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GROVE AVENUE CHURCH BURNED

It Was Totally Destroyed by Fire This Morning.

ORIGIN A MYSTERY.

Many Think Some Enemy of Dr. Hawthorne's Set It Afire.

PRETTY HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

It Was Built Ten Years Ago at a Cost of About \$40,000—Made Members to Meet at Noon Today to Discuss the Situation and Plan for the Future.

Grove Avenue Baptist Church was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning.

Only the tower and a portion of the walls are left standing.

It was 1:44 o'clock when the alarm was turned in from box No. 35, Linden and Main Streets. The department headquarters had before the alarm was turned in received a telephone message that the structure was on fire and two engines had already been started.

By the time the alarm was sent in the building was a mass of flames. It was impossible to save the structure.

How the fire originated is a mystery. There was an entertainment there last night. A gentleman gave a stereopticon exhibition, but that was over by 9:30 o'clock. The furnaces have not been started up for the winter.

WHAT SOME SAY.

There were many in the great crowd attracted by the big fire who were inclined to the opinion that some of the enemies of Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne set the church on fire. Others indicated the idea and expressed the belief that the fire resulted from some accident.

While the walls of the building were of brick, the interior seemed to have been a genuine fire trap. The blaze, lighted up the whole western section of the city. Thousands of people turned out. It required the heroic efforts of the firemen to save the residences of Mrs. Cannon and Mr. J. N. Cullingsworth on either side of the church.

A BIG LOSS.

The Grove Avenue Baptist Church was built in 1890 at a cost of about \$40,000. It was one of the prettiest houses of worship in Richmond. The membership is large. Some of the most influential Baptists in the city belong to this church.

The building was insured, but for just what amount, Gen. A. L. Phillips, Capt. B. A. Jacob and other prominent members who were seen last night, could not state.

Besides the total loss of the building and all of its furniture and furnishings, Rev. Dr. Hawthorne lost valuable books and papers stored away in his study.

Dr. Hawthorne has been pastor of the church for a little more than a year. Rev. Dr. Hiden was his predecessor. Rev. Dr. S. A. Goodwin served the congregation prior to Dr. Hiden's pastorate.

TO MEET TO-DAY.

The male members of Grove Avenue Baptist Church will meet at noon to-day, at the Second Baptist Church, to estimate their loss and to perhaps take steps looking to the rebuilding of their place of worship.

PRONOUNCED FORGERIES.

Handwriting Experts Agree as to Rice Signatures.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The preliminary examination of Albert L. Patrick and Charles F. Jones, charged with attempting to defraud the estate of William M. Rice by a forged check for \$25,000, drawn in Patrick's favor, on Swanson and Sons, bankers of this city, was resumed to-day.

Mr. Tyrrell, of Milwaukee, an expert on handwriting, said in his opinion the signatures to the \$25,000 and \$50,000 checks submitted to him are forgeries.

At the point, Mr. Osborne said: "The people rest," and on application of Mr. House, an adjournment was taken to Wednesday next, when the defense will begin.

Mr. House said he will finish on that day.

LEE IN WASHINGTON.

He Paid His Respects to the President.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, who is here on leave of absence, paid his respects to the President to-day.

General Lee will return to Cuba at the end of the month. He says that the Constitutional Convention of the Cuban people, to which delegates have been elected, will be held November 5th, to establish the free and independent Republic of Cuba.

General Lee says there is likely to be a great deal of friction in the convention, and the result is problematic. The Americans, English, French and property holding Spanish were in favor of some sort of American protectorate which would insure

WOMEN DISTURB BRYAN MEETING

Cornell Students Ask Numerous Questions. SUCCESSFULLY MET.

Mr. Bryan Came Out Victorious and Interruptions Ceased.

THE MEETINGS WELL ATTENDED

Those at Ithaca and Binghamton Were Especially Large, and in All Instances Close Attention Was Given to the Speeches—At Auburn He Faced Seward's Monument

(By Associated Press.)

