

Dr. Pentuff Talks of Life in Trial Of His Suit For Big Damages

Plaintiff Tells of Education, Churches and Institutions He Has Served Within Past 25 Years.

ALSO ADMITS HE HAS HAD TROUBLE

Tells of Arrests on False Pretense Charges and About Money He Still Owes Several Persons.

The testimony of the plaintiff featured the first session of the case of Dr. J. R. Pentuff, resigned pastor of the McGill Street Baptist Church here, against John A. Park, O. J. Coffin and The Raleigh Times for libel. Dr. Pentuff is seeking damages in the sum of \$25,000 as the result of an editorial which appeared in The Times on February 23 in which the plaintiff was described as an "immigrant ignoramus."

Several depositions were first introduced by the counsel for the plaintiff, these being from D. S. Poole, author of the Poole evolution bill; Rev. J. M. Hilliard, of High Point, W. H. Blanchard, of Fuquay Springs, and Dr. J. W. McLaughlin, president of Furman University.

In the editorial it was charged also that in debating the Poole bill before the House committee Dr. Pentuff became so unamiable that he had to be suppressed by the committee chairman. The depositions for the most part denied that such was the case, Mr. Poole stating that Dr. Pentuff appeared before the committee at his request, Mr. Hilliard said he heard the debate and did not hear Chairman Connor suppress the speaker. Mr. Blanchard said he invited Dr. Pentuff to speak at Fuquay Springs and that resolutions of commendation for his address there, which appeared in The News and Observer he and not Dr. Pentuff, had written.

Dr. Pentuff was examined by M. H. Caldwell and the cross examination was conducted by L. T. Hartwell. The witness said he was born in North Carolina, attended the common schools in his State and South Carolina, later graduated at Furman University with the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, then studied for three years at the University of Chicago after being for a time at Shurtleff College. After leaving Chicago, he said, he was dean of the Burlington Institute, going from there to Stevens College, where he was first dean and then president. Later he was dean of San Marcos College, at San Marcos, Texas, and for a time served as dean of Powhatan College, at Charlottesville, Va.

He said he had been pastor of churches in Shelburne, Mo., St. Joseph, Mo., and Gonzales, Texas. For 25 years, he said, he has been making a study of science and has kept abreast of the times in scientific matters. He also testified that he had lectured on evolution in Charlotte, Mooreville, Raleigh and Fuquay Springs.

When asked about his conduct before the House committee, Dr. Pentuff said, "I gave a straightforward lecture, explaining the bill. I gave a dignified and clear statement of facts. I conducted myself like a gentleman."

Dr. Pentuff denied that he was "suppressed" by Chairman Connor, saying the only thing of the kind occurred when after he had finished he asked permission to direct a question to those opposing him in the debate. This, he said, was denied by the chairman.

The editorial matter, he said, had caused him great mental anguish. On cross-examination Dr. Pentuff was asked about many incidents that were not mentioned in his direct examination. Mr. Hartwell asked him about notes he had not paid, about warrants issued for him in the State and about stocks he had sold and guaranteed.

Several times the witness hesitated and a number of times he declared he had forgotten some of the incidents mentioned.

He admitted that he has lived in North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Texas and West Virginia.

"You immigrated back to North Carolina, didn't you?" Mr. Hartwell asked.

ditions and got the money from his bank on a note which he endorsed. When the note became due he didn't have the money, the witness said, and the bank refused to take another note. When he went back to Burnsville with the new note he was arrested and placed in jail, where he stayed until bondsmen from Marion could be notified of his plight.

"Wasn't another warrant issued for you in Yancey county because of \$55 you owed William Parnell?" Mr. Hartwell asked.

"Yes, I paid this and the costs." "Did you sign the stock?" Mr. Pentuff asked Mr. Huskins and Mr. Parnell for the loans, telling them he had property which would be sold soon which would bring him in at least \$1,000. He explained that friends could not take the property and he could not pay the money.

Dr. Pentuff also admitted that he was secretary and treasurer of the Toll River Mineral and Timber Company. He did not recall, he said, selling \$1,300 worth of the stock to G. W. Bonner and signed by him, in which he guaranteed the stock.

"Did Bonner ever get his money back on the stock?" Dr. Pentuff was asked.

"I guess not. I signed the stock as secretary but I don't remember making the sale. The directors of the company told me to guarantee the stock."

"Do you remember a note for \$275 which Mr. Bonner endorsed for you?" Mr. Hartwell asked.

"I don't recall about that."

The note was produced and Dr. Pentuff said he remembered it. He explained that what he meant at first was that he didn't remember the exact amount of the note.

"Have you paid Mr. Bonner?" "I have not."

