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## \$150,000 FIRE AT CLINTON

Nearly Five Hundred Bales of Cotton and Depot Go Up in Smoke.

Clinton.—At least \$150,000 damage was done by the fire which destroyed the A. C. L. depot here. The fire originated on the cotton platform which extended eastward from the depot. The blaze swept over the whole platform containing hundreds of bales of cotton in a very few moments, and within a few minutes the platform had fallen in, the Best fertilizer warehouse across the street was ablaze, the depot was on fire, four cars of cotton had caught, while other shops and houses were smoking.

The fire company was prompt and did fine work, saving the western end of the depot, containing the business offices and the waiting rooms and the passenger cars which lay alongside. Eleven freight cars fell victim to the flames, four loaded with cotton and several which had just come in loaded with goods for Clinton merchants.

The cab on the passenger locomotive was burned, while the baggage car was narrowly saved. In addition, quite a bit of lumber stacked on the south side of the road was burned.

The Atlantic Coast Line is the greatest loser, though D. L. Herring, one of the largest buyers of cotton on the largest buyers of cotton on the Clinton market who buys on his own account, lost about 60 bales by the latest count. There were, it is estimated, 485 bales burned, but the loss of all except that of Mr. Herring falls upon the railroad, since bills of lading had been taken for the other, including 55 bales of co-operative cotton which were on the platform.

Not only was the rapidity with which the blaze spread over the cotton platform a surprise, going as it was sprinkled with powder or gasoline, but the fact that these hundreds of bales of cotton were absolutely in ashes the next morning was another surprise to those who thought they would smoulder for days.

## Will Secure Faculty For College.

Greensboro.—R. F. Williams, of Burlington, has been appointed by the board of education of North Carolina Methodist Protestant church as chairman of a committee to secure a faculty for the Methodist Protestant college now in course of erection at High Point. Rev. J. F. McColloch, of this city, is chairman of the committee to outline courses of study. The college will open in the autumn of 1922.

Rev. R. M. Andrews was selected by the board as general chairman of the finance committee of the college. He has been president of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant conference for five years and his term of office automatically expires at the meeting of the conference in Henderson in November, the rules of the church limiting tenure of that office to five years.

## Rutherfordton Man Wins Law Books.

Rutherfordton.—Attorney James L. Taylor, Jr., has received a letter from the American Law Book company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., announcing that Mr. Taylor was the winner of \$500 worth of law books, offered as a prize to the students of the law department at Wake Forest College, making the highest grade on the examination submitted by them. Mr. Taylor was informed that he had received 88.47 per cent in answering the questions, in the Legal Research Training course, the percentage being the highest achieved by any student at Wake Forest College Law Department.

## Wilson Market Pays Six Millions.

Wilson.—Nearly six and a half million dollars was paid out for tobacco on the independent warehouse floors here this season, during 44 sales, is the report made by H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales. For the week ending October 12 the number of pounds sold were 2,913,460, which brought \$1,004,341.40, an average of \$34.47 per hundred, an increase in average over last week of \$1.50 per hundred. For the season there has been sold 22,971,434 pounds for \$6,406,354, an average for the season of \$28.16 per hundred pounds.

## Ten-County Fair is a Success.

Kinston.—The annual ten-county fair here closed after a successful week. Officials estimated that the total attendance had been between 30,000 and 40,000. A rainy opening day kept the attendance from being larger and no record was established. Conduct at the fair was unprecedentedly good, and only one arrest was reported on the grounds during the week. Though not so large as in one or two previous years, the throngs came from a wider area this year than ever before. Features of this fall's fair were the made-in-Kinston exhibit and the swine show.

## AMERICAN LEGION ENDS CONVENTION

OWSLEY, OF TEXAS, UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER.

## STORMY SESSIONS ARE HELD

Many Issues Are Tabled; Next Year's Convention Will be Held in San Francisco.

New Orleans.—The American Legion wound up a five-day convention here, unanimously elected Alvin M. Owsley, of Texas, as its national commander to succeed Hanford MacNider of Iowa, who has served for the past year, and heard a plea for international action which, according to its sponsors, the wounded men of the inter-allied veterans' federation, would bring about world peace. Then, after the selection of vice-commanders and a national chaplain, the convention was adjourned, and men and women trudged wearily out of the hall and began making their way to railroad stations to catch trains back to their home communities.

