

NEW FEATURES IN THE TALBOT-IRVINE CONTROVERSY

BISHOP TALBOT BREAKS SILENCE

Promises Statement as to Irvine Controversy—Discovery as to New Canons

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 31.—Bishop Ethelbert Talbot arrived here tonight. He was greeted by several acquaintances at the depot and was besieged by reporters. To all he made the same reply: "I have nothing to say; please don't bother me."

The bishop proceeded to his home, Piquabine Hill. Intimate friends of the prelate say he will make no statement for publication before the board of inquiry meets at Reading, Jan. 10. It is said his defense against the charges of Dr. Irvine has been prepared.

Bishop Talbot tonight broke the silence he has maintained regarding the charges. He said:

"Within the next two or three days there will be issued, through C. M. Clements, chancellor of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and in the name of the diocese, a statement covering the entire controversy between Rev. I. N. W. Irvine and myself, which will clear up the entire affair. I have been acting in harmony with my counsel and he has advised me to say nothing in regard to the matter at present. At the proper time the public will be informed of the facts in the case."

New Canons Are in Effect

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Tribune will say tomorrow:

"The new canons for the government of the Protestant Episcopal church adopted



Mrs. Emma Elliott



Interior of St. John's Church

Bishop Ethelbert Talbot

Mrs. Elliott's Hat

at the last general convention go into effect today. Two of the canons adopted last October became operative immediately. These have an important bearing on the Talbot case and were in force when the inquiry was instituted.

"This important point, which seems to have been generally overlooked, was brought up yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Henry Antioch, secretary of the house of deputies of the general convention. He explained that the present board of inquiry was constituted under section 4 of canon 8 of the digest of the canons, which is superseded on Jan. 1 by the new canon No. 25. But it is not generally understood that two of the new judicial canons went into immediate effect, viz: canon 24 of the court for the trial of a bishop, and canon 27, of the court for the review of the trial of a bishop."

"So that the law of the church on the subject of the trial of a bishop has consisted since the adjournment of the general convention last October of such parts of the old canon 9 as were not repealed in the adoption of the new canons named and those new canons. Together these constitute a code of procedure under which the presiding bishop has taken action. Should the board of inquiry instituted under existing law decide upon a presentation in the case before it, the case would come to trial under the same canon 24, which was law at the time the board of inquiry was constituted, as well as after Jan. 1."

No Fraud, Says Noble

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The formal statement which Herbert Noble, senior counsel for the presenters in the Irvine-Talbot controversy, said yesterday he would probably make today giving the facts in connection with the repudiation by two of the signers of the presentation of their signatures, was not forthcoming. Mr. Noble admitted that he and the others associated with him were preparing their case for the board of inquiry. He said: "People may rest assured that there has been no fraud relative to the signatures. The gentlemen who are making the presentation against Bishop Talbot only desire to do justice, and they will come into the courts free from any suggestion of wrongdoing."

Dr. Irvine Speaks

Rev. Dr. I. N. W. Irvine, after a consultation with Mr. Noble, left this city for Huntingdon for the purpose of conferring with the vestrymen there who have repudiated their signatures. Before leaving he made public the following statement:

"It is true, as stated by the Huntingdon vestrymen, that they did not sign the presentation; but they did sign the request. They seem to have gotten these two things confounded. A presentation is one thing and a request another. They admit having signed the request to have the case quieted forever, and that is all their names are used for. The presentation will not be returned until the board of inquiry decides on it. The signing of this request, according to the canons of the church, calls for a board of inquiry. This board decides whether or not a presentation shall be sent to the house of bishops."

"Everything has been carried out legally and according to the canons of the church. The names of the signers are now in the hands of Dr. Bodine, are affixed to the request for the presentation. I am going to Huntingdon to see the vestrymen. I am going to explain, if any representation is necessary, just how the misrepresentation came about. I did not attend the signatures in Huntingdon. I left that to one of the vestrymen. Here is a letter from him, in which he says: 'I think it would be better for us to have them sign this petition twice, in case one of the copies should be lost. You can see from this it was not my idea to have them sign the blank which has caused so much talk.'"

