

ANSEL WILL APPOINT COURT.

But Governor Declines to Comment on Militia Row.

Columbia, May 6.—Following a lengthy conference this afternoon between Governor Ansel and Col. W. T. Brock, the Assistant Adjutant General, stated that Governor Ansel had given him assurance that he would appoint a Court of Inquiry. Governor Ansel to-night refused to make any statement for publication in regard to the affair, saying: "I have no statement to make to the newspapers."

Col. Brock left this afternoon for Yorkville. Gen. Boyd has retained an attorney to represent him in the investigation, which is expected to follow.

Says Brock Wasted Money.

Columbia, May 4.—Adjutant and Inspector General J. C. Boyd to-night issued a statement severely criticizing the expenditures of his assistant, Colonel Brock, in his rounds over the State on inspection trips.

Colonel Brock when told of the charges declared they were untrue. A court of inquiry will probably be called to settle the trouble between these two officers.

General Boyd's statement follows: "To the people of South Carolina:

"W. T. Brock, my assistant, during the past several years has spent several hundred dollars more than was necessary in making the inspections of the State militia.

"He has wantonly wasted the State's money and I hereby call upon him to give proof that he spent \$12 and \$33.50 for two days' pay for hotel bills at any hotel in South Carolina.

"The United States army officer located in my office has made the inspections of the State militia for the past several years. His expenses traveling over the same route as Col. Brock was as follows: 1907, \$140; 1908, \$144.00; 1909, \$156.62. The first year that Col. Brock made the inspections of the State militia he spent \$225.00. The second year he spent \$400. Last year he spent \$420. This year he drew out \$500. His accounts on the surface appear to be in tangled condition.

"I would like for him to explain the matter of lending the United States army officer which accompanied him the sum of \$180. By what right did the State of South Carolina have to defray the expenses of a regular United States army officer?

"His itemized accounts show that he claimed to have purchased four mileage books. I would like for him to show to the public of South Carolina where he travelled 4000 miles in making the inspections.

"He has extravagantly spent the money of the State and his itemized statements of expenses will not bear investigation.

"I hereby call upon Governor Ansel to appoint a court of inquiry to make an investigation of the expense accounts and other accounts of Col. Brock while in the service of the State as Assistant Adjutant General."

Enter not into temptation.

A reckless man in a zoological garden once seized a venomous serpent by the nape of the neck and held it up before his companions. The man thought he had the serpent wholly in his power. But it began to coil its long body about his arm and then slowly tighten its grasp until the man in agony was obliged to drop his hold of its neck. Quickly then it turned and bit his hand and soon the man was dead. He thought he was strong enough to play with the serpent, and then thrust it from him when worried of the play. Many think they are strong enough to play with temptation of any sort, but they find sooner or later that the temptation has mastered them. "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptations," said Christ. It is the entering into temptation which is to be guarded against. You are probably familiar with the story of the gentleman who asked each of three applicants for the position of coachman how near he could drive to the edge of a precipice without danger of going over. "Half a yard," said one; "a foot," said another; "I would keep just as far away from it as possible," said the third, who secured the position. That is the way a temptation must be treated, kept as far from it as possible. To go near temptation is the first step toward yielding to it. "Avoid it, turn from it, and pass on."—Morning Star.

To Succeed His Father.

Mr. J. C. Keys has been elected to fill the vacancy on the editorial staff of The Baptist Courier caused by the recent death of his father, Mr. W. W. Keys. Mr. Keys has resigned his position with the government in Panama and has assumed his new duties.

He is a brilliant young man and his many friends in Greenville wish him much success.—Greenville News.

LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC.

Great Crowd Attend Annual Event Near Ehrhardt.

Ehrhardt, May 6.—The Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church celebrated its annual picnic two miles from here to-day. It may be well said that the efforts of these splendid people reached such proportions as will keep memory of the day green and have a warm place in the heart of each attendant for quite a while to come. There was not less than 1,500 persons present to do honor to the occasion. Nor was there the slightest hitch in the proceedings to mar the pleasures of the day.

The address of welcome was delivered by young Clemons Carter, who made a good impression upon all who heard him.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. P. E. Monroe, a former pastor of the church, and the Rev. A. B. Watson, of the Methodist Church. Both of the speakers seemed at their best, and their addresses were listened to with the keenest interest. The exercises were impressive throughout. Splendid renditions of appropriate music, instrumental and vocal, interspersed the day's proceedings.

