

IF THE GERMANS REFUSE TO SIGN—MARSHAL FOCH IS ON THE RHINE

BAPTISTS PLAN TO WAGE FIGHT ON CAMP ORDER

Barring of Voluntary Camp Pastors Not Forgotten.

CONVENTION IN ATLANTA

Dr. Gambrell Re-Elected, President—Attendance Promises to Break All Records.

Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—The sixty-fourth annual session of the Southern Baptist convention was organized here today with what promises to be the largest attendance in its history. More than 2,500 delegates were registered before the convention opened and, with those who came in today and the hundreds of visitors present, it was expected the total attendance would go well toward four thousand.

The first day was spent in organization, reports of committees and an outline by Rev. J. B. Gambrell, of Fort Worth, president of the convention, of a fight the Baptists intend to wage against the attitude of the war department toward denominational religious work which Dr. Gambrell termed, an effort to “break down denominations.” Tonight the convention sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. M. E. Dodd, of Shreveport, La.

All committee reports showed a steady increase in the amount of religious work carried on during the year. Total contributions from southern Baptists in the past 12 months were more than \$3,000,000 and of this the foreign mission board took \$1,228,190, a gain of \$370,276 over last year, and the home mission board in current receipts showed \$859,306, a 45 per cent increase.

Women's Work Groups

The report of the Woman's Missionary union and of the Baptist laymen's missionary union, auxiliary to the woman's auxiliary, which will formally open its sessions tomorrow, showed an increase in work done. There now are 15,014 organizations in the woman's auxiliary, which will formally open its sessions tomorrow.

Gambrell Has No Opposition

Dr. Gambrell was re-elected president without opposition. The president's address featured the initial gathering of the Baptists, which for the first time in the history of the church admitted women as delegates on an equality with male members of the church.

Afternoon Session Digests of the Reports of the Convention Board

The annual convention of the women's Baptist missionary union, which meets jointly with the southern convention will open tomorrow.

Warning Was Sounded to Baptists of the South

Other convention officers named included: Dr. H. C. Moore, Nashville, and J. Henry Burnett, Macon, secretary; George W. Norton, Kentucky, re-elected treasurer, and W. P. Harvey, Harrisburg, Ky., auditor.

Figures From Year's Record

Figures taken from the report compiled by Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Americus, Ga., statistician and former president of the convention, show that total contributions during the past year were \$17,857,929, or \$3,506,262 more than the previous year. Of the contributions, the report shows \$12,841,923 was for home purposes, \$2,841,923 for state, home and foreign missions, and \$2,250,083 for other benevolent purposes held by Baptist.

Where Dr. Hennessee Was Shot To Death As He Stepped From Train



This is a photographic view of the Southern railway passenger station at Glen Alpine, Burke county. The man near the track is standing where Dr. E. A. Hennessee was shot 10 times as he alighted from a train returning home. Charged with the crime, Aaron Wiseman is now on trial at Shelby, Cleveland county.

STATE RESTS IN N. C. GETS NEXT WISEMAN TRIAL

Defense Tries to Impeach Testimony of Star Witness.

Several Witnesses Say Two Participated in Shooting Which Killed Dr. Hennessee.

Shelby, May 14.—The second day of the trial of Aaron Wiseman, charged with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, at the little Glen Alpine railroad station, on the night of January 31, 1918, opened with a further cross-examination of Fred Amos, one of the state's two star witnesses, by counsel for the defense.

Attorneys for Wiseman attempted to impeach Amos' testimony with a series of questions. Amos was queried as to whether or not he had been charged with seduction, carrying a weapon, and representing himself as a doctor.

Amos admitted that he had drawn a pistol on one McKinney and had fired a shot at Mitchell. He did not know it, as copies of the summons were never served on him.

When asked if he had attempted to secure military service he answered in the negative, adding that he had served six months on the Mexican border and had received a commission as a lieutenant in the last regiment.

