

DR. ASHLEY-CHAPPEL STANDS SUSPENDED FROM PASTORATE

Committee So Decides After Investigation—Firmly Refused to Surrender His Credentials.

WILL BE TRIED AT STATESVILLE JULY 20

Dr. Chappel Will Be Defended by Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Shelby—Rev. Mr. Pickens Will Prosecute.

Asheville, June 17.—Rev. Ashley Chappel, D. D., pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Asheville and one of the foremost ministers in the South, has been suspended from the ministry, after an investigation by a committee of ministers, on a charge of gross immorality. He will be tried before a committee of thirteen ministers at Statesville on July 20th.

Should this committee bring in a verdict of guilty, Dr. Chappel's case will be reviewed by the Western North Carolina annual conference in October. If the conference accepts the report of the committee, as is the invariable rule, he will either be expelled from the ministry or suspended for a brief period. A verdict in his favor will end the matter and he will be restored to his pastorate.

Efforts by bishops and other dignitaries of the church to get Dr. Chappel to quickly surrender his credentials were unavailing, he protesting his innocence. He decided to fight these out. A committee of three North Carolina ministers, appointed by the Asheville presiding elder, Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, went to Memphis a few days ago and investigated all the rumors connected with the affair. Dr. Chappel appeared in his own defense and offered no other evidence except his own statement. The committee interviewed the police and viewed the search of the alleged act. After weighing the evidence they brought in a report, recommending Dr. Chappel's trial and his suspension from the ministry, which was ordered by the presiding elder.

Dr. Boyer Gives Dr. Chappel's Version. Shelby, June 17.—Details of the immoral conduct charges alleged to have been laid against Dr. Ashley Chappel, prominent Methodist minister of Asheville, were given out here today by Dr. H. K. Boyer, Shelby pastor, who has been appointed by the Western North Carolina Methodist conference to defend Dr. Chappel at the church trial. The story as given to and published in The Cleveland Star says:

Shelby was the stage for the development of one of the most remarkable plots, in which actual human character played a part, ever recorded. The actors in the unusual, dramatic and soul blighting drama were two pastors—two prominent pastors—of the Methodist church of North Carolina.

One of these was Rev. Ashley Chappel, D. D., pastor of the fashionable Central Methodist church of Asheville, and ranked as one of the most brilliant men in the southern church—standing accused of immoral conduct.

The other was Rev. H. K. Boyer, D. D., of Shelby, credited with being one of the profoundest thinkers in the North Carolina pulpit—called to defend his co-worker at the bar of the church.

BAKER FIREBUG IN OPINION OF SCOTT WHO MADE INQUIRY

Report of Stacy W. Wade Indicates B. B. Baker Set Fire to His Hamlet Boarding House.

HAD COLLECTED SOME INSURANCE

Report Has It That When Living in South Carolina He Collected Money Following the Blaze.

Raleigh, June 18.—(AP)—Two weeks ago today B. B. Baker was hailed as a man who gave his life in an attempt to rescue others in a fire at Hamlet. Today he is branded as "not a hero, but a firebug caught in his own trap."

To a tale of inspiring heroism this sordid anti-climax was added today by the report of Capt. W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner. The report was made to Insurance Commissioner Stacy W. Wade and was made public by him.

"There was no evidence that he ever wrote anyone except Mrs. Clark and no one ever saw him come out of the house," Captain Scott declares. "The fire took a toll of four lives when the lodging house run by Baker and his family burned about 3 o'clock on the morning of June 4th. Among those who lost their lives were Baker and Engleka, Mrs. May Clark, wife of the man on whom Baker is believed to have tried to place the blame, was awakened by him and escaped."

"Reports from Hamlet at the time indicated that Baker made three trips into the burning structure in order to rescue those upstairs, finally falling down the steps onto the porch, terribly burned. He died in the yard a short time after coming out of the house."

A coroner's jury was empaneled and made an investigation but took no action. Captain Scott was sent to Hamlet at the request of the fire chief.

Baker admittedly had killed one man and was alleged to have killed others. The report adds that he had five losses in South Carolina and had collected heavy insurance. The lodging house is characterized as having been a "tough joint."

Two persons are quoted as having said they heard shots somewhere in the vicinity of the house sometime during the night.

