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GATHERING OF BAPTISTS AT ASHEVILLE CLOSES

Nearly 2800 Delegates Stand and Sing Old Familiar Hymns. 2135 Delegates Attended

Asheville, May 22.—With nearly 2,000 delegates standing and singing "Oh, Father Will You Meet Me," the 61st annual session of the Southern Baptist convention adjourned at 12:55 o'clock this afternoon, after having been in session since last Wednesday afternoon.

Joshua Leveing, Baltimore's coffee prince, pronounced the benediction. President Lansing Burrows cried "the meeting is adjourned," and the greatest convention of the Southern Baptists have ever held passed into history, the delegates standing and clasping hands, many hundreds with tears streaming down their faces, and gave the old hymn. The official count showed that 2,135 delegates registered for the convention, this being the largest number in the history of the organization. Three hundred and ninety-eight women registered as delegates to the Women's Missionary union, which adjourned last Saturday, both meetings having record numbers in delegates and visitors.

One of the last matters brought to the attention of the committee on free speech and the freedom of the press. The convention went on record as favoring both, the press including both religious and secular papers. Resolutions of thanks extended by the convention to Asheville citizens were passed amid cheers.

The delegates and visitors left by the hundreds this afternoon and tonight, four special trains leaving here at 6:30 o'clock for Nashville, Atlanta, St. Louis and Texas.—Greensboro News.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN DANVILLE

Prominent and Wealthy Couple Found Dead Side by Side.

Danville, Va., May 22.—With a revolver lying near them, the bodies of Willard S. Carter and his wife, Mrs. Carter, were found side by side in their home here early today. The woman had been shot twice in the back of the head while Carter's death was due to a bullet wound in his right temple. It is generally believed that the tragedy was a case of murder and suicide as a result of mental aberration. Carter was reputed wealthy and owned one of the handsomest homes in Danville.

Marriage Announcement.

The following cards have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glenn Cheatham announce the marriage of their sister, Miss Grace Holmes Cheatham, to Mr. Vann Leroy Stephens on Saturday, May, the twentieth nineteenth hundred and sixteen, Lynchburg, Virginia. "At home after June the third, Dunn, North Carolina.

REPORT ALARMING CONDITION IN MEXICO

Washington, May 22.—Reports to the State and War Departments from official sources in Mexico report the alarming economic condition in which poverty, famine and disease have reduced the country. These reports show to an extent that convinces army officials here, there is apparent need of outside aid. The result has been to create a further discussion of the advisability of intervention as the only solution to the problem.

It is believed that Marion Letcher, United States Consul at Chihuahua City, will have valuable information to place before the State Department when he arrives in Washington tomorrow or Wednesday, after his conferences with other consuls on the border. Official advices today said Carranza's new note may be expected soon. Arrondondo, Carranza Ambassador Designate, admits he has not been advised as to its contents. Information from other is that a previous stated the note will approach an ultimatum in its demand for the withdrawal of American forces.

Juries of Less Than Twelve Men May Bring in Verdicts in U. S. Cases.

Washington, May 22.—In affirming a judgment of \$25,000 given by the Virginia courts against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in favor of Asa P. Carnahan, fireman of the road, who lost his leg in a collision at Dowell, Va., in 1913, the Supreme Court held today that juries of less than 12 men required by common law may return verdicts in Federal as well as State cases. The railroad had appealed from the original finding in the Carnahan case on the ground that the Virginia law which allowed a jury of but seven men to pass on the evidence was not valid.

In a similar finding in a case originating in Minnesota the Supreme Court upheld the law of that State which provides five-sixths of a jury may return a verdict after the jury reach a unanimous agreement.

AFTER YOUNG DEMOCRATS

McCombs Will Urge That League Be Organized in Every State. At a meeting last night of the executive committee of the Young Men's Democratic League, President Frank D. Shelley announced that William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, had determined to recommend to his successor after the St. Louis convention next month that organizations similar to the Young Men's Democratic League be formed in every State for the presidential campaign. The local league is a permanent organization with 7,000 members, mostly first voters, and Mr. McCombs a member of its advisory committee, has been much impressed with the work it has accomplished.—The New York Sun.

