

PASTORS ATTACK ACTS OF CHURCH CONVENTION HERE

Chicago, Detroit and Brook-
lyn Presbyterian Leaders
Open Fight.

Various actions taken by the Pres-
byterian General Assembly here last
week, today were the target for a
storm of criticism from various parts
of the country. They were vigorously
assailed Sunday in sermons preached
by leading Presbyterian ministers in
Chicago, Detroit and New York.

Adoption of the resolution backed
by William Jennings Bryan that
clergymen and laymen sign a pledge to
abstain from liquors aroused the
wrath of Chicago pastors.

"I shall refuse to sign such a card,"
the Rev. G. C. Whittet, pastor of the
South Chicago Presbyterian Church,
said. "It is an insult."

Fosdick Defended

A strong defense of the Rev. Harry
Emerson Fosdick of New York was
rebutted by the assembly for alleged
denial of the virgin birth of Christ.
was made by the Rev. Dr. Charles
William Cochran, pastor of the Wood-
ward Ave. Presbyterian Church of
Detroit.

"The tendency of the Christian
Church to ape politicians by regarding
freedom of thought or speech as a
crime is most unfortunate and stupid,"
he said.

The Rev. Dr. L. Mason Clarke, for
twenty years pastor of the First Pres-
byterian Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.,
also attacked the action of the as-
sembly.

Pastor Admits Unbelief

"The assembly declared," he said,
"that it was necessary for a Pres-
byterian minister to believe in the in-
errancy of scripture, the Virgin birth
of Christ, a particular theory of
Christ's death on the cross, the phys-
ical resurrection of Christ, and the
 genuineness of miracles attributed to
Him."

"In all frankness, I do not believe
one of the five points."

FAIRGROUND BOND ISSUE DEFENDED

1. Newt Brown Denies Politics
in \$1,000,000 Deal.

The State board of agriculture did
not play politics in the disposal of
the \$1,000,000 fairground bond issue,
1. Newt Brown, secretary, declares
in reply to charges of Walter S.
Chambers, Democratic State chair-
man.

Brown pointed out today the origi-
nal intention was to sell the bonds
at par with interest rate of 5 per
cent, but they were sold at a dis-
count of \$30,000 with an interest rate
of 4½ per cent. Brown said the in-
terest saving would amount to \$55,
000, while the discount was only
\$20,000.

The bonds were sold to the Northern
Trust Company of Chicago in coopera-
tion with the Fletcher American Com-
pany of Indianapolis.

Brown denied the Indiana Farmers
Federation opposed the bond issue.

Hits Child Marriages

LONDON, May 28.—Child mar-
riages may be prohibited in Britain.
Parliament is considering a bill by
C. G. Ammon, Labor member, that
would forbid marriages of persons
under 18. Present legal ages are 14
for males, and 12 for females.

Dean of Circus Clowns Due Here



AUTO THEFT CASES GO TO JURY TODAY

Court Allows Each Side Three
Hours for Arguments.

Fate of defendants on trial in Fed-
eral Court in connection with the
Louisville-New Albany automobile
theft conspiracy case will be in the
hands of the jury before night.

Twelve residents of Louisville and
southern Indiana are charged with
conspiring to transport stolen automo-
biles in interstate traffic.

According to evidence of Govern-
ment witnesses, the defendants were
part of a gang which, operating out
of Louisville, was responsible for car
thefts in seven States.

Frank Francis, "the confessing
burglar," now serving a sentence for
forgery in the Kentucky State prison,
came in for a severe scathing at the
hands of R. C. Oldham of Louisville,
attorney for the defense.

Floyd J. Mattice, former assistant
United States district attorney, made
the final talk for the defense. Alex-
ander G. Cavin, assistant United
States district attorney, opened the
battle for the Government. Homer
Elliott, United States district attorney,
closed this afternoon.

There are nearly 300,000 women
farmers in the United States.

Word was sent to authorities in
Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Police in Four States Seek Michigan
Murderer.

By United Press

LANSING, Mich., May 28.—Search
for a thus who shot and killed Mrs.
W. J. Britten in her home Sunday is
extending through four States.

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