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Busy Day With Baptists At Waukesboro

Delegates Continue to Pour in—Report On State Missions And Biblical Recorder Made at Morning Session.

Full Account of Day's Proceedings—Several Addresses Delivered—Work of Last Night and Yesterday Afternoon.

Special to The News. Waukesboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—Another day has brought still more delegates to the Baptist State Convention. However, Pastor Chambliss said this morning, "And yet there was room."

Lurton for The Supreme Court

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—The president today was urged to nominate Judge Horace H. Lurton, for associate justice of the supreme court, to succeed Judge Peckham, when a delegation including Senators Taylor Bankhead and Johnson called at the White House.

Senator Money to be Minority Leader

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—In caucus this afternoon the democratic senators elected Senator H. D. Money of Mississippi minority leader of senate to succeed Senator Culberson, of Texas, whose resignation was presented today. Senator Culberson retires on account of ill health.

Five of Crew Went Down With Ship

By Associated Press. Buffalo, Dec. 9.—A big steel freighter sank five miles up the lake from Buffalo harbor. Five members of the crew went down with the ship.

New York, Dec. 9.—Several hundred diminutive specimens of the canine kingdom were inspected and admired by a fashionable society which thronged the Waldorf-Astoria today at the opening of the annual bench show of the Toy Spaniel Club of America. The exhibition, which is the largest in point of entries ever held by the club, will continue over tomorrow.

Kalamazoo Suffers Destructive Fire \$1,000,000 Loss

By Associated Press. Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life lost, many firemen overcome by smoke, three hundred hotel guests driven scantily clad into the icy streets and loss of property valued at one million dollars were the features of a destructive fire here which was extinguished after an all night struggle by the combined fire fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

Utica Visited By Disastrous Fire—Man Burned To Death

By Associated Press. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 9.—The business section of Utica was wiped out by fire today. Edward Baum, a guest of the hotel Vance, was burned to a crisp. Thirty-five other guests escaped in their night clothes. The entire business section of the town was destroyed. The loss is \$100,000.

Two Men Lost When Ship Was Burned

By Associated Press. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Two men lost their lives and the fate of 13 others is undetermined, as the result of the burning up of the steamer Clarion in Lake Erie this morning.

King Leopold Improved.

By Associated Press. Brussels, Dec. 9.—It was learned today that King Leopold, who has suffered two paralytic strokes in the last few days, was unconscious for two hours last night. He was revived after heroic efforts. The palace is greatly alarmed, fearing immediate death. He is very slightly improved today.

To Institute Damage Suit

Summons filed in Case Against Southern Railway Alleging False Arrest of W. S. Morton—Amount of Damages.

Attorney Hamilton C. Jones this afternoon filed with the clerk of court summons in a civil action to be brought against the Southern Railway asking damages for false arrest as a result of the recent apprehension by a Southern Railway detective of William Stacy Morton, the young man who was discharged in the recorder's court this morning, the prosecution having no witnesses on hand to support the charge against the young man.

The defendant's attorney contended that the prosecution had had sufficient time in which to get its witnesses and inasmuch as it had not done so, but desired to create a hold on the defendant, a motion for dismissal was made and granted.

Although the complaint in the civil action has not been drawn it is understood that it will be alleged that the defendant was unlawfully arrested and that he was detained for several hours at detectives headquarters at the Southern station before he was carried to the police station and locked up, his being under guard during his detention at the railway station.

It will be alleged that the arrest was falsely and unlawfully made and damages in a sum not yet named will be asked. The case will probably come up at the next term of civil court.

Charters Granted.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 9.—The John J. Thrower Co., Red Springs, is chartered for a mercantile business, the capital being \$7,600 and the principal incorporators, John J. Thrower and others. Another charter is to the Southern Land and Trust Co., Asheville, capital \$100,000, authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by W. M. Worth and others. State Dairyman J. A. Conover has gone to Tennessee to present a paper on "Farm Dairying" before the eighth annual session of the Middle Tennessee Farmer's Institute.



