water, cool, refreshing and pure, and so tempting that passers-by occasionally stopped to take a drink of it from the tin-can which sat under the stream. The contract with Mr. J. S. Hinson, of Mooresville, of the Hinson Drilling Company, who sank the well, calls for