



REVOLT IN PRESBYTERY TIRED OF "CZAR RULE."

Clergymen Protest Against "Star Chamber Methods."

There is a conflict on in the Presbytery of New York which bids fair to shake the organization to its foundations before a settlement is reached.

Later developments, however, have shown that Dr. Duffield's motion had no bearing whatever on the Westminster Church case.

It is learned from authoritative sources that the last meeting of the Presbytery was a stormy one, and that there took place a battle of words between James Yerrance, who is one of the trustees of the Presbytery, and the Rev. Dr. John Newton Lyle, the Sunday school missionary of the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work for the Synod of New York.

At the meeting of the Synod of New York at Syracuse last October Dr. Lyle was appointed as the representative of the missionary department of the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work for the Synod of New York to succeed the Rev. Dr. A. C. McMillan, who resigned to accept the pastorate of the Westminster Church in Yonkers.

Dr. Lyle, however, has shown a strong tendency to do the work laid out by the board in Philadelphia, and not to knuckle down to the so-called czars of Presbytery, who, by the way, bitterly opposed his appointment at the meeting of the Synod of New York at Syracuse last October.

Dr. Lyle recently asked the Presbytery to appoint a committee to represent the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work and aid him in his work. The request was referred to the Moderator's council and adversely reported at the last meeting of the Presbytery.

When this announcement was made Dr. Lyle took the floor and demanded that the committee be appointed. He was backed by some of the strongest men in the Presbytery, and he got the committee. This so nettled Mr. Yerrance that he delivered a philippic against Dr. Lyle, in the course of which he accused the latter of incompetency. Then Dr. Lyle let the cat out of the bag by retorting that he had received secret instructions from the board in Philadelphia not to do the bidding of the Yerrance-Shearer faction.

This produced a big hubbub in the Presbytery, and it was here that the Moderator had to interfere to restore order.

Some of the strongest men in the Presbytery are confident that the present contest will end in the overthrow of the so-called czar rule of recent years and the establishment of a more democratic organization.

Mr. Yerrance declined last evening to discuss the difference he had with Dr. Lyle at the last meeting of the Presbytery. He expressed surprise that a report of the controversy over the appointment of a committee demanded by Dr. Lyle had reached The Tribune.

"I know of no factional fight in the Presbytery," Mr. Yerrance said. "There has been no quarrel, not even serious friction, so far as I have observed. Of course, there have been differences of honest opinion regarding methods and signs, and there have been discussions of such character. I am not lending any faction, and have no interest in any movement to promote dissensions in the Presbytery."

WIGHT OF EGGS REGULATED BY LAW.

Two Ounces Apiece Fixed as Standard by Iowa Legislature.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 25.—Hens in Iowa are hereafter expected to lay their eggs in uniform weight of two ounces each, for the Legislature has just passed a new Weights and Measures law which includes this important Iowa product. It provides that the standard weight of one dozen eggs shall be twenty-four ounces, and permits merchants to sell them by weight should they desire and the purchaser be willing to accept this method. No means of compromise is suggested in case twelve eggs overweigh the standard fixed.

The new law gives standard weight to seventy articles, some of which never before had official weight in Iowa. These are beets, alfalfa, peanuts and canary seed.

BISHOP POTTER PREACHES IN ROME.

American Church of St. Paul Crowded for Thirtieth Anniversary Services.

Rome, March 25.—The American Church of St. Paul was crowded to-day for the thirtieth anniversary of its consecration. Bishop Henry Coleman Potter, who read the consecration service, preached to-day. Bishop Potter's father celebrated the first service in the American Church in Rome in 1876, when it was held in a private house.

