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TO HOLD MISSIONARY TRAINING CONFERENCE

At Lenoir College Embracing September 18, 19 and 20, 1915.

At the time and place designated above, Dr. E. C. Cronk, general secretary of Lutheran Laymen's movement of the South will conduct a Missionary Training Conference for all interested Lutherans of Catawba county. Dr. Cronk is to be assisted by Dr. Holland of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Patterson of the Home Mission Board, Dr. G. B. Cromer of the Laymen's movement in the South and Mrs. Cronk.

The program is to be as follows:

- Saturday September 18, 10 a. m.—Conference of all church officers.
 - Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—Illustrated Lecture, "The Child Life of the World."
 - Sunday, 10 a. m.—Addresses on life work to the various Sunday Schools.
 - Sunday, 11 a. m.—Missionary sermons in the various churches.
 - Sunday, 3:30 p. m.—Home Mission exercise by the young people.
 - Sunday, 7:30 p. m.—Mass meeting with several addresses in Holy Trinity church.
 - Monday, 10 a. m.—Constructive Conference on Missionary methods.
 - Monday, 2:30 p. m.—Constructive Conference on Stewardship and church finance.
 - Monday, 7:30 p. m.—Mass meeting with several addresses.
- All meetings except where specially designated, to be held in college auditorium.
- Remember the special meeting for the officers, missionary committees as well as all interested Christian Missions should make a special effort to attend. Let everybody come.
- A cordial invitation is extended to all to worship at St Andrew's both Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday evening at 7:30.

Southern Railway Company Announces Changes.

Of much interest to the traveling public is the announcement that new and improved service between New York, Washington, Asheville and Augusta will become effective the third of next month. Running between New York and Augusta, Southern passenger trains Nos. 31 and 32 will connect with trains between Asheville and Salisbury and will be of much convenience to visitors, desiring to come to the Land of the Sky from eastern and southern points.

Both Asheville sleeping cars are to be handled on Nos. 31 and 32 between Washington and Salisbury and Nos. 15 and 12 between Salisbury and Asheville. A cafe car is authorized for No. 15 and No. 12 between Salisbury and Asheville. The Washington-Asheville sleeping car and the New York-Augusta sleeping car are to be taken off No. 29 and No. 30 as they are to be handled on No. 31 and No. 32. No. 11 and No. 16 are to be coach trains between Salisbury and Asheville. The Norfolk-Asheville sleeping car is to be changed to the Norfolk-Charlotte line.

Effective on the date named, it is announced, breakfast stops at Hickory by train No. 15 will be discontinued in that the cafe car is to be put on this train.—Asheville Citizen.

The government of the United States has asked Vienna to recall Mr. Constantin Dumba, the Austrian ambassador to this country. He is charged with outlining plans to his government with the view of inciting labor strikes in the big munition factories.

Own Daughter's Uncle and Aunt.

Mr. A has a son, B. Mrs. C has a daughter D. Mr. A marries Mrs. C. To them is born a son, A. His son B marries her daughter, D. To them is born a daughter, F.

Whatakin are they to each other?

A and C are husband and wife, father and mother of B, D and E, and grandfather and mother of F.

B and D are husband and wife, and by marriage, brother and sister. As such, they are uncle and aunt to their own daughter, F. And F is niece of C.

There is a family like this, in this, Hickory township.

Foremost Military Figure in Russia is Ousted by Czar

Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to the Caucasus by Emperor Nicholas.

The emperor took this action on assuming command of the military and naval forces of Russia.

In transferring the grand duke he appointed him viceroy of the Caucasus and commander-in-chief of the army on the southern front.

The transfer was made in connection with a general reorganization of such importance that it has stirred Russia deeply. The grand duke replaces the famous viceroy of the Caucasus, Count Von Vorontzoff-Dashkoff, Emperor Nicholas addressed to the count a communication acknowledging the values of his labors and stating that he "yields to his request to be permitted to devote his energies to work for which his state of health is more equal."

The emperor attaches him to his personal staff.

The text of the order issued by Grand Duke Nicholas transferred command of the Russian armies to the emperor is forwarded by the Petrograd correspondent of the Havas News agency as follows:

"Valiant Army and Fleet: Today your august supreme chief, his majesty, the emperor, places himself at your head. I bow before your heroism of more than a year and express to you my cordial, warm and sincere appreciation.

I believe steadfastly that because the emperor himself, to whom you have taken your oath, conducts you, you will display achievement hitherto unknown. I believe that God from this day will accord to His elect His all-powerful aid and will bring to Him victory.

Paint or Not.

Is a horse worth more or less after feed?

Hay and oats are high today; shall I wait today and feed him tomorrow?