MISS GRAHAM HEAD OF PEACE INSTITUTE

Raleigh, N. C., May 18.—Miss Mary Graham, assistant superintendent of the Mecklenburg county schools and a sister of President E. K. Graham, of the University of North Carolina, has accepted the presidency of Peace Institute in this city, succeeding George J. Ramsey, who recently resigned, it was announced today.

BRYAN THINKS TIME PEACE OVERTURES

Washington, May 22.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, declared here tonight that he believes the time has come for the United States to make renewed peace overtures to the European belligerents. He said: "The country will rejoice and be exceedingly glad when our country moves in the direction to bring the war to a close. The only obstacle towards peace seems to be that each side wants a decisive victory before peace terms are begun. "It is not only impossible that both sides should ever be ready at once but it is unnecessary. "It is not for this country to suggest the terms to be agreed on, but it is impossible for this government to ask for a statement of terms on two grounds: "First—That the warring nations must know what they are fighting for: "Second—That if they know they must be willing to state the cause to the world."

Mr. Bryan said he had heard nothing of the possibility of his being nominated by prohibitionists for president and never expected to hear of it, "except through the newspapers."

President Harrison of Southern on Wheat Situation.

Washington, D. C., May 20.—Commenting today on the report of the United States Agricultural Department on the condition of winter wheat as of May 1, President Harrison, of Southern Railway Company, said: "From a Southern viewpoint it is gratifying to note that, while the Department figures indicate that the total crop in the United States will be 155,765,000 bushels below the crop of last year, they indicate an increase of 3,054,000 bushels in the Southern States traversed by the lines of Southern Railway Company. Increases are shown for each of the States of Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee, and slight decreases in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi. These figures afford another illustration of the tendency of Southern farmers to get away from the one-crop system of farming and to strengthen the economic position of the South by growing a large proportion of its food supplies. The same tendency is strikingly shown by the marked increase in the number and improvement in the quality of live stock in every Southern State, as was illustrated by a recent census of hogs in South Carolina, showing an increase of more than 150 per cent since 1910."

DUKE NEWS

Duke, May 20.—Fully five hundred people joined in the base ball boogie and social Friday night in the park. The object was to show the appreciation of the community of the base ball club and to raise funds for new uniforms and necessary outfits for the present season. The park commission gratefully turned the whole park over to the occasion and in addition to the regular park attractions, were a free open air motion picture show, music by the band and some smaller attractions. A voting contest for the most popular girl was held offering a cake to the winner was won by Miss Helen Sawyer. A pudding for the ugliest man was won by Mr. S. T. Daniels. The occasion afforded more real and genuine amusement than any social of like nature this season.

The younger boys of the community met Friday night to organize a second nine for playing ball. The youngsters were quite enthusiastic and elected Mr. Gilbert Woodworth as manager and Talmage Capps captain. Saturday afternoon they are to play the second nine from Coats.

Approaching Marriage.

Cards have been sent out as follows: "Mrs. Willis Lester Woodall requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Kate Estelle, to Mr. Edwin Payne Lora, on Tuesday morning, the sixth of June, at a quarter to seven o'clock, Presbyterian church, Smithfield, North Carolina."

WILSON SPOKE IN CHARLOTTE

President Was Chief Speaker at the Mecklenburg Celebration.