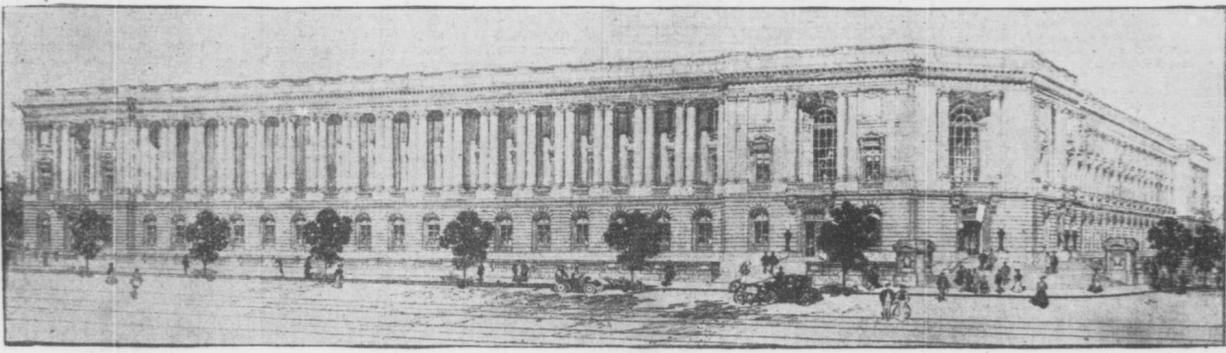
The Rev. Dr. R. J. Nevin, rector of St. Paul's, announced that a mosaic memorial would be begun immediately in the choir of the church. The work will be under the direction of Mr. Brooke, who assisted Sir Philip Burne-Jones in the arrangement of the mosaics already in the choir.

THE TRAIN OF THE CENTURY.

Twentieth Century Limited, 18-hour train between New York and Chicago, by the New York Central Lines. Leave New York 3:30 P. M., arrive Chicago 11:30 morning—a night's ride.—Adv.

NEW OFFICE BUILDING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

It will cost \$4,000,000. The cornerstone is to be laid on April 7, 1906. This building will cover a whole square and faces the Plaza between the Capitol and the Library of Congress. The foundations and walls of the first floor are nearly completed.



BATTLE IN MOROCCO.

Pretender's Troops Attack Sultan's Forces Near Keddala.

Port Say, Morocco, March 25.—There is a battle going on near Keddala. The Pretender's infantry and artillery are firing briskly on the Sultan's cavalry, which is operating with difficulty in the broken country along the banks of the Muluya River. Details of the battle have not been received.

TO USE AMERICAN PLAN.

Algeiras Agreement Likely, Neutral Delegate Says.

Algeiras, March 25.—Both the German and the French delegates to the conference on Moroccan reforms to-day assured The Associated Press that the outlook for an agreement was eminently hopeful, but neither would make a more definite statement.

The representatives of the neutral powers, however, asserted that the principal work of the conference had been virtually finished and that a settlement was imminent, but said there might possibly be minor hitches in connection with the details, owing to the necessity of laying down the terms minutely in order to avoid future controversy, thus prolonging the operation of the signing of the protocol another fortnight.

The delegate of a prominent neutral power in outlining the procedure for to-morrow's sitting of the conference, said that an agreement had practically been attained beforehand, and that the American proposition relative to a mixed police force was destined to serve as the final arrangement, being introduced by the Russians in the form of an amendment to the Austrian scheme. The ports to which it would be applied, he said, had not been fixed, but he believed they would be Tangier and Casablanca.

Mr. White, the head of the American delegation, he said, from the first did not intend to present the American proposal to the conference, his desire being to provide a feasible exit from the deadlock, but having pointed to the way out of this, Mr. White left it to the delegates to utilize or disregard the American scheme, according to the necessities of the case. The extent of the powers of the inspectors, he said, was the only point likely to create friction, but he hoped this matter could be arranged. Control of the customs by France and the division of the capital of the state bank also remain to be settled, but if the other points were arranged satisfactorily he thought an accord was inevitable.

"AMERICAN PLAN, NOT MR. WHITE'S."

"The Times's" Algeiras Correspondent Says President Used No Pressure on Conference.

London, March 25.—"The Times's" correspondent at Algeiras considers it impossible that Mr. White, head of the American delegation to the conference on Moroccan reforms at Algeiras, could have originated the alleged "American project," because he could not have imagined such a project would have satisfactory results, and says it is altogether misleading to compare this trivial incident with President Roosevelt's beneficent intervention at Portsmouth. He adds:

President Roosevelt doubtless has watched the proceedings closely, but has exercised no pressure, and Mr. White's activity has been confined to playing the role of a disinterested amicus curie. The Washington Cabinet, animated by a desire for peace, is ready to do any measure the European governments adopt, so long as they do not interfere with American interests. In short, the beneficent influence of America in the conference has been in thorough harmony with the general trend of American policy since President Roosevelt's accession and with the personal view of the President, who is allied to in both hemispheres as a peacemaker.