It was the legion's greatest convention, everybody said, and the one which had accomplished most.

After stormy sessions the legion reaffirmed its position as to the so-called soldier bonus—"adjusted compensation" is the term the legionnaires prefer—criticized severely. Brigadier General C. E. Sawyer, personal physician to the President; tabled resolutions dealing with the Volstead act, the ku klux klan and various minor issues. It averred again that its first interest was the proper care for the disabled of the war.

The convention was attended by the noise, excitement and emotional outbursts which those who have attended similar gatherings in the past have learned to expect.

But, all in all, the "buddies" had a wonderfully good time, and feel that they accomplished much. Next year the convention will be held in San Francisco.

Five national vice commanders were elected as follows: Edward J. Barrett, Sheboygan, Wis. Robert S. Blood, Concord, N. H. Chiles P. Pinmer, Casper, Wyo. Earle Cooke, Macon, Ga. Watson B. Miller, Washington, D. C.

## Business in South on Upgrade.

Washington, D. C.—"Business in the South is again on the upgrade," says Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway company, in his annual report, which has just been made public.

"The output of the mills and factories has been steadily increasing during the past few months," the report continues. "An outstanding feature has been the operation of the cotton mills, a happy contrast with the strike-ridden cotton manufacturing centers of the East.

"In July, 1922, according to the figures compiled by the United States census bureau, 98.97 per cent of the spindles in mills in the cotton producing states were active, while in other states the percentage of active spindles was only 78.53. During that month the average active spindle hours in the South was 250, compared with 145 in other states. In the 12 months ended July 31, 1922, the mills in the cotton producing states consumed 3,733,147 bales, which compares with a consumption of 2,178,767 bales by mills in other states.

"The more favorable conditions for the cotton manufacturing industry in the South are reflected not only in operating statistics, but also in the record of new mill construction. During the same 12 months, according to the census bureau reports that there was a net increase of 245,831 spindles in southern mills and a net increase of only 79,627 spindles in mills in states outside of the South. A survey of new mills under construction or in prospect indicates a continuation of the tendency shown by these figures.

## Bean Beetle Infests South.

Washington.—Announcement was made by the department of agriculture that the Mexican bean beetle, described as a rapidly increasing menace to food plants in the South, has made its appearance in 24 counties of southern states.

Infestations have been discovered in additional counties in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North and South Carolina. The insect is causing heavy damage in parts of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, the department reports.

## Greatest Mother Summons Her Children



An allegorical concept of the Red Cross as a peace-time ideal is employed by the American Red Cross in a new and striking poster for its Annual Red Cross Roll Call. Spread out before the heroic size figure is the outline of the United States with a Red Cross superimposed upon it while around its borders are sketched scenes depicting the chief activities of the Red Cross today—service to disabled veterans of the World War, disaster relief and promotion of the public health. The poster is the work of Lawrence Wilbur, a New York artist and will be displayed throughout the country during the enrollment of the Red Cross membership for 1923.

## RED CROSS PUTS UP \$9,739,872

Year's Budget Stresses Relief and Services at Home and Overseas.

## MILLIONS FOR VETERAN AID

Over \$3,000,000 Allotted to the Disabled—Foreign Work Lessens.

Washington.—Expenditures totaling \$9,739,872.47 for carrying through its program of services and relief during the fiscal year in the United States and overseas are authorized in the budget of the American Red Cross, effective July 1, 1922. This total is \$2,735,975 less than the expenditures for the last fiscal year, when disbursements reached \$12,475,847.69, it is announced at National Headquarters in a statement emphasizing the necessity of continued support of the organization by enrollment during the annual Roll Call, November 11-November 30 inclusive. This total for the budget is exclusive of the large financial operations of the 3,300 active Red Cross Chapters, which, it is estimated, will more than double the total.

## War Veterans Have First Call

First call on Red Cross funds is for the disabled ex-service men, of whom 27,487 were receiving treatment from the Government on June 1 last. This work for veterans and their families in a wide variety of service that the Government is not authorized to render and for which it has neither funds nor facilities has the call on \$3,030,692.90 during the current year, or about \$306,000 more than was expended last year for soldier service. Adding the funds disbursed in this humanitarian work of physical reconstruction following the World War by the Chapters throughout the country will approximate a total for the current year approaching \$10,000,000. This work, in the opinion of the Surgeon General's office, will not reach its peak before 1923.

