

WEATHER FORECAST.  
Fair tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature. West winds becoming variable.

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## METHODIST CONFERENCE TO ASSEMBLE NEXT WEEK

The Eightieth Annual Session Will Convene in Memorial Church, Durham.

BISHOP J. C. KILGO WILL PRESIDE.

Hundreds of Ministers and Delegates Will Be In Attendance—Important Work Will Be Considered—Past a Fine Year For Methodism.

(By Susan Iden)

The eightieth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will meet Wednesday, December 6, at 9:30 o'clock at Memorial Church, Durham, with Rev. H. M. North, pastor of the church and Rev. J. C. Wooten, presiding elder of the Durham district, hosts of the conference. Durham has entertained the conference on three other occasions, in 1881, 1894 and 1908, but this will be the first meeting at Memorial Church, one of the largest and handsomest churches in the conference.

Bishop John C. Kilgo will be the presiding bishop and will no doubt be much at home in Durham, his home, and with the brethren of the North Carolina conference with whom he was enrolled at the time he was elected to the college of bishops in 1910. Bishop A. W. Wilson, who has just died at his home in Baltimore, the senior bishop of the Southern Methodist Church, was the presiding bishop at the last two sessions of the conference in Durham.

Between three and four hundred preachers, delegates and visitors will attend the conference. There are 211 preachers members of the conference, including the supernumeraries and those on the active list. There are eighteen undergraduates. Only one member of the conference has died during the year. Rev. J. Y. Old of Elizabeth City, who at the last session of the conference at Wilmington was taken at his request from the supernumerary list and put in charge of Perquimans Circuit. Memorial services will be held in his memory during the conference in reference.

At the last session of the conference in 1915 a membership of 89,704 was reported in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference. There are 132 Epworth League with a membership of 5,248,721 Sunday schools numbering 73,626,757 societies and 743 houses of worship; 200 pastoral charges, 179 parsonages and 9 district parsonages. In 1915 \$23,455 was contributed to foreign missions, \$24,551 to home and conference missions.

Statistics presented at the 1916 session of the conference are expected to show a healthy growth in the church during the year. Bishop Kilgo as the presiding officer of the conference lends interest to even the dulllest business session. He is especially fond of the old time Methodist hymns and of congregational singing. This will be a feature of the conference that will be enjoyed by all.

There are some characteristic features that distinguish a Methodist Conference. The annual session will open Wednesday morning with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Sunday morning preceding the sermon by the bishop there will be the annual love feast, an old time custom of the church that is seldom observed except at an annual conference.

Anniversaries of the various branches of church work will be held in the evening during the week. Wednesday evening there will be the anniversary of the Sunday School board. Thursday evening of the Epworth League board. Friday afternoon the women's meeting. Friday evening the anniversary of the board of education and Saturday evening the anniversary of the board of missions. Rev. J. T. Gibbs, presiding elder of the Fayetteville district will preach the conference sermon Wednesday morning.

Preceding the opening session of the conference the Conference Historical Society will meet Tuesday evening. The address will be made by M. W. Brabham of Durham, Sunday School class secretary. Mr. Brabham's address will be on the "History of Sunday School in the North Carolina Methodist Conference." The officers of the society are A. S. Barnes, president; J. A. Hornaday, first vice-president; N. H. D. Wilson, accepted vice-president; E. E. Rose, third vice-president; W. H. Brown, secretary; T. A. Stokes, treasurer, and L. S. Massey, historian.

The Trinity Alumni banquet on Friday evening is an annual event of the conference. This will no doubt be of more than usual interest this year with the conferences meeting in Durham.

## LEADER KITCHIN BACK TO WORK

Believes That Democrats, With Aid of Independents, Will Control Next House

Scotland Neck, N. C., Dec. 2.—Hon. Claude Kitchin, Democratic floor leader in the house of representatives together with Mrs. Kitchin left here today for Washington where he will assume his duties in Congress.

The floor leader has been in Scotland Neck practically all the fall leaving his home here only to fill speaking engagements. He leaves for Washington much refreshed and ready to again attack the Republicans in his customary style.

While his time was not occupied with speaking, looking over his big farms and other business Mr. Kitchin could either be found at his home just on the outskirts of the little city or else at the Buzzard Point Hunting Club on the banks of the Roanoke river where he put in much time hunting for the game that abounds in this section.

While it is still in doubt as to who will have the majority in the house of representatives Mr. Kitchin is optimistic and fully believes that the Democrats, with the aid of the Independents, Socialists and the Progressives will be able to put through all the big legislative acts that the Democrats are this session preparing to introduce. It is also hoped by the floor leader that when the recount is finished in Pennsylvania that the Democratic forces will be strengthened by at least two more votes.