Charlotte, N. C., May 22.—President Woodrow Wilson, who was the principal speaker in the exercises held here today in the annual celebration of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, traced the development of the present American government, telling of the strong fabric which has been woven from the composite forces of the various nationalities represented. He compared our government with those of Europe and declared that the European nations must eventually solve their problems in much the same fashion as our problems are being solved. Although he did not commit himself definitely in regard to the probable length of the great world wide war he estimated that peace might come earlier than is expected. Little real fighting is now being done, he asserted. The president arrived this morning from Washington at 11:15. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Grayson, Senator J. C. Slaton and Secretary Joseph C. Campbell. President Wilson spoke at 12:30. Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick, Governor Locke Craig, and Mr. W. W. Roper, introduced the president, who spoke for twenty minutes. The president received much applause. At noon he motored to Davidson, where he was shown over the grounds and through the buildings of the presidential party left at Washington at 7:30 this evening. The crowd that attended the celebration today was estimated at 100,000. A parade which was participated in by three regiments of state militia, a sham battle this afternoon was an elaborate and interesting feature. Peace sentiment voiced by President Wilson in his speech, to the hearts of more than a million thousand people. The president attended the celebration at the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg declaration of Independence last year ago.

While the president was guarded in his references towards peace prospects and the part that the United States might take in ending the conflict in Europe, it was obvious that the thought was uppermost in his mind. It was equally as apparent from the tremendous applause greeting the slightest peace suggestion in his speech that the southland is heartily with him for peace. Summing up an address directed cautiously at peace the president said: "I would like therefore to think that the spirit of this occasion could be expressed if we imagined ourselves listing some sacred emblem of counsel and of peace of accommodation and righteous judgment before the nations of the world and reminding them of the passage of scripture, 'after the wind, after the earthquake, after the fire, the still small voice of humanity.'"

An interpretation of the president's speech was that he tried to convey his conviction that the European belligerents are actually at a standstill as to peace suggestions and ultimately will be required to seek their "counsel" and will ask for the advice of the United States. It was reliably stated that the president expects to make a more definite declaration of his peace opinions when he delivers an address in Washington next Saturday. President Wilson reviewed the parade.

Tens of thousands from all over the state packed the streets and gave the president a great demonstration. At the reviewing stand he was welcomed by Governor Craig, of North Carolina, Governor Manning, of South Carolina, and their staffs. The procession, headed by the North Carolina national guard, 2,500 strong, took fully an hour to pass the point where the president stood. Mr. Wilson was introduced by Governor Craig, who spoke of him as one of the greatest men the nation has ever seen.

Action of Southern Railway Endorsed.

Washington, D. C., May 19.—The action of Southern Railway Company in creating the position of welfare agent for the benefit of its employees, has received the official endorsement of the Daughters of the American Revolution who adopted the following resolution at the twenty-fifth continental congress of the national society: "That, this congress endorse the action of the Southern Railway in creating the position of welfare agent and in appointing the Rev. Chas. L. Bass, of Atlanta, to fill this most important and interesting office."

Messrs. J. E. Crockett and G. E. Grantham are business visitors in Raleigh this week.

THE SUPREME COURT IN COCA COLA CASE

Washington, May 22.—The Supreme Court today reversed the decision of the Tennessee Federal Court, which refused to confiscate, on petition of the Government, forty barrels of coca-cola, as violating the Federal Pure Food Law, and sent the case back for presentation to a jury, to determine whether caffeine contained in coca-cola is injurious to health.

Woman's Missionary Conference To Be Held at Jonesboro.

The Fayetteville District Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference will be at Jonesboro, May 30th and 31st. Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, Mrs. H. J. Boney and Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, conference officers, will be at the meeting and will give interesting and inspiring talks on the work of the women of Southern Methodism are doing. Miss Elizabeth Lamb will deliver an address on her work in Brazil. Important phases of the work of the adult, young people's and children's societies will be considered by several of the workers in the district. Rev. H. E. Spence will give a talk on the Opportunities of the Country Church, and Mrs. P. E. Lance will talk on the problems of the country church and how to meet them. It is hoped that representatives from every church in the district especially from those in convenient reach of Jonesboro will attend the meeting. Send your names to Mrs. J. D. Pegram, Jonesboro, N. C.

THEY SEEM TO BE FOR HUGHES

Colonel Roosevelt Will Bolt If the Judge is Named, Says a Prominent Republican. Henry Ford's Comments on the Situation.

