

BAPTIST CONVENTION JOINS DIVORCE REFORM MOVEMENT

Report Adopted to Memorialize the Legislature in Regard to Limiting Divorce to the Scriptural Ground--Strong Views Taken in Opposition--Breezy Debate Developed

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 10.—Special.—The next session of the Baptist Convention will be held in Raleigh in the Baptist Tabernacle and Dr. Fred D. Hale will preach the opening sermon, with Rev. C. W. Scarborough as alternate. The convention was called to order at 10:20 this morning by President Marsh and the minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted. A resolution was offered by Rev. B. W. Spillman that all material bearing on the history of the Baptist churches in North Carolina be collected and preserved, and was adopted. The report of the Baptist University was read by Rev. C. B. Justice, who at the conclusion of the report made an address on the institution. He said they did not come to the convention to ask money, but wanted pupils. He stated that there had been a great increase in the number of pupils enrolled and that the report was very gratifying. Dr. J. Q. Hall addressed the convention on the University at Raleigh. He said it was the best appointed institution of learning in the United States and he rejoiced exceedingly in the prosperity of the school. Dr. H. W. Harts of Greensboro spoke of the University and eulogized the work of Dr. Vann as president of the school. Rev. J. W. Lynch also spoke on the same subject and dwelt at length upon the higher education of women. Rev. John A. Oates, editor of the North Carolina Baptist, read the report on temperance and showed that great progress had been made during the past year. The report favored the Hepburn-Delliver bill, now pending in congress, and urged its passage. Mr. Oates, in speaking of the report, said the work of the liquor traffic had been broken in North Carolina and that in a short while there would not be a single saloon in the state. The J. D. Lansdale, who is perhaps the oldest member of the convention, was introduced at this time and spoke briefly. Fifty years ago an old gentleman named Davis came forward and said that he remembered Dr. Lansdale well, and although he was now seventy years of age, his father was one of the deacons in the church. Rev. B. J. Bateman of Mt. Olive read the educational report, which

memorialize the legislature to enact more stringent divorce laws. Dr. J. D. Hufham spoke against the adoption of the committee's report. He said, in part: "I am opposed to the resolutions, first, because this movement is contrary to the constitution of the convention. I don't believe in the substance approach to the union of church and state. Further, there is more noise about this divorce matter than there is any need of. We are allowing ourselves to become unjustly alarmed. A large majority of those divorces reported are among the negroes. Such a step would be contrary to all Baptist doctrine. There is every reason for us to vote this report down. It is lowering our standard and lessening our power." Dr. Hufham was answered by Mr. Bailey and Rev. Baylus Cade. Dr. Cade said in part, that so far as the constitutional question was involved there were two kinds of constitutions; first, limitations upon power, and second, grants of power. The United States constitution was of the latter kind, and the state constitution of the former. The Baptist constitution is not a limitation upon power and they can do anything they wish. The idea that the convention should be prohibited from expressing itself upon any matter it wanted to was in his opinion the height of absurdity. "There is no doubt of our authority to ask the legislature to enact laws that we think are in conformity with the laws of God." The following substitute was then offered by Dr. Jenkins: "Resolved, that we, while unable from religious convictions, to join in a movement with our brethren or other denominations to memorialize the legislature on the subject of divorce, we most heartily sympathize with them in their opposition to this monstrous evil and pledge our continual support to the New Testament teachings on the subject." This was characterized by Dr. Cade as saying that we are religiously convinced that we ought not to do this, but we are glad that you are doing it. Rev. J. D. Larkin of Henderson said there was a conflict in the interpretation of Matthew 19:3; that the other denominations were at sea as to how to instruct their ministers, and that they wanted the Baptists to pull them out of the hole. He said he was opposed to it because it had gotten to be so that every little question that comes up they wanted the churches to get into it. There has never been a politician favoring the Baptists because they are independent. If you will go to the past office you will see all the Methodist ministers taking the Raleigh Post. Why? Because Joseph Daniels said some things in Goldsboro they didn't like, and they are lining up. The fight for the Henderson dispensary was won before 10 o'clock. I never mentioned the matter in my pulpit, but went out and worked like a Trojan as a citizen. I did not want to bring the Baptist church into a whisky fight. The amendment was lost and the report was adopted. The night session was devoted to a discussion of the orphanage homes of the church.