Mr. Miller Explains

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Dec. 31.—W. G. Miller, the vestryman of St. John's Episcopal church, who secured the signatures of the Huntingdon presenters to the presentation of Dr. Irvine against Bishop Talbot, said today:

"The paper which my brother vestrymen, Messrs. Langdon, Denton, Jackson

and the others signed, was a petition addressed to Bishop Tuttle, praying that the controversy between Bishop Talbot and Dr. Irvine be permanently settled. It was not a presentation in any sense, for I have in my possession a copy of the paper. There were two separate parts to it, one containing the petition itself and the other a blank paper, both of which were attached. I received the papers from the Rev. Dr. Irvine, at whose request I secured the vestrymen's signatures and to whom I afterwards returned the papers. Mr. Langdon and Mr. Denton both signed the paper about the middle of November.

"All the vestrymen seemed to comprehend the purport of the petition, and said it was a good move. I secured also their signatures to the blank which was attached after stating to them that this precaution would be advisable in the event the original petition should become lost. I signed only what I believed to be a simple petition, and not a presentation, as Bishop Talbot's official acts investigated. The others, I believe, acted similarly. If our names are attached to the presentation and the signatures are genuine then there must have been some fraudulent manipulation of the blank paper which contained them."

"When Mr. Miller was asked why he and Mr. Hillier, both of whom are said to be unfriendly to Bishop Talbot, refused to speak of signing the papers when first approached he answered that they were not present at the time. "Because I thought it was none of the public's business and only concerned the church affairs proper. I considered it would be time enough to speak when the court of inquiry would convene."

Mr. Miller's change of position is a great surprise to the churchmen and the public who are absorbed in the developments of the case. It is known that he is personally friendly to Rev. Dr. Irvine, and it is said, antagonistic to Bishop Talbot. The indignation of Vestrymen Langdon and Denton at finding their names on the presentation has provoked them to threaten prosecution against Miller and to treat his method of procuring their signatures to be rigidly investigated.

VATICAN CONSIDERS A ROYAL MARRIAGE

Religious Phase of Contemplated Union of Alfonso and Princess Victoria

ROME, Dec. 31.—Rumors of the contemplated marriage of King Alfonso to Princess Victoria, daughter of the Duke of Connaught and niece of King Edward VII, are being discussed from a religious point of view at the Vatican. It is contended that the British constitution, which is most positive on the point of a change of religion by any member of the royal house, would render necessary the celebration of a mixed marriage, after which the Princess Victoria, being no longer a member of the British royal family, could become a Catholic.

The Vatican, however, is most exacting regarding the marriage of Catholic sovereigns and does not like the idea of marriage first and conversion afterwards, and it is stated, admitting that a marriage between King Alfonso and Princess Victoria is contemplated, that a solution of the question, so far as the Vatican is concerned, may be found in the decision of the Vatican, rendered when negotiations were opened looking to a marriage between the present king of Italy and Princess Victoria, daughter of Edward VII.

Will Refuse Governorship

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—On account of the reported determination of the German government to separate the civil from the military administration of German Southwest Africa, Herr von Lindquist, consul general at Cape Town, who was selected to succeed Col. Leutypen, probably will refuse to accept the governorship. Herr von Lindquist believes that complete authority is essential to the success of the administration.

WITNESS IN NEW ULM CASE IS POISONED

Man Who Saw Murderer the Night of the Crime Eats Doctored Sausages

Special to The Globe

NEW ULM, Minn., Dec. 31.—New Ulm was startled today by the discovery that Anton Horsak, principal witness for the Koch defense and the man who saw the murderer mount the stairs leading to Dr. L. A. Gebhard's office a few minutes before the murder, has been poisoned by sausages, but not fatally. While the poisoning may have been accidental, it is believed by many to have been carefully planned.

