

HODGE DECLINED TO FILL GALLER'S PLACE

Consented to Take P. S. Job Only After Others Had Resigned.

QUIGG ADMITS VISIT

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—From a source close to Gov. Whitman it was learned to-day that Henry W. Hodge, whose appointment as Public Service Commissioner to replace Robert Colgate Wood was said to have been dictated by Lemuel E. Quigg, was offered the place months ago to fill former Chairman McCall's term.

It was learned also that if Mr. Hodge had accepted the plan to name Commissioner William Hayward as chairman, Mr. Hodge would have declined the place, although he probably would have been named to fill Commissioner Williams' place.

Mr. Hodge, it seems, told Gov. Whitman that he would accept if he need not sever all his engineering connections and could have an engineer as secretary. The governor had to send a personal representative to close the agreement with Mr. Hodge, when he was supposed to hear Commissioner Wood's resignation, the governor's friends said.

Senator Thompson announced last night immediately upon his arrival at the Hilton that he would make an investigation of the story that Lemuel E. Quigg was behind the resignation of Commissioner Wood and the appointment of Mr. Hodge.

THIRD TRACK FIGHT FIXED UP.

D. R. T. Gains Part of Fulton St. Half Year Delay on Rest.

The long controversy between the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and residents and business men of Fulton street who object to further extension of the elevated third tracking was settled yesterday by the Public Service Commission, which decided that the company should proceed with the third tracking from Nassau street to Cumberland street, and that the D. R. T. should not do any third tracking from Cumberland street to Adams street for six months.

While the company is completing that section, it is agreed that the residents of Brooklyn will be considering what they can offer as a substitute for the third track. The company agreed yesterday that if the third track is built, the residents of the city, whether or not it is possible by assessment, will be required to raise the necessary money for a subway.

FARE FOR COMMUTERS CUT.

Jersey Commission Rules on Rates to Edgewater Ferry.

EDGEWATER, N. J., Jan. 6.—Commuters who use the Palisade and Hudson River trolley lines to and from the Edgewater ferry, which runs to the street, when they heard that the efforts of the Men's Club of Grantwood to obtain reduced fare and transfers had not been vain, the Public Utilities Commission yesterday handed down a favorable decision to-day.

HUNT MUST PAY ALIMONY.

Ford Manager Ordered to Help Wife After Ten Year Separation.

John Elliott Hunt, sales manager of the Ford Motor Company in Brooklyn, was directed yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Schoenberger to pay \$15 a week alimony to his wife, Mrs. Jessie Stevenson Hunt, who is suing him on the ground of non-support. Mrs. Hunt told the court her husband neglected his attention to other women and asked her to divorce him.

15 DENOMINATIONS JOIN IN CHURCH UNITY PLAN

What May Serve as Spiritual Platform of World Conference Presented by Dr. Newman Smyth of New Haven—Bishop Moved to Tears.

GARDEN CITY, L. I., Jan. 6.—As eighty clergymen, representing fifteen denominations, joined hands and sang "Hallelujah" the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," the North American Preparatory Conference came to an end here this afternoon.

Suggested by Episcopalians, the final meeting partook of the nature of a Methodist love feast. Various communions were represented among the authors of the resolutions received by the conference. George Zabriskie of New York, an Episcopalian, was the author of the tentative plan adopted yesterday covering the administrative features of the proposed world conference. What may serve as the spiritual platform of that gathering was introduced to-day by Dr. Newman Smyth of New Haven, Conn., a Congregationalist.

One of the most effective means of bringing about the desired peace and unity in the church was made by a Methodist Bishop, Dr. John W. Hamilton of Boston.

The object of the conference was to pave the way for a world gathering of men of all Christian communions looking toward a better understanding among denominations. A joint committee to complete a list of works expounding the teachings of various communions and draw up a report exhibiting the agreements and points of difference between the denominations.

In presenting his platform, Dr. Smyth said: "We should not be divided by petty differences. The question of organization should not concern us." Dr. Smyth complimented Dr. William T. Manning on his efforts in behalf of interdenominational peace and Dr. Manning responded with endorsement of the Smyth platform.

STUDYING CAUSES OF PNEUMONIA INCREASE

Dr. Emerson Explains Rockefeller Institute's Free Patient System.

Patients who enter the hospital of the Rockefeller Institute suffering from lobar pneumonia not only receive treatment which aims at their cure, but also become the subjects for a study of their malady. Health Commissioner Haven Emerson said yesterday in explaining the recent invitation of the hospital to admit persons free of charge.

NEW YORKERS AT REINS OF MINEOLA TROT CLUB

L. W. Boynton New President—Other Officers Hail From Manhattan Island.

MINNEOLA, L. I., Jan. 6.—The annual election of the Nassau Trot Club was held at Mineola last night and resulted in the New York officers and members being put in charge of the affairs of the club. This is the first time that the Manhattan members have been put at the head of the club, but they were elected unanimously.

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The Smyth plan proposes as the basis of the world conference "the faith resting on the incarnation of the Son of God, of the whole church as itself created by Christ resting on the incarnation and continued from age to age by His indwelling life until He comes."

"The call of the spirit of Christianity for a world conference at this epochal hour in the call of Christ's love for a whole church to save the whole world. The method is as simple as it is most Christian. It is for each communion to think and to act in terms of the whole church and through our relation to the whole church may we rightly and finally determine our relation to one another. It is negative only in so far as it protests against the fact of continued schism."

"In general the larger questions for conferences and the fundamental problems of unity, in them are related to these subjects: 1. The church, its nature and functions. 2. The catholic creeds, as the safeguard of the faith of the church. 3. Grace and the sacraments in general. 4. The ministry, its nature and functions. 5. Subject to these primary subjects, the chief practical questions to be considered in the interests of church unity may be summarized in these three particulars: As concerning the ministry, a clergy so authenticated that without violation of the scriptures of any their standing may be regarded as regular by them all as regards the people, complete intercommunion of believers upon some agreed principle and orderly course of intercommunion, so far as concerns the ecclesiastical politics of the different churches, sufficient administrative coordination to enable them without loss of desirable home rule to act as a whole for the purpose of the whole."

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