showed great progress in this line of work. Mr. Bateman spoke on the subject and said that every child in the state should thank God for the great educational governor of this state. He paid a high tribute to Governor Aycock and Superintendent Joyner. Rev. Baylus Cade spoke on educational work and its progress in Murphy, and asked the convention to lift a debt of \$750 on the Baptist academy there. Nearly the whole amount was pledged in a few moments. This concluded the morning session and the convention adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The afternoon session was the most interesting yet held. The question of divorce would be heard. Mr. J. W. Cussed. The president announced that the report of the committee on divorces would be heard. Mr. J. W. Bailey responded and read the following report: "Whereas, under the operation of the lax divorce laws in our state the number of divorces has steadily increased since 1883, there being about 1,400 divorces granted during the past year; and "Whereas, the larger part of these divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment, thus compelling the attention of all thoughtful people and awakening the concern of religious bodies; and "Whereas, this convention, representing 182,000 white Baptists in this state, conceiving that it owes an ethical obligation to the commonwealth, in the name of righteousness and the welfare of our people we deplore the increase in the divorce evil, an evil that strikes at the foundation of society, religion and the home; and "Whereas, we have the example of our fathers in the right of petition to legislative bodies; therefore, "Resolved, that we appoint a committee of five to join with other religious bodies in a memorial to the legislature, to the end that the divorce laws shall be so amended as to restrict the grounds of divorce to the one ground approved by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 19:9." Dr. Drane of Elenton, representing the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was recognized. He said that his church recognized the strength of the Baptists in North Carolina, and that he came petitioning the convention to

Chadwick Securities In Hands of Receiver

The Packages Opened and Contents Inspected - Papers Purport to Be Very Valuable - "A Secret" Mrs. Chadwick Kept Going Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Herbert W. ... Mrs. Chadwick Kept Going

Only Fragments Left Ashland, Ky., Dec. 10.—Three skiff loads of nitro-glycerine en route from North Pole, W. Va., to Marysville, Ky., exploded at Cliffside Park this forenoon. There were two men in each skiff. Some pieces of flesh and bone were picked up by some boys on the bank, but there is absolutely nothing to be seen where the skiffs were. Great damage was done to property in Ashland, Catlettsburg and Huntington, some buildings having every window broken. The nitro-glycerine was intended for use in railroad construction near Marysville.

The Black Sea Fleet Again a Live Topic

Russia Appears to Be Contemplating Sending it to the Far East - England's Attitude Toward the Subject - Internal Affairs of the Empire London, Dec. 10.—It has become evident from the discussion in the Russian press for the past ten days in regard to the Black Sea fleet that Russia is preparing for its departure. Agitation of this subject has failed to arouse high resentment in England, which it might be taken to indicate, that there is no serious opposition to the movement on the part of the British government. The situation is extremely difficult for the English authorities, as they may at any day be faced with the fait accompli of the Black Sea fleet being in the Mediterranean. No amount of verbal protest then would avail anything. Japan, however, will demand decisive action by her ally. It may be in fact assumed that Japan has already made this demand in anticipation of Russia's action. The Japanese government is indeed warmly incensed at the failure of the British authorities to prevent the wholesale supply of coal, arms and ammunition to Russia from English sources.