At the conclusion of the exercises there was a spread of dinner, and such a spread as is seldom seen on any occasion anywhere. It was in keeping with the prosperous times and the largeness of heart of all those who contributed—and that was everybody. The good people of Ehrhardt never do things by halves, they are nearer the whole-souled in all such matters as may be found in a day's journey in all the four directions. Their hospitality is unbounded. It was a common sight to-day to witness that many ladies did not even get the opportunity to open their baskets, yet after all had been fed to the full, there were many baskets of fragments.

Among the many visitors from a distance was the Rev. P. E. Monroe, and Miss Josephine Copeland, who is engaged in missionary work of the Lutheran Church in Columbia.

Boyd Asks Brock to Resign.

Columbia, May 5.—Adjutant Gen. Boyd to-day addressed a letter to Col. William Brock, his assistant, in which he states he will accept the resignation of Colonel Brock. This step was taken after one of the bitterest controversies between two State officials in the history of the State.

Both Gen. Boyd and Col. Brock are in the race for adjutant general and both have called upon Gov. Ansel to appoint a court of inquiry. Gov. Ansel during the entire affair has adopted a let-alone policy but it is thought that he will be obliged to take some action in view of developments of the past several days.

Col Brock, whether he be guilty of what he is charged by Gen. Boyd or not, is placed in a delicate position, and it seems that about the only course he can pursue is to resign.

Gen. Boyd issued a statement last night in which he charged Col. Brock with wasting the money of the State and asking that Col. Brock make explanation of certain itemized expense accounts. Col. Brock makes a sweeping denial of all charges.

Following is Gen. Boyd's letter:

"Col. Wm. T. Brock,
"Asst. Adjutant Gen.,
"Sir:—Having reached the conclusion that it is not for the good of military service of this State for you to continue to serve as assistant adjutant general, I beg to advise that your resignation will be accepted.
"Very respectfully,
"J. C. BOYD,
"Adjutant General."

Col. Brock said to-night that he would not resign as the result of the letter from Gen. Boyd. The entire controversy would no doubt have been prevented had Gen. Ansel appointed a court of inquiry when he was first asked to.

Col. Brock upon the receipt of the letter from Gen. Boyd to-night said that he would make no definite statement. He has called on Governor Ansel and urged that a court of inquiry be appointed to investigate the entire situation. Governor Ansel has made no statement as to what course he will pursue in the matter.

Ignorance of Self.

Horace Mann said to himself: "I was taught all about the motions of the planets as carefully as if they would have been in danger of getting off the track if I had not known how to contract their orbits, but about my own organization I was left in profound ignorance."

The ignorance of a tremendously large proportion of men, even those of superior general intelligence, which affords no well-rounded conception of a subject so vital to life's deepest welfare as the import, obligations and responsibilities of his virile nature, is a fact of which every conscientious parent becomes sadly cognizant. It is an ignorance, if blameless, so dense as to be supremely ridiculous, were it not so deeply pathetic in view of its far-reaching and most sorrowful consequence.

COAL MINE DISASTER.

One Hundred and Fifty Men Entombed by Explosion.

Birmingham, Ala., May 5.—Forty-five white men and between 130 and 145 negroes are entombed in No. 3 coal mine at Palos to-night as the result of a terrific explosion occurring this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Palos is 40 miles west of Birmingham and the mines are owned by the Palos Coal and Coke company, controlled by Drennen Brothers of Birmingham.

State Mine Inspector James Hillhouse, who is on the scene to-night, thinks all the men in the mine are dead. Two bodies were found early to-night, but it is expected that few of them can be recovered before morning.

The flames resulting from the explosion shot into the air from the mouth of the slope for a distance of 200 feet and the shock was felt for miles around. Timbers from the slope were hurled several hundred feet from the mine's mouth and rocks from the roof of the slope caved in and made access to the mouth very difficult. The fan machinery was badly damaged, but air is being pumped in the mine to-night in the hope that some of the men are still alive.

Local rescuers at Palos began at once the work of rescue, but relief work was not started in earnest until the special train from Birmingham arrived at Palos shortly after 4 o'clock. This special train carried State Mine Inspector James Hillhouse, J. J. Rutledge, government expert in charge of the geological station at Knoxville, Tenn., who happened to be in the district investigating the recent disaster at Mulga, eight persons and surgeons, four undertakers and a number of special helpers. The hospital relief car of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company was also taken. This car contained helmets and all of the other necessary paraphernalia for entering gaseous mines.

