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# 20,000 CLUB WOMEN GOING TO NEW YORK

## That Number Expected to Attend Biennial Convention of General Federation

### OPENING SESSION MONDAY

Convention Will Be in Session Until June 8, Largest Gathering in New York This Year—Mrs. Pennebaker to Retire.

New York, May 20.—The club women of the country, two and a half million of whom are represented in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, have perfected a plan for the greatest convention in the history of the Federation in New York this month. The dates are May 22 to June 8. During those seventeen days it is expected that fully 20,000 women representing clubs in every state in the Union, as well as some from Alaska, Japan, England, Hawaii and South America, will attend many of the innumerable meetings and social functions that have been arranged.

New York city this year is said to have more than 500 different conventions on its calendar but from all indications none will equal in attendance the gathering of women. Special sentiment is attached to the women's convention by the fact that although the Federation was founded here twenty-six years ago, it is the first time since then that the women have met in New York. It was "Jennie June" Croly, one of the founders of the Sorosis, the pioneer women's club in New York, who initiated the idea of a general convention of women's clubs in 1889, and the outcome of this was the holding of the first convention of the General Federation in New York in the following year when 83 clubs were represented by 126 delegates and the Sorosis was hostess.

Philadelphia, Louisville, Denver, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, St. Louis, St. Paul, Boston, Cincinnati, San Francisco and Chicago again, have been the convention cities in the order named. The forthcoming convention, the thirteenth, will have Sorosis again as its hostess, in conjunction with the New York state and city federations which are working their hardest to make the gathering a notable one in every direction.

The main drill hall of the army of the Seventh Regiment of the New York National Guard, which will accommodate upwards of 100,000 women will be the principal meeting place. The colonel's room and other officers' quarters will be turned over to the women for headquarters. The army is located at 48th and 49th streets, between Lexington and Park avenues.

The chief executive is Mrs. Percy V. Pennebaker, president of the federation, whose home is in New York, but who for the past two years has been traveling throughout the country keeping in personal contact with the members of women's clubs. She will not be candidly, as she has done in the past, however, and the question of her successor will be one of the most important items of business during the convention. The topics to be discussed are Mrs. Samuel B. French, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Mrs. Josiah Cowles, of Los Angeles. The Ohio candidate is at present first vice-president of the federation, and is a woman of wide experience. Mrs. Cowles, whose name has been put forward by the California women, has also been prominently identified with the federation several years as director, treasurer, and chairman of various committees.

In the words of Miss Lottie E. Schure, one of the directors of the federation, "the business of being a club woman is a big business and is getting to be a bigger busy every day." This is apparent from the elaborate programme that has been arranged for the convention. The topics indicate an increasingly wide range of affairs in which the club women are taking not only an interest but an active part. There was a time, for instance, when the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs could report on all of its activities at each convention, but now, says Mrs. Eugene J. Grant, the president of the federation, it takes the six conventions of the Metropolitan League to get through the reports of the thirty-night committees which have developed.

The General Federation has as its broad object the furtherance of every movement in the interest of women, and in the interest of mankind in general, and the programme calls for reports and discussion by committees on art, child welfare, civics, civil service, forms, home economics, conservation, industrial and social questions, legislation, literature, music, public health, and under these headings come subjects ranging all the way from home economics to international relations.

One important announcement that was made at the convention is the fact that the federation has raised an endowment of \$100,000. The plan to raise such a sum was first made at the convention in New York in 1910, and now that the sum has been realized it will be invested by trustees, the interest being used to help carry on the work of the General Federation. Many women prominent in New York will take their turns as hostesses to various sections of the great gathering. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, for instance, will be one of the first to entertain the women at her home in Llewellyn Park, N. J. Mrs. John H. Hammond will be hostess at a luncheon on the state presidents. Mrs. William T. Heilmann will be hostess at a dinner there will be luncheons and dinners and other entertainments at various women's clubs. A Shakespeare masque at the Metropolitan Opera House and a number of other outside features will be included.

# A. W. McLEAN DISCUSSES NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Predicts Large and Enthusiastic Gathering

### National Committeeman Expects Great Democratic Victory—M. L. Marley for Commissioner—Historic Communities

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Red Springs, N. C., May 20.—Hon. A. W. McLean, Democratic National Committeeman, of Lumberton, who returned a few days ago from Washington and also from a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee at Raleigh, says that all arrangements for the great Democratic National Convention to be held at St. Louis, June 14 are about complete and that indications point to a very large and enthusiastic convention.

