

DOCTOR BRIGGS.

The Celebrated Case Is Opened.

ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES.

Dr. Briggs Argues Against the Jurisdiction of the Conference—Dr. Birch and Colonel McCork State the Case Against Him.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25.—The trial of Professor Briggs of New York, begun in the general assembly yesterday was continued this morning. The church was crowded at an early hour and Dr. Briggs and Dr. Birch, the head of the prosecuting committee, sat on the opposite side of the moderator, announced that each side should occupy an hour and a half discussing merely the constitutional questions without entering at all into the merits of the question. Dr. Birch, in a clear, distinct tone, began his argument. He claimed that the appearing of the prosecuting committee at the assembly was strictly constitutional, although it was general to go directly from the presbytery to the synod. Dr. Birch, as a clear, distinct tone, began his argument. He claimed that the appearing of the prosecuting committee at the assembly was strictly constitutional, although it was general to go directly from the presbytery to the synod.

Dr. Briggs argued at 10:10 and also read his arguments. In beginning he addressed the house formally, closing with "ladies and gentlemen." This expression was met with cries of "no, no." As the assembly was then sitting in the form of a judicial body, Dr. Briggs mentioned the fact that the case was not to come here to defend the action of the presbytery. Dr. Brown, his colleague, or Dr. Thompson, of New York, would have preferred to speak for the action of the presbytery, but for reasons which he would not narrate they would not do so. He said he had many reasons which he could give, but would confine himself to one line of argument, namely, rule 102 of book of discipline, which provides that appeals are several to be taken to the judicial immediately superior to be appealed from.

He argued that there were no valid reasons for entertaining the appeal, and that there were insuperable reasons why this should be entertained. If their case were a good one, he said, they should go directly to the synod, and he insisted that grave injustice was done to the lower body by this act. Dr. Briggs next showed that the entertainment of the appeal would be an injustice to himself. It would give a judgment while no charges were pending against him. It had not been shown that there are errors in his address, and he appealed for justice. The assembly cannot do anything with the merits of the case yet. Turning now and then to the table at which the members of the prosecuting committee sat, he said that they were responsible for the present disturbance; if they were desirous of a speedy settlement they might have acquiesced in the action of the presbytery dismissing the case. They made haste, but at speed. The case had begun with great haste at the beginning. The investigation was begun in his presbytery while he was ill. All law protects the innocent as the defendant in this case. A speedy trial, but the prosecutor had no reason for hastening the trial.

Dr. Briggs said he stood today with his presbytery behind him and he believed that his synod would do the same. To entertain the appeal now would deprive him of a trial. Still another reason was that 114 ministers and elders had signed a complaint against the decision of the presbytery and in behalf of himself and his companions. To entertain the appeal now would deprive them of their rights. The appeal cannot be entertained, because the complaint, which was filed with the stated clerk of the synod, but who is interested in the matter. There is also pending in the synod a complaint against the decision as an interlocutory one. In closing he pleaded for justice and asked the assembly to refer the case to the synod of New York, asking for time to submit objections to record.

At half past eleven, Colonel John J. McCork began his reply to Dr. Briggs and spoke until the hour of adjournment. He answered the examination of the defendant that he was ill at the time of the examination of his inaugural address, by reading a letter from Dr. Briggs saying he would decline to appear before the original committee of examination, because he understood that the committee was appointed to examine his address and not to listen to his explanations of it. He then took up the argument.

A Lawyer Condemned to Death Argues His Own Appeal.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 25.—On Thursday will be presented in the supreme court of Tennessee the curious spectacle of a distinguished lawyer arguing his own case, an appeal from a verdict which condemns him to death. The man is Colonel H. Clay King, of the Memphis bar, who is under sentence to hang for the murder of David H. Poston, a brother lawyer.

The crime was committed on the streets of this city on March 10, 1891, and was most deliberate and unprovoked. The appeal is taken on points of law which are in themselves of unusual interest. By the rule of the supreme court attorneys are limited to two hours for argument, but Colonel King has taken his case entirely out of the hands of counsel, and owing to the peculiar circumstances attending it, the court has agreed to allow him three hours. Lawyers from every part of Tennessee and from other States will be there to hear him.

An Atrocious and Ingenious Forgery.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Chauncey Depew in an interview declared his firm belief that the alleged letter from Grant to Conkling made public at Columbus, Ohio, in which the writer argues against a second or third term is an atrocious and ingenious forgery. He says it will be a boomer. Depew says he had an interview with the man who arranged Conkling's entire correspondence. That letter was not among them. Hon. George C. Gorham in a letter to the Sun says he takes the same position. He adds that he had the assurance from Conkling himself after the convention of 1880, that he had not received a line from Grant on the Presidency or the nomination since his return from his trip around the world.