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 19.—W. J. Bryan, the Democratic standard bearer to-day, experienced his second encounter of the campaign with college students. It occurred at Ithaca and the students were not so excited as that at Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the reason that the young men were not so persistent and did not work in such unison, but there was one feature of interest, which was not noticeable at Ann Arbor. This was the participation of young women in the affair.

A hundred or more members of the opposite sex were stationed at windows in the High School just back and over the stage from which Mr. Bryan spoke, and they disturbed the proceedings to a great extent by their questions and interruptions, bearing a picture of President McKinley, so as to attract the attention of the crowd. The young men who were below responded to these questions with cries and shouts, while speech was in progress. Evidently, too, a quite large percentage of the students were in sympathy with Mr. Bryan, and some of them shouted his name with application.

At the question, "What about North Carolina?" Mr. Bryan responded to this question by saying: "I will come to that in a moment, but if you will not hide down there I will stop and tell you about it. I will tell you that if you will examine the conditions prescribed by your administration for a vote in Porto Rico, you will find that 85 per cent. of the voters are of voting age cannot vote in Porto Rico under this administration's qualifications."

This answer brought forth great applause.

ON BOTH SIDES.

When the McKinley poster bearing the inscription "McKinley was right" was lowered from a window above Mr. Bryan's head, and then let fall to the ground, an old gentleman in the crowd exclaimed: "That is the way he will fall in November."

Mr. Bryan took notice of the incident, saying: "I do not object to that poster being put out. It says that McKinley was right, but the question is when was he right? He has been on both sides of every question. Now, which side was he on when he was right?"

Proceeding with his speech, Mr. Bryan made an appeal especially directed to the college students, urging them to stand out against what he denominated the industrial despotism of the trusts. He also pointed out the well-known views concerning the increase of the army and the acquisition of territory in the Pacific Ocean.

THE HIGHER LAW.

Mr. Bryan reached Auburn at 9:30 and spoke to several thousand people in Seward square. The stand from which he addressed his audience was so located as to bring him in face the bronze statue of William H. Seward, from whom the square takes its name.

During his speech Mr. Bryan made incidental reference to Mr. Seward, but he did not while speaking of a present resident of the city named Metcalf, who is the head of a large agricultural implement manufacturing company located at this place. Referring to Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Bryan said: "I have had my attention called to the fact that you have here a great manufacturing plant and at the head of it stands a man by the name of Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf is reported in your Republican paper as saying that in the event of my election the plant will be closed. I want to tell you that to-day the argument of human rights, but is based merely on commercialism and on business."

"There," he said, pointing to the statue of Seward, "stands the statue of the great man your city produced until Mr. Metcalf arose and there is the finger pointing upward, and I believe in the pedestal you will find the inscription 'There is a Higher Law.' Now when our good friend who stands at the head of this great manufacturing concern is called to his father's grave, and you erect a statue of him nearby and have its finger pointing downward and have it say: 'There is a Lower Law.'"

Youtsey's condition to-night is better than it has been for some time, and he is to-day without trouble, and physicians say his temperature, pulse and respiration are normal.

HONOLULU DEMOCRATS.

Platform Endorses the National Ticket and Principles.

(By Associated Press.)

HONOLULU, October 19.—(Via San Francisco, October 19.)—The Democratic party adopted a platform at its convention last Monday night, in which the national ticket and platform were endorsed, and a local platform declared against the acquisition of any more sugar producing territory by the United States.

Application for a pension for ex-Queen Liliuokalani, by the next Legislature, was favored. The payment of just claims arising from the fire in Chinatown during the Lubbock siege was advocated.

Prince David Karamanikoff has been unanimously nominated for the expired term of the 56th and the full term of the 57th Congress by the Democratic Convention.

ATTEMPT ON CZAR'S LIFE.

Plot Attributed to Bresci Group of Anarchists.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, October 19.—The Sebastopol correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends details of an alleged plot about a month ago against the life of Emperor Nicholas.

It appears that about a fortnight before the Czar and Czarina began their journey to the Crimea, a student of the Moscow University, son of a post captain of the Black Sea fleet, was arrested for signing in a conspicuous manner in the vicinity of a railway near Sebastopol.