Asked as to what would in all probability be the most important matter coming before the convention, Mr. McLean said it would be the adoption of the platform and the nominations of candidates for President and Vice-President. Knowing, however, that Mr. Wilson will be unanimously re-nominated, Mr. McLean was asked as to what would probably be the nominee for Vice-President. He replied that while the name of Governor Major of Missouri, was being discussed in this connection and that while the people of North Carolina feel very kindly towards him for his prompt repudiation of the offer of the system now engaged in an effort to collect the fraudulent reconstruction bonds, he hardly thought it probable that the North Carolina delegation would seriously consider voting against Mr. Marshall.

As to who would be the temporary chairman, Mr. McLean said the subcommittee on arrangements had under consideration several Democrats of whom the prominent ones might be mentioned Ex-Governor Glynn, of New York; Senator Stone, of Missouri, and others, and that the matter would probably be decided by June 1st. Mr. McLean says his prediction now is that there will be a full attendance of the North Carolina delegates.

### Predicts Great Democratic Victory

Replying to a question as to what were the prospects for Democratic success next fall, Mr. McLean said they were good. Continuing he said, "I was glad to find while in Washington a few days ago Democratic leaders from every section of the United States very optimistic indeed over the great victory which is before us next fall." Mr. McLean stated, with reference to who might be the Republican nominee for President, that the trend towards nominating Roosevelt which was so strong a month ago, seems to have spent its force and that indications now point to the nomination of Hughes or a "dark horse," there being a possibility that either Root, Cummins, Burton or Fairbanks might be named. However, Mr. McLean gave it as his opinion that Hughes would be nominated and that Roosevelt would endorse him. This interview with Mr. McLean was held at the home of Mrs. M. L. Marley, an interest to thousands of people in this section of the State and will be generally accepted as authoritative.

### Marley for Commissioner

It has been learned that Lumber Bridge township, this county, is pushing the candidacy of M. L. Marley, of Robeson's next commissioners. The people are impressing the fact that this township has not had representation on the board of county commissioners for a long time and owing to the great distance to Lumberton and no commissioner much nearer they feel they are in need of a man to represent the township and get their work done. Mr. Marley is an ex-commissioner of Robeson and one of her most successful farmers and largest land owners. He is also a leading merchant and an all around business man and would doubtless fill the office to which he aspires with credit.

### Two Historical Settlements

In adding Dr. C. G. Vardell in securing some local history of this community, the Star correspondent finds two of the oldest rural communities in this section, from point of settlement, are Antioch and Philadelphia. At each place is located an old Presbyterian church, and in each is a fine old stone great lighthouse for all this section. They were before Red Springs was and will be at least as long as Red Springs is.

### Old Cemetery at Antioch

In an old cemetery at Antioch, among the hundreds of antique graves, one was noted of Rev. John McIntyre, who was born in Scotland and was one of the pioneer Scotch preachers of this section. He once preached at both of the old churches (if memory has it correct) and the epitaph on his tombstone states that he lived to the ripe old age of 103 years, three months and 20 days. Father McIntyre, as his name has been handed down to the present generation, was, it is believed, the great-grandfather of A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, and the great-grandfather of his ancestors—the Scotch.

### Candidate Upon a Visitor

Hon. E. F. Young, one of the numerous candidates for Congress in the sixth district, was a Red Springs visitor this week. Mr. Young is making a clean campaign and is confident of being nominated. He informed the Star correspondent that he would surely carry the county if he got the plumb.

# Where the Fight for War or Peace Begins in Chicago June 7.



This photograph shows the Coliseum in Chicago where the Republican National convention will begin June 7. It may be as lively a show as the last National convention. Col. W. F. Stone, the sergeant-at-arms, is now on the ground, very busy making arrangements.

# PROGRESS OF WORK QUARANTINE STATION

## Additional Wharfage and Mooring Piers Being Built.

### Job Will Not Be Completed by July 19, as Contemplated—Government Expert Gives Information About Sea Parasites.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Southport, N. C., May 19.—The government quarantine station, located on the opposite side of the channel of the Cape Fear, river, and about two miles above this city, built twenty years ago, has always lacked in wharfage and mooring piers.

Some months ago, in fact over a year ago, the government asked for bids for the construction of this needed room, the contract being awarded to A. J. Robbins, of Southport, at \$24,271, the work to be finished July 19, 1916, but it will be later than that date before the contract can be completed, owing to various delays and difficulties in securing materials. This is not the fault of the contractor.