INTERVENTION TALK

Resolutions Presented to the State Department Washington, Dec. 10.—A petition for intervention in the Russo-Japanese war in the form of a resolution was presented to Secretary Hay by Representative Bartholdt of Missouri today. Mr. Bartholdt paid an official visit to the secretary of state, in his capacity as president of the Interventionary Union. The resolution he presented was read immediately by Dr. Gobat of Berne, Switzerland. At the conference held in St. Louis last summer the secretary, Dr. Gobat, was directed to present a copy of the resolution to each of the powers signatory to The Hague protocol in the eastern hemisphere, while Mr. Bartholdt was directed to present a copy to the United States government. Mr. Bartholdt considered the state department the proper place to present the document, and he delivered it to Secretary Hay, with explanations. Dr. Gobat has presented the same resolution to the twenty other signatory powers. It reads as follows: "I have the honor to bring to your knowledge the following resolution adopted at the twelfth general assembly of the Inter-parliamentary Union at St. Louis, Mo., September 13th, 1904, to-wit: "The Inter-parliamentary conference, shocked by the horrors of the war which is now being waged in the extreme Orient between two civilized nations, and regretting that the signatory powers to The Hague treaty have failed to remember the clauses which invite them to offer their mediation on the outbreak of hostilities, now request those signatories to The Hague treaty to intervene, either collectively or individually, between the belligerents in order to hasten the re-establishment of peace, and direct the inter-parliamentary bureau to bring this resolution to the knowledge of said powers. "In requesting your excellency to take an initiative which not only The Hague treaty, relative to the peaceful settlement of international conflicts of July 29, 1864, but the general interests of nations and humanity impose upon the governments of civilized nations, I remain, Mr. Secretary, with the assurance of my most distinguished consideration, "DR. GOBAT, National Councillor." Secretary Hay promised to give the resolution consideration and bring it to the attention of the president. Mr. Bartholdt and Secretary Hay then had a conversation regarding the possibility of intervention, but it was of a confidential nature.

RAIDED A BANK

Bandits Make a Success of It in Illinois Peoria, Ill., Dec. 10.—Two men entered the Peoria National Bank shortly after 11 o'clock this morning and held the teller, cashier and clerks at the point of their revolvers. After securing all the cash that was in sight on the counters of the bank, they sprang into a buggy they had hitched outside, and driving through the main business streets of the city, held the crowds at bay with their revolvers, and made their escape. The two bandits were young men and strangers in the city. One of the young men got out and entered the bank and was followed soon by his companion. They drew their revolvers and demanded the cash in sight, and one of the men went behind the counter to get the money. Cashier

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BIG SNOW STORM

Washington and the East Enveloped in White Washington, Dec. 10.—An old-fashioned snow storm swooped down upon Washington and vicinity about 11 o'clock last night, and flying flakes have filled the air since its advent without intermission. This storm came from Arkansas and Tennessee, and is hurrying northward to New England with considerable energy. The way it is predicted the storm will pass over the New England coast and lose itself in the vastness of the Atlantic. It is remarked as a curious coincidence that the present storm and the one of sleet and rain which preceded it several days ago both came from the south, the one from Arkansas and Tennessee, the other from Alabama. The prevailing storm is moving in a northerly direction, and will pass away from Washington, leaving fair and colder weather in the wake. The fall of snow has been heavy here and will be heavy tonight in eastern Pennsylvania and eastern New York. It is snowing along the Blue Ridge and as far south as Asheville, N. C.

JANESTOWN'S HOPES

Fitzhugh Lee Will Urge an Appropriation Washington, Dec. 10.—General Fitzhugh Lee, who is president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, called on the president today and referred to the announcement made that the House sub-committee on industrial arts and exhibitions had concluded not to recommend an appropriation toward a regular exposition at Jamestown, but would probably report a substitute providing for some naval display. The president, who had recommended liberal treatment for the exposition in his annual message, is believed to be friendly to the carrying out of what is declared to have been more or less of an agreement that substantial appropriation. General Lee, however, did not discuss that part of his visit. "The people of Virginia," he said, "do not want any change in their plans as to an exposition. They were certainly of the opinion that congress would give an appropriation of at least \$3,000,000 to the exposition." "We have not given up hope of getting a suitable appropriation," said General Lee, "and will carry the fight squarely before congress."

SIX-DAY RACE ENDED

Competing Teams Finished Very Close Together New York, Dec. 10.—The six-day bicycle race ended shortly before 10 o'clock tonight. As had been apparent for some time, Root and Dorion, the plucky young Americans, won the race by ten lengths, after most desperate riding at the last stages of the contest. The score at the close of the 142 hours was: Root and Dorion 2386-6, Vanderstuyft and Steel 2386-6, Samuelson and Williams 2386-5, Keegan and Logan 2386-4, Krebs and Fogler 2386-3, Berton and Gougott 2386-3, Turville and Metting 2386-3. The record for a six-day team race is 2833 miles and 3 laps, made by Charles Miller and Frank Waller in 1898. The prizes awarded were as follows: First \$1,500, second \$1,000, third \$640, fourth \$400, fifth \$350, sixth \$240, seventh \$100.