The police after the arrest found a large quantity of explosives deposited where they would have inevitably wrecked the tunnel when the Imperial train was passing.

THE COAL STRIKE NOT YET SETTLED

Miners Will Not Resume Work Monday. OPERATORS BALKING.

Won't Agree to Continue Advance Till April of Next Year.

WILL NOT AMEND THEIR NOTICES

Only One Company Has Sent Out the Amendment, and None of Others Would Admit They Intended Pursuing This Court—They Say It Would Be Humiliating Themselves.

(By Associated Press.)

SCRANTON, Pa., October 19.—It is a practical certainty that the miners will not be back to work next Monday, as was expected from the action of the Philadelphia conference of operators on Tuesday and Wednesday and the Scranton conference yesterday.

Some of the biggest of the local companies are balking at the agreement to continue the ten per cent. offer in force until April 1, 1901, as is demanded by the resolutions of the miners' convention. They were all willing enough yesterday to amend their notices to conform to this demand, but to-day they seem to have undergone a change of heart, and only one operator of any prominence would admit that he would make the modification. They say it would be humiliating for them to come out with an amendment to their notices.

As one prominent operator put it: "The modification would serve but one purpose, and that is to gratify a whim of John Mitchell. We don't propose to waste any energy bowing and scraping to Mr. Mitchell."

The Cornell Coal Company is the only one to send out the amendment to the operators. No other company would even admit that it intended to do so.

At a Standstill.

(By Associated Press.)

HAZELTON, Pa., October 19.—As far as the United Mine Workers' officials are concerned, matters are at a standstill in the anthracite miners' contest with the operators. There was nothing new in the situation to-day, and President Mitchell still refuses to talk.

Much disappointment was expressed in this region to-day, because an early ending of the power struggle was expected. What will come of this question is difficult to forecast, and it is believed the United Mine Workers' officials have not yet definitely decided what they will do.

BRYAN MISQUOTED.

Text of Roosevelt's Speech Was Not What He Said.

(By Associated Press.)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 19.—Mr. Bryan's attention was called to-night to a statement to the effect that Governor Roosevelt had in a speech to-day quoted him as saying that "Mr. Croker is the greatest man in the world," and had made a speech in which he had used this as a text.

"I would not have been guilty of offending Governor Roosevelt and Senator Hanna and Senator Platt by making such a statement in New York," I said: "This is the fourth meeting of the series of Tammany ratification meetings and in view of the immense attendance I am prepared to say great is Tammany and Croker is its prophet."

"Do not quote anything in that to justify the statement submitted?"

KENTUCKY TO SAIL.

Will Start To-Day from New York for China.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, October 19.—The new battleship Kentucky sails to-morrow on her long trip to China which will take about two months. She has been in the New York navy yard for some time making final preparations, and is now gone to Tompkinsville preparatory to the start.

The gunboats Vicksburg and Annapolis, which are also to go to China, are not ready to start with the Kentucky, but will follow in about two weeks.

WILL TRY TO RAISE CATTON.

(By Associated Press.)

TUSKEGEE, Ala., October 19.—The graduates of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at this place, who have been engaged by the German Government to go to the German colony in Western Africa for the intention there of the acquisition of raising cotton, will sail November 24. They will carry with them a full outfit for cotton raising, including cotton seed, plows, cotton gins, wagons and carpentry tools. Two of the graduates from the agricultural department and one from the mechanical department.

MORE HAZING AT THE V. M. I.

Sons of Prominent Men Dismissed for the Offence by General Shipp.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, Va., October 19.—Several more cases of hazing have been discovered at the Virginia Military Institute, and the culprits have been dismissed by Superintendent Shipp.

They were all members of the third class—Bradley T. Johnson, Jr., grandson of General Bradley T. Johnson, of Richmond; J. E. Schofield, son of Evangelist Schofield, of Danville, and A. Julian Chin, nephew of Colonel Jack Chin, of Frankfort, Ky.