And a Very Irate Woman Waxes Her Husband.

SEATTLE, May 25.—Bloodcurdling cries of "murder," "police" and "help" rent the air at 10 o'clock last night, and a woman who pulled at the hair of the corner of Second and University streets. A woman who proved to be Mrs. L. Sapp, stood in front of the Brooklyn lodging house, and upon seeing the officer she nearly went wild and shouted: "Officer, there he goes! See him? He's turned the corner," and a phantom figure disappeared in the gloom a block away.

A crowd of people stood around, and from every window in the three stories of the Brooklyn were poked the head and shoulders of a curious lodger. "It's Mr. Sapp, who runs a saloon at the corner of Front and Madison streets," excitedly explained the woman, who was pulled at the officer's buttons. "I'm Mrs. Sapp, his wife; he was with another woman in room 25, upstairs. I played detective and caught them. He is scared to death. The woman—her name is Maud—she says she'll hit me with a glass," and she rubbed a lump over her left eye.

The officer accompanied the excited woman to the third story of the lodging house, and standing in front of a large broken pane of glass in the door of room 25, she said: "I broke it. A woman named Maud wrote Mr. Sapp a letter and to meet him here and I found the letter; I found it in my key, and she came here—she told me, ha, ha, I played it rich. See! I slipped up stairs and, standing here, I heard them talking. I smashed the glass. It flew in all directions. The woman, she screamed. Mr. Sapp, he was scared by his own oath. I hit him with this glass and it broke as you see it. He ran away. The coward! He ran from a weak, untraded woman, and that woman his wife!"

While Mrs. Sapp was taking an inventory of what was in room 25, the landlady took the policeman aside and informed him that Mrs. Sapp had not left the house, as his wife supposed, but that he was in an adjoining room in hiding. The officer did not feel called upon to make any arrests, and so induced Mrs. Sapp to leave the place and return to her home.

Half an hour after Mrs. Sapp left the Brooklyn Mr. Sapp went to his saloon, at the corner of Front and Madison streets, where he was seen a little later. "Well, you see, it's this way. This woman, who calls herself Mrs. Sapp, is not my wife. We have been living together, and for a time we lived very nicely. I introduced her as my wife, but we were never married. About three months ago she caused a scene on the street while I was talking with a lady, and haven't had much use for her since. She has been rooming at the Brooklyn, and this woman, whom Mrs. Sapp accuses me of knowing, has a room across the hallway from mine. After I had retired this evening I heard a thundering crash, and jumping out of bed I opened my door and ran into the hallway. By jingo, there was Mrs. Sapp. The other woman, she had retired too, came-chasing out into the hallway, and we were accidentally thrown together in front of our rooms. I couldn't make Mrs. Sapp believe anything, and so I watched my opportunity and got away. I never hit the woman with a glass or anything else. It must have been another fellow."

A Philadelphia Comes Out Alive After Going Over the Falls.

RONDOUT, N. Y., May 25.—A thrilling scene was witnessed at Rifon, Ulster county today. A young man from Philadelphia, who refused to give his name, but who is interested in a photograph, sent sailing on the Walkill creek. His little craft got into the current, and its occupant losing all control it drifted helplessly toward the falls at Rifon. Just as the boat reached the falls, the man gave a jump over the rear, clearing the rocks below and striking deep water. Those who witnessed the scene were horrified, expecting never to see the man alive again. The stranger after going under the water three times struck out, and reached the shore in an exhausted condition. The boat was dashed to pieces.

REVISION.

Universal Suffrage and the Referendum for Belgium.

BRUSSELS, May 25.—The king has approved the legislative resolution for revision of the constitution. The revision proposed touches, among other things, universal suffrage and the referendum system to provide against hasty, ill-considered legislation.

Better Than Politics.

DUBLIN, May 25.—Timothy Harrigan, the Parallels member of Parliament, will soon be married to the daughter of the late Dr. O'Neill, of this city.

Colonel Broadwater Dead.

HELENA, Mont., May 25.—Colonel C. A. Broadwater died this morning. He was president of the Montana Central division of the Great Northern, president of the Montana National Bank, and largely interested in other enterprises. He was also a member of the Democratic national committee.

Receiver Appointed—Officer Arrested.