Through its Chapters the American Red Cross is equipped to find the individual ex-service man, help him in his problems and difficulties, provide immediately for his necessities, and open the way for him to the Government compensation and aid to which he is entitled. The extension of this

work to the families of such men proves to them that the Red Cross has lost none of its sympathy nor will to service manifested in wartime. Similarly the service goes out to the men still in the Army and Navy, 11,087 of whom were under treatment in Government hospitals on June 1, 1922.

## Greater Domestic Program

This year—after five years of constructive effort during the war and after the armistice—brings with it a greater responsibility for domestic service to the American Red Cross. The budget for foreign operations, however, totals \$3,404,000, but of this amount \$1,834,000 is for medical relief and hospital supplies for Russia, which is a part of the gift made by the American Red Cross in 1921 to the Russian famine relief work of the American Relief Administration program. The child health service in Europe continues, moreover, and \$654,000 is appropriated for this work undertaken in 1920. Other items in the budget include \$200,000 to support the League of Red Cross Societies, \$22,000 for nurses' training schools instituted by the Red Cross abroad, and \$600,000 for liquidation of the general Red Cross foreign relief program.

## Prepared for Emergencies

For disaster relief the Red Cross has set aside \$750,000, and for emergencies in Chapter work \$500,000 to be available for domestic, insular and foreign demands. This is more than \$305,000 above last year's expenditures. For service and assistance to the 3,300 Chapters and their branches \$1,293,000 is provided by the National organization.

Other budget items of importance in the domestic program include \$200,000 for assistance to other organizations and education institutions for training Red Cross nurses and workers; \$190,000 for Roll Call assistance furnished to Chapters; \$100,000 for unforeseen contingencies.

Of the total budget less than \$500,000 is allotted for management in the National organization. No cash estimate, of course, is possible to weigh the value of the service by volunteers in the Chapters.

THE RED CROSS SUPPLEMENTS GOVERNMENT SERVICE BY MEETING THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL EX-SERVICE MAN. THIS WORK CANNOT GO ON UNLESS YOU SUPPORT IT WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLAR. PAY UP TODAY.

## HEALTH OFFICERS PLAN PROGRAM

ASSOCIATION HOPES TO PROLONG THE EXPECTANCY OF LIFE.

## IN THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS

Association Fixes Extension of Twenty Years as Its Goal at the Next Convention.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Efforts of the American Public Health Association to prolong the expectancy of life which now prevails throughout the United States at least 20 years within the next 50 years, will be set as the goal of the association in a resolution here.

The resolution stated: "We, the health officers of our communities, are confident that there is nothing impracticable or extravagant in the proposal we make that many nations may attain such knowledge of the laws of health appropriate to each age and occupation to such climate and race, that this may be accomplished. The resolution was passed "as a message to the public."

It was pointed out that within the last 75 years the average duration of human life has been extended by not less than 15 years in many of the great nations of the world and that "gains in length of life have been greater in the past twenty years than in the previous 50."

The improvement in the prospect of long life is not only continuing but at an accelerated rate, the resolution said. "Nor is there reason to doubt that certainty of still further great additions to the expected span of life may be expected, for those peoples who read aright during the next 50 years."

"It is the opinion of the American Public Health association that the maximum life expectancy is far from having been attained even with no further additions to our knowledge of the causes and means of preventing disease."

A single standard of medical qualifications support of vivisection, health instruction in public schools and a standard public health course for medical schools were among the questions on which the association took a stand in resolutions adopted.

Regarding vivisection, the association recorded its "conviction that experiments on living animals have proved of utmost service to public health in the past and, therefore, to civilization and are indispensable to future progress. Another resolution urges the appointment of a committee of ten to "study the incidence and mortality of pneumonia and means for the prevention and control of this disease."

Officers elected included Dr. C. E. Levy, of Richmond, Va., president and Dr. Roger I. Lee, of Harvard, medical school treasurer. A. W. Hedrick, of New York, was re-elected executive secretary.