H. E. C. Bryant, writing from Washington, gives some interesting news concerning the Republican presidential fight which was published in the News and Observer of Monday: "Colonel Roosevelt would rather see President Wilson re-elected than support Justice Hughes as the Republican nominee for the Presidency" was the statement today of a prominent Republican who has served many years in the House and Senate.

"There is no doubt in my mind," he continued, "that Roosevelt will bolt the party, as he did four years ago, and run independent when he finds—as he most certainly will—that Justice Hughes will receive the nomination. This will insure the reelection of President Wilson, as Wilson will draw many more votes than he did four years ago, a great many more than the Colonel will fall short of the number he polled in 1912!"

Reports from every section of the country indicate that, after favorite sons are disposed of, Hughes will be the popular choice of the Chicago convention, which will be Roosevelt's cue to "bull moose."

From Oregon comes the report that with practically no campaign Justice Hughes received 26,000 votes, while Senator Cummins received only 12,000 and Senator Burton 5,000 votes, approximately. Colonel Roosevelt and several others whose names had to be written in the ballots received less than a hundred votes each.

The solid South will be represented at Chicago by about 270 delegates. Most of them will go unopposed. A Southern leader said that a majority of the delegates from the South are disposed to favor Hughes on the theory that he looks like a winner. That there are Hughes delegates in nearly every Southern group, is conceded by the managers of the favorite sons.

In commenting on the enthusiastic reception accorded Colonel Roosevelt in Detroit last week, Henry Ford today said: "I consider Roosevelt so antiquated that the 'ex' business does not keep up with the times. "Henry Ford isn't important. The people are, and the people will attend to Roosevelt at the proper time. The trouble with this whole Detroit demonstration is that the armament and munitions crowd are too prominent in it. I know this crowd, and I know that it is not at all patriotic."

"I'm going to the limit with everything I have to help force disarmament throughout the world. I am convinced President Wilson is on this armament crowd. I think he's got them by the neck." Asked if he would take an active part in the presidential campaign Mr. Ford said: "That depends I am liable to do most anything."

Mrs. Lonnie Jackson, of Cooper Sampson county, who has been seriously ill at the Hospital in Fayetteville, is reported as gradually improving.

NITRIC ACID AND ITS USE FOR AGRICULTURE

Nitric Acid is a composition of Hydrogen, Nitrogen and Oxygen. Nitric Acid is a powerfully corrosive liquid prepared by mixing sulphuric acid with saltpetre and distilling the mixture. Pure nitric acid consists of nitrogen and oxygen only, united in the proportions of 14 of nitrogen, by weight, to 40 of oxygen.

How Nitric Acid is Produced. Fertilizing materials like nitrate of soda and nitrate of potash contain ammonia or nitrogen. If sulphuric acid is mixed with nitrate of soda or mixed with nitrate of potash and distilled the product will be pure nitric acid containing only nitrogen and oxygen.

This nitric acid is used in the manufacture of gun powder and other explosives by Mr. Du Pont and others. When fertilizing materials like nitrate of soda and nitrate of potash are applied to the soil they undergo a chemical change in the soil, and nitric acid is produced.

When fertilizing materials like castor pomace, cotton seed meal, dried blood, fish guano, stable manure and tankage are applied to the soil the ammonia or nitrogen of each of them undergoes a change in the soil by the aid of nitrate-forming bacteria and nitric acid is formed.

All chemical materials containing ammonia or nitrogen when applied to the soil produce nitric acid without the aid of nitrate-forming bacteria. All organic materials containing ammonia or nitrogen when applied to the soil produce nitric acid by the aid of nitrate-forming bacteria.

The artificial nitre beds of France and Northern Europe produce nitric acid in an abundance for the manufacture of saltpetre. These artificial nitre beds are formed by mixing earth of different kinds with stable manure or other vegetable and animal matters and exposing the mixture to the air in conical heaps which are occasionally watered with liquid manure.