TALLAPOOSA, Ga., May 25.—In consequence of irregularities the Merchants & Minors bank has been placed in the hands of the receiver, and Vice-President Spencer was arrested.

Cruiser Foudered.

MONTREVIDO, May 25.—It is rumored that the Brazilian cruiser Bahia has foudered at sea.

Hang Onto Your Skins.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., May 25.—On account of an overstocked market the tanneries of the United States have decided to close for 90 days, beginning June 1. This will take 2,500,000 skins out of the market.

Should Be Eight Medals.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 25.—The Donahue comet medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific was yesterday received by Dr. Lewis Swift, of the Warner Observatory, for the discovery of the eight-tailed comet.

Persecution of the Jews Not Permitted by Leo.

ROME, May 25.—Cardinal Rampalla, papal secretary of State, has given an interview to Jesse Seligman, the banker, of New York, on the subject of the treatment of the Jews. Seligman was introduced by the rector of the American college in Rome. Seligman asked that the Vatican should use its influence in favor of aiding and protecting the Jews from the persecution to which they were subjected in certain countries. Cardinal Rampalla replied that the pope always protected the Jews, and that when the Jews were persecuted everywhere else they were secure in Rome, under the guardianship of the Vatican. He would be glad, he said, to do all he could to aid the humane and praiseworthy cause of saving and rescuing the Jews from the persecutions which Seligman was deeply grieved with the cordiality of the reception and the unequivocal stand taken by the cardinal in behalf of the fair treatment of the Hebrew race.

He Violated the Neutrality Law and Will Be Punished.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 25.—Pablo Munoz, colonel of the "Faithful of Zaragoza" division of the constitutional army of Mexico, of which Catarina Garza was commander-in-chief, has been found guilty of violating the United States neutrality laws. The prisoner is seventy years old, and is a typical frontier Mexican in appearance. Judge Deamant delivered sentence until tomorrow. It is generally believed that Munoz will receive the maximum punishment for his offense, which is three years imprisonment and \$3,000 fine. His extensive ranch in Texas has been seized by the United States authorities. This is the first conviction of neutrality law violation made in the United States in sixty years.

George C. Boniface Weds a California Opera Singer.

BOSTON, May 25.—A very quiet wedding in this city several days ago has just been announced. The groom was the veteran actor and former leading man, George C. Boniface, of the Boston Museum Stock Company, and the bride was Miss Norma Foster, of Los Angeles, Cal. Miss Foster, it is said, will go on the stage as an opera singer, having been educated with that end in view. Mr. Boniface is past 50 and a widower, his first wife having been an actress. He is the father of the Stella Boniface (Mrs. H. A. Ever, Jr.) and of the comedian, George Boniface.

UNICED IN DEATH.

He Commits Suicide Because His Sweetheart Died.

ATLANTIC, N. J., May 25.—Early this morning Ralph D. Hewitt, 22 years old, a clerk at the Mount Vernon hotel, Washington, committed suicide by shooting himself in the chest with a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. He was the son of a well-to-do family, and was devotedly attached to, and regarded as the probable cause of the suicide.

The Dashed Crew Arrives at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The crew of the ship St. Charles, which was blown up at sea off the coast of Oregon on the 17th inst., arrived here today on the steamer Wilmette Valley. The St. Charles left Nantuxo with a cargo of coal May 13th and experienced heavy weather for three days. On the morning of the 17th the second mate, Mike Finn, and Charles Leung, a sailor, went to the foremast to get some potatoes, taking with them a ship's lantern. Louis Strandberg, a sailor, followed them. The three men were seen by the crew of the Wilmette Valley, and Leung was reaching through a hole in the foremast of the ship and was about to crawl through when the explosion occurred and Finn was lifted bodily in the air. He fell into the sea, and his body was seen by the crew of the Wilmette Valley, who shot from the hole following the roar of the explosion. Neil Kiley, a sailor, who was on deck at the time, said that he saw the three men as they were hurled from the deck by the force and the deck opened wide from the after part of the house to the stern. Her sparker boom was carried away with the wheel house.

Want the Fair Open Sundays.

PITTSBURGH, May 25.—The American Federation of Labor moved out today in favor of opening the World's fair on Sunday. Samuel Gompers, the president, has addressed a circular to all the trade unions in the United States urging them to use whatever influence they have to that end.

The Anti-Snap Convention.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Twenty-four Democratic primaries balloted yesterday in favor of opening the World's fair on "Anti-Snap" convention. The number of votes cast was 10,765, which is considered a large showing in a primary election.