## Debt Funding is Delayed.

Washington.—The fall of the Lloyd George government gripped the attention of officials here, both governmental and diplomatic, although no direct immediate effect of the change in the British ministry further than additional delay in the British debt funding negotiations was expected to be apparent in relations between the United States and Great Britain.

The London cabinet crisis is full of possible future complications for all other governments, including the United States, however, and a clear understanding of what is ahead, depended very largely on the program made by Premier Designate Bonar Law in his attempt to form a new cabinet. The immediate result of the crisis already felt in Washington is the postponement of the coming to this country of the British debt commission headed by Sir Robert Herne, chancellor of the exchequer in the Lloyd George government. Sir Robert was to have sailed for the United States a week ago, accompanied by Montague Norman, director of the Bank of England, but the cabinet crisis was then impending and departure was delayed on that account.

Slight Decline in Retail Food Costs. Washington.—Retail food costs for the average family during September, the department of labor reported, were approximately one per cent lower than during August. The conclusion was based on reports of prices gathered at retail markets in 51 important cities, representing nearly all sections of the United States.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOLDS CONVENTION

DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF U. S. AND CANADA CONVENE AT BURLINGTON.

## BIG DELEGATION FROM WEST

It is Estimated That Four Hundred Delegates and Ministers Were Present for the Convention.

Burlington.—The American Christian convention, the general body of the Christian denomination, convened in the Burlington Christian Church here. This body represents the entire Christian denomination from Texas into Canada, and delegates from all parts of the United States and sections of Canada are in attendance.

This is the second time the American Christian convention has met in the South, the first being twenty years ago when the convention went to Norfolk, Va. A special train from Cincinnati arrived here bringing a large delegation from the northwest. It is estimated that there will be 400 delegates and ministers present for the convention.

The Burlington Christian Church, where the convention is meeting, the Rev. G. O. Lankford, local pastor, has made elaborate preparations for the convention. Many of the delegates have never before been below the Mason and Dixon line, and the local congregation have made every possible effort in planning for their entertainment and comfort and to show them the true meaning of "southern hospitality" at its best. The people of the city of Burlington, too, are helping in every way they can to welcome the visitors, and hundreds of automobiles carry the sign, "A. C. C. Delegate—Ride Free," on their windshields. At the church the ladies have arranged the class rooms and the auditorium of the church, placing potted plants and cut flowers in every conceivable nook and corner, and the convention floor is indeed a place of beauty.

## Discuss Project to Tunnel Cape Fear.

Wilmington.—Although all plans submitted so far toward bridging the Cape Fear river at some downtown section of Wilmington have met with a great deal of disapproval from the shipping interests and others who claim that a bridge would be a serious drawback to the harbor, the citizens of the town are united when discussion comes up regarding the construction of a tunnel under the river.

So far this discussion has taken no concrete form but several civic organizations of the city are making investigations concerning the matter, and it is hoped by advocates of the tunnel that the matter will be brought before the commissioners of New Hanover and Brunswick counties at an early date.

If the tunnel under the river is constructed in Wilmington, and it now looks favorable, it will be one of the similar few tunnels in the world, possibly the most outstanding one being that constructed by William G. McAdoo at New York.

## Lumpkin to Head Kiwanis.

Asheville.—Selection of Wilmington as the place for the district convention of 1923 and the election of Alva Lumpkin, prominent attorney, of Columbia, S. C. as district governor, succeeding W. B. Merrimon, of Greensboro, N. C., were the features of the closing exercises of the district convention of Kiwanis Clubs of the Carolinas.

It was formally decided at the session to make the conventions annual instead of semi-annual and the 1923 session will probably be held during the month of August.

R. H. McDonald, of Columbia, S. C., was elected as district secretary and treasurer, and the new officers will take office on January 1, 1923.

## Western N. C. Conference Meets.

Monroe.—The leading feature of the opening session of the Western North Carolina conference here was the fine sacramental service, the whole conference taking part. The reports of the eleven presiding elders revealed the fact that during the year there had been something like ten thousand who made profession of faith, within the bounds of the conference and that there had been a net gain of more than five thousand in the membership of the churches. The reports of these leaders also indicate that many new houses of worship have been erected and parsonages built during the year. There has been a large advance in the finances of the church.