"How much other money do you owe?" "More than I can pay."

In Charlestown, W. Va., Mr. Pentuff admitted G. E. Bonner had thrown him into bankruptcy because he could not pay \$1,000 he owed Bonner.

"Do you think the fact that you were placed in bankruptcy cancelled the moral debt?" Mr. Hartwell asked.

TWO DEAD AND EIGHT INJURED AS RESULT OF CHICAGO SHOOTING

Albert Schmidt Tries to Kill Samuel Wertheimer and Then Turns Gun on Himself.

DETECTIVE KILLED RUSHING TO SCENE

Schmidt Lured Wertheimer Into a Cellar and Battered Him for Unloading Theater on Him.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Two persons are dead and 8 injured as the result of a shooting that ended when Albert Schmidt, theatre owner, turned a revolver on himself with fatal effect.

The second to lose his life was not the target of Schmidt's fire. Detective Sergeant Walter Kiley was killed when an automobile collided with a detective squad car speeding to the theatre.

Patrons of the theatre were unaware of the shooting until Samuel A. Wertheimer, wounded twice, said that Schmidt, to whom he recently sold the movie house, asked him to come to the theatre, lured him into the cellar, and after making incoherent statements about disappointment in the concern, began firing.

The seven persons in the automobile colliding with the detective car were injured, but none seriously.

STATEWIDE SEARCH IS NOW UNDERWAY For the 19-Year-Old Son of Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman Slain.

Los Angeles, Oct. 27.—(AP)—A statewide search was underway today for Robert Wiseman, 19 year old son of Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman Slain, who is sought as a defense witness in connection with his mother's accusation that Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, manufactured evidence to support an abduction story to explain her five weeks' absence from Angelus Temple.

Mrs. Wiseman denied knowledge of her son's whereabouts, but admitted having sent him away to prevent his appearance in court. It is understood that the boy is wanted to testify as to his mother's movements during the time she said she was employed by Mrs. McPherson to manufacture evidence.

Mrs. Wiseman, a co-defendant with Mrs. McPherson and a prosecution witness, said she last heard from her son "300 miles north of here."

Clashes between opposing counsel enlivened yesterday's session and at times obscured the trend of the testimony.

TWELVE MOROS KILLED In a Fight Between Philippine Constabulary and Moro Outlaws.

Manila, P. I., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Twelve Moros were killed in a fight today between Philippine constabulary troops and a band of Moro outlaws in Lanao province. There were no casualties among the constabulary. The constabulary was attempting to arrest three Moros who recently murdered Otto R. Seifert, an American citizen.

The outlaws took refuge in a fort which the constabulary stormed.

Ponzi Ordered Turned Over to Massachusetts Authorities.

LUTHERANS NOW WORKING AT HIGH SPEED AT RICHMOND

It Is Expected That Adjournment Will Follow Today—Next Meeting to Be Held at Erie, Pa.

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD IN 1928

In 1929 the Interest of the Lutherans of the World Will Be Centered on a Meeting at Copenhagen.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 27.—(AP)—The fifth biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America worked at high speed this morning in the hopes of adjourning this afternoon. The next meeting will be held at Erie, Pa., in 1928, while the following year the interest of Lutherans the world over will be centered at Copenhagen, Denmark, where the Lutheran world convention will gather to develop international unity between the Lutheran peoples of all nations.

Upward of two dozen items are on the program for disposition before the meeting adjourns. They include more than eighteen reports of committees and other organizations of the church, and several items under the heading of unfinished business. The unfinished business included a statement by the committee on moral and social welfare, whose report aroused much discussion when it was presented Monday and which was re-committed for re-drafting.

Great Progress of Woman's Missionary Society.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 27.—Credit to Woman's Missionary Society and acknowledgment of its great progress, both in home and foreign missionary fields was rendered today in a report of the committee on women's work as made to the biennial convention here of the United Lutheran Church.

"There can be little question but that this biennium will prove the greatest in volume of receipts for missions through the regular channels in the history of the Woman's Missionary Society," asserts the committee.

"The Woman's Missionary Society, through all its agencies, is doing as most valuable spiritual work in awaking and organizing the missionary spirit and in gathering the gifts of our Lutheran womanhood for the cause of Christ and the world evangelization."

The committee announces that it is preparing to make a survey of women's activities with a view to formulating constructive and helpful suggestions from which tangible results may be expected during the next two years. The committee voices a conviction that every congregation should have an auxiliary organization of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Delegates to Biennial Convention.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 27.—Delegates to the biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America were started yesterday when cancellation of European war debts to the United States was advocated in a formal report by the committee on moral and social welfare of the Lutheran Church. Delegates were amazed to note that the committee had regarded a moot question of international finance as within the purview of moral or social welfare.