ROCKEFELLER STAYS AT LAKEWOOD.

Report That He Had Come Here Untrue—Gives Wood to Widow.

Lakewood, N. J., March 25.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller and her sister, Miss Lucy Spelman, drove to the Baptist Church in a coupé instead of the Rockefeller automobile this morning, and this fact gave rise to the report that Mr. Rockefeller had taken the automobile and gone to New York. Later in the day it was learned that the automobile was in the stable at the Rockefeller home, and that the chauffeur was trying to find out what was the matter with the car-burettor.

On the Rockefeller place, back of the stable, are many cords of wood, which has been cut into stove length and carefully piled up. There is more wood there than Mr. Rockefeller could use in the next ten years. Workmen, nevertheless, are kept busy adding to the pile. None of it is for sale. There were many stumps and roots near the neatly piled wood, and Mr. Rockefeller had his workmen load them into a wagon one day last week and take them to the home of Mrs. Johnson, a widow, who lives a mile east of the Rockefeller place. She formerly lived in a house on the Rockefeller place, but had to move when the property was acquired by the Standard Oil president.

THREATEN TO ARREST LOBBYISTS.

New Orleans, March 25.—The professional lobbyists are having trouble before the Mississippi Legislature, and four of them, whose names have not been made public, have been threatened with arrest for contempt for failure to register, as was required by a law passed early in the session. A number of the members of the Legislature have given evidence that they have been approached in the interests of certain bills by these lobbyists. Final action in the matter will be reached to-morrow. So far, twenty-six professional lobbyists have registered and are allowed to appear before the committee. They represent everything, from a labor union to a patent medicine company.

CONSERVATIVES READY TO SMITE HEARST.

WARNING TO BE SOUNDED AT JEFFERSON DINNER UNTIL AFTER ELECTION.

—MCLELLAN AND MURPHY TRUCE UNTIL AFTER ELECTION.

The conservative Democrats in this city, acting in harmony with active members of the organization in other states, are going to try to rouse the half-moribund Democracy of the nation into activity. On the night of April 16, at the Jefferson dinner at the Waldorf, a warning will be sounded against the spread of the socialistic spirit in the Democratic ranks.

The movement is aimed at checking the Presidential aspirations of Representative William R. Hearst. Hearst has repudiated Murphy and McCarren, and his Independence League will nominate him for Governor independently of those leaders. The Democratic Club, backed by powerful financial interests, has decided to fight radicalism.

Hearst is coming too fast to suit certain men prominent in local Democratic politics, and the battle cry against him was raised by Representative Cockran last week at Tammany Hall. The Jefferson dinner of the Democratic Club will mark the second attack by the conservatives on the radicals. It will be followed by other attacks.

The speakers will be Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University; Mayor McClellan, ex-Attorney General Judson W. Harmon and W. Bourke Cockran. Charles F. Murphy and Senator McCarren will be invited. Hearst will not be.

It begins to look as though there would not be a great deal more strife between Murphy

SHARK AFTER SEAMEN.

Menaces Volunteers Searching for Shipmate in Gulf Stream.

The merchant steamer Scottish Hills anchored off Tompkinsville yesterday morning after a long and perilous trip from Manila, by way of the Gulf Stream, during which it lost one man, and the volunteer crew which left the vessel in hope of picking him up was menaced by a huge shark.

"It was one of the narrowest escapes I've heard of in years," said Captain Blackman. "I've heard sea tales that were—well, just like things you read in books, but by the saints this was no dream. The volunteer crew was as near death as they'd ever hope to be and not die."

The Scottish Hills left Manila September 3, 1905, and ran into heavy seas when two days out. Six months later she was in the centre of the Gulf Stream in a heavy gale. Toward night Hugh Lowney, a seaman, was hurled from the upper rigging into the water.