ALLIED FORCES ENTER PAO TING FU

The City Offered Practically No Resistance. CAPTURE IMPERIALS.

British Take Seventy Prisoners Who Were Fighting Boxers.

THE REBELS BADLY DEFEATED

Admiral Ho Routed Them, Killing One Hundred and Driving the Remainder into the Northeast River—Chinese Emperor's Message and Reply Made Public.

(By Associated Press.)

TIENTSIN, October 19.—Reliable unofficial reports say the advance guard of the allied forces entered Pao Ting Fu Wednesday, October 17th. The city, it is stated, was practically deserted and offered no resistance.

The British column captured seventy imperial soldiers at Wei-Nan-Sien, October 16th, who were part of the force of two thousand men sent to disperse the Boxers in that region. The captives assert that they killed 20 Boxers and were returning to Pao Ting Fu when they were fired upon and dispersed, captured, and the British confiscated their arms and horses.

Runners report that many Chinese are returning to the villages in the path of the German-French column.

NO OPPOSITION.

The Local Officials Endeavoring to Suppress Boxers.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, October 19.—The Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, has received the following from Major General Campbell:

"Wang Chai Fou (Tuesday), October 15.—Arrived here without opposition. Two thousand Chinese cavalry retreated southward. Lieutenant King sent with a communication to French General Officer, Lt. Col. N. de H. de P. M. yesterday, and returned here at 5 P. M. to-day with orders, having ridden eighty miles on one horse.

"Gazette is at Sung Lin Tien, six miles southward of Chee Chow.

"The local governments appear to be trying to suppress the Boxers. Thirteen heads of Boxers were hanging on the gate of Chee Chow when we entered."

The foregoing dispatch relates to the Pao Ting Fu expedition.

URGES PEACE.

Chinese Emperor's Message to President Made Public.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, October 19.—The message of the Chinese Emperor to the President, urging an early settlement, and the President's reply were made public to-day as follows:

Handed to the President by Minister Wu, October 17, 1900, the following telegraphic Imperial letter, dated October 11, 1900, forwarded by the Privy Council from Tung-Kuan (in Shen Si) and retransmitted from Shanghai by Director Shen, under date of October 11th:

The Emperor of the Ta Tsing Empire to His Excellency the President of the United States, Greeting.—We are extremely grateful to Your Excellency for taking the initiative in the withdrawal of the troops from Peking and for consenting, in the interest of friendly relations, to use your kindly offices between China and the foreign Powers who have been offended on account of the recent unexpected rising in China.

We therefore especially delegate our envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary, Wu Ting Fang, to personally deliver this telegraphic letter to Your Excellency, conveying our sincere expression of thanks, and also our earnest desire for the maintenance of peace and international good relations, will exert your friendly influence with the other Powers towards the complete effectment of all ill feeling and the speedy negotiations towards a peaceful settlement. For this we shall feel our unbounded gratitude towards Your Excellency, which good offices we are now earnestly beseeching.

Communicated to Minister Wu for transmission, October 18, 1900.

Washington, October 18.—His Majesty Kwang Hsu, Emperor of China, Greeting.—It has afforded me much pleasure to receive your Imperial Majesty's telegraphic letter of October 14th, which has been delivered by Your Majesty's minister in Washington. I cordially share Your Majesty's wish that there may be a peaceful settlement of all questions between China and the Powers whose interests have so grievously suffered within Your Majesty's dominions, and that the outcome may be the complete effectment of all ill feeling between them. The desire of this Government that such a settlement should be brought about speedily has been made known to all the Powers, and I trust that negotiations may begin so soon as we and the other offended Governments shall be effectually satisfied of Your Majesty's ability and power to treat with just sternness the principal offenders, who are doubly culpable, not alone towards the foreigners, but towards Your Majesty, under whose rule the purpose of China to dwell in concord with the world has hitherto found expression in the welcome and protection assured to strangers.

(Signed) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

MANIFESTO ISSUED.

(By Associated Press.)