To Mr. J. E. Langley, superintendent of the United States Public Works, who is here supervising this new work, your correspondent is indebted for much information regarding the material part and facts as to the sea parasites that destroy pilings and timbers that must be submerged in part or whole for the United States quarantine station at this port is entirely surrounded by waters of salt at all times.

The new extension to the station will be 22 by 250 feet wharf piers. It will take 355 pilings. These with the superstructural material have received extra creosote treatment, the piling being impregnated with a dead oil of coal tar, 22 pounds for each cubic foot, which gives a penetration of 5 to 6 inches, and the timbers of the piers, 12 pounds to the cubic foot. The loblolly pine, being more porous, will be recently examined. A palmetto, recently taken from the water at Miss Kate Stuart's water front, which had been submerged at least half a century, was found intact, the wood of this tree being too fibrous for the toro.

The Norfolk Creosoting Company, at Norfolk, Va., had the contract for creosoting the pilings and timbers at the station here. Mr. Langley spent a month at the company's plant while the work of creosoting was being done, representing the government as inspector. This plant, as are all such plants in this country just now, is being worked to capacity. One delay was occasioned by a vessel bringing coal tar, or oil, being torpedoes.

The above company was the first on the Atlantic coast to creosote piling, doing a job in 1832, at what is known as Pier No. 6, in Hampton Roads, and this piling is today in practically good shape. The first creosoted piling used in this country was near Galveston, Texas, in 1875, and a recent examination shows it pretty good yet.

# DECLARES SHIPPING BILL IS INADEQUATE

## National Foreign Trade Council Reports to Congress

### Says Proposed Bond Issue of \$50,000,000 Far Too Small to Make American Trade Independent of Foreign Shipping.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Washington, May 20.—In finding inadequate the present administration shipping bill for the creation of an effective merchant marine, the National Foreign Trade Council in a report just submitted to Congress declared that the proposed \$50,000,000 bond issue for a fleet of ships to make this country's trade independent of foreign shipping would be far too small and that from \$50,000,000 to \$1,040,000,000 would be nearer the mark.

The report further held that until a definite Federal shipping policy was adopted, much like that in force in England, investors would be disinclined to embark in such a venture. The main proposal advanced by the Council advocates the creation of a non-partisan shipping board comprised of men experienced in shipping and forestry and unattached to any policy seeking government ownership or operation, or any wholesale regulation of ocean freight rates.

The council says its report is based on a thorough investigation of existing conditions directed by the Council's merchant marine committee comprised of James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation; Robert Dollar, export merchant and ship owner of San Francisco, and P. A. S. Franklin, vice president of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

The three chief objects of a truly national shipping policy, says the report, "should permit and encourage the development of a merchant fleet; first, to increase the national income and domestic prosperity through greater facilities for the sale abroad of products of the soil and industry; second, to maintain under the flag the work of the United States, through the importation of materials indispensable to life and industry and through the freight collected from world commerce; and third, to aid the national defense and maintain commerce during the war whether the United States be belligerent or neutral."

On the assumption that the carriage of 60 per cent of American foreign commerce in American vessels would render this country independent, and in view of the fact that in 1915 1,871,543 tons of American shipping carried 14.3 per cent of the total foreign commerce, the committee estimates that between 5,000,000 and 10,000,000 gross tons of shipping would be required.

At the prevailing rate of construction before the war of \$50 a ton and of \$100 a ton the present rate, it was found the final cost would be between \$520,000,000 and \$1,040,000,000. "In what situation," asks the report, "does capital find itself when urged gradually to finance, at a cost of between one-half billion and a billion

# DIOCESAN COUNCIL IN ALLIES' PLANS BALKED

## SESSION AT KINSTON

### From 250 to 300 Delegates Expected to Attend.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Kinston, N. C., May 20.—The annual convention of the council of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina was opened in St. Mary's church here tonight about 8 o'clock. More than 100 delegates had arrived early in the evening. The number is expected to swell to 250 or 300 tomorrow. Represented or expected to have delegates here are churches in Elizabeth City, Aurora, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Newbern, Kinston and scores of other towns.

The diocese comprises all of the strictly eastern portion of the State, with a territory of 17,407 square miles. Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, the bishop, is presiding over the council.