These nitre beds are attended with care for about a year and the water in the beds is washed and the water contains variable quantities of nitrate of potash, soda, lime and magnesia which are used in the manufacture of saltpetre. In the city of Leon, in Nicaragua, the practice of burying the dead in the churches has been perpetuated by the priests, who derive a considerable fee from each burial.

The consequence is that the ground around the churches has become saturated with the dead. The burials are made, according to the amount paid to the church for from ten to twenty-five years, at the end of which time the bones with the earth around are removed and sold to the manufacturers of nitric acid.

Every electric spark passing from the clouds through the air aids in the production of nitric acid. The currents of electricity which traverse the atmosphere must produce the same effect, and the passage of each flash of lightning through the air must be attended by the formation of nitric acid.

When a mixture of ammonia with oxygen gas is exploded by passing an electric spark through it, nitric acid is formed, even when the oxygen is not sufficient to oxidize the whole of the ammonia. The ammonia given off from decaying animal matters is decomposed by the atmospheric electricity, instantly nitric acid is formed. Some of this nitric acid will combine with the ammonia of the air and form nitrate of ammonia in the atmosphere and descend with the falling showers.

During the decay of vegetable substances, in moist air, ammonia is formed at the expense of the hydrogen of the water and of the nitrogen of the air, and thus nitric acid is abundantly produced in nature.

The Use of Nitric Acid for Agriculture. All vegetation is dependent upon nitric acid, without nitric acid there could be no vital forces for the production of the vegetable kingdom. All plants would fade into insignificance without the aid of nitric acid. Nitric acid controls all plant food elements of the soil and determines the solubility of all elements in the soil that plants feed upon. Nitric acid is the master of earth's laboratory and in earth's laboratory dictates the solubility of the inert nitrogen of the air.

Nitric acid is the most desirable element known to agriculturists. I the soil, it will neutralize poisonous acids and destroy destructive bacteria. The inert phosphorous of the soil is made available by the use of nitric acid. When nitric acid comes in contact with phosphorous in the soil it forms nitrate of phosphorous and

BERLIN THINKS U. S. PEACE MOVE MIGHT SUCCEED

Dispatch Probably the Strongest That German Censor Has Thus far Permitted to Pass Over the Wire.

Berlin, via wireless to Tucker, N. J., May 21.—There is a feeling here that if a strong neutral, such as the United States, undertook to negotiate peace, it might succeed. Diplomatic circles regard the recent statements of President Poincaré and Sir Edward Grey as the opening guns in an informal discussion of peace, though the expressions from the Allied leaders, when ranged alongside the German Chancellor's recent Reichstag speech, do not appear altogether conciliatory.

No decision has been reached here as to whether any official reply to these statements will be made public by the German Government, though it is possible this will be done. One official with whom I talked today declared that making peace at this stage of the war would be no more difficult than adjusting the recent German-American submarine dispute. He pointed out, however, that no belligerent can publicly state definite terms of peace while informal discussions continue with each side making drastic statements of what it intends to accomplish as the result of the war.

Dutch Believe All Want Peace. I have just returned from a visit to Holland, where I found that Dutch men believe the English, French and German people all desire peace. The general impression in Holland is that the time for a decisive victory for either side has passed, although each of the belligerents may attempt a Summer offensive.

The Dutch think it is America's duty to act now, and that the time is ripe to bring the belligerents together. One diplomat said that if the peace talk now in circulation continues for a few months the belligerents will learn enough of what each side wants to bring them together in peace agreements by October.

Asquith Said to Be Fervent. The general impression, prevalent in Holland, that President Asquith and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg might make peace, but that the Kitchener-Northcliffe group in England, and President Poincaré in France, are anxious to continue the war. Hollanders declare that one reason England does not want peace now is because she believes that German submarines cannot behave, and that as long as the possibility of the United States breaking off relations with Germany exists England would be foolish to make peace.