Joe W. Tallant, who lives in Glen Alpine, said that after the homicide he was on the train with Amos and that Amos called the man who fired the fatal shot weighed about 150 or 160 pounds, wore a slouch hat and brown or tan overcoat, and that Wiseman was in the car.

The witness between the homicide and the trial of the Pits boys that he had had a talk on the train with a man who saw the shooting and shot after witness the man, but did not disclose to Pits the name of Amos, as the witness, and that Pitts did not ask him for name of witness to tragedy.

Leigh Gordon, of Morganton, was one of the men sent to bring Wiseman to the Pits trial and, with Hallman, took papers, issued by Judge Cline, to bring Wiseman from his Avery county home. When they got in sight of the house, he said, Wiseman stood in the back yard. On a second knock at the door an old man responded and Gordon walked upstairs where he found Wiseman in bed, saying he was sick.

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R. N. Loven, of Spruce Pine, said he was on the train with Wiseman coming to Morganton and that Wiseman told him he wanted to see Bud Pitts at Glen Alpine that evening and inquired about hiring an automobile for the trip.

R. M. Wilson, rural letter carrier of Marion, said he saw defendant at Will Ramsey's at Marion the day after the homicide, and that Wiseman had

COTTON MEN IN SECRET SESSION PLAN TO FIGHT

Organize American League of Cotton Growers

AT NEW ORLEANS CONGRESS

"Death Knell of Speculator in Cotton Producing World, Sounded," Says Member.

New Orleans, May 14.—At a secret meeting here tonight of cotton growers representing 400,000 acres of cotton producing land, the American Cotton Growers' league was organized, designed to combat what was alleged to be “a strong influence brought to bear and New England manufacturers.” on the proceedings of the conference assembled here to consider the organization of a \$100,000,000 cotton export corporation.

A committee was appointed, comprised of A. Alan Green, Bayminette, Ala.; George E. Perkins, Mobile; Harvey W. Swayne, Atlanta; R. P. Work Houghton, Tex., and Justin Fair, Montgomery, Ala., empowered to work out plans to meet the alleged “influence.”

The first thing having the attention of the convocation, after the disposing of routine business, was the next place of meeting, which resulted in Wilmington being selected for the first meeting to take place on the second Tuesday in May 1920.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR, BUT WILL PAY

Paris, May 14.—The note on reparations presented by the German peace delegation to the council of four does not protest against the payment by Germany for the devastation wrought in Belgium and northern France which, it says, Germany is certain to do willingly.

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PARTLY CLOUDY

Partly cloudy and warmer today; probably fair Friday.

Bad management of some men down when bad luck was the blame.

AUSTRIAN DELEGATES HAVE ARRIVED TO LEARN WHAT ARE TERMS OF PEACE

International Situation as Summarized From the Cables

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Now it is the turn of the Austrians to learn from the allied governments what is to be the cost to the former empire of its association with Germany and her allies in the world war.

The Austrian delegates who are to receive the peace treaty drawn up by the allies and associated governments have arrived in the village of St. Germain, near Paris, where they are to await the summons of the peace congress to appear before it.

Unlike the reception given the Germans on reaching Paris, that accorded the Austrians had some elements of friendly courtesy on the part of the French representatives charged with the duty of meeting the visitors.

Count Renner, there was a pleasant smile when he alighted from the train, in contrast with the stern set faces of the Germans when they arrived at Versailles.

It was evident that the request of the Germans for permission to go to St. Germain and greet the Austrians had been denied, for no Germans were present.

When the first meeting of the Austrians with the allied peace delegates to take place has not yet been announced.

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lengthy proposals looking to the amelioration of the peace terms given Germany.

One of the last notes of the Germans, which deals with the economic clauses of the treaty, asserts that enforcement of the terms will mean the ruin of Germany. Another note touches on the Saar valley arrangement, the transfer of German territory to Belgium and the evacuation by Germany of Schleswig.