Speakers will be Bishop Darst, Rev. Dr. S. H. Lattin, of Hatteras, N. C., China, who will speak Sunday night on "Missions"; Prof. Chas. H. Herty, University of North Carolina, who will make a plea for the "Five Million Church Pension Fund" (\$2,000,000 of which has been raised) on Monday; Dr. Jas. Hardy Dillard, of Charlottesville, Va., who will on Sunday afternoon in a downtown Newbern, N. C., church, preach the diocesan sermon "Sunday morning"; Rev. Dr. H. L. Burleson, editorial secretary of the Church Missionary House, New York City, to make an address to the Women's Auxiliary on Monday; Rev. Lester Bradner, Ph.D., of New York, who will on Tuesday evening preside over the work of the general board of religious education; Miss Claudia Hunter, of Henderson, to make an address to the Women's Auxiliary Monday or Tuesday, and others.

Monday night's service will be in the interest of diocesan missions. The closing service will be on Tuesday evening.

Officers of the Women's Auxiliary and Parochial Society, to meet simultaneously with the council, are: Mrs. James Grist Staton, Williamson, president; Mrs. Geo. H. Roberts, Newbern, treasurer; Mrs. H. M. Bonner, Newbern, vice-president; Mrs. T. G. Skinner, Elizabeth City, second vice-president. Officers of allied organizations are: Mrs. T. P. Nos, Wilmington, president of the Girls' Friendly Society; Mrs. N. N. Davis, Wilmington, traveling secretary; Mrs. F. R. Rose, Fayetteville, secretary junior branch; Mrs. John E. Cranmer, Wilmington, secretary Little Helpers; Miss Minnie Albertson, Elizabeth City, and Miss Lucile Murchison, Wilmington, educational secretaries, and Miss Mary C. Roberts, Newbern, correspondent for the Church Periodical Club.

### COUNTY CANDIDATES NAMED.

Full Ticket Put Out by Wayne Republican Convention. (Special Star Correspondent.) Goldsboro, N. C., May 20.—At a meeting of the Wayne County Republican convention this week, Mr. E. W. Hill was elected county chairman, and will follow a short business meeting the following county candidates were selected and ratified by the convention: Ben. J. T. Hooker, House, N. A. Howell and D. M. Korneagy, sheriff, J. C. O'Berry, register of deeds, Sam Taylor, coroner, J. E. Pearson, commissioners, B. F. Sasser, W. M. Uzell, P. C. Caldwell, E. E. Fields and J. F. Smith.

# ALLIES' PLANS BALKED BY ARMIES OF GERMANY

## 'Significance' of Spring Operations on Western Front

### Entente Plans Thrown 'Topsy Turvy,' According to General Military Survey Published in German Press.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Berlin, May 20.—The "far-reaching significance" of the spring operations on the Western front has, from a German point of view, been the fact that while the Entente Allies had planned a general onset this spring, the German armies anticipated them and threw their plans "topsy turvy," according to a general military survey which is published in the German press and which has evidently emanated from official quarters.

"Our enemies had been preparing for this general onset with all the resources at their disposal," says the German summary, "and they have never ceased telling us their resources were inexhaustible. Feeling certain of victory in advance, they had heralded their initiative before their own people and everybody else. The German armies, however, anticipated them and threw their well-matured plan topsy turvy."

"Their operations as seen from the German side, consisted partly of offensive and partly of defensive battles, yet they are all characterized by the one uniform feature—namely, that a German spring offensive has come instead of the offensive planned by the enemy."

"The attacks of the Russians and the Italians at the same time are only in a tactical sense offensive. They are really defensive operations on the largest scale. That finds expression in the very term 'relieving offensive' which has the merit of being ornamental and pretty, but also clearly intelligible. A 'relieving offensive' is an offensive act with a defensive purpose."

"What this means in its effects upon the morale of the troops can be fully comprehended only by a man who has himself taken part in this fighting. The words 'we are advancing' exercise a magical charm upon the German troops; they throw a spell over every branch of the gigantic organism of our army. 'We are going to attack' and every man feels proud and happy to do his share, even though his own section be assigned to mere defensive duty. The Germans fighting on the east front, consequently, exercise the character of the character of the fighting, are just as much inspired by the offensive spirit in heroically resisting the onsets of the Russians en masse as their comrades. Precisely the troops fighting in Russia, who enjoyed the good fortune last summer of pressing forward incessantly and wresting enormous stretches of territory from the Russian colossus, are now looking on without envy at the attacks of their comrades in the west, after these had for so long been condemned to the self-sacrificing task of trench warfare."

The survey takes up in detail the various operations on the western front but covers the operations only up to April 1 and gives but little further information than has been contained in the official communiques and other despatches.

