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CONDITIONS NORTH.

Many Subjects of National Importance Discussed By a Newberry Man—Political Situation.

Dr. W. E. Pelham, the South Carolina representative at the executive committee meeting of the International Sunday School Association, recently returned from Buffalo where he was attending the annual session of that body. While in the north he visited many places of interest and met many prominent men, among them being Chairman Thomas Taggart. When requested for an interview Dr. Pelham gave the following account of his stay in the north:

"Yes, thank you, I had a very pleasant visit to Buffalo, in fact my trip, all in all, was highly enjoyable, and I hope, will result in large measure to the advancement of the great cause for which our committee assembled.

"You will recall that I went to Buffalo to attend the annual meeting of the executive committee of the International Sunday School Association. There was very important work to come before this committee, and I am glad to say, it was discharged with utmost harmony and in the most conciliatory spirit. When it is remembered that the denominational views of the members are so diverse, it is remarkable, I may say, that there was no clashing. It is a tribute to the fine Christian spirit that actuates the body. Matters of far-reaching importance and value to the organized Sunday School movement of the world were considered and acted upon, and I believe I hazard nothing when I say that the Sunday School cause today has greater appreciation by Christians as well as non-professors everywhere than ever before in the history of the world. I am especially gratified to state to you that my own efforts looking to the employment of another field worker especially for the south, to labor for the upbuilding and promotion of the work among white and black, were rewarded by a unanimous vote in the affirmative. My position was that such a man should come from the south, as only southern men are acquainted with the conditions that prevail in this section. In these views I was heartily supported by such splendid 'sons of Anak' as Hon. N. B. Broughton, of North Carolina, and Dr. H. M. Hamill, of Tennessee, members respectively from their states. Mr. Broughton and Prof. Hamill made strong speeches, and they were always heard and appreciated. I may say, en passant, that Mr. Broughton is the superintendent of the famous tabernacle Baptist Sunday-School, of Raleigh, with a membership of one thousand. His school is a wonder in equipment and organization, and it has a superb officer in that cultured and strong Christian character. Mr. Broughton is one of the foremost men of the 'Old North State' in the matter of temperance and other reforms, and has also been an honor to his state as senator from Wake county; Raleigh, the capital city, being the county seat. Dr. Hamill, as everybody in America knows, or should know, is, facile princeps, the greatest Sunday School expert on this continent, or on any other for that matter. He is an author of extensive renown. Plans were projected for the 11th international Sunday School convention which will be held in Toronto, Canada, in June of next year. This convention will most likely excel all others from every point of view, and the wide-awake and consecrated Sunday School workers of the world are already turning their eyes toward the beautiful Canadian city. Reports were presented and adopted from the committee on 'The work in Mexico,' on the Fire Workers department, on

hand-books and methods of work, on Theological schools and students, on primary and junior secretary, on the Japan commission, on education, on work among the negroes, on international Bible reading association, but time fails me to tell you of others. It was a fine and splendid session, and the deliberations of the body are fraught with great good to us of South Carolina, as elsewhere.

"Oh yes, we visited Niagara Falls and were charmed with the wonders from both the American and Canadian side. That mighty Niagara river flows on forever, and the falls delighted and bewildered us as we gazed upon the rushing torrent. You will doubtless recall Lord Byron's characterization of the American tourist in Europe, as a fool, when admitting to Byron that he had never seen the Falls. I am glad no one can say that to me should I ever be fortunate enough to cross the big pond. Seriously, one is not well travelled who cannot say that he has seen the Falls. On our return we automated through Buffalo, may I say it that way, admiring the beautiful Forest Lawn Park, the stately mansions of the rich, with their lawns of exquisite beauty, so green and fresh, inhaling the while the invigorating breezes from Lake Erie, so peaceful and placid and pure. But I must drop the curtain so that I may bring to your attention other matters that may be of interest to your readers. Shall I tell you of our visit to the Subway Tavern or to Jerry McAuley's mission on Water street, or of our introduction to Mr. Taggart, chairman of the national democratic committee? All of them you say? Well that is generous and kind.

