

# METHODISTS CLOSE CONFERENCE TODAY

First Time in 29 Years Business Has Been Finished Before Monday Afternoon.

## GREENSBORO NEXT YEAR

Dr. B. Heath of Charlotte Gives \$20,000 to Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem—Eight New Ministers.

### By Rev. A. W. PLYLER.

Charlotte, Nov. 23.—Two busy sessions of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference and the anniversary of the board of education over which H. C. Jordan, president of the board, presided at the evening hour, left Dr. W. P. Few of Trinity college delivered the address marked the day as a strenuous one for the ministers and delegates.

At the morning session of the conference, Greensboro was chosen as the meeting place for the next conference; Bishop Darlington addressed the class of eight young men to be received into the conference by a very decisive majority, the conference voted to adopt the Harvard plan of entertainment, the bishop announced that the conference will close Sunday night with the reading of the appointments and the interesting statement was made in the report of the Children's home that Dr. B. Heath of Charlotte had given \$20,000 to the endowment fund of the home.

At the afternoon session R. M. Courtney was chosen for conference secretary, and the secretary of the general conference was elected by a majority vote.

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# RAILROAD AGENTS GIVEN INCREASES

Get \$25 a Month More Than Was Received January 1.

Director-General McAdoo's Order Affects 2,500 Station Agents Not Included in Increase Granted Telegraphers.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Railroad agents today were granted by Director-General McAdoo a general wage increase of \$25 per month above the rate prevailing last January first, with a minimum of \$95 per month. Eight hours is to be considered a day's work with pro rata pay for two hours over time and a half for service above 10 hours.

The order affects about 2,500 station agents who are not telegraphers and who, consequently were not covered by the recent wage increase for telegraphers.

The wage advance does not apply to men paid \$30 or less a month for special services requiring only a portion of their time. Exceptions also are made for a few agents who received \$50 or less a month, for whom a straight advance of \$25 is granted, without application of the \$95 minimum.

The wage increase order was the first official document signed by Mr. McAdoo today after announcement of his resignation on the ground of inadequate pay for cabinet officers.

## BASEBALL JOB OFFERED EX-PRESIDENT TAFT

Has Been Tendered Position of Sole Member of National Commission—Is Considering It.

New York, Nov. 23.—Former President Taft has been offered the position of sole member of the national commission of the National and American leagues, according to an announcement here tonight, by H. N. Hempstead, president of the American Nationals, and Harry Frazee, president of the Boston Americans. Mr. Taft is said to be considering the offer.

Acceptance by Mr. Taft would mean the passing of the present national commission, which is composed of the two league presidents and a third member.

The offer to Mr. Taft is said to have been made without the knowledge of western presidents of the two leagues. All of the eastern club presidents are said to have approved the offer and this would give the originators of the idea sufficient votes to carry the proposal.

The conference between Messrs. Taft, Hempstead and Frazee was held in New York today. Mr. Taft took the other under consideration without comment. The proposition was considered in a general way with the details to be worked out if Mr. Taft accepts, as the two club presidents appear to be hopeful he will. No salary was mentioned.

After today's conference they made public a statement in which they said "the man to fill this position at the head of the American national game should be a big American figure who had the esteem and respect of the American public."

"Our further idea, after discussing the matter with the different club owners was that with one man as the supreme head of baseball, it would place the presidents of the National and American leagues in the position of appearing before him in the capacity of counsel representing their respective organizations."

Secretary Baker supplemented General March's outline of demobilization plans later by stating that General Pershing was reducing his army to a strength of 30 divisions and would further reduce it as conditions justify.

At an average strength of 40,000 men to a division which would cover all necessary auxiliary forces this would mean the General Pershing would retain 300,000 in France from which the actual army of occupation and its reserves would be organized to provide against any possible emergency.

General March showed that virtually all of the supplemental army corps and army troops are to be withdrawn. He said he already had authorized General Pershing to send back railway artillery, army artillery, gas troops and tank corps units in the order of the divisional organizations. Some of the divisions designed by General Pershing are re-placement units.

The aero-squadrons to return are numbers 32, 140, 156, 167, 177, 187-8, 210-11, 216, 219-20, 255-56, 228, 234, 254, 256, 259-60-61-62-63, 265, 267-68, 282, 306 to 310 inclusive, 314 to 321 inclusive, 325, 329 to 338 inclusive, 340, 342, 356, 361-371, 377-78, 470 to 473 inclusive, 475 to 479 inclusive, 512, 523-24, 531 to 534 inclusive, 536 to 539 inclusive, 852, 868, 906 and 1107.

The construction companies are numbers 3 to 11 inclusive with the exception of company No. 11 and three other special units.

and schools and not a student contracted the disease.

