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GRACE CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN M. E. CON.

Bishop Hughes Will Preside—Many Noted Speakers to be on Program. Church Making Ample Preparation. People Opening Doors to Delegates and Visitors.

The Fortieth session of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will convene with the Grace M. E. church Tuesday, November 20, and will continue in session the remainder of that week, the closing service to be held Sunday night, the 25th.

Rev. B. A. Culp, the live and wide-awake pastor, is making every arrangement necessary for the comfort and convenience of the ministers and delegates who will be present. The good people of Kings Mountain have freely opened their homes for the entertainment of all visitors, and ample entertainment will be provided.

Bishop Edward H. Hughes will preside over the meetings of the Conference. Among the number of prominent ministers who will be present are Dr. Edw. M. Blake, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Connectional representative; Dr. Trenner, representing the Sunday School Board; Dr. Henry True Wilson, of Philadelphia, Pa., representing the Temperance movement, and others. The Mission interests will be represented by returned missionaries from foreign fields. Rev. Culp is anticipating a large attendance, and is looking forward to the most successful and blessed session in the history of the Conference. A calendar for each day's meetings of the Conference will appear in the next issue of The Herald.

MRS. JANE HOWELL DEAD.

Mrs. Jane Howell died at her home on Mountain street here last Wednesday night after a long illness. The funeral was held from the home Thursday afternoon and by Rev. R. M. Hoyt and the remains taken to Elbethel cemetery for burial. She was a member of the Methodist church and a most estimable woman. She was 72 years of age and the widow of the late Lawson Howell, who died about six years ago. She is survived by the following step-children: Mrs. Robert McMacken and Mrs. Jno. Purley of York County, S. C., and Grigg Howell or near Grover and Aaron Howell, of Columbia, S. C. The following brothers and sisters also survive: H. P. Goforth, of Blacksburg, S. C.; Mrs. Carolina Hambright, Kings Mountain; W. F. Goforth, Ranger, Texas; D. H. Goforth, Tolar, Texas; Frank Goforth, Kings Mountain; C. L. Goforth, Gainesville, Ga.; C. R. Goforth, Kings Mountain; and Misses Ida and Lottie Goforth, Kings Mountain.

AARON MAUNEY WILL VALID.

The fall term of Cleveland county court was exceedingly short, being done up in a few days last week. The most interesting case to be settled was the contesting of the will of the late Aaron Mauney. This was a case in which Mrs. Jane Rippey, a daughter, sought to break her father's will on the grounds of mental incapacity. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendants, J. B. and R. T. Mauney, executors, which means that the will holds.

Divorces were granted as follows: Mary Byers vs. Arty Byers; Gus Roberts vs. Frances Roberts; Lou Williams vs. A. C. Williams.

Ambrose Willis, larceny; bill changed to forcible trespass, defendant plead guilty and to pay costs.

State vs. John Hamrick, false pretense; gave \$50 bond and to appear at next term.

Robert Smith, receiving liquor, pleas guilty and \$10 fine and costs.

Walter Smith, transporting liquor; pleas guilty, \$10 fine and costs.

John McKinn, c. c. w., jury says "guilty." Judgment not yet passed.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many neighbors and friends for their kindly assistance during the sickness and death of our sister, Mrs. Jane Howell.

Mrs. Carolina Hambright, Miss Ida Goforth, Miss Lottie Goforth.

Would Make Daddy Sorry. Richard was proud of his newly acquired poodour. One day while standing in front of the glass admiring it, he suddenly turned to his mother and said, "Say mamma, when did you buy that new poodour, and how did you get it?"

BRIG. GEN. F. J. KERNAN.



Brig. Gen. Francis J. Kernan is now assistant chief of staff.

MEANS CHARGED WITH KILLING

IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF MRS. MAUDE A. KING ON AUGUST 29.

Affidavit Filed by Solicitor Asking Removal is Countered by Affidavit from Defendant—Attorney General Manning Begins Argument.

Concord, N. C.—The Cabarrus county grand jury announced that they had found a true bill for murder against Gaston B. Means in connection with the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy Chicago lady, which occurred near here August 29.

After presentation of the bill by the grand jury, Means was formally arraigned in court and made his plea of not guilty.

Solicitor Hayden Clement then, on behalf of the state, presented to the court an affidavit, asking that the case be moved to an adjoining county in this judicial district for trial.

Counsel for the defense announced themselves as ready, and E. T. Cansler presented an affidavit from Gaston B. Means in reply to that of the solicitor.

L. T. Hartsell, counsel for the defense, then presented affidavits from 15 representative men of Concord, saying that in their opinion a fair trial for the state could be had here. The men signing these affidavits were the postmaster, merchants, manufacturers, salesmen, bank officials, county officers and others.