The only new piece of legislation that Mr. Kitchin will talk about is the act that will be put through sometime during the present session to prevent any such crisis ever again threatening the country as was experienced when the Adamson 8-hour Law was pending and of this he has but little to say.

Two questions of more than ordinary interest will come up for discussion at this session of the conference. They have been presented at the annual meeting of the other conferences of the Southern Methodist church during the year and they are of far reaching importance. The conference will be called on to vote either for or against the unification of the Methodist Church in America, according to the tentative plan submitted to the church at the last general conference of the Southern Methodist church at Oklahoma City. Both the Virginia and Western North Carolina conferences at recent sessions voted in favor of unification.

Wide discussion has been caused by the proposal to amend the constitution of the conference increasing the lay representation and making the lay leader a member of the conference. There are now four lay representatives from each of the nine districts. C. E. Weatherby is the lay leader.

Predominating all other interests of the conference is that felt by laymen and preachers alike in the appointment of the bishop and the nine presiding elders, and the "kitchen cabinet," which is held on any convenient street corner, on the steps of the church and wherever those of a speculative turn of mind get together, will both alike be busy during the week.

Only one presiding elder and twenty-two preachers have served their time limit of four years. This of course does not mean that many other changes will not be made. No preacher is appointed in a Methodist conference for more than one year at a time. They may by the special grace of their congregations, the presiding elders and the bishop be allowed to serve the limit of four years. Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district is the only presiding elder who has served his four years.

Among the churches which are open are: Edenton, P. D. Woodall retiring pastor; Fayetteville, Hay Street, W. R. Royal; Sanford, H. E. Spence; Goldsboro, St. John, B. C. Thompson; St. Paul, N. H. D. Wilson; Louisburg, A. D. Wilcox; Raleigh, Central, J. H. McCracken; Rev. R. B. John will assume his duties as president of Maxton College at the beginning of the new conference year, leaving Smithfield open for an appointment.

## TRAGIC RECORD OF FOOTBALL FOR PAST SEASON

Sixteen Young Men Lost Lives as Result of Battles Upon The Gridiron.

ONE VICTIM WAS IN THE SOUTH.

College Officials Declare Not a Single Fatality Where Player Was Sound Physically.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—Football claimed 16 lives, one of which was in the South, during the 1916 season, which closed with the Thanksgiving games, according to figures compiled by the Associated Press here today. Last year the total lives lost was 16 and in 1914 there were 15.

College officials identified with the spot declare that not a single death occurred on any team in which the players were known to be in physical and mental training for the severe test. Not a single life was lost, they point out, in a game where a physical examination was demanded before the contestants were permitted to go on the gridiron. Only one of the victims was a college player. Two players suffered with broken necks, but many of them died from internal injuries.

## MORRIS PLAN CO. FOR GREENSBORO

Such Chartered by State Today—New Knitting Mill Organized.

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—The Greensboro Morris Plan Company, of Greensboro, with a capital stock of \$50,000, of which amount \$16,000, has been subscribed, was chartered here today by the secretary of state. The company proposes to sell, offer for sale and negotiate its own securities of other persons, firms and corporations as investments or conduct business as the "Morris Plan Bank."

Application for charter for the Ellerbe Knitting Mills, of Ellerbe, N. C., with a capital stock of \$100,000, with \$25,000 paid in, was filed today. The concern proposes to manufacture hosiery and knit goods.

## TROOPERS WELL PLEASED AT BORDER

Returned Soldier Brings This News—Beaufort Wants Coast Guard Cutter.

New Bern, Dec. 2.—That the United States troopers now down at El Paso are well satisfied with their surrounding is the statement made by Sergeant J. M. Mitchell, of the Infantry of the Second Regiment, North Carolina National Guard, who arrived in the city yesterday, having been called home on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. J. M. Mitchell.

Sergeant Mitchell states that the soldiers are anxious to return home for the holidays, but that as far as the treatment they are receiving is concerned, it is of the best and they are perfectly satisfied with it.

Residents of Beaufort are greatly interested in the announcement that a coast guard cutter may soon be located at that port. Citizens of that place have for several years exerted every effort to have a cutter stationed at Beaufort and they are doing their part now towards bringing this about.

It is pointed out that the assistance of a cutter is often needed off Cape Lookout and in that vicinity and that it is necessary to either call for the cutter at New Bern or at Wilmington and much time is lost in making the trip to that point.

If a vessel of this sort was located at Beaufort, the results that would be secured would be of material benefit. Although Christmas is several weeks hence, shipments of holly from this section have already started to the North and these will continue for the next two weeks.

## LIBERTY TO ONCE MORE BE AGLOW AS PROPER WELCOME

Historic Statue to Nightly Be Illuminated In New York Harbor.

PRESIDENT WILL GIVE THE SIGNAL

Dedication Ceremony Will be Most Elaborate—President And Mrs. Wilson to Attend.