He Thinks the Behring Sea Controversy Very Important.

BOSTON, Mass., May 25.—In speaking of the Behring sea question at a dinner given last night by J. Condit, minister to France, said: "This conference is much more important than the Alabama treaty. The amount of money involved is greater, as you will see by reflecting that 100,000 seals at \$10 a head means \$1,000,000, interest on a much greater sum than \$15,000,000, which was the award of the Alabama conference, besides, it involves more interesting questions of international law."

Tacoma Cricketers Score a Victory Over the Athletics.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—Gannon's mare, Belle Watts, is barred from racing here, notice having been received yesterday by the Jockey club that she is in the Easter forfeit lists to the tune of \$75.

The Offer Is Fair.

LONDON, May 25.—The Times commends the action of the (London, London, London) in selling the details of its income bond conversion scheme to London, and admits the offer is fair.

Rescuing Hodas.

MORRILLTOWN, N. Y., May 25.—A great number of people have been rescued from their flooded homes. A colored family of nine persons and three other colored men were drowned.

Carved Royalty.

LONDON, May 25.—The Count of Paris, who has been suffering from an internal disease, underwent a severe surgical operation this morning.

Dying by Thousands.

CALCUTTA, May 25.—In Soringang, one of the capitals of Cashmere, with 50,000 inhabitants, 500 are dying daily from cholera.

To Try Briggs.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25.—A majority report entitling the appeal on the Briggs case was adopted. The hearing is to proceed immediately.

GENERAL CRESPO.

He is Opposed to British Influence.

LIKES THE UNITED STATES.

The Revolutionists Will Continue to Fight Even if Defeated at La Victoria—Palacio's Successor Will Be Chosen by Congress.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, dispatch says: In an interview General Crespo makes some interesting statements in regard to the charge that the revolutionists were aided by Great Britain and were ready to make certain concessions in return. He said: "It is true that we do not look to England for help; we look to the United States."

"What policy would you advise for your country and the United States?"



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"Reciprocity, I think well of that. I like the United States. I intend to visit the exposition at Chicago and shall take my family with me. The regenerated Venezuela will have a worthy exhibit there. I want you to say that the people who fight under the insurgent banner today are opposed to British intrusion in Venezuela. We do not now nor will we ever recognize the rights of the English flag on Venezuelan territory. If we cannot speak for the rest of South America, we can speak for Venezuela."

As to what would happen if he were defeated at La Victoria Crespo answered: "The revolution would keep right on. This risk," he said, "is a growth of years. A battle or two lost to us would not destroy our cause. We would take to the mountains and wear out the government which cannot be continually borrowing without resources."

"In the event of the success of your armies, will you succeed to the presidency?"

"No, I would not accept the office, nor could anything induce me to do so. As soon as I can attend to my private business interests will demand all of my attention."

"Who will succeed Palacio as president of the republic?"

"I shall leave that to Congress. I am not a dictator, and I am a good man with no dictatorial ideas."

Says They Can't Guess Her.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Judge Truxax, of the supreme court, this morning discussed the action of Anna Dickinson against the members of the Republican National committee of 1888, on the ground that the contract made for lectures in aid of the election of Harrison was illegal. After hearing the verdict Miss Dickinson said: "I shall begin action. They cheated me out of \$12,000 and my expenses once before after a long campaign in aid of the election of Harrison in Pennsylvania, where no man dared speak; but they shall not cheat me this time."

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The Career of Lou Robson, D'Emis at Seattle—By Young Man.

SEATTLE, May 25.—Lou Robson, Denver, a dapper young man with a tender black moustache, came West about a year ago and was for a few months employed as a reporter on the Press-Times, is in jail upon a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. It is said that Robson has wealthy and respected parents in North Carolina, who, years ago, tired of his wild ways, cut him off without an allowance until he should reform. Six months later, he landed in Seattle, where, in very bad circumstances. He secured employment on the Press-Times, and, though he claimed to have had experience in newspaper work on the Omaha Bee, he did not last long.

They Meet in Convention at Albany—New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 25.—The first colored Democratic convention ever held in any Northern State will meet in this city this afternoon. The organization, known as the New York State Cleveland League, was formed in 1882 when Cleveland ran for governor, and has continued in existence ever since. It has members in every county in the State where colored voters exist in any number.