President C. E. Brown is justly pleased with the increasing prosperity of the institution that enjoys the good fortune of his gifts. The reading of the appointments as early as Sunday night will mark a new departure for this conference. Not at any time since the organization of the conference 29 years ago has the hour of adjournment been reached before some time Monday. The conference has not ceased to talk of the fine report made by Frank Slier, the presiding elder of the Winston district. Every charge this year in that district paid the entire assessment on each and every pastoral charge. Some other church or individual did not pay it, but the churches of each particular charge met in full every obligation.

The sudden illness of Rev. Z. E. Barnhart, the conference host, has brought sorrow to every member of the conference. His inability to meet every demand upon him through the exacting days just past made the entire conference a debtor to his fine and gracious young minister whose friends are numbered by his acquaintances. It is reported that he is recovering. The doctor expects him to be out in a few days.

The king of Spain possesses an odd collection of relics with attempts on his life. A reminder of the very first attempt on his life is the bottle of a feeding-bottle, with which an attempt was made to poison him when he was only eight months old.

# GERMANY'S CRY OF FAMINE A BLUFF?

May Be Scheme to Have Armistice Terms Modified.

Neutral Correspondent Has Letter From Kiel Which Says "We Are Better Off For Food This Year Than in 1917."

London, Nov. 23.—(British Wireless Service.)—A neutral correspondent writes to the Morning Post that he has received a letter from Kiel, in which this occurs:

"We are better off for food this year than in 1917. There is plenty of grain and potatoes, so there will be no shortage."

The Post comments as follows: "This only confirms the belief held in authoritative quarters here that the conditions of scarcity advertised in Germany's daily whine about the armistice conditions do not in fact exist. Out of their own mouths and those of their rulers and newspapers before the collapse, the Germans can be shown to have confessed to sufficient supplies to carry them through the winter. With their harvest just gathered, there can not be that menace of immediate shortage which is now represented in appeals to the allies and neutrals."

## OLD GERMAN LEGISLATIVE BODY NOT YET DISSOLVED

Berlin, Thursday, Nov. 21.—(Via Copenhagen, Friday, Nov. 22.—)By the Associated Press.—The Bundersrath has not yet been dissolved, and the government has instructed it to proceed with its routine administrative duties in the same manner that the other departments of the former government are now doing.

Negotiations are going on between the cabinet and the soldiers' and workmen's council for the purpose of establishing the respective jurisdiction of those bodies. The absence of sharply defined limits of authority has resulted in frequent collisions. The understanding now being arrived at will also definitely establish the competency of the various sub-committees.

The official flag of the German democracy has not been selected. The German navy is flying the war flag to which a red pennant has been attached. It is a foregone conclusion that the German people will oppose the red flag as the permanent ensign, aside from the reason that it is the banner of the international party.

## HUNDRED THOUSAND TROOPS PASSING FRANKFORT DAILY

Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—(The Tageblatt of Berlin, a copy of which has been published in the German press.)—Frankfort to the effect that one hundred thousand German soldiers, mainly from lines of communication, are passing through Frankfort daily.

The advisers say further that trains are running regularly, accidents have been reduced to a minimum, the provisioning system is better than under the old regime and supplies are assured for weeks ahead. The excitement attending the revolution has been quelled and there is not the slightest lack of discipline.

## STRANGE STATE OF AFFAIRS ON ONE OF THE GERMAN SHIPS

London, Nov. 23.—During the examination of the German ships which surrendered Thursday, a strange state of affairs was found to prevail on the battleship Kaiser. All the brass and copper fittings had been removed. Only five German officers remained aboard and discipline was at a low ebb. Sailors, wearing the white armband of the soldiers' and sailors' council, were exercising authority among the crew.

The interior of the vessel, no longer kept in a state of strict cleanliness, was odorous and stuffy. The portraits of the former emperor in the captain's cabin and the wardrobe remained unchanged. Saluting had become a perfunctory act between the crew and officers and the crew talked of about in the presence of their officers. There was shown, however, an instant readiness to comply with the armistice terms, and no hesitancy was displayed in opening everything aboard to the closest inspection.

## PLANES COLLIDE, LOCKED TOGETHER, LAND SAFELY

Mount Clemens, Mich., Nov. 23.—While flying at a height of 3,800 feet over Selfridge field today, two airplanes collided and became locked together. The machines went into a tail spin but Cadet Bradus Chevreton, of Romo, Va., the pilot of the larger and more powerful plane gained control of his machine and with the two still clinging together maneuvered them in such a way as to break the shock of the landing. The pilot of the smaller plane received only minor injuries. The names of the other have not been announced.

## FIGURES ON WAR WORK FUND TO BE PUBLISHED TUESDAY

New York, Nov. 23.—Final figures showing the nation's contribution to the United War Work Campaign for \$70,000,000 will be announced Tuesday, according to a statement here tonight by John R. Mott, director general, who intimated that the goal would be reached.