That's how men do about painting their houses and barns and fences. Paint has been high for several years and so they have waited. Some are still waiting.

Their property drops a trifle a year and the next job of paint creeps-up creeps-up creeps-up; it'll take more paint by a gallon a year; they don't save a cent, and the property goes on suffering.

DEVOE

F. B. Inzold sells it.

"No wife," said Judge Cline, "ought ever to leave her husband and home for more than a day or two at a time. This very thing is oftentimes the cause of dissatisfaction and disrupted homes. The wife goes to visit her people and prolongs her stay and in one way or another the ground is fallowed for trouble." Personally we think the judge for this learned decision.—Yanceyville Sentinel.

TO ORGANIZE FOR AN ELLEN WILSON MEMORIAL

Mrs. R. J. Reynolds Heads Women's Movement in North Carolina.

Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, State President for North Carolina of the Ellen Wilson Memorial, is making plans for the organization of committees of leading women of the State for the purpose of raising funds for the permanent memorial to the wife of President Wilson. It is hoped to have the movement indorsed by the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Colonial Dames, Church Societies, and other social and patriotic orders of women, as well as by individuals, and not only their indorsement, but their active co-operation in the movement.

The movement of the memorial, although it originated in the South, is national in its scope, and it is expected that before long women all over the country will be working for it, and will make it one of the greatest enterprises of the sort ever undertaken by the women of this country.

When the matter of a memorial to Mrs. Wilson was laid before the President last summer Mrs. B. I. Hughes, of Rome, Ga., suggesting that Mr. Wilson advise the form the memorial should take, he wrote expressing his appreciation and stating: "My own judgement would be that it would be best to raise a fund which should be an endowment, the interest of which should be used to pay the way through school of mountain boys and girls, because I know this is what Mrs. Wilson would have done if she had had the means and opportunity. She was paying for the education of several herself from year to year. It might be called the Ellen Wilson Fund for the Christian Education of Mountain Youth."

The idea has become very popular throughout the South, and there have been a number of large contributions to the memorial.

The memorial has joined the National Federation of Women's Clubs, which formally indorses the project, and it will also probably be indorsed by the national organizations of the leading bodies of women in the country. After the assembling of Congress in the fall a conference will be held in Washington. At this conference it is expected plans will be made for an active national campaign in the interest of the memorial.

No definite amount has been set for the memorial fund, but it is expected that it will amount to a very large sum.

Each State is expected to finance its own campaign, and each will provide a contingent fund, by dues of otherwise, to defray the expenses of sending out literature, notices of meetings and other things that have to be done in connection with its campaign.

In appealing for gifts to the fund itself it will be made very plain that the entire amount will be invested intact, in fact, the charter provides that it shall be.

Items of News.

September 8 and 9 witnessed an attack on London by hostile aircraft, the first since the war began, thus bringing the war closer to the English people than ever before. Several people were killed.

Germany has officially expressed her regret to the United States for the sinking of the steamer Arabic. The German submarine commander was made to believe that the ship intended to ram his vessel and on this supposition fired a torpedo.

PERSONAL MENTION AND LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Social Matters and Other Items of Special Interest to Our Many Readers.

Mr. H. H. Lowry of Newton, was a Hickory visitor Friday.

Rev. C. L. Crane is conducting services at Red House, near Milton, N. C.

Mr. R. P. Wagner left Sunday for Athens, Tenn., on a business trip.

Rev. W. G. Moore of Reading, Pa., was in the city last Wednesday.

Miss Jean Rich has returned to her home in Mooresville; after a visit to friends in this city.

Mr. J. M. Campbell left Monday for Port Deposit, Md., on business, where he will be until December 25.

Misses Sadie Menzies, Millie Kate McComb and Greta Wezen left Monday for Red Springs Institute.

Mrs. W. H. Rankin and small daughter, of Winston-Salem, are the guests of Mrs. Rankin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riddle.

Mrs. J. L. Smith has returned to her home in Gastonia, after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Gwin.

Mrs. A. Graves Thompson of Reidsville, has returned to her home after spending some time here with her uncle, Mr. E. V. Morton.

Misses Amelia and Lizzie McComb have returned home after spending the summer at Montreat. Their many friends are glad to see them home again.

Messrs C. A. Moser and Weston Clinard have returned home from City Point, Va., where they have been with the DuPont Powder Co. Mr. Moser informs us it was impossible to get a house there and therefore he gave up his job.