SHANGHAI, October 19.—Sun Yat-sen, the reformer, and other so-called rebels, have issued a manifesto from the local mandarins of the Yang-Tze Valley denouncing the gross misgovernment of the Manchu dynasty and promising not to interfere with native converts.

Diplomatic Body.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, October 19.—A semi-official note asserts that the diplomatic body at Peking will collectively acquaint Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching with the condi-

CONGRER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Further Outline of Policy of This Government Wired Him.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, October 19.—The Chinese Government has made a request upon Secretary Hay that negotiations begin to-morrow at Peking, looking to a settlement of the Chinese question.

It is said at the State Department that Minister Conger's instructions are sufficient to enable him to proceed with negotiations without further orders from the Department.

However, as Chinese counter-proposals, received yesterday through Mr. Conger, seem to warrant further instructions from Secretary Hay, Mr. Conger was wired to-day an outline of the course he is to pursue in the further negotiations, but the State Department has declined to make public these supplemental instructions. It may be stated that our Government does not consider the Chinese propositions as sufficient to meet the case, and is based on a lack of guarantees for the present safety of American citizens and the legation in China as well as for the protection of missionary and trade interests in the future. It cannot be ascertained whether the sufficiency of the proposals is to be met out to the Chinese offending officials enters into this objection.

The alleged edict setting out the punishments allotted to Prince Tuan and his fellow conspirators is surrounded with doubt. Mr. Conger has advised the State Department that the authenticity of the edict is called in question in Peking, but nowhere has the State Department been able to secure any official statement as to the character of the edict. The State Department has so far made no answer to the Chinese proposal, and, as already indicated, will return this probably through Mr. Conger.

DEFEATED REBELS.

Killed a Hundred and Drove Survivors Into the River.

(By Associated Press.)

HONG KONG, October 19.—The military mandarin at San Ching reports that Admiral Ho has defeated the rebels, killing one hundred of them and driving the survivors into the Northeast River.

TOOK CHEE CHOW.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, October 19.—A special dispatch received here to-day from Shanghai says that a thousand French have taken Chee Chow, on the northern border of Shan Tung Province.

THE FUNERAL OF WM. L. WILSON

Ex-President Cleveland One of the Mourners—A Large Concourse of People, But Services Simple.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, Va., October 19.—At 7 o'clock this morning the train tendered by President Cowen, of the Baltimore and Ohio, left Lexington containing the remains of the late Hon. William L. Wilson, president of Washington and Lee University, which were taken to Charlottesville, Va., for interment. The family were accompanied by the University faculty, resident members of the Board of Trustees, and the student body of the University.

The funeral services were elaborate and beautiful, and were presided over by the following: Rev. Wm. H. Rouse, of the Episcopal Church; Rev. Wm. H. Rouse, of the Episcopal Church; Rev. Wm. H. Rouse, of the Episcopal Church.

Messages of sympathy have been received from all parts of the country. Expressions of condolence were telegraphed to Mrs. Wilson from Princeton, N. J.

"I have just heard of the shocking news of your husband's death, and from an afflicted heart extend to you the sympathy of one who has loved him."

Mr. William L. Bryan, from Amsterdam, N. Y., wired:

"I have read with sorrow of the death of your husband, whom I learned to love when I served under him on the Ways and Means Committee. Accept sympathy."

Telegrams were also received from Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, General Joseph Wheeler, J. C. Calhoun, E. T. D. Myers, H. Herbert, C. B. Ross, E. T. D. Myers, H. K. D. Myers, Isaac Straus, E. W. Boatwright and faculty of Richmond College, faculty of the University of West Virginia, faculty of the College of South Carolina, faculty of the University of Virginia, and others.

THE FUNERAL.

CHARLESTOWN, Va., October 19.—The remains of the late William L. Wilson were laid to rest to-day, in the family lot at Edinburg Cemetery.

The funeral train arrived from Lexington at noon. The cortege was composed of John Rowan Camp, Confederate Veterans, Ministers of the Gospel, the Washington, Ministers of the University faculty and trustees, the family, ex-President Cleveland, Hon. Isaac Straus and other distinguished visitors.