No protest is made by Germany to affording reparation for damages to Belgium in the northern France, but one of the notes asserts that Germany will not pay for damages on the principle that she was responsible for the war.

A member each from the British, French, American, Italian and Japanese delegations has been appointed by the council of four to deal with the objections and proposals of the German plenipotentiaries.

Efforts are being made by the British peace delegation for the pooling on the basis of tonnage of German merchant vessels, including some of Germany's greatest transatlantic liners, interned in the United States prior to this country's entry into the war and which later were seized.

The Italians are declared to be landing large forces on certain portions of the Dalmatian coast, who are fortifying the ridges and mountain passes to the east.

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Reception Marked by Some Elements of Courtesy.

NO GERMANS PRESENT TO GREET THE DELEGATION

Party Headed by Chancellor Renner, in Fine Spirits

"BRINGS JOYFUL HEART"

Crowds at St. Germain Display Mild Curiosity Rather Than Hostility.

Paris, May 14. (By The Associated Press.)—Immediate measures tending to the further subjugation of Germany if its delegates refuse to sign the peace treaty were indicated today by the announcement that Marshal Foch had been sent to the Rhine by the council of four to take such action as may become necessary in the event that the treaty is not signed.

The council of four, composed of President Wilson, David Lloyd-George, M. Clemenceau and Signor Orlando, today considered the immediate reimposing of the blockade against Germany in case that country declines to sign the peace treaty.

The subject was under discussion at two separate meetings of the council.

On the other hand, it is anticipated that the blockade will be entirely lifted immediately if the German delegates affix their signature to the treaty.

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He is making a trip which is taking him to the different headquarters of the occupied areas. The marshal will come here from Mayence and will be escorted down the Rhine by French gunboats. He will be entertained at luncheon by Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, commander of the American Third army, and will then proceed to Cologne under the escort of British gunboats.

Paris, May 14.—East Honner, Austrian chancellor, brought his peace delegation and members of the Austrian cabinet to Paris today, and at a later date will appear before the representatives of the allied and associated powers to receive the conditions which will spell peace for the former empire.

A notable feature of the reception was the absence of Germans, who had requested permission to greet the Austrians, but had been denied this privilege.

The prefect of the department, M. Challeil, met the Austrian delegation and although there was no official handshaking, many members of the party were greeted by unofficial handshakes from old acquaintances as they were being shown to the waiting automobiles.

The delegates then proceeded under military escort to the villas on either side for them overlooking the valley of the Seine and Paris and lacking the high fences and sentries so much in evidence at Versailles.

An Excellent Spirit.

Chancellor Renner was apparently in excellent spirits. He smiled engagingly and his eyes shone as he greeted the representatives of the allied countries. In the course of his remarks he said, "I am glad to see that I hope I may go away with as joyful a heart as I bring."

St. Germain was at its liveliest this afternoon when the Austrian delegation was received. Although strict military regulations were enforced and the crowds of villagers held back by sentries from the railway station and the shady avenues through which the delegates were hurried to their abiding place, such precautions were unnecessary for the crowds displayed mild curiosity rather than hostility.

Under official escort the correspondents and others were conducted ceremoniously from the station through streets from which other traffic had been barred. It seemed like a fête day unconnected with war, and the good spirits of the crowd awaiting the Austrians appeared to be shared by them, for they emerged smiling from their special train.

If a cosmopolitan crowd which awaited the delegation, composed of French, English, Italian, Japanese and American journalists and others.

Friendly Spirit Welcomed.

Some of the Austrians greeted inquiringly from the windows as the train entered the station, manifesting their reception, but Chancellor Renner was sure of his ground, and welcomed the friendly spirit displayed with heartiness, which was reciprocated in a measure by those assembled.

Professor Lammann was accompanied by his wife and daughter; there were several women members, who were shown the greatest courtesy.