A motor party en route to Blowing Rock, consisting of Misses Myrtle and Lyda Titman and Mrs. Dr. Reid of Lowell, and Dr. Hoffman of Mt. Holly, stopped over with friends in this city Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. G. S. Watson proprietor of the Hickory Garage, went to Charlotte last Friday and closed a deal for the Burke county agency for the Ford automobile. This gives the Hickory Garage a good territory to do business. Those who live in Burke can buy a car now from the Hickory Garage at Hickory.

Miss Floster Mary Brooks and Mr. R. L. Pinson were united in marriage September 7, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. C. Brooks. Rev. J. O. Cook performed the ceremony. They will make their home in Greenville, S. C. The bride has many warm friends here, and the groom is a prosperous young business man of Greenville, S. C. The Democrat extends best wishes for a happy prosperous life.

Esq. S. E. Killian celebrated his seventy-second birthday last Thursday. There were thirty-eight children, grandchildren and invited friends present. Dinner was spread upon an improvised table on the lawn and a sumptuous feast was partaken of by all present. The day was a happy one for everybody there, but none were in better spirits than Mr. Killian who is a man that loves his children and is never more happy than when they are all gathered together with him. All his children and all his grandchildren with but one or two exceptions were present. For 12 years with the exception of one year, these birthday celebrations of family reunions have been held at Mr. Killian's.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

FIGHTS 60 POLICEMEN FOR OVER SIX HOURS

Young Foreigner Battles Officers Until Dawn, Then Commits Suicide.

San Francisco, Sept 12—A six-hour battle between 60 policemen and George Nelson, a foreigner 25 years old, wanted for complicity in the robbery of a Los Angeles bank, ended at dawn day when Nelson's bullet riddled body was found stretched on a cot in a rooming house. He had ended his life by sending a bullet through his head.

The police conducted the battle from an upper window of the residence of Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal church, across the street, from adjacent windows and house tops. A powerful searchlight was placed in the window of another nearby dwelling.

The rooming house is in a populous section and thousands of speculators watched the battle. Policeman Peter Hammond was shot through the arms and legs by Nelson, and Hugh McBeth, a lodger in the same building as Nelson, was possibly fatally wounded. Hardly a square inch of Nelson's room escaped the raking fire.

With the coming of daylight, the officers entered the building and burst Nelson's door. He had been dead more than two hours. Three automatic revolvers and some ammunition lay on the table near the body.

There was a bad wound near Nelson's right elbow and the police believe his intense sufferings, combined with the knowledge that daylight would result in his capture caused him to kill himself.

Horse-Meat Butcher Shops in England.

The colonization of groups of Belgian refugees in various parts of England has brought with it the butcher shops for the sale of horse meat. The horse-butcher has hitherto been almost unknown in England, except in a few of the poorer quarters of London.

Three horse-meat shops have just been opened in Glasgow. Steaks are sold at 10 to 12 cents a pound, and sausages at 10 cents a pound, pickled and smoked cuts are 14 cents. A Belgian butcher shop at Stirling will give away several cart loads of horse meat to the English people of the town in the hope of popularizing their goods among a wider class.

There are probably 20 horse-butcher shops in London. Under the law, it is legal for any butcher to sell horse meat provided that a permanent notice is exhibited at the front of the shop to that effect, and provided also that the customers ask for or are informed that they are receiving such meat.

Proving the Pudding in Catawba.

A thousand co-operating farmers in Catawba did a \$245,505 business in cream, butter, poultry and eggs during the year ending the first of last June.

The year's sale of eggs was 223,700 dozen, and the butter business amounting to nearly 600,000 pounds.

They started this business five years ago with a capital of only \$1,500.

Last season 150 farmers in Catawba sold 23 car loads of sweet potatoes and received \$2.67 per crate clear of all expenses. The association charged its members \$1.00 membership fee and 10 cents per crate, plus 10 cents more per 100 pounds for handling.

The unorganized are always at the mercy of organized big business.—University News Letter.

Items of Interest.

Fearing the pest which destroys the mulberry tree, thereby menacing the silk industry, France has prohibited the importation of cut flowers from Italy between May 1 and November 1 each year.

Although the lot of Kopts, or Christian Egyptians, has hitherto been harder than that of the Mohammedans, 170,867 Bibles were sold in that country last year. Bulgaria bought 18,000 and Asiatic Turkey 52,000.

Goggles for the eyes and a protective arrangement for the spine are used by the white troops fighting near the Persian gulf to shield them from the intense sunlight. His backbone is, of course, the soldier's greatest asset.

Battleship California's Keel to Start Oct. 14.

Secretary Daniels has announced that the keel of the battleship California would be laid at the Philadelphia Navy Yard October 14.

The new battleship California will be the world's first electric dreadnaught and from point of size will be greater than any foreign battleship built of building. The California and her two sister ships, the Mississippi and the Idaho, already authorized, will each displace 32,000 tons, almost one thousand tons more than the new dreadnaught Pennsylvania now on the way to completion.