The Dutch, however, regard this as only an excuse set up by that group in England which wants a continuation of the war. Hollanders want U. S. to Lead. The Hollanders are outspoken in their regard for America, considering the United States their best friend. They desire that the United States lead the way for peace feeling that it is our duty to end the bloodshed.

To my surprise, some Hollanders asked me when the German people are going to start a revolution because of the food situation. Although meat is scarce, although the shortage may increase, the proposed new Government bureau to regulate the sale of meat in Germany will provide livable rations and prevent food demonstrations. So far there is no indication that any demonstrations are likely to occur.

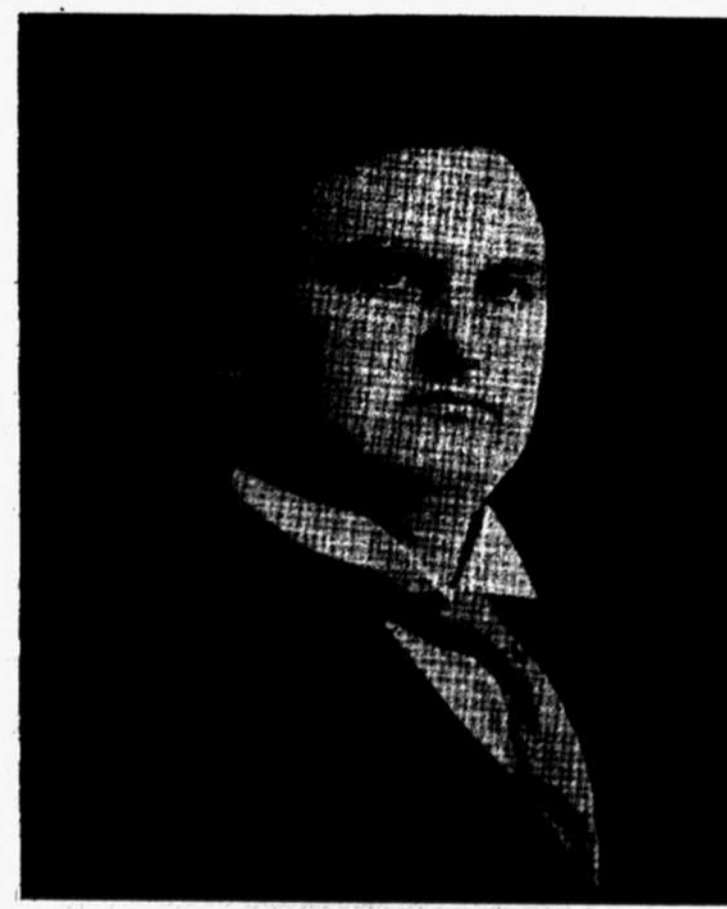
That excellent serial, "The Girl and The Game," begins at the Bijou Theatre next Tuesday night, May 30th.

plants take it up. The inert potash of the soil, found in the field spar and vegetable matter is made available by the use of nitric acid. When nitric acid comes in contact with potash it forms nitrate of potash and plants take it up in an available form.

The insoluble soda of the soil is made available by the use of nitric acid. When nitric acid comes in contact with soda in the soil it forms nitrate of soda and plants take it up. Calcium Carbonate or lime in the soil is made available for the use of plants by nitric acid.

When nitric acid comes in contact with calcium carbonate or lime it forms nitrate of lime and plants take it up in an available form. Nitric acid aids in the formation of the chlorophyll of plants which means the green color given to plants. Nitric acid is the only form of acid used as a plant food that will counteract poisonous forms of acid that accumulate in the soil from decaying vegetable matter.

G. I. SMITH
Coats, May 18, 1916.



HONORABLE H. L. GODWIN

The above is a picture of our Representative in Congress, who is a candidate for re-nomination in the primary June 8th. The experience he has acquired in Congress is of much value to the district. A congressman should be elected, for the good of the country and not to gratify the ambition of any man. A man of experience should not be turned out simply because some new man may want the job. Mr. Godwin, has stood squarely with the president during the war period and the people will stand by him in the primary.

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