Second Day S. C. Methodists

Special to The News. Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 9.—The second day's session of the Methodist conference was called to order at ten o'clock by Bishop Wilson. Rev. J. B. Fitzen conducting religious exercises. G. C. Hedges and W. L. Gray lay delegates were substituted for Brush and J. E. McKeely. A telegram from the Baptist state convention sending greeting was read and response sent. Dr. Walding introduced resolution of memorial to general conference, stating that no bishop be elected except by two thirds vote. Bishop Wilson said it was a dangerous thing as two could hold up the general conference till they elected their man; sent to proper committee. Randall A. Russ was discontinued on account of ill health. The classes of second third and fourth years were advanced and make their reports. The credentials of Paul A. Sesoranza a local preacher of Florence district were surrendered to the conference. The one's jury to justify holding them for the higher court.

Resigns from Canal Commission.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—Former Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, has resigned as member of the isthmian Canal Commission. The resignation was accepted by President Taft, effective December 4.

MR. BAIN APPOINTED TO ELDERSHIP

Will Fill Vacancy Made by Death of Rev. J. N. Huggins—Rev. A. W. Plyer Made Pastor of Trinity Church Preach Sermon Here Sunday.

A surprise came to Rev. E. L. Bain, pastor of Trinity Methodist church yesterday when he was made presiding elder of the Statesville district of the Western North Carolina conference. This change was made on account of the death of Elder J. N. Huggins, who died Sunday night.

Mr. Bain will enter upon his duties as elder next week and will be succeeded here by Rev. A. W. Plyer, who has been given an appointment as assistant pastor of Trinity. Mr. Plyer is a capable and splendid man, having been college-bred and a special student of the University of Chicago. He is a native of Ireland county and has held several important charges, having been presiding elder of the Asheville district four years and of the Salisbury district one year. A cordial welcome awaits him and he will preach his first sermon as pastor of Trinity next Sunday.

Switchmen's Strike At a Standstill

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Dec. 9.—The switchmen's strike is practically at a standstill. The strikers insist that they have the railroad traffic tied up, while the railroad's officials are equally certain they are gaining on the strikers. With mercury ten degrees below zero cold weather will undoubtedly handicap the railroad.

Presentment Is Made

Grand Jury to Investigate The Killing of Albert Headwall—Thomas J. Murphy and Whiteron Presented.

The names of Michael Murphy and Phelix Whiteron, the two men who were said to have been with Albert Headwall, the tailor whose body was found in the northern section of the city on the night that he was killed, have been presented to the grand jury by the solicitor for investigation on the charge of murder. Lumber Co. vs. Triplett, Caldwell, affirmed. Roberts vs. Baldwin, Henderson, reversed. State vs. Pitt, Catawba, per curiam, affirmed, on authority of State vs. King, 142 N. C., 596. Fowler vs. Railway, Cabarrus, per curiam, affirmed.

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Supreme Court Decisions

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STILL TRYING TO DISCREDIT DR. COOK

By Associated Press. Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—A summary of the affidavits of persons claiming to have aided Dr. Frederick A. Cook in the preparation of his Polar day published in London and New York today, was read here with amazement. Scientific circles are inclined to be incredulous regarding the charges and some persons like Dr. Carl Burrau, astronomer, consider them so improbable that their effect will be to strengthen confidence in Dr. Cook.

Charge Not Believed.

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—In an interview Dr. Burrau said: "Passages in the story give me the impression that the matter is thoroughly trustworthy. In order to make observations at the North Pole more extended and detailed knowledge is necessary than is enjoyed by the average ship's captain. It will be easy for the University to determine the truth of the charges." A committee of six which will examine Dr. Cook's records, will begin work at the end of the present week.

Capt. Loose Talks.

Captain A. W. Loose, master pilot and navigator, who made an affidavit that he formulated a series of observations and data for Dr. Cook at Dr. Cook's request since his return from the Arctic regions, talked today at his home in Brooklyn concerning the statements made in the affidavit. "I went to Dr. Cook," said Loose, "thinking I might assist him, but never expected to do such extended work. A short talk with Dr. Cook convinced me he knew almost nothing about navigation. He was ignorant of some of the essentials of the science."