The first rescuers who went into the mine after the explosion were overcome by fire damp and had to be carried out. Mr. Rutledge was among the first to enter and after working his way 400 feet down the slope, found a second right entry cave-in. The bodies recovered to-night were in the main slope.

James Gousby, a mail carrier, was killed 30 feet from the mouth of the slope and his body was hurled 30 feet into the Warrior river. He was walking along the railroad track and was directly in front of the slope when the explosion occurred. It was judged from this that the force of the explosion was such that none of the men in the interior could possibly be alive.

There are a number of mining camps within two or three miles of the Palos mine and within a short time after the explosion a great crowd had gathered about the ill-fated slope.

Hundreds of women and children were around the mine ringing their hands and crying piteously to-night.

The Palos mines have been worked for a number of years and the entries were active. The only hope that some of the men have escaped and are still alive lies in the possibility that they were far enough away from the explosion to have missed its force. It is thought that the explosion was caused by the accumulation of gas in some of the old abandoned entries which are rarely visited.

Large Mines.

The Palos Coal and Coke company is owned entirely by the Drennans of Birmingham. The mines have a capacity of over 600 tons and have done an enormous business for the past two or three years, working night and day. The company was one of the few in the district which has always lined up with the miners' union and they have always worked union miners only. The mines are in what is known as the Warrior basin and are within two miles, of Flat Top and the Messie mines, two of the largest and most valuable mines in the district.

To-day's disaster is regarded as especially distressing as coming soon after the Mulga explosion Thursday, April 21, in which 41 men lost their lives. The Red Cross and other relief work for the widows and orphaned at Mulga has not yet been completed.

Two government experts, J. J. Rutledge and George F. Rice, have been in the district since the Mulga explosion investigating its cause, and both of them hurried out to Palos this afternoon.

A Squash or an Oak.

Some of our boys and girls are ambitious to have good educations, and to do a work in the world up to their fullest capacity, when that has been developed by careful training. Others want good things they can get with least trouble. A student went to a certain American college, and asked if there were not a short cut he could make.

"Yes," said the president, "but when the Lord wants to make an oak, he takes a hundred years, and only a summer for turning out a squash."

AGAINST WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

Bishop Hendrix Flatly Opposes Demands of Gentle Sex.

Asheville, May 5.—Bishop Hendrix, in his Episcopal address before the Methodist conference here, flatly opposed the demands of the women of the church for laymen's rights and representations in conferences. After complimenting the women for their devotion to the church it read:

"Women are now demanding all the rights of the laity and are memorializing the conference, telling what they want as well as what they do not want." It went on to say that the demands were not "in harmony with the church's idea of what was woman's place in the home, in the church and in society."

The veto power in the bishops and their election for life were strongly supported and any attempt to destroy their power or limit their duties were deprecated as a dangerous innovation. Greater energy in foreign fields was recommended, and Africa was declared the battle ground of the twentieth century. It was declared essential that the field be entered by Methodists.

A decided stand was taken against innovations in worship such as silent invocation and chanting of the Lord's prayer. The movement to remove the four-year time limit on preachers in a church was not approved. It would destroy the itinerant system upon which the church is based, according to the bishops.

Cooperation and division of territory with the Northern Methodist church was endorsed. A change in name was not recommended.

Five additional bishops were recommended and the address closed with a tribute to the dead.

Held on Kidnapping Charge.

New York, May 5.—Israel Benjamin, who was a well-to-do merchant in Mayesville, S. C., a year ago, but has become penniless since his wife obtained a divorce on April 29, 1909, was held in \$2,000 bail by Magistrate Hylan in the New Jersey avenue court, Brooklyn, to-day, charged with kidnaping his own little daughter, 2 years old.

Mrs. Benjamin obtained the custody of the child when she got the divorce and a month after the decree was granted she married Jacob Denmark, also a Mayesville merchant. About a month ago Benjamin, who had come to New York after the divorce, was seen in Mayesville, and in the complaint his former wife charges that he threatened the child's nurse with a pistol and abducted his daughter. After his departure the mother received frequent letters, which had evidently been written by a pen held in the child's hand by its father, telling Mrs. Denmark that the little girl was well and happy. Benjamin was traced to No. 856 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, by the postmarks on these letters.

When Detective Hoffman arrived there to arrest him to-day, Benjamin tried to jump from a third story window. He said the baby was in the care of relatives in the house, and Magistrate Hylan ordered it placed in charge of the children's society until its mother claims it.

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