New York, Dec. 2.—The Statue of Liberty will be illuminated from torch to base tonight at the dedication of a permanent lighting system. President Wilson will give the signal for turning on the light. The French Ambassador, Secretary Daniels, of the Navy, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and many other prominent persons will attend the ceremonies.

The illumination, which hereafter will be a nightly feature of the Historic Goddess of Welcome, was paid for by popular subscription, started by the New York World. After the ceremonies the President and others will ride in brightly lighted automobiles in a parade through lower New York and up Fifth avenue.

A dinner will follow, at which Mayor Mitchell will be toastmaster and among the speakers will be the President.

President Leaves For The Scene. Washington, Dec. 2.—President Wilson with Mrs. Wilson left here at 10:03 a. m. for New York to participate in the inauguration of the new lighting system of the Statue of Liberty this evening. They expect to leave New York at midnight on the return.

## BIG LIVE STOCK SHOW STARTS IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—Fresh and clean from the recent use of curry-comb and hair brush, hundreds of blue-blooded cows, sheep, swine, and horses held a reception at the International Stock Show at the stockyards today. Altogether there were nearly 10,000 animals on view. This is said to be the largest gathering of thoroughbred animals ever exhibited in a blooded stock show. While there was a large crowd of spectators on hand for the opening today, it is thought a still larger throng will attend the show during the coming week. The exhibition will continue every day until Dec. 9.

## RUSSIANS START A BIG FLANKING MOVE

Huge Army Making Strong Effort to Save The Rumanians, Sorely Pressed.

VON MACKENSEN ALSO ATTEMPTS SAME GAME.

Wide Front Accepted by Russians As The Theatre of Battle—Germans Probably Already Across The Danube—Serbians Repulse Attack.

Indications point to the probability that two great flanking operations are in progress on the Rumanian front. One apparently is intended by the Russians to save the Rumanian armies and possibly Bucharest, and the other by the Teutonic allies to force the evacuation of Bucharest and cut off the troops defending it.

Having assembled a huge force along the range of the lower Carpathians, the Russians are pressing a great offensive on a front of approximately 250 miles. Already they are declared to have scored such successes as to lead to the expectation that the supply line of General von Mackensen from the north, may be seriously menaced.

The threat to the Rumanian forces comes from Field Marshal von Mackensen, on the southeast. Controlling virtually the entire course of the Danube as they do, the Teutonic al-

## CRISIS IN GREECE SEEMS PASSED FOR THE PRESENT

King Constantine Gives Up Artillery and Entente Force Withdrawn.

range. KILLED IN FIGHT.

Casualties Big as Result of Exchange of Shots—Armistice Has Been Arranged.

The crisis in Greece seems passed for the present, with the announcement from Athens that King Constantine agreed to give up the artillery demanded by the entente and the allies' force, which had landed, being withdrawn and an armistice has been arranged.

Before this panic had reigned in Athens, with an exchange of shots between the Greek and entente marines. During the fighting many civilians were reported killed.

Big Casualty List. London, Dec. 2.—The casualties in the fighting in Greece approximately are said to number 200, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Central News Agency.

## BOYCOTT BRINGS PRICES DOWN

War on High Cost of Food Already Having Its Beneficial Effect.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—Boycott on food supplies is being marked with success in Chicago, the members of women's and civic organizations participating in the war on food prices announced today. It is pointed out that the diminishing prices of butter, eggs and poultry are attributed in large measure to the campaign. A further fall in the egg market is predicted by the city health commissioner, who says:

"I am looking towards a smash in the egg market. The boycott idea is spreading all over the country and Chicago being the central egg market the refusal to buy is bound to have a big effect shortly."

## DON'T MISS OPPORTUNITY TO GET AN AUTOMOBILE

### COTTON COMMING AT RAPID RATE

All Fleecy Staple of Craven County Will Soon Be On The Market.

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 2.—According to statements made by local dealers, practically every bale of cotton in Craven county that has not already been disposed of and which is not being held by speculators, will be placed on the market and disposed of within the course of the next four weeks and they are predicting that there will not be a dozen bales on January 1st.

There remains at the present time but little cotton in this county that has not been disposed of and the present high price being paid for the staple is causing this to be sent to market rapidly as possible.

Plans are now under way for the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce which is to be held some time during the first part of January and this will be one of the most elaborate affairs ever held in this section.

It is planned to have Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the United States Navy, Senator F. M. Simmons and other notables present to make addresses and the occasion will, without doubt, prove to be a big success.

Invitations are to be extended to scores of Newspaper editors in North Carolina and each one of these will be urged to come and no excuse will be accepted unless these are absolutely necessary.

The annual dinner of this body was not held last year but since that time the Chamber of Commerce has been reorganized and is in fine condition and the men now at its head are live wires in every sense of the word and are doing everything possible to make the organization of real worth to the city and to the county.