The fact that Dr. Gebhard received a bottle of poison a week before he was murdered and the only man who saw the murderer go up the stairs to the murdered man's office has now narrowly escaped being the victim of a poisoner, is commented upon.

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STILLWATER

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Jury is Still Incomplete

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The examination of the remainder of the special venire of 120, of which fourteen were left yesterday, took place. All the fourteen men were excused for various reasons, including personal bias. When the last of the special venire were examined and the two remaining jurors had not been drawn, disappointment clouded the faces of those in the court room, as expectation had caused many to believe the jury would be secured to-day. Judge Webber announced court adjourned until Monday morning, when the special venire will be returned and the work of securing the remaining jurors will be prosecuted.

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The special venire of 120 citizens of Brown county, together with the regular petit jurors, numbering thirty, has been exhausted and from the 150 there were secured but ten jurors. This has given rise to some comment, and it is even hinted that the defense has influenced the coroner in his levying the subpoenas. A large number of this venire were persons who were exempt from jury duty and were discharged. Numerous others were those who had been in touch with the case from the very day it had been opened and had repeatedly stated that they had formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused and could not consistently serve upon the jury.

Relief for Cotton Growers—Will Buy 100,000 Bales

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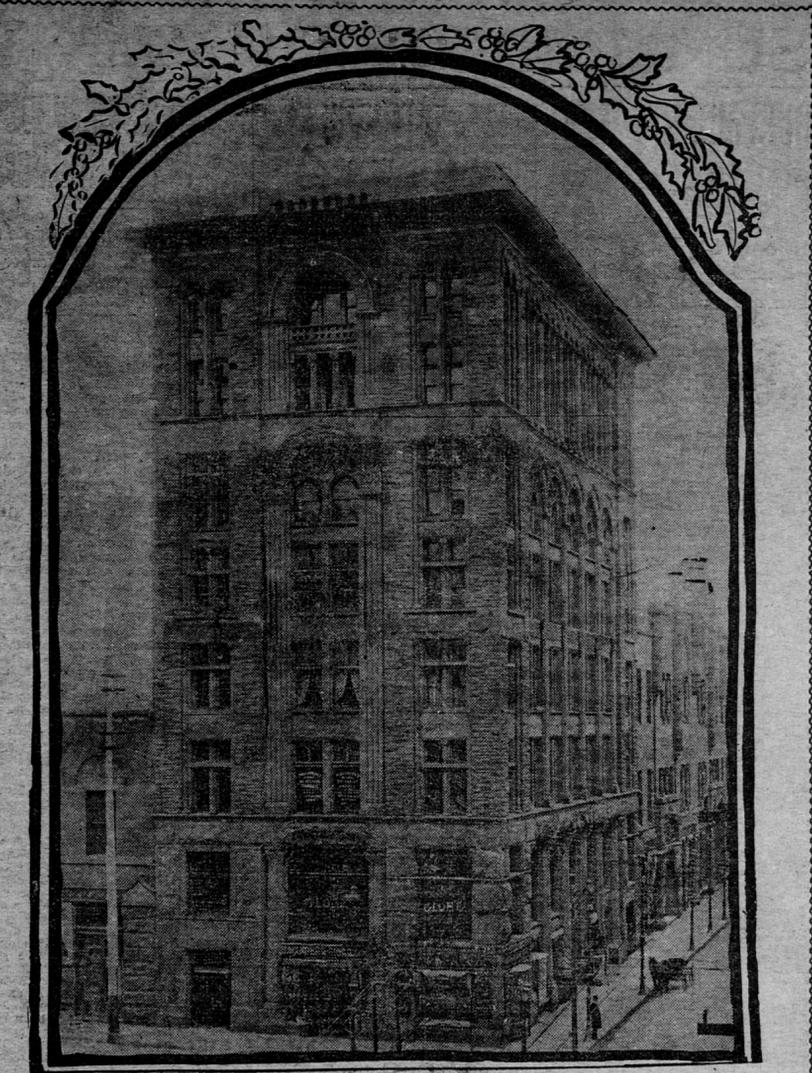
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