The city was thronged with people. At the cemetery where the funeral services were held, the request of the deceased, the ceremonies were very simple. Rev. Dr. J. H. Johnston, (Baptist) of Hagerstown, officiated and read a selection; prayers were offered by Rev. Abner D. Hopkins, (Presbyterian) of Charlottesville; and a choir from the church sang "Lead Kindly Light." Benediction was delivered by Rev. R. S. Copeland, (Episcopal) of Charlottesville.

At the cemetery were assembled several thousand people. All places of business were closed. The run of the funeral train from Lexington was made without accident. At stations along the route were assembled crowds with bare heads.

Ex-President Cleveland arrived here last night. Owing to a mistake he was forced to remain here instead of going to Lexington. Accompanying Mrs. Wilson and her children were the Venetian James Huntington and wife, relations of Mrs. Wilson.

LAY PLANS FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Initiatory Steps to Be Taken by A. P. V. A.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

All Old Officers, Corresponding Secretary Excepted, Are Re-Elected.

MRS. H. A. CLAIBORNE RESIGNS

Reports Show That the Work of the Society Has Been Vigorously Pushed During the Past Year.

Handsome Donation by a Non-Resident Member.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities was held at the Home of the Virginia Historical Society last night. It was one of the most interesting and important sessions the society has yet had, the attendance being larger and many questions being considered. The association recently received and accepted the resignation of Mrs. H. A. Claiborne as corresponding secretary. Mrs. John P. McGuire was elected to the position. All the other incumbents, including the president, Mrs. Joseph Bryan, were re-elected.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. C. B. T. Coleman, who occupied the chair in the absence of the president. Some of the ladies in attendance were Mrs. Lightfoot, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Conquest, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Dashiell, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Izatwright, Mrs. J. A. Cabell, Miss Scott, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Powell, Mrs. Savage, Misses Rowland, Mr. Albert C. Bruce, Mr. Bill of Massachusetts; Messrs. W. G. Starnap, P. E. Carrington, J. A. Cabell, S. C. Mitchell, E. A. Lancaster, George A. Lyon and others.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The first matter of business was the reading of the report of the recording secretary. This statement gave the details of the year's work, embracing a course of lectures by distinguished speakers, a fashionable tea given at the Home of the Virginia Historical Society to the members, and the securing of money to preserve, purchase and land. Important papers read during the year. Reference was also made to the recent donation to the association of the old ice-house formerly owned by Lord Dunmore, given by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company.

The corresponding secretary reported at some length. She had written and received many letters during the year, and had issued a number of life certificates. Mrs. H. A. Claiborne, the corresponding secretary, tendered her resignation as such an intense regret to all members present.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance in bank of \$1,652.99.

LANDMARK COMMITTEE.

The Landmark Committee reported that its work was progressing satisfactorily. The first house to be marked will be the home of the Virginia Historical Society, the home of H. E. Lee during the Civil War.

Mrs. Geo. W. Bagby, chairman of the James-town Committee, dealing with the work that has been done during the past twelve months by the association, and the governing body, and in the preservation of that historic island.

A communication was read from the Washington Branch in regard to a monument that it is proposed to erect in the old Capitol at Williamsburg. It was offered that the Landmark Committee cooperate with the Branch regarding the proposed monument.

Rev. Dr. Bull, of Pennsylvania, made an interesting talk on the historic memories of Virginia.

A check for a handsome amount was received from Mrs. Van Ness, of Massachusetts, a non-resident member of the association.

GREAT CELEBRATION.

The president was instructed to appoint a large committee to inaugurate measures looking to the successful plan for a magnificent celebration of the tri-centennial of the landing of the fathers at Jamestown, nearly three hundred years ago. The celebration is to be held in 1907, and will probably take place under the auspices of a large association yet to be formed.

The society then appointed a committee to nominate officers for the coming year, and recommendations were made in accordance with what has already been said on this subject. Mrs. William C. Bentley was elected assistant secretary of the association.