Lowney was carried away by the heavy current, and his cries for aid were heard above the roaring of the storm. A line was thrown out, but it was too short. Captain Blackman then called for volunteers, and six of the crew answered. They jumped into a boat and were lost for nearly two hours. Captain Blackman had given up all hope when in a full he saw the crew pulling life mad against the current. They were then nearly half a mile away. With the aid of his glasses the captain saw from the deck a huge shark in the wake of the crew.

"We were pulling like —" one of the crew said afterward, "for we could see the shark was mad after us."

Captain Blackman ordered the engineer to slow down, and the men a few minutes later were hauled aboard exhausted. The ship changed its course at once, but now and then the captain saw the fin of the shark bobbing up in the stream. Lowney was swept away. The volunteer crew kept in his path for nearly half an hour, but the current was so strong that it was dangerous to make a further attempt at rescue.

FINDS MISSING BROTHER IN SOUTH.

Edward B. Fitts, Whose Suicide Was Feared, May Have Been Deranged.

Pittsfield, Mass., March 25.—Edward B. Fitts, of New Lebanon, N. Y., who was missing from the Ocean steamship Kansas City on her arrival in New York from Savannah last week, has been found at Lebanon, S. C., by his brother, John Fitts, of Westfield, who scouted the suicide theory and went South in search of his brother.

Fitts was booked to sail on the Kansas City, and on its arrival in New York his baggage was found on board, but he was missing. He was in the South because of ill health, and is supposed to have wandered to Lebanon, S. C., while temporarily deranged, because of the similarity in name to his home town.

MRS. ROBERT D. WRENN DEAD.

Boston, March 25.—Mrs. Robert D. Wrenn, wife of the well known tennis player, died to-day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dabney, of this city. She had been sick for several weeks.

The Wrenns were married in Boston on June 12, 1896, by Bishop Lawrence. Mrs. Wrenn was Miss Grace Dabney. She was well known as a horse-woman and tennis player and was active in amateur dramatics.

CITY BONDS BARRED FROM MAIL.

New Orleans, March 25.—The Postoffice Department has barred the premium bonds of the city of New Orleans from the United States mails. This is the effect of a decision rendered by the postmaster here to-day from the legal department of the Postoffice. The claim is made that these bonds are of the nature of a lottery, as they are paid a few each year, the numbers being drawn from a wheel. The decision was a surprise to the city authorities, as the question had never been raised before. Purchasers of these bonds will hereafter have to have them shipped by express.

HAWTHORNE HOME AFIRE.

Many Valuable Manuscripts Saved with Great Difficulty.

Fire almost destroyed the house of Julian Hawthorne, No. 759 Warburton avenue, Yonkers, yesterday, causing a loss of \$15,000. Original manuscripts of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Mr. Hawthorne's father, which were in the library, were saved with difficulty. The fire broke out at 12:30 o'clock, while the family were at church. It originated in a defective fuse. There was no one in the house but a servant, Hilda Andersen, who raised an outcry that brought Henry Hauser, the steward of the Corinthian Yacht Club. He called the Fire Department.

In the mean time Mary Logan, who was passing, and who knew of the manuscripts in the library, rushed in to save them. Frederick Hawthorne, a son, who lives in New York, arrived about fifteen minutes after the fire broke out. He had not visited the house for two months. He rescued paintings of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hawthorne that had been in the family for seventy-five years.

On the third floor, in the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smythe, who was a Miss Hawthorne, were the wedding presents of the couple, who were married last August. They were destroyed. There was no insurance on any of the property. What escaped the flames was soaked with water.

FELLED BY THUG'S BLOW.

Chesterhill Woman Hit by Highwayman—Seriously Injured.

A highwayman hit Miss Ann Elizabeth Mead, of Chesterhill, with a piece of lead pipe last Saturday night, inflicting serious injuries. The attack took place near the Church of the Ascension, and had it not been for the injured woman's screams robbery or worse might have followed.

At the time of the assault Miss Mead was on her way to the house of her sister, Mrs. Edmund E. Fembie. She was walking leisurely through Park Avenue, and when in front of Commissioner Marten's house a man sprang from behind a hedge which surrounds the premises and struck her a blow on the right side of the head which felled her to the sidewalk, making a gash two inches long in her scalp.