All the information we have had in the last 48 hours has been encouraging," Mr. Mott said.

## Big Balloon Stranded

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 23.—A large government balloon from Washington, commanded by Lieutenant Simpson, of the army, stranded at dusk tonight on the eastern shore of Virginia near Mears station, 45 miles from Cape Charles. Four other army officers were passengers in the dirigible, which left Washington at 1 p. m.

## Poles Disarm Germans

Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—All the German soldiers in Poland have been disarmed and sent to Germany, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Rhenish Westphalian Gazette of Essen.

Hans von Beseler, German governor general of the occupied territory in Russia, fled during the night, and the civil governor, Herr Steinmeister, has been deported.

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# PEACE PERSONNEL STILL INCOMPLETE

President Expected to Sail Within Two Weeks.

Attention Being Given To Selection of Secretaries and Attaches and To the Collection of Historical and Legal Data.

Washington, Nov. 23.—With President Wilson expected to sail for France within less than two weeks, so far as can be gathered, the personnel of the American commission which is to represent this country at the peace conference is not complete, even as to its principals. This is believed to be the explanation of the delay in making public announcement of the names of the commissioners which the recent white house statement said would be made "presently."

Meanwhile attention is being given to the selection of the secretaries and attaches of the American mission and to the collection of the large quantity of historical and legal data, which will be required. The nearest parallel to the approaching conference probably is to be found in the famous congress of Vienna of 1814, which gathered to re-arrange the map of Europe following Napoleon's downfall. Accordingly, earnest study is being given to the preliminaries leading up to that conference and to its detailed proceedings as far as these have been preserved.

The two Hague conferences of 1864 and 1867 also developed methods of procedure, and a wealth of subjects regarding the ideal relationship of the community of states that would be of assistance in arranging the program of proceedings at Versailles. For this special guidance, the American commission will have at hand a vast amount of information regarding the smaller nationalities of Europe, the arbitrary divisions which have been made on that continent in defiance of racial ties and natural affiliations for purely political reasons, and the latest conceptions of the present desires of the oppressed races, all representing the results of close study by some of America's most eminent university men created by Colonel House.

The American commissioners in addition will have the benefit of exceedingly detailed and definite instructions on every conceivable point. These instructions are believed to be in preparation now by state department officials.

## URGES THAT RUSSIA BE RECOGNIZED AT CONFERENCE

Washington, Nov. 23.—Recognition of Russia at the world peace conference was urged by Prince Lvoff, first prime minister of Russia, after the overthrow of the Czar, in a statement today at Roanoke, Va., the place of which Lvoff expressed his conviction that any programme of re-construction which does not provide for the complete destruction of bolshevism in Russia will leave in the world the germ of another great war.

The termination of the war has raised the question of the peace conference, said Prince Lvoff. "I think a sense of duty and justice dictates to us the necessary necessity of attending in Versailles the defense of Russian interests. This work can be done by Russians only. The country as a whole is unable at present to send to the allies' plenipotentiaries. But when our friend is ill, we act for him."

"To designate the persons and consider the form of their part at the conference is a matter of friendly interest to the allies," Colonel House said.

"The bolsheviks are indulging in a perpetual revolution. Their aim is universal disorder and anarchy. They are interested in Russia chiefly as a hearth where they may keep up by all means the world's conflagration. I deem the intervention of the allies is dictated not only by the compassion for the victims of Russian bolshevism but by political foresight as well."

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## AMERICANS IN RUSSIA MEET STIFF OPPOSITION

Shortness of Daylight and Heavy Fogs Facilitate Guerilla Warfare of The Bolsheviki.

Archangel, Nov. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American and entente troops have encountered strong opposition both on the Vologa-Archangel railway and on the Dyva river. Owing to the swampy condition of the Terrain, it has been necessary to confine operations to the water-shore and the railway. As the upper part of the river is deeper than at its mouth, the bolshevik craft, equipped with large guns, have been better able to maneuver than the entente ships and have prevented the occupation of Kotlas by the entente.

A plan is under military circles for the creation of a voluntary army for Russian relief should the allies agree upon the policy of feeding Russia.

Daylight in Archangel now is of only four hours duration and this fact, with the fogs, facilitates the guerilla warfare of the bolsheviks. It is believed that evacuation of the Archangel district by the allies would probably result in the murder of the entire population friendly to the entente by the bolsheviks, just as the elements antagonistic to the Voiga towns were slaughtered in the Voiga towns evacuated by the Czechs. A similar slaughter occurred at Volodva when the entente supporters who rallied about the embassies were persecuted mercilessly.