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ELECTION CUTS A FIGURE IN THE STATE CONVENTIONS

The West Will Dominate in the Democratic Organization--The East Will Have No Weight at All in Republican Councils--Number of Delegates Reduced

Washington, Dec. 10.—Special.—An analysis of the vote in the state at the recent election was accompanied by interesting results that members of the Tar Heel colony in Washington have been discussing during the past week. More than any other one thing the fact that the west will dominate the next Democratic state convention has been a fruitful subject of comment. The five western districts will have nearly a hundred majority over the five districts in the east. Equally significant is the fact that representation in the next convention will be greatly decreased, and this fact will not occasion any regret among those who had to buck up against the howling mob that met in Greensboro in July. In that convention, which nominated Governor Glenn, there were 1,250 delegates. With the same basis of representation the next convention will have only 855 delegates. This shows the extent in the decrease of the vote in the state under existing conditions. The next Republican state convention will look as though it had been hit by a cyclone, and the east will cut such an insignificant part that its statesmen will soon be relegated to the rear. The Republican basis of representation in the last convention was on 126,000 votes. That was before the amendment went into effect. Next year the election of delegates will be based on the 79,000 votes cast in November. The five eastern congressional districts will have only 225 delegates, while the five western districts will have a total of 620. This means the passing of the eastern Republicans as factors in the state conventions of the party. A handsome gravel made of dogwood grown on the plantation in Guilford county, where Speaker Cannon was born, was given to Mr. Cannon today. The donor, Mr. John C. Cox of Guilford, was presented to Speaker Cannon by Representative Dixon of Montana, who was also born near Guilford. The speaker will use the gravel in rapping the House to order Monday.

No Extra Session the Coming Spring

The President Anxious for Legislation Enlarging the Powers of the Inter-state Commerce Commission--Opposition Is Strong Washington, Dec. 10.—That the president has decided definitely not to call an extra session of congress to meet immediately after the close of the present session was made certain this morning by his declaration to Representative Cooper of Texas that he would visit that state sure in the spring. Heretofore he has said in response to invitations to make a southern trip that he would do so provided there should be no extra session to prevent. His statement to Mr. Cooper removes all question in the matter. If there is to be an extra session for the purpose of considering tariff legislation it will not meet until next fall. To members of the House today who called on him, the president talked with great frankness and emphasis on the necessity of immediate legislation to extend the powers of the interstate commerce commission and to abolish rebates. Although it has become the general opinion among the leaders in congress that legislation at this session of con-

Public Building Project

The North Carolina delegation will probably hold a meeting next week to take up for consideration the public building projects that should be presented to the Senate and House committees for incorporation in the omnibus public building measure. North Carolina is one of the few states that have two members on these committees, Senator Simmons being a member of the Senate committee and Representative Thomas of the House committee. With united action, it is believed that greater results can be accomplished, and for this reason a meeting of the entire delegation is desired, so as to effect a harmonious program. Winston-Salem already has an available appropriation, but the people of the twin city desire another location and the sale of the courthouse is preferred. The Senate last year voted \$65,000 for the improvement of the Asheville public building, but during the past few weeks there has developed a desire to abandon this project and urge the appropriation of \$150,000 for the erection of a separate public building for court purposes. A bill to this effect, introduced this week by Representative Gudger, will be pressed before the committee. The plan, it is said, will meet the needs of the city. The only other important building project is that for Salisbury, which Senator Overman is interested in. Some of the delegation think that the smaller towns in North Carolina should be provided with public buildings as well as the larger ones. They say that other states get buildings for towns of six and eight thousand population and that North Carolina should also take advantage of the prevailing precedents. Every state claims more or less consideration in public building measures, and as North Carolina has few large towns it is contended that the state is relatively entitled to buildings for a number of small towns. The meeting of the delegation is called for the purpose of presenting the claims of the growing towns in the state which are deserving of buildings that will cost \$25,000 or \$30,000. Wilson and High Point were both favorably discussed at an informal conference of several members of the delegation today. Representative Webb presented the claims of Gastonia and Hickory, both places being considered favorably. Hickory and Monroe were urged by Representative Pacy. There are a few instances of towns that have shown rapid development and that will come in for consideration. At the meeting (Continued on page 2.)