Since the Lutheran Church is known to hold the view that preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ is the church's chief function, the action of the convention on the proposal to remit the war debts in order to prevent the designation of America as a "Shylock" is awaited with keen anticipation.

The subject is taken up by the committee under the heading of "Our Solution of the Problem," stating: "To keep America true to her moorings and her mission, we must keep America humble. Our heel of Achilles in international relationships is a possible overlordship in matters of finance."

Three courses are outlined by the committee as possible methods by which to "right the world in which we live."

The first of these is to reduce the tariff, the second to let down the bars to immigration, and the third to "ultimately wipe out the debt incurred by foreign nations." The first is rejected as unacceptable to industrial leaders, and the second is opposed by the workers and those concerned in social welfare. Taking up the remission of the debt, the committee says in its report: "The third proposal should not be carried out immediately. Before America accepts this solution of the world problem, it ought to have some substantial guaranty that the states of Europe will effectively set their houses in order and direct their energies to the establishment of a United States of Europe. It is highly important that the debt shall not be remitted until there is some effective guaranty that the World War was not fought in vain."

In News Here and Abroad



BISHOP INGRAM



HARRY P. GIFFORD

American college students are not addicted to booze orgies, the Rev. Arthur Foley Winningham-Ingram, Bishop of London, declared after a tour of United States. Harry P. Gifford, of Salem, Mass., was elected president of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks. Princess Sophie Charlotte was granted a divorce from Prince Eitel Frederick, second son of Wilhelm II. of Germany.

AMOUNT TO RELIEVE THE COTTON CRISIS IS OVERSUBSCRIBED

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—(AP)—A substantial over-subscription to the capital stock of the Finance Corporation for relieving the cotton crisis in North Carolina was announced this morning by Governor McLean. One million dollars was the amount sought. The Governor stated that he was satisfied that \$5,000,000 could be raised if necessary.

SAYS DEMOCRATS WILL CARRY LINCOLN COUNTY

Commissioner Graham Says They Will Show the Republicans a Thing or Two.

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—(AP)—While I am fully aware that the Republicans have passed around the word that they are going to carry Lincoln county, yet we will show them such a discarding of grave clothes and such a lively resurrection next Tuesday that they will no longer have any doubts as to the longevity of Lincoln Democracy," declared Commissioner of Agriculture Graham upon his return to Raleigh.

Mr. Graham went to Lincoln to introduce Governor McLean, who, in his address there, took occasion to commend the work of the commission to his home folks, declaring that he had rendered valuable services not only as head of the department to which the people elected him but in the matter of co-operating with the present administration at Raleigh.

"Our folks were greatly pleased with the governor's speech," said Mr. Graham and I was glad of the opportunity of introducing him as a farmer, a business man and a statesman. "I told them," said the commissioner, "that when he got through with being governor that he was not going to depend on cotton for a living, as he is a great advocate of diversification of crops."

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INDICTMENTS TO BE SOUGHT AGAINST A NUMBER OF PERSONS

As a Result of the Alleged Disappearance of Whiskey From the Rum Ship Elma at Wilmington.

NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN DISCLOSED

Federal Agents Have Been Investigating Some Government Employees—Alleged Names Known.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 27.—(AP)—The Wilmington News-Dispatch in a story published here today says that conspiracy indictments against a number of persons will be sought at the November term of United States district court here as a result of alleged disappearance of whiskey impounded when the rum ship Elma was seized off this port several months ago.

The whiskey, totalling about 4,000 cases, was stored in the United States customs house after being seized. Between the time the district court ordered it destroyed several weeks ago, some of the liquor is alleged to have disappeared.

The News Dispatch says that the names of those against whom indictments will be sought have not been disclosed, but adds that federal agents have been investigating some government employees.

"It is understood," says the story, "that secret service men who have been here since the rum ship was brought into port, have made a searching investigation into the alleged disappearance of whiskey from the customs house, and they were said to be in possession of names of people reported to them as having obtained some of the liquor. Likewise they were said to know the names of the persons alleged to have withdrawn the whiskey. It is understood that some federal employees have been investigated."

"The agents who came here at the time the rum ship was brought into port were later supplemented by other agents, including intelligence officers of the government and treasury department detectives. It is said that the work of these detectives had been directed largely toward the securing of information upon which conspiracy indictments might be obtained."

CLUES TO MURDER OF MISS LILLY CROY

Toledo, O., School Teacher, Whose Body Was Found Tuesday.

Toledo, O., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Police today uncovered two clues in connection with the clubbing to death of Miss Lilly Croy, school teacher, whose body was found yesterday.