Figures in World's News



PRESIDENT MOSCICKI BERNARDO DUGGAN

President Moscicki was endeavoring to stabilize the Polish republic. The scaplane in which Bernardo Duggan left America for Brazil was reported missing. The resignation of Raoul Peret, French Finance Minister, caused the collapse of the Briand Cabinet. Michael Arlen, author, declared that he was in love.

M. W. RISLEY TO MANAGE STORE IN GREENWOOD, S. C.

Assistant Manager of Concord J. C. Penney Store Is Made Manager of New Store in South Carolina.

The store that makes its managers by training them has made another one. M. W. Risley, assistant manager of the J. C. Penney Company Store in Concord since it was opened two years ago, was recently rewarded for his conscientious and efficient work.

Mr. Inman will take the place of Mr. Risley as assistant manager of the Concord store. Mr. Inman was in the Penney organization one and one-half years in Chehalis, Washington, before coming here when the store opened.

Robert Insehour, who went to work as cashier for the Penney Store here when it opened its doors to the public, has been promoted to second man.

Secretary Everett Recovering. Raleigh, June 18.—(AP)—Secretary of State W. N. Everett is receiving numerous letters from various parts of the state, congratulating him upon the fact that he is recovering from the recent heart attack which has kept him confined to his home for the past two weeks.

THE TACNA-ARICA NEGOTIATIONS AT WASHINGTON HALT

The Chilean Ambassador Tells State Department of Positive Stand Taken by His Government.

CHILE OBJECTS TO PEACE TERM

Takes Attitude That United States Has Been Unfair in Trying to Settle the Dispute.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—The Washington end of the Tacna-Arica negotiations was apparently brought to a crisis today when the Chilean ambassador visited the State Department and informed Secretary Kellogg of the positive stand taken by his government.

No one at the department or the embassy would discuss the subject, but it was assumed Ambassador Crujeira handed to Secretary Kellogg the note sent him from Santiago saying Chile considers the diplomatic negotiations for settlement of the Tacna-Arica dispute with Peru to have terminated automatically by abandonment of the plebiscite arrangement at Arica.

The Chilean plenipotentiary was in conference with the Secretary nearly an hour. Immediately afterward Mr. Kellogg left for the White House, where the cabinet was assembled for the regular semi-weekly session.

Whether any exact reply will be made to Alazendi has not been indicated. It is regarded as certain, however, that some way will be found to inform the world fully of the abundant evidences of Chilean unfairness now in the possession of the United States government and to place the blame for failure of negotiations squarely on Chilean officials.

TO USE NEW FORM OF COTTON PRODUCTION REPORT. New Forms Will Be Used in First Crop Condition Report on July 1.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—The agricultural department is preparing to put into effect on July 2nd its recent decision to change the form of its cotton production report, so as to give three alternating groups of crop estimates, each based on the method of computation.

THE COTTON MARKET. Opened Steady at Decline of 4 to 10 Points—Prices Eased Off to 17.76 For July.

PEPPER'S MANAGER ASKED ABOUT FUND SPENT IN PRIMARY

Eric Fisher Wood Tells Senators About \$167,000 Was Spent For Pepper-Fisher Campaign.

EXACT FIGURES ARE NOT GIVEN

Notes Given For Campaign Funds Not Paid Because They Are Not Due, He Tells Reed.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—During temporary armistice in the verbal battle over political activities of the Anti-Saloon League, the Senate campaign funds committee was told today of expenditures around \$167,000 by the Pepper-Fisher republican campaign committee which operated before this year's primary in 31 western Pennsylvania counties outside of Pittsburgh.

While Wayne B. Wheeler waited to again take the stand, Eric Fisher Wood, head of the Pepper-Fisher coalition organization in the 31 counties, was questioned at length. He said the contributions to his committee amounted to \$141,492.57, and that "we borrowed \$50,000 and we have approximately \$75,000 in cash."

Chairman Reed told the witness he thought this a "confused report," and he wanted it "straightened out." Taking the first two figures Reed said the total was \$216,492.57.

Expenditures Assailed. Washington, June 18.—(AP)—Pennsylvania's primary expenditures were assailed in the House today by Representative Moore, democrat, of Virginia as exhibiting "a corrupt use of money, such as the people of this country never heard of before."

TILSON NOMINATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. President Told Georgia Man Would Not Be Accepted by Senate.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—President Coolidge today withdrew his nomination of William J. Tilson, a brother of the republican leader in Georgia. A Senate committee already had reported unfavorably, and Senate leaders told the President that confirmation would be denied by the Senate.