Miss Mead managed to arise, and while screaming for help hurried to her home, a block away, where she fell in a faint. Her sister telephoned to Police Headquarters, and detectives and patrolmen were rushed to the scene, but they were too late, as the highwayman had escaped.

Miss Mead said that after the man struck her he ran across the lawn in the direction of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company's tracks.

The assault occurred about 9 o'clock, when many wealthy women were returning from shopping in Manhattan, and it is thought by the police that the footpad mistook Miss Mead for some wealthy woman.

TRIED TO STEAL CHILD.

Second Attempt on Italian Boy Foiled—One Arrest.

Another attempt was made last night to kidnap Antonio Bozzuffi, the son of an Italian banker, of No. 329 East 63d street, who was held captive by a band of Italians some time ago in an East Side tenement house. Bozzuffi was standing in front of No. 329 East 63d street talking to some girls when three Italians tried to induce him to go with them.

He screamed the moment he saw the Italians, and a policeman hurried to the place. He saw the three Italians running and chased them. He caught the youngest of the three, who gave his name as Vito Galenti, nineteen years old, of No. 225 East 63d street. Galenti refused to talk about the affair.

Bozzuffi identified Galenti as one of the three who approached him. There are two Italians now waiting trial for conspiracy in the last kidnaping case. The boy identified both as his captors, and only a few days ago identified the body of a murdered Italian in Newark as the man who guarded him.

LONG EAR AND CROOKED ARM RETURN.

Cody, Wyo., March 25.—Ben Long Ear and Mrs. Crooked Arm, the buck and squaw who eloped from the Crow Agency in January, have been returned to the agency by officers. The eloping couple first learned to love each other at Carlisle, and say they are still infatuated. When they left the agency Mrs. Crooked Arm took her little pupoose and \$300 of her husband's money. Crooked Arm said he did not care for the money, but wanted his pupoose back. Mrs. Long Ear, who was deserted, says she still loves her husband, and will gladly take him back.

FIRE AT J. P. MORGAN'S COUNTRY SEAT.

Highland Falls, N. Y., March 25.—Cragston, the country seat here of J. Pierpont Morgan, was threatened by fire last night. Mrs. Morgan, who arrived from New York yesterday to spend a few days, discovered dense smoke in the main hallway of the house and summoned the help about the place. There is a complete fire apparatus on the premises, and with this the blaze was quickly extinguished. The fire was confined to a partition wall and some flooring and the damage is slight. It originated in one of the flues leading from a hot air furnace.

GOVERNOR PATTISON MORE RESTLESS.

Columbus, Ohio, March 25.—The physicians attending Governor Pattison gave out the following statement at 10:30 o'clock to-night: Governor Pattison has been somewhat more restless, otherwise no important change has occurred since the last statement was issued. Pulse, 98; respiration, 24; temperature, normal.

18 HOURS TO CHICAGO.

PENNSYLVANIA SPECIAL. Leaves New York 3:45 P. M., arrives Chicago 8:35 A. M.; leaves Chicago 2:45 P. M., arrives New York 8:45 A. M., via Pennsylvania Railroad, 912 miles of rock ballast.—Adv.

FILIPINO TREACHERY.

FEIGNED PEACE TO KILL.

Details of Battle with Pulajanes—Officials Escape by Swimming.

Manila, March 25.—According to advices received to-day, the recent fight at Magtaon, Samar, between the constabulary and Pulajanes was caused by the treachery of the natives. Thirty Pulajanes were killed and sixteen of the constabulary were killed and wounded.

A dispatch received from Captain Jones, of the constabulary, at Magtaon, says that on March 23 Governor Curry, Judge Lobinger and Superintendent of Schools Hoover arrived there and camped over night near the Pulajanes. The leader of the rebellious natives announced that he would surrender his force the next day, and the Americans returned to Magtaon accompanied by Colonel Aguilar, a Pulajane chief.

The next day, Saturday, four Pulajane chiefs with over one hundred men and fourteen guns appeared at Magtaon and lined up in front of the constabulary barracks. Between the barracks and the Pulajanes stood the group of American officials.