The California will be a ship of innovations. She will cost \$7,800,000 without her armor or armament, which is expected to cost as much more. She will have a speed of twenty-one knots an hour, will be 524 feet long, 97 feet across her beams and will draw 30 feet of water. She will carry twelve fourteen-inch guns, mounted three abreast in a turret, twenty-two five-inch rapid fire guns and will have four submerged torpedo tubes.

The principal feature of the new dreadnaught, however is the machinery for propelling her by electricity. She will be driven by motors which will deliver electricity made by steam. The navy experts believe the electric installation is cheaper than steam propulsion and reduces the weight of the machinery. The collier Jupiter has been so successful with electric machinery that the navy feels justified in adapting it to a dreadnaught.

Outwardly, the California will bring a drastic change of line and appearance to the battleship fleet. Instead of the blunt gray nose of the present-day big fighter, her bows will be tapered into a graceful yach-like stem much like those of the famous clipper sailing ships that carried the American flag at the head of the world's swiftest craft in the 40's and 50's. It will be the first time since the steel ships replaced the old frigates and ships of the line that clipper stems have been in the fleet. Her overhanging bow will project more than twenty feet beyond her cutwater, and will give place for three anchors instead of two as on the present ships. The third will hang pumb over the stem. The new bow will make for keeping the California a dry ship, as the sailors say, keeping her foredeck free of water in all but the heaviest weather, the fine underwater lines of the other ships which make for speed have been carried above the water-line on the California, and her bows will be flared near the deck line, so when she does not cut through a wave she will lift her head over it.

The model of the California's hull was thoroughly tested in the testing tank at the navy yard before the radical changes were decided upon. When the new ship is ready for her first trial trip late in 1917 or 1918, she promises a most interesting study for the naval experts of the world.

WANT PEACE WARRANT AGAINST WITCH SPELLS

Lenoir County Man Thinks He Has Been "Conjured" by A Neighbor.

A peace warrant has been served on Aretus Worley, of the southern part of Lenoir county, for the most unusual reason that one was ever drawn—to prevent him from working an alleged "spell" upon Anthony Davis, a neighbor. Davis and a relative, Dora Hill, were the complainant. According to the story told, gross ignorance and superstitious caused the summoning of Worley, who is prominent man in his neighborhood, to appear before a magistrate the latter part of next week to see if bond shall be required of him to prevent him from carrying out an alleged threat to take Davis' life.

It is reputed that Worley, working after the manner of "conjure doctors," employed a most fantastic scheme to put the "spell" into operation. He drew with a crayon, or brush, a picture of Davis on a tree. He made a fire of a dozen kinds of woods and herbs before the tree. Then, it is said, he shot at the picture, the missile, supposedly of silver passing through the smoke from the magic fire and lodging in one of the arms of the crude portrait. The picture represented Davis, it is said. Now Davis has a sore on his arm. It is on a spot that corresponds in location identically with the wound that Worley made on the picture. Davis is confident that unless something happens to break the spell he will die. The sheriff himself served the warrant on Worley, who declares there was nothing to the accusation. Davis told officers that the method used by Worley is a sure one as employed by negro practitioners of "conjuring."

For instance, people are known to have become affected from the spell and die from mysterious painless wounds.

The Public Health Nurse.

"To my mind the public health nurse is about the most important factor in public health work just at this time," said a visitor from another town recently. "Of course the health officer is necessary," he continued, "but when it comes to help—real health service—the visiting nurse is the one in demand."

Said he: "I don't see how we could do without the nurse in our town. She is doing more to instruct not only the patients themselves but whole families how to live careful and healthful lives and she's been a Godsend to mothers with young babies. Her daily or weekly visits in the places where she is needed most are much appreciated, because she carries both sunshine and helpful instructions. The little things she says and does, that the doctor cannot do, they are the things that count most with the sick and helpless. She leaves them not only more hopeful but self-helpful."

"I believe every town with at least 5,000 people should employ a visiting nurse. What a nurse would save in the keeping down of tuberculosis alone to say nothing of the baby lives and others that she would be instrumental in saving, would justify her salary. Then there's her work in connection with the school. Wherever the school nurse has been employed, especially in the schools having medical inspection for school children, she has been found indispensable. It will not be long before all the towns of any size will be employing these needy missionaries."

A steel and concrete campanile, 302 feet high, being erected at the University of California in memory of one of the founders of the institution, will be the highest memorial tower in the United States, except the Washington monument.

For any pain, burn, scald or bruise apply Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil—the household remedy. Two sizes 25c and 50c at all drug stores.