The Sad Work of Recovering the Bodies Began.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 24.—The fire department played on the smoldering ruins of yesterday's fire all night long. This morning the work of searching for the bodies of victims began. It is now known that four men perished in the fire, and it is feared that others lost their lives. The missing men are Adolph Schultze, L. H. Cornwall, Richard Butcher and a man named Cunningham. The charred remains of the first named were taken out of the ruins of the Spokane Mill company this morning, and search being continued for the others. It is thought that one or two men were drowned in the river. The fire was seen long distances in the surrounding country.

Is It Really the Arm of St. Anne at St. Jean Baptiste.

NEW YORK, May 24.—At the weekly meeting of the Methodist ministers yesterday one of the members said it was strange the Protestants should stand still while a part of the alleged arm of St. Anne was exposed for the worship of the ignorant in the Catholic church of St. Jean Baptiste. He thought a protest should be made. There was no proof, he said, that the so-called relic was really what it was represented to be. Others spoke to the same effect. Monsignor Richard O'Reilly, who was formerly domestic prelate of Leo XIII, when told of these remarks said: "The body of St. Anne was buried according to Bollandist, in the tomb of the Blessed Virgin at Jerusalem. The legend in South France is that all relatives of our Lord and the Virgin Mary were banished from Palestine. They took with them the body of St. Anne. It was entombed in a subterranean chapel in the cathedral at Ays in the south of France by the first bishop of that see in the first century. When France was invaded by barbarians in A. D. 772, the vault was discovered, opened in the presence of Charlemagne, archbishop Turpin and a great company of priests and nobles. On the cyprus coffin was inscribed: 'This is the body of St. Anne, mother of the blessed Virgin Mary.' A letter of Charlemagne to Pope Adrian concerning this discovery is extant. The body has been kept ever since in the Cathedral of Ays to the glory of that city. The relic recently exposed in this city came from the right arm which was sent to Rome and kept in the monastery of St. Paul." "In respect to the Methodist ministers who criticized us," said Mr. O'Reilly, "I have only to say that they should go to the libraries and read for themselves the historical proof of the miraculous preservation of the body of St. Anne."

Considerable Property Damaged But Nobody Hurt.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 25.—Excitement was caused this morning by a report that the Yolo levee had broken. A heavy snow out, which was sent out to reconnoiter has returned with the information that up to 9:30 no break had occurred. Considerable water had got through the levee, but this was the result of seepage. The river still shows slight advance.

Governor Boies to Issue a Proclamation for Help.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 25.—Governor Boies arrived here this morning after investigating the flooded district. He has resolved to issue a proclamation inviting the people of Iowa and the country generally to contribute for the relief of the destitute. The proclamation is in the Moly Magnate districts of Iowa. Two more bodies, Oliver Hobbit and the daughter of V. D. Leonard, were recovered today.

St. Louis, Mo., May 25.—The river has fallen a sixth of foot since the upper Mississippi has risen slightly since Saturday. The Missouri is rising from the mouth to Herman and falling above. There is a slight improvement in the flood situation here.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The secretary of war has authorized the chief of engineers to use government boats on all Western rivers to save human life where the residents of flooded districts are in danger.

Mozart, Ark., May 25.—Twenty thousand acres of farms are flooded in Franklin county. Hundreds of families are homeless. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

An Empty Boat and a Young Woman Missing.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 25.—An empty boat was found floating down the Wishkah river this morning. The boat contained a woman's hat, cloak and one oar.

It Was Learned That Ella Beardsley, of Aberdeen, Had Been Rowing on the River and Was Missing.

Two theories are advanced. Some think it a case of suicide, and others that the young lady went ashore to gather flowers and that the tide carried the boat away.

Miss Beardsley Came from Portland, Ore., and Her Affair, Dr. Hol, to Visit Her Parents.

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The Waters Continue to Rage, Too.

HOMELESS IN THE SNOW.

The Missouri and the Father of Waters are Still on the Rampage, But the Des Moines Shows Signs of Quieting Down—Cold Weather.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.—The river is stationary, all hilly over 30 feet, the signal service reports another three-foot rise coming down the Missouri and Mississippi. The rain has been falling since this morning. In North St. Louis 10,000,000 feet of lumber is afloat and liable to go down the river. St. Louis county north and west of the city is still under water. Across and below the city at East Garden two river situations is worse than supposed. Monday night the levees protecting the town broke and almost swept it from the face of the earth. Many houses were carried away, but as far as known no lives were lost. The true state of affairs was not learned here until last night. No aid could be sent because of the high winds, but today an effort will be made to aid the 300 or more people now in need of food, clothing and shelter. The situation is worse than supposed. Monday night the levees protecting the town broke and almost swept it from the face of the earth. 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