J. L. Crowell, of defendant's counsel, read affidavits from several other officers and prominent persons of this place.

Solicitor Clement presented affidavits from Detective William Jones and Capt. William T. Jones, from the attorney general, and a certificate from the clerk of superior court, showing that since April, 1914, three bills for murder had been presented in this county, in each of which cases the defendants were acquitted. No other bills for murder had been presented during that time.

At the conclusion of these, Attorney General James S. Manning, for Judge E. B. Cline to have the case the state, began argument before moved to another county. He was followed by J. L. Crowell, L. T. Hartsell, Frank Armfield, Frank I. Osborn and E. T. Cansler for the defendant.

NEARLY ONE-HALF KAISER'S U-BOATS HAVE BEEN LOST

London.—Between 40 and 50 per cent of the German submarines operating in the North Sea, the Arctic and Atlantic since the beginning of the war have been sunk, said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons.

"We must lay plans for a long war," continued Sir Eric. "I see no signs of its being a short one."

"During the last quarter the Germans lost as many submarines as they lost in 1915," said Sir Eric.

The output of merchant shipping in the first nine months of this year, he said, was 123 per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year. The admiralty had decided that four new shipbuilding yards would be necessary.

Sir Eric said he regretted it had not been found possible to arrive at a basis for publication of British tonnage losses by submarine action without giving information to the enemy.

The losses of merchantmen in October, he said, were slightly worse than in September. Enemy submarines were being sunk to an increasing extent, but the Germans were building more submarines than they were losing.

ALLIED ARMIES ARE AIDING THE ITALIANS

TROOPS OF ALLIES HAVE JOINED CADORNA'S MEN AGAINST THE ENEMY.

AUSTRO-GERMANS HELD BACK

Reinforcements Arrive and Western Front Extends From North Sea to Adriatic—War Department's Weekly Review is Issued.

Washington.—England, France and Italy stand firmly united to oppose any further advance of the enemy in the Italian sector, says the war department's weekly review of military operations. The statement suggests that the Teutons probably thought Italy would be left to her fate, or that the allies would be unable to dispatch the necessary forces in time, but declares that England and France already have sent large reinforcements and the western front today stretches from the North sea to the Adriatic.

Only bare mention of the American troops in France is made by the department. In pointing out that the momentous events in Italy must not lead us to forget that the principal battle front of the war remains in France and Flanders, the statement says, "here our forces are fighting."

"Our attention during the past week has been centered on the gigantic struggle now going on in the Friulian plain," says the review.

"The Austro-German forces, breaking through the Italian defenses along the upper reaches of the Isonzo, have erupted into the low lands, and carried forward a series of rapidly co-ordinated operations, which have resulted in the conquest of much territory.

"Trench warfare has, for the time being, been abandoned. Great troop masses are maneuvering in open country.

"Under the direction of General Cadorna, the Italian armies have withdrawn to the west bank of the Tagliamento river. . . .

"The momentous events in Italy should not lead us to forget that the principal battle fronts of the war remains, as it has been since the beginning, the important sectors of the western front, in France and Flanders.

"Here the overwhelming bulk of enemy strength is concentrated. Here our forces are fighting. "Steadily the Franco-British forces are pushing forward."

BERLIN REPORTS FIRST CAPTURE OF AMERICANS

Berlin, via London.—The capture of American soldiers by a German reconnoitering party is announced by the war office.

The statement says that on the Rhine-Marne canal as a result of a reconnoitering thrust, North American soldiers were brought in.

The portion of the official statement making this announcement reads:

"At the Rhine-Marne canal, as the result of a reconnoitering thrust, North American soldiers were brought in as prisoners."

GERMANS DISPLAY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AGAINST AMERICANS

With the American Army in France—Notwithstanding the rainy weather the German batteries displayed more activity than normal on the part of the French line occupied by the American troops. German shells were distributed impartially among the trenches, the American batteries replying in the same fashion.

The enemy is using both high explosive and shrapnel in sending occasional reminders of the war toward the Americans. Reports reaching headquarters, however, are that the bombardment could in no sense be considered "lively" merely being a departure from the normal state of quietude at night on that particular sector.

SALVATION ARMY HALL IS SCENE OF HOLOCAUST

Paterson, N. J.—Nineteen bodies were taken from the ruins of the Salvation Army rescue mission in this city which was destroyed by fire. Ten men were taken to hospitals with probably mortal injuries and many others were less seriously hurt in leading from windows of the burning structure.

Identification of all the dead will be impossible, the police believe, as the records of the institution were lost in the fire.

COL. E. M. HOUSE.