"The Subway Tavern, described by Mr. Dooley, the humorist, as 'Bishop Potter's bar-room' is, in my humble opinion, a device of the devil, notwithstanding the noble bishop's commendation of it. Does history tell us of a similar instance of approval by a church dignitary or ecclesiastic curator of a saloon, or am I dull and forgetful? At any rate our modern civilization can furnish us with no parallel to this case, when at the opening the bishop delivered an address, and at the close of the service offered the doxology. The saloon, for such it is, did not seem to be liberally patronized during our stroll through its up-stairs and down-stairs apartments. Some were lurching, some drinking, while others were curiously gazing upon the placards and pictures of this latest New York freak. One of the signs was, 'Every Man Must Pay For His Own Drinks.'

"The tavern is 'admirably located for business,' being at the intersection of Mulberry and Houston streets, and just at the point where thousands may daily indulge in that which intoxicates and debauches. Fie upon the contemptible subterfuge that it is the poor man's club. Verily it may prove the club that will strike down the manhood and gentility of the poor man and lead or drive him to debauchery and degradation.

"Over against that place I want to put the Jerry McAuley mission, on Water and John streets. What a marvel of good things here, where the outcast is reclaimed and the debauchee reformed, and the vilest of sinners brought to a saving knowledge through Christ. The Sunday night meeting was the greatest object lesson ever presented to my eyes of the power of the gospel. The leaders of the meeting and all those that testified had been drunkards and cut-throats and robbers, and some had served long terms in Sing Sing and other penitentiaries, but now they were leading highly respectable lives and gave evidence, in radiant expressions of countenance, to a

joy that the world cannot give or take away. The reclamations in the past and present at these mission stations, opened and established by Jerry McAuley, who was at one time himself a vile outcast, has awakened our hearts to realize the necessity that is laid upon the churches to look after the slum districts with more zeal and earnestness. 'He came to seek and to save that which was lost,' and the poor wretches who came forward that Sunday night, tottering and almost beyond the pale of notice, it would appear to our natural eyes, in tatters and rags with countenances that told fearfully of want and misery and despair, reminded us forcibly of the great neglect everywhere of this sad class of society. One Jerry McAuley mission is worth a million Subway Taverns as a restraining and reforming influence in modern society. God pity the tavern and God bless the mission.

"How was I pleased with Mr. Taggart? Well I declare to you he is a live wire if speech and action can indicate. Through the courtesy of Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, and representative from North Carolina on the democratic national executive committee, my travelling companion and I were lunched at the Waldorf-Astoria and afterward introduced to Mr. Taggart at headquarters.

"We were pleasantly and warmly received by Tom Taggart and his corps of hard workers, all 'up to their necks' in campaign work.

"Evidently something was doing where Taggart presided. Ex-Chairman Senator Jones, of Arkansas, was present and told us that he was there to stay and lend counsel until after the election in November. Mr. Taggart smiled when, with all gravity of manner, I assured him that South Carolina was safe for the democracy.

"It appears to be believed in New York, and conceded, that Judge Parker will carry that state. He is regarded in high favor for his dignity, his exalted purpose, and his statesmanship. There is nothing of the vainglorious, nothing of the bizarre or fanfare about his make-up, but all the elements of his nature go to make up a well-balanced, high toned gentleman. In his hands, as president of these United States, the country will be safe from embroglio and turmoil, and distractions. In other words, he is a safe and sane man.

"The democracy, from all I can gather, is well and thoroughly organized, and under the leadership of Mr. Taggart, who is able and quick-witted, it is to be hoped that the Ides of November will bring up a sweeping victory.

"I spent a day in Washington with my friend Prof. Williams Welch, a son of our townsman Dr. S. G. Welch, and was accorded by him great attention and courtesy. Prof. Welch fills very capably one of the important positions in one of the government departments. He is one of the best-informed as well as one of the most pleasant men of my acquaintance. Adieu."

Missionaries Killed.

Brisbane, Queensland, Sept. 12.—News has been received from German New Guinea saying that natives attacked the Catholic mission and murdered Fathers Raschen and Ruttar, Brothers Bley, Plarschaert and Schellekens, Sisters Sofia, Agatha, Annie, Agnes and Angella.

Thirty-six natives were captured and 16 of them were executed for the crime.

The design of the natives was to murder all the whites but this was frustrated.

It seems to be very difficult for a man to be considered a good fellow both by his wife and his men friends.

CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Roosevelt's Letter The Signal For Beginning Work.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—With the issuance of President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance today the republican arrange for their meetings and the national campaign may be considered as formally opened. It then depends on the various State organizations to arrange for their meetings and the national committee will assign the speakers who are to do the work.

Partly in furtherance of this a number of State chairmen are being called in to see National Chairman Cortelyou, who has been in Chicago for the past week.

State openings will follow rapidly on the issuance of the president's letter. Michigan, Washington and Montana will begin on Sept. 15; Nebraska and West Virginia on Sept. 17; Indiana and Iowa on Sept. 20; Pennsylvania on Sept. 21; Minnesota on Sept. 24, and Ohio on October 1. In Missouri and Kansas work already has been begun.

SUICIDE OF OFFICIAL.

Superintendent of Dead Letter Office Found Weltering in Blood.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Capt. David P. Leibhardt, superintendent of the dead letter office of the post office department, committed suicide at an unknown hour, in his office, on yesterday evening.

The body was found shortly after midnight by one of the department watchmen. A bullet had penetrated the right temple, a little to the back, and a new revolver was lying on the desk at his side.

The body was doubled up by the side of the desk, and the pool of blood on the floor had become congealed, indicating that some hours had elapsed since the wound had been inflicted.

The dead man was sixty years of age. He had been at the head of the dead letter office since 1897, having been appointed from Indiana.

He left three letters in one of which he said that he had been possessed for many days of a mania to end his own existence. Aside from this explanation it is impossible to find a reason for the deed.

The coroner's inquest will be held late today and there is no question that a verdict of suicide will be rendered.

YACHT RACE.

The Atlantic Wins In Ocean Race Held Yesterday Morning.

New York, September 12.—Two out of the three schooner yachts which started in the race for Cape May on Saturday, finished at Sandy Hook light ship this morning.

Up to a late hour this morning the third ship had not been sighted. The Atlantic was first sighted. She crossed the bar at about 5:43 o'clock, and the yacht Endymion passed a half hour later.

SAFE CRACKERS.

Enter Several Store Buildings In Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, Sept. 12.—Burglars entering the rear door wrecked the safe in McFadden's meat and ice market with sledge hammers and glycerin some time early this morning and secured between \$500 and \$600, leaving no clues. The tools used were left scattered about. The robbers also entered the wholesale groceries of J. W. O'Neal and B. N. Craig. Doors were found broken open but nothing missing except a few boxes of sardines at O'Neal's.

The police heard a noise in McFadden's place and listened about the premises but hearing nothing further went away. Three men are reported under arrest at Pineville, N. C., and all reports of strangers in the vicinity are being followed. It is supposed that the same men committed the robbery at Murphy, N. C., Friday night. Notwithstanding Sunday and connections bad, telephone messages were sent out over the country and many citizens gathered on the streets and parties left in several directions. Officers Langley and Miller, in citizens clothes, this afternoon arrested two tramps near Sith's Turnout and brought them to the city. They gave the names of Kepser and Fitzgerald, the former, claims to be from Indiana. Fitzgerald says he is a sailor. They are typical hoboes and had been sleeping in a seed house. Solder and soap were found on him. Blood-hounds were used in making the arrests at Pineville. These prisoners have not yet arrived here. One of them is said to have run because he feared arrest for barn burning.—The State.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Little Son of Mr. E. L. Paysinger Injured By Fall, On Friday Morning.

Madison, the little son of Mr. E. L. Paysinger, of Helena, fell and broke his arm, on Wednesday morning, while playing in a wagon which was suddenly jerked into motion by the animals attached, throwing the child on his face in the bottom. Dr. W. G. Houseal was summoned and the necessary medical aid was rendered. The wagon belonged to Mr. B. E. Julien.

Young Madison broke his arm last year by falling from a tree and the second fracture which occurred last week, was in the same place.

Paul Morton, the new secretary of the Navy, has always been a glutton for work. Put a pile of important papers on his desk and his decisions come almost as fast as shots from a rapid-fire gun. He does not drink or smoke and his head is always clear. Mrs. Fannie N. Nerthe, who superintends the bee and honey exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, is one of the successful apiculturists in the world. For three years she has filled the office of treasurer to the Bee Raisers' Association of her state, Minnesota.

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