James A. Harrison, negro, turned over to police an iron bar which he found on a refuse pile near the scene of the slaying. It was covered with blood and matted hair.

Officers also are searching for a taxicab driver who was reported to have picked up a fare near the scene of the clubbing, and taken the man to a downtown hotel. The man, according to reports to the police, appeared to have blood on his coat. Rewards totalling \$2,000 have been offered.

No definite clues have been developed today in the murder of Mrs. Mary Alden, who was found shot to death in her home last night. Police so far have been unable to connect her slaying with the Croy murder.

The chief of police has issued a statement asking citizens to keep cool to prevent another wave of hysteria such as swept the city a year ago while a clubber was active.

THE COTTON MARKET

Reports Indicated That Cotton Is Still Making in Parts of the South.

New York, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The cotton market opened fairly steady today at a decline of 3 to 5 points under Southern selling and liquidation. Orders seemed to be well divided, trade calling being about sufficient to offset the Southern hedging which continued, however, while demand seemed to slacken slightly. The market eased off to 12.06 for December 12.40 for March, net declines of 14 to 16 points on active months. The selling may have been promoted to some extent by a favorable weekly weather report which some traders here interpreted as indicating that cotton still was making in parts of the South.

TWO ARE DEAD FROM FALL FROM A TENTH STORY WINDOW

Mrs. Bertha Washauer and Daughter Jumped From a Room in Martha Washington Hotel.

REGISTERED UNDER ASSUMED NAMES

Carried Out Suicide Agreement.—Daughter Had Been Treated at a Hospital for Insane.

New York, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Bertha Washauer, 52, and her 32-year old daughter, Dorothy, are dead today as a result of leaping from the eleventh story of the Martha Washington Hotel for women.

The two women registered under assumed names a half hour before carrying out their suicide agreement. They were identified through a doctor's card on which was written: "Brother knows all about the money."

There was a crash of glass as the mother's body struck a canopy over the hotel entrance. A moment later Miss Marjorie LaPlante, a nurse, of Toronto, Ont., who occupied a room two floors below, was startled by a crash as the body of the daughter struck, first was landed upon the iron railing around a balcony outside her window. Miss LaPlante seized the girl but was unable to overcome her. "Let me loose, you fool, let me loose. I want to go with mother," Miss Washauer shouted. She then fought herself free and dropped the remaining distance to the entrance canopy beside her mother.

Dr. Dea A. Bass, whose card was found in the mother's pocket, identified the women. The police said Miss Washauer had been treated recently at a state hospital for the insane. The mother was also said to have been suffering from a nervous disorder.

THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROOSEVELT'S BIRTH

Is Observed Throughout the Country as Navy Day.—Ships Thrown Open to the Public.

New York, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The 68th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's birth was observed throughout the country as Navy Day.

Ships in port were thrown open to the public, ceremonies and radio programs were arranged to call attention to the country's first line of defense, and to the career of the man who as assistant secretary of the Navy and its commander-in-chief, and in private life, promoted the Navy's interests with all his energy.

Feature events on the program here were a public Roosevelt memorial meeting at Town Hall under the auspices of the Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association, and the laying of the keel of the new light cruiser Pensacola at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Roosevelt's sister, and Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett were down for the principal speeches at the memorial service.

Navy Day's Feature at Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Preparations were completed today on board the coast guard cutter Modok for the reception of several hundred persons this afternoon, the commander, W. R. Munter, having announced that this would be the Navy Day's feature here.

Trude Claims Poison Food Was Fed Her.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 27.—Poisoned food which nearly put her to sleep while in the water defied Gertrude Ederle's first attempt to swim the English Channel, she says in an interview with The Harvard Crimson.

Boof tea which she drank before starting was drugged, her trainer afterward discovered.

"No one though I had a chance of getting across," she declared. "The newspapers were all sympathetic but skeptical just the same. It made me awfully determined to succeed."

The first attempt I made I nearly went to sleep in the water. Some one had put drugs in the boof tea I drank before starting. My trainer proved this beyond a doubt."

While training for her second attempt her food was prepared by her sister she revealed. Miss Ederle offered no conjecture as to the identity of those responsible for the presence of the drug.

Montreal Welcomes Queen Marie.

Montreal, Canada, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Montreal welcomed Queen Marie, of Rumania, today with an ovation and a program of entertainment that kept her busy throughout the day after her arrival shortly before 10 o'clock from Toronto.

Earth Tremors in Missouri.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Heavy earth tremors were felt here this morning from 10.22 to 10.30 o'clock. There were 2 shocks, the first of which merely shook windows, but the second shook buildings in the downtown section of the city severely. No damage was reported.

THE WEATHER

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