New photograph of Col. E. M. House, who is studying for the president data and information gathered by diplomatic agents and others bearing especially on steps it will be necessary for this government to take that it may be fortified with facts and figures to deal with the trade war that is sure to follow a cessation of hostilities.

120,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

VAST AMOUNT OF ITALIAN TERRITORY TAKEN BY AUSTRO-GERMANS.

Allies Rush Preparations to Come to Italy's Aid.—America Waives Export Restrictions in Order to Hurry Supplies.

Virtually one thousand square miles of Italian territory have been overrun, more than 120,000 Italians have been made prisoners and in excess of 1,000 guns have been captured by the miles in their eight days' drive from German and Austro-Hungarian armies the Isonzo and Carnic Alps fronts of the Austro-Italian war theater.

From the east the enemy invasion from the center of the battle front now is well within gun range of the Tagliamento river, where it has been presumed that General Cadorna would turn and make a stand. The Italian commander-in-chief, however, has not yet brought his troops about to face the enemy, but is continuing his retreat with the rear guards harassing the advance. Just where Cadorna purposes to give battle has not become apparent. Neither is it known how well the northern and southern flanks of his army are keeping pace with the retirement in the center.

According to the latest Berlin official communication announcing the heavy losses of the Italians in men and guns, engagements successful for the Teutons have taken place on the Tagliamento plain while the Rome communication announces that there has been fighting on the hills of St. Daniele Del Frull, along the Ledra canal, at points northwest of Udine and from four to five miles east of the Tagliamento.

Meanwhile preparations to aid the Italians in the hour of extremity are being rushed by all the allies. Jules Cambon, general secretary of the French ministry of foreign affairs, in a statement has expressed the conviction that the Italians will be able to stem the tide of the invasion with the aid of the French and British troops sent to reinforce them. The American government is to waive all export restrictions in favor of Italy.

RELIEF FROM COAL SHORTAGE PROMISED

Washington.—Immediate relief from the coal shortage in the east was promised by the fuel administration, which will issue an order modifying the arrangement under which shipments to the northwest have been given preference over all other movements.

Priority orders will be suspended in a number of mining districts, particularly in Pennsylvania, to release both bituminous and anthracite coal for munitions plants and domestic consumers in the larger cities along the Atlantic seaboard. This, it is said, will assure an ample supply of fuel to the big steel-producing and ship-building plants.

At present most of the coal mined in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana is going to lake ports for transshipment to the northwest and to Canada. This movement has been so great that the northwest is in a position to have the supply cut down.

GERMAN TORPEDOES COST EIGHT LIVES

VICE ADMIRAL SIMS REPORTS TO NAVY DEPARTMENT TORPEDOING OF TRANSPORT.

TWO OF NAVAL GUARDS DEAD

Casualty List Made Public Includes Two Enlisted Men and Four of Ship's Crew, Also a Third Naval Seaman is Missing.

Washington.—The torpedoing of the homeward bound army transport Finland in the war zone resulted in the death of two members of the naval armed guard, two army enlisted men and four of the ship's civilian crew. A third naval seaman is missing.

Vice Admiral Sims' report of the casualties to the navy department today added no details to the announcement yesterday that the Finland had been torpedoed, but had been able to reach a European port under her own steam.

The casualty list as made public follows: Members of the naval gun crew: James W. Henry, seaman, second class; dead. Next of kin, Rose Henry, 43 Reynolds street, Harrison, N. J.

Newton R. Head, seaman; dead. Next of kin, not given. Home address, Cleveland, Ga.

Porter Hilton, seaman, second class; missing. Mother, Mrs. Lizzie Hilton, Toccoa, Ga.

Army: Private Lester Hickey, infantry; drowned. Father, Thomas Hickey, 142 North Racine avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Charles H. Maxwell, colored, transport workers' battalion; drowned. Brother, Thomas E. Maxwell, Box 278, Concord, N. C.

Members of Finland's crew:

M. Cardozo, fireman; drowned. No emergency address.

J. Hanesko, barber; drowned. No emergency address.

W. F. Phillips, waiter; drowned.

Brother, A. Phillips, Jackson barracks, New Orleans.

Jose Cuevas, mess boy; probably died from injuries.

GERMAN TROOPS RETREAT FROM CHEMIN-DES-DAMES

Full Extent of Retrograde Movement Not Yet Fully Known.

The Germans have retreated from points along the historic Chemin-Des-Dames sector on the Aisne front in France, where for several months the French troops of General Potain had been keeping them sharply to task.