## MAN AND WIFE ARE DEAD AND YOUTH UNDER ARREST

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 23.—R. B. Brunden and his wife are dead and Brunden's 15-year-old step son, Monroe Quillian, is under arrest as a result of a family quarrel today at their home in Washburn, Grant county, according to reports received here. Mrs. Brunden was shot and killed by her husband, who in turn was killed by the woman's son, it was stated. Reports are conflicting as to whether Brunden shot his wife intentionally or was firing at Quillian at that time.

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# APPROVE STRIKE IN BEHALF OF MOONEY

Newport News Union Men Will Urge Federation of Labor to Set Date For Walkout.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 23.—The local union of the united association, plumbers, gas and steam fitters and helpers tonight adopted by unanimous vote a resolution approving the proposed general strike as a protest against the execution of Thomas J. Mooney, labor leader, convicted of murder in San Francisco. A committee was named to communicate with and urge the American federation of labor to set a date for a nationwide strike. Another resolution appeals to unorganized labor for support.

Former Justice Denies Charges. San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Frederick W. Henshaw, former justice of the California supreme court, issued a signed statement to The Associated Press today, denying charges that he received a bribe of \$40,000 in the famous will case of the James G. Fair estate and denying any connection with an alleged "frame up" in the Mooney and other prosecutors' "outing" from the San Francisco preparedness day bomb explosion, as set forth in a report to William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, published here over the signature of John B. Densmore, director of employment of the labor department.

## WITHOUT FOOD 10 DAYS AND WITHOUT WATER 5

After 17 Companions Die of Starvation, 14 Members of Steamer Dumarac's Crew Are Landed.

Manila, P. I., Nov. 23.—After being 10 days without food and five days without water, 17 companions dying of starvation and exposure, 14 members of the crew of the American steamer Dumarac, wrecked by lightning on Guam October 16, have arrived at Samar, P. I. in a life boat. This is the third boat from the Dumarac to be accounted for.

## TELEGRAPHERS OF TWO ROADS THREATEN TO STRIKE

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 23.—Resolutions directing President Parham of the Order of Railway Telegraphers to notify the director general of railroads that they would stop work at 8 a. m. on the morning of November 27, 1918 unless the request made by them last August regarding wages and working conditions was complied with by or before that time, were adopted by the telegraphers of the Norfolk and Western and Virginia Railway in session here tonight.

The resolutions also charge that the telegraphers have not received from the director general such fair treatment as they expected when they mortgaged their future to buy Liberty bonds.

# Negroes Started Trouble.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 23.—A troop of cavalry was called out early tonight to quell an incipient riot in the negro section of the city. Following the arrest of a negro son a charge of robbery a number of negro soldiers gathered around the officer and threatened to release the woman. An immense crowd, largely negroes, gathered and a riot call was sent in. The cavalry troop soon dispelled the crowd and no further trouble was reported.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God in his infinite wisdom and mercy to call from this life our beloved brother, James W. Orrell, therefore be it

Resolved: That the members of Local Union No. 261, Plumbers and Steamfitters of Wilmington, N. C., extend to the family and friends of our departed brother, our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, a copy be spread on our minutes, a copy be sent the official journal for publication, and that they be published in the local newspapers.

A. W. BRANCH, R. R. BENSON, O. W. GENUAST, Committee.

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# Announcement To The Public!

Adhering to the definite policy of our government as to the conservation of labor and the saving of gasoline and machinery, and on account of the difficulty in securing proper and adequate help, the undersigned hardware, paint and building supply houses deem it necessary and essential to inaugurate the following policies, commencing Monday, November 25, 1918.

1. On all orders, whether cash or charge items, for less than one dollar, to make an extra charge of ten cents for delivery.

2. To limit the delivery of such small items within city limits to three deliveries each day when possible. Delivery beyond city limits, to be especially arranged for.

3. We urge all patrons to send employes or servants for small orders, as the nominal extra charge levied above can easily be saved by compliance with this request. Such saving will be in strict and proper accord with government policies of thrift and conservation.

Assuring the public that we will be glad to serve at any time, and that the above announcement is made with an idea of carrying forward the best interests of both consumer and dealer, we are

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DAVIS-MOORE PAINT CO.,  
M. W. DIVINE & CO.,  
J. W. MURCHISON & CO.

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# The Courage To Believe In The Worthiest And Best

We were at war for ideals of liberty and democracy. These ideals have done wonders for America since we entered the war. They have welded our people together; wiped out class distinction; given life a loftier meaning.

America must maintain her quality standards in the eyes of the world, and drive home and abroad the economy of buying the best. Right now the worthiest and the best is of utmost importance.

Right now the clothes buyers of America should put behind them the temptation of seeming cheapness.

In the present age of high costs and material shortage, it is plainer than ever that true economy lies in buying only quality goods.

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for three generations has held to its belief in quality. It is one of the very foremost clothing concerns in the world. It has an organization and buying power surpassed by none. It places itself in the service of all who believe that this is the time to hold high the banner of quality.

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