### GOLD FLOWS IN FOR CHEAP AMUSEMENT.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—With the close of the racing season nearly everywhere in Germany it has been found that the gold pieces which were turned in at the "gates" during the summer, in return for reduced prices of admission, total about half a million marks.

Whereas the majority of the press at first greeted this news as "altogether satisfactory," a portion of the papers, after thinking it over, have decided that it is "altogether disgraceful" to discover that so large a number of people obviously unpatriotically abstained from turning in their gold until induced to do so in order to buy amusement a little more cheaply.

Part of the press is thoroughly indignant that in these days of appeals from all sources to turn in gold, in these days of collecting bureaus for old gold and ornaments, there should still be so many persons in the empire "who will not be moved by any lessons to help bring our financial system into consonance with the enormous demands made upon it."

This portion of the press questions whether the Reichsbank is right in its policy of trying to collect all the gold in the empire by voluntary surrender.

### TONS OF FOODSTUFFS FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

London, Dec. 2.—Foodstuffs amounting to 2,300,000 tons and valued at \$227,500,000 have been sent into Belgium and Northern France since the outbreak of the war by the Commission for Relief in Belgium, says a report just issued here. Besides foodstuffs the Commission has shipped into this war zone something like 5,000,000 articles of clothing.

Allied government subsidies for the relief of people in these stricken districts have amounted to \$183,000,000. Public subscriptions, in kind and in money, and other private moneys, amounted to approximately \$30,000,000, of which the United States gave about 35 per cent., and the British Empire nearly all the rest.

There is a Tide Which Taken at The Flood Leads to Great Fortune.

### A FLOOD OF BALLOTS MAY BE YOUR FORTUNE.

Some People Can Think of Forty-Nine Reasons Why They Cannot Win—Only True Reason is The Lack of Ambition.

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THE PRIZES.  
\$685 Overland Automobile.  
Ford Automobile.  
Building Lot.  
\$100 in Gold.  
\$75 Victrola.  
\$50 O. K. Mystic Range.  
\$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet.  
\$25 Wrist Watch.  
Two \$60 Diamond Rings.  
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How often have you been annoyed and vexed by just a little oversight? Contestants in The Dispatch contest should leave no stones unturned to make victory certain. Some of you who desire to win are asking how many votes it will take to insure success. This is something that no one knows, not even the Contest Manager. Your best policy is to get every subscription possible, and then some impossible ones. Grab every one that is loose at both ends and not nailed down in the middle.

Do not overlook a single opportunity to get a subscription. Do not fail to see each friend that has shown a willingness to help you. Tell your friends that every yearly subscription if new will count 8,100 votes and if old 2,700 votes.

Do not forget that new subscriptions count just three times as many votes as the old subscriptions, but get every one you possibly can whether new or old. Every subscription payment for one dollar and twenty-five cents or more will give you a certain number of votes.

In addition to this every fifteen dollars' worth of subscription will give you 150,000 extra votes if turned in by December 22.

There is no need of you failing to win one of the prizes if you exert a little effort. Your personal appeal will have a magical effect. Your dash of enthusiasm will win votes against the pessimism of the less active.

As the contest does not close until January 29 there is still plenty of time for anyone to enter and win. Time is flying, however, and every one who is in the race or is thinking of entering, should "Make hay while the sun shines." Work now getting subscriptions and votes, and not think when the contest is over that if you had put forth a little effort you would have won one of the automobiles or one of the other prizes.

"There is a tide in the affairs of all men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." This is just a little quotation from one of the old writers, but how true it is! This is your "tide." Make the "flood" of ballots be your fortune. Act now and you will never regret it! By not entering the contest some of you will hear the winners telling how easily they got an automobile and you will be sorry that you did not try.

A few who have been mentioned seem to think that they are either too good to enter the contest or have not the time, when if the truth were really known, they lack the ambition to try.

Contestants in asking for subscriptions will not be asking for donations. Each dollar spent will be returned a hundredfold in news. It will be an investment, not an expense.

The least ambitious people can think of forty-nine reasons why they have no chance to win one of the prizes—but there really isn't a single one except their own laziness. The people who hate to work the worst can always think of the best reasons why they should not work. They think of forty-nine reasons why they should not try—why they have no chance. They are fatalists.

In contests such as The Dispatch is running there is nothing in the world that affords better insight into human nature. All the strength of character and the fool side of human nature stands out in bold relief. It's funny, but it's so. There is not a reason in the world why anyone cannot win one of the automobiles, building lot, \$100 in gold or one of the other prizes. Nothing in the world can keep you from win-

LIVE MERCHANTS USE DISPATCH ADVERTISING AND ARE MAKING MONEY. ARE YOU ALIVE?