One of the chiefs expressed a wish that his party be photographed in the act of surrendering, and Captain Hoover, in compliance with the request, was adjusting his camera when the Pulajanes' leader blew a whistle and gave an order to advance. The entire party of natives thereupon rushed on the American officials, who escaped to the Magtaon river and swam to the opposite bank.

When the treachery of the natives was apparent the constabulary immediately opened fire and a fierce fight ensued, in which the constabulary gained a decisive victory. The Pulajanes were chased to the mountains, but the pursuers lost more guns than they captured.

The American officials were later found with the exception of Governor Curry. He was last seen being chased by Pulajanes, and it is now believed he is hiding in the dense brush in that locality.

Three hundred constabulary are now on the trail of the fugitive natives and searching for Governor Curry.

FIRE SCARE IN BELLEVUE.

Patients in Alcoholic Ward Frightened by Incipient Blaze.

Fire drove terror into the hearts of half a hundred nerve-racked patients in the alcoholic ward at Bellevue Hospital last night. Effort of the staff was required to quiet the fears of the patients. Their danger from fire was at no time eminent.

The fire was discovered in the airshaft of the building on the 28th street side, where the alcoholic ward is situated. Upstairs in the building is a ward devoted to the care of women surgical patients.

Philip Smith, the chief steward of Bellevue, discovered smoke pouring up from the airshaft. He is head of the fire department of the hospital, and at his call the employes formed for the fire drill and attacked the flames with buckets and extinguishers.

The fire, it is supposed, started in a pile of rubbish. All of the windows of the alcoholic ward were open, and through them the smoke poured. The flames at no time threatened the ward, but before they were extinguished the wooden airshaft was destroyed.

BORE CHILD TO SAFETY.

Neighbor Took William H. Page, Jr.'s, Daughter Across Fire Escape.

Paintings, rugs, bric-a-brac and furniture valued at thousands of dollars were destroyed by fire in the four story brownstone home of William H. Page, Jr., a lawyer, at No. 47 West 74th street, last night. Mr. Page could not estimate the loss, but believes that it will exceed \$25,000. The Police and Fire departments place the damage to the house alone at \$3,000.

Following the discovery of the fire there was a panic among the servants, who fled across a fire escape to the home of John I. D. Bristol, No. 43 West 74th street. Blanche, Mr. Page's six-year-old daughter, was being bathed by a nurse on the third floor, when the cry of "Fire!" was raised by a servant, who found the rooms on the second floor filled with smoke. The nurse, a Mrs. Scates, hastily wrapped a bathrobe around the child and rushed to the window, where Albert Turner, a son-in-law of Mr. Bristol, carried the little one to safety.

Mr. and Mrs. Page were out at the time, and returned while the firemen were at work tearing up floors and ripping the ceiling away. Mrs. Page was hysterical, not knowing if her daughter had escaped.

BURNING SHIP HIT ROCK.

The Titian Struck While Trying to Make Harbor for Aid.

St. John's, N. F., March 25.—After being in peril from fire at sea and managing by desperate efforts to reach this port in the midst of a gale and blinding snowstorm, the British freight steamer Titian struck a submerged rock in entering the harbor late last night, had a hole torn in her hull and to-day lies fast on the beach, where she was run to prevent sinking. The fire in the 'midship hold is still burning fiercely, while in the vessel's forehold the water has reached a depth of nine feet. The Titian is in no serious danger, but it is probable that before the fire can be extinguished the hold will have to be flooded.

The Titian sailed from New York on March 18 for Manchester. Early yesterday she was reported afloat off Sable Island and endeavoring to make this port. The report created alarm for the safety of the crew, as it was feared that in the storm she would be unable to gain the harbor. Despite her distress and the thick weather, however, the steamer managed to make the outer harbor, where she picked up a pilot. The ship had barely got under way again to proceed to an anchorage when she struck. At first it was believed the damage was not serious, and the fire in the hold still held the attention of the officers when the steamer began to list. The pumps had been set to work immediately the vessel struck, but the water steadily gained. In fear of sinking in midstream the captain headed the vessel for the shore and ran her fast aground.