Just where the retrograde movement took place and how far it extends cannot yet be told, as the German official communication merely says that the Teutons, "unnoticed and undisturbed by the enemy," systematically withdrew their lines from the hilly front in this region. The entire line to the north of the Aisne where the Germans were last reported as facing the French is undulating in character from the Soissons sector eastward to the vicinity of Craonne; and therefore it is impossible, from the rather terse acknowledgment of withdrawal, to delimit the terrain which has been given up.

Nevertheless it seems apparent that the Germans, tired of the terrible ordeal they had been forced to undergo for some time from the French artillery and violent infantry attacks, have decided to fall back upon Laon, capital of the department of the Aisne, which with its network of railways has been the quest of the French.

FLOUR TRADING WITH EUROPE PROHIBITED

New York.—The milling division of the United States food administration announced here that effective immediately, all direct trading by American millers, exporters and blenders of flour with European countries is prohibited. This business will be handled hereafter only by the food administration.

WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS GRANTED TO STRIKERS

Houston, Tex.—Denouncing as "little short of criminal" a war-time strike in any industry needed for the successful prosecution of hostilities and defining the oil industry as "the absolute heart of our navy," Dr. Sidney J. Smith, chairman of the southern district draft board, said he would immediately ask his own board to withdraw exemptions or discharges granted on industrial grounds to all registrants involved in the strike.

PATHFINDER PASS FRIDAY ABOUT NOON

Big Delegation Met Washington Party at Gastonia—Senator Bankhead Much Impressed With Our People and Roads.

The pathfinders for the proposed Bankhead National Highway passed through Kings Mountain Friday about noon. They carried here just long enough to take light lunch at the Floral Fair and passed on toward Shelby. H. T. Fulton, chairman of the county commissioners, called for order in the Floral Fair hall and presented Secretary Roundtree of the Bankhead Highway Association who in turn introduced Senator Bankhead. As the party was already two hours behind their schedule and were slated for dinner at Gaffney there was no time for an informal meeting with speechmaking.

Quite a big delegation of Kings Mountain people met the pathfinders at Gastonia and conducted them over the Linwood route to this town and being mixed up with the party en route presented our claims for the great highway which Congressman Webb says will outlive the Applan Way of the Roman Empire. Capt. F. Dilling brought Senator Bankhead in his sedan from Gastonia and talked frankly with the Alabama senator relative to his impressions of the route. Senator Bankhead, while not one of the pathfinders himself, is author of the bill now pending in Congress which, if passed, will provide for the great highway from Washington to Los Angeles and is accompanying the party over the proposed route and no doubt his wishes in the selection of the route will have great weight with the committee. In the light of this we get great satisfaction from the fact that he told Mr. Dilling that we had the people and the roads and he saw no reason why we should not get the route of the highway.

The pathfinders proper consist of the following gentlemen: Col. Plouchman; Mr. LeGauss, a magazine writer of Washington; Morris O. Eldridge, civil engineer of international reputation; A. C. Bachelor and the president of the National Automobile Association. With them on the route were: Senator Bankhead, of Alabama; and Congressman E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, and Secretary Roundtree, of the Bankhead Highway Association.

A very serious automobile accident occurred near the residence of S. S. Weiler on the Grover road between the Klothe and Sevier Cotton Mills last Thursday evening just after six o'clock when C. A. Hamilton's big automobile passed over the body of Chris Rains breaking his leg in three places, breaking his collar bone and badly bruising up his face and side. Mr. Hamilton, who is superintendent of the Sevier mill, was coming up town in his big car, while Rains, an operative at the Klothe mill, was going home after work hours on a bicycle. The bicycle and automobile collided head-on with above results. Mr. Rains seemingly blinded by the lights, got onto the wrong side of the road, it is said, while Mr. Hamilton seeing the bicycle approaching on his side of the road tried in vain to turn far enough out to miss it and turned so far that his machine was turned on its side in the ditch. It is said that Mr. Hamilton offered first aid to Mr. Rains. Rains is a married man and lives near the Sevier mill. He is at his home and is getting along very well.

STREET SURVEY PASSED.

The engineering firm of Bets & Tull of Spartanburg has crossed a contract with the city council to survey the streets of Kings Mountain preparatory to the paving to be done here shortly. They had engineers here last week going over the grounds.

DR. SHELLEN MOVES HERE.

Dr. O. W. Shellem, of Ansonville, N. C., has moved to Kings Mountain and opened up office in the Mauney Drug Co. store. Dr. Shellem has a wife and two children which he will move here in two or three weeks. We welcome his new family to town and trust that they will find business and congeniality sufficient to keep them here.

ADDING TO THE PAULINE.

Mr. C. E. Neilsen, proprietor of the Pauline Mills is building another weaving room measuring 100 by 90 feet. He expects to have this addition in operation by April or May. Something doing here all the time.