Vanderbilt Paper Failed to Appear. Miami, Fla., June 18.—(AP)—Curtis Vanderbilt Jr.'s newspaper, the Illustrated Daily Tab, failed to appear today.

Kiwanis Chief



Ralph A. Atherman of Scranton, Pa., was elected president of the Kiwanis Clubs of United States and Canada at the annual convention in Montreal.

HERMIT-WOMAN KILLED; HAD CASH ON PERSON. Mrs. Julia Dezerne Fatally Hurt When Struck by Car Driven by H. M. McClure.

Mrs. Julia Dezerne, miser and hermit-woman, was almost instantly killed Thursday night when struck by an automobile driven by H. M. McClure near the entrance to Oakwood cemetery. Her neck was broken and she lived only a few minutes after being struck.

The accident occurred about 9:15 o'clock on Thursday night. Mrs. Dezerne was on her way to her home north of Concord. There were no other cars on the street at the time, police officers have been told, and Mr. McClure has been quoted as saying "something bobbed up in the road and I struck it."

Stopping his car Mr. McClure walked back several feet and found the unconscious form of the woman. "I did not know what I had struck; in fact I didn't see anything until I felt the impact," Mr. McClure told officers. He called for aid and an ambulance was called but the woman was dead when it reached her.

Officers who investigated described the tragedy as an accident and Mr. McClure was not arrested. However, a coroner's jury heard evidence in the case this morning, exonerating the driver of the car.

Mrs. Dezerne was known to many persons by sight but to few by personal contact. She had been content to live alone, finding shelter in small houses, where she made her living on berries, herbs and small particles of food given her from time to time. She had no intimate friends, no members of her family live here now and she went about the country at all times of the day and night, seeking to eke out an existence without spending money.

PRAYER MEETINGS TWICE DAILY FOR FOLK OF CHESTER

They Continue Prayer Services in Hope of Breaking Drought in the City and County.

RAINS FALL IN NEARBY CITIES

Cotton Is Principal Crop in That County and Lack of Rain Is Hampering Its Growth.

Chester, S. C., June 18.—(AP)—Two prayer services, each being held by the citizens of Chester for the purpose of asking God to end the very serious drought that has this section in its grip.

Yesterday morning there was a second town-wide morning prayer service at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and another in the afternoon. This program will be followed until the drought ends.

In certain sections not more than 30 or 40 miles away there have been rains in the last few days. While they have not brought a full measure of relief, they have helped materially, but in Chester and Chester county and two adjoining counties conditions are unimproved.

STEARLING AUTOMOBILES ALMOST THING OF PAST. Due to the Excellent System of Registration Employed.

Raleigh, June 18.—Theft of automobiles for resale purposes has been made almost a thing of the past in North Carolina as a result of the excellent system of registration employed and the activity of the theft bureau, automotive division, department of revenue, of which L. S. Harris is chief.

"Automobile thieves have found that in North Carolina it is next to impossible to get away with an automobile and sell it as if it were their own. As our registration and license system makes it an easy matter to trace a car, consequently they have turned to the business of stealing cars for their accessories, and this until lately has proved more profitable and less risky. They will take a car and run it out to some secluded place or out-of-the-way garage, where the operator is in league with them, and then remove everything removable—diesel, generator, starter, bumper, and all the accessories. They then peddle these parts to other garages or sell them direct. They then sometimes manage to rig the car itself up in such a way that it could not be identified, and sell it, but that is still too risky," said Harris.

Mrs. Lewis Sues For Divorce. Asheville, June 18.—(AP)—Charging infidelity and non-support against her wealthy and formerly influential husband, Loyd Lewis, who is at present keeping in all parts of the state, Mrs. Lewis today filed suit in Buncombe county superior court for divorce and alimony and the custody of their two young daughters.

City Tax Notice!

All property on which Taxes for the year 1925, and also 1916 street assessments that expired December 1st, 1925, will be advertised and sold after July 1st, 1926.

CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

BASEBALL

TWO BIG GAMES between GIBSON and KANNAPOLIS Friday at Gibson Park, Concord Saturday at Cabarrus Park, Kannapolis All Games Called Promptly at 3:30

THE WEATHER

Mostly fair tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer on south coast tonight. Moderate northeast winds becoming variable.