"A person not accurate might have thought himself at the pole when only within 60 miles of it; as I got deeper into the matter I began to suspect Dr. Cook was never out of sight of land." New York, Dec. 9.—Captain Loose said that the writing down of seconds in Cook's reports of observations did not show a "skillful attempt to deceive." As to whether he thought it possible for Dr. Cook to declare these calculations of observations by Loose simply for comparison of his own, Loose said: "Dr. Cook will probably say this, but why did he need any such calculations and reckonings backward, as I made for him? Why did he need any one to make calculations for him if he went to the Pole and took careful observations on his way to and from the Pole?"

Statements Differ.

Comparisons of statements of Dunker and Loose today show distinct variance. Dunker says he always believed Dr. Cook a fakir, and framed up this with Loose on that assumption. Loose says he believed Dr. Cook honest when he entered the deal.

The Affidavits.

Affidavits are by Dunkle, a broker, and Capt. August W. Loose, seaman, the two men asserting Dr. Frederick A. Cook, hired them for \$4,000, with the promise of an additional bonus of \$500 to have them fabricate astronomical observations and calculations of latitude and longitude for submission to the University of Copenhagen.

They were published in the New York Times this morning. The men admit their reason for making the affidavits was that the explorer only paid them \$260 for their work. Dunkle tells how he met Dr. Cook and caused him to become interested. Dunkle says they went to Dr. Cook with the idea that he wanted some one to help him prepare evidence enough to fool the Danish savants. The two men decided that the explorer's original narrative bore traces of fraud; that Dr. Cook would welcome the right kind of assistance in carrying out the "bluff." Also there is evidence that Dunkle intended to reserve the lion's share of the spoils.

General Superintendent A. H. Westfall of the northern division of the Southern, passed through this morning on his private car going to Atlanta.

Dispatch From Panama Says a Month Ago Zelaya Ordered Military Commanders to Shoot Americans.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—A cable from Panama says: "Death to Americans" is the order issued to the army by President Zelaya.

Officers Then Predicted Trouble With Uncle Sam—Four American Warships in Corinto Harbor.

By Associated Press. Some of Zelaya's military officers protested against the order, and warned him that trouble with the United States would be the result. The gunboat Vicksburg which has been stationed at Corinto ever since the Nicaraguan trouble assumed an acute stage, has been reinforced. Now four American warships are in Corinto harbor.

Reports Discredited.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The statement telegraphed from Nicaragua to London to the effect that the United States demanded the resignation of President Zelaya and he indicated his purpose to retire by the end of the present month, is declared untrue at the state department. No such demands have been made to Zelaya nor has the department received authoritative announcement that Zelaya is contemplating retirement. The story that President Zelaya issued an order that Americans captured while serving in the Revolutionary army should be put to death, is discredited. Officials are not prepared to believe that Zelaya would thus court his own undoing and certain overthrow of his government by armed forces of the United States by issuing such an order. Developments are awaited with great interest. It is expected that within the next few days or weeks at farthest a crisis will be reached which will determine the fate of the Zelayan government.

DEEP MYSTERY ENSHROUDS BATH TUB MURDER

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 9.—Insisting they are objects of undeserved persecution the members of the Wardlaw and Martin families are still disinclined to clarify the deep mystery surrounding the death of Cecy Snead, victim of the bath-tub tragedy.

Miss Virginia Wardlaw, the victim's aunt is in jail awaiting hearing on the charge of murdering her niece. The absence of Mrs. Caroline Snead, mother of the victim, and the young woman's husband, Fletcher Snead is still unexplained, tending to controvert the theory about ill treatment of Snead and wife by members of their families. Letters written by Virginia Wardlaw to Fletcher Snead were given publicity today. The missives are filled with endearing phrases from aunt to nephew. Family pride is asserted to have been the sole reason for the apparent desire of the women for seclusion in adversity, which caused neighbors to regard them with suspicion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carson will return to the city tomorrow from Lake Waccamaw in the Eastern part of the state where they have been for several days.

All Enthusiastic For Improvement Of Our Waterways

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—Words that rang true to the cause of waterway improvement coming from speakers representing every section of the United States aroused enthusiasm in the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today. That there was no reason for delay in formulating a policy of making effective for navigation the water courses of the nation and that the only thing to be considered was the project for national development was the consensus of opinion of the many delegates. Advocates of greater opportunities for commerce defended the policy of creating bond issue sufficient to complete the comprehensive project of improved water ways.