Referring in a general way to the battles of the Meuse, it declares that the most important result was that French troops were relieved by the English from Arrmentieres to Arras and in the last third of March still further southward of the Somme. "But," the report adds, "the substituted troops have not developed any considerable activity. Neither have the English made the slightest attempt to relieve the strain upon their hard-pressed ally by making an attack upon their own account."

The other two allies of the French—the Russians and Italians—made more earnest efforts to support their ally, says the survey, and it sums up what these operations were as follows: "Before the German east front there (Continued on Page Twenty.)"

# CARLYLE WILL CASE IS CONSUMING MUCH TIME

## Will Probably Go to Supreme Court Regardless of Judgment.

### Rains Better Conditions in Robeson—Lumberton Commencement Week. New Methodist Church to Be Opened Today

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Lumberton, N. C., May 20.—All this section has been greatly refreshed during the week by good seasonal showers of rain, which was greatly needed. All kinds of crops, notwithstanding the cool weather, show much improvement, though cotton has not yet come up. The farmers expect within the next three or four days to see cotton coming up alright. The rainfall here Monday and Tuesday was three inches, less the 100th part of an inch. Another good rain fell Thursday.

Superior court convened Tuesday with Judge Darst presiding. The main work of the court was to grant five divorces. When that had been done the Carlyle will case was taken up and is still going on. It was stated last night by attorneys that this case would probably not be given to the jury before Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning of next week. This is an action brought to try to break the will of the late Miss Thelma Carlyle. The law firms of McLean, Varner & McLean and McIntyre, Varner & Proctor appear for those opposing the breaking of the will, while Brinkley and Lumberton, Ex-Governor Kitchin, of Raleigh, and Mr. Bland, of Burgaw, represent the heirs desiring the breaking of the will. The opinion has been expressed that the matter will go to the Supreme Court regardless of the winning side in the lower court.

A cow said to have gone mad several days ago, following the bite of a mad dog, died yesterday after being confined several days, suffering terrible agony, to all appearances. The head was sent to Raleigh last night for examination. Another cow was reported yesterday to be acting in a manner which caused the fear that the animal had also been bitten and was similarly affected. Quite a number of dogs were reported bitten Tuesday of last week, but strange to say their owners in some cases have sent them away to protect them while others had them killed, thereby taking no chances. It is said that at least one dog has been in such cases and it is hard to understand why owners of dogs will subject themselves and their neighbors to such dangerous risks. It is not right for one person to be acting in a manner which causes the fear that a dog has been bitten, no time should be lost in killing it, instead of putting it off on some innocent person in the country. It seems that the dog which shall be protected, human or dog life.

A good number of people from this section are attending the 20th of May celebration in Chicago.

### Commencement Week

The Lumberton Graded School will close next Friday. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Methodist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor. The literary address and graduation exercises will be held Friday. It is said that at least one of the graduates will not stand for re-election for the next term, which is greatly regretted by students and parents. Lumberton has a graded school which any city or town might well be proud of.

Mr. W. P. McAllister is stocking his fish pond on the west side of the river above the iron bridge with perch of various kinds, and they are now forbidden to enter therein. A flowing well probably 75 or 80 feet deep empties into the pond, so that regardless of dry weather the pond will at all times be supplied with water. Mr. McAllister is considering driving another well, which will insure an abundant supply of water.

No names are being used, as the Star correspondent always avoids hurting a mother's feelings as far as possible, but there are a few boys in Lumberton who are going to cause tears in the eyes of their mothers, unless they change their course. Some of them would not know the truth if they were to read it in the Bible. But that is the small part of it—they go around hunting trouble, and they will be in sight of it. Only this week a colored woman reported to Chief McLeod that four of the knee-breeches squad had gone to her house, south of the railroad, and to her back porch, had sent them down there to search her house, and according to her statement, they went through things. These are smart little chaps, possessing in their own estimation, more wisdom than they will possess when they are four times as old as they are now. Better hold up boys.

### Marriage of Much Interest

A marriage of much interest was solemnized Wednesday at 5:30, Mr. Lacey McK. McKenzie and Miss Isabella Wooten being the contracting parties. Rev. J. Frank Gorrell performed the ceremony. Mr. McKenzie and bride are among the most popular young people in Lumberton and have the best wishes of a host of friends. The young couple left immediately for their home in the part of the State where they will spend several days.

Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son have greatly improved the appearance of the front of their big department store by removing the stationary awning frames and substituting therefor the modern patterns. Only a very few old style frames remain and they will have to be removed before the fronts of the buildings where they are can be protected from the sun by awnings.