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Some Think This Is Kitchener's Answer to the Suggestions of Withdrawal From Gallipoli.

The arrival of Lord Kitchener, the British Secretary of War, in the Near East apparently has aroused the British troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula to renewed activity. Assisted by two British monitors and a cruiser, Scottish troops have captured two Turkish trenches and consolidated them suffering less than 50 men killed or wounded. The Turks lost at least 70 men killed in the fighting and 30 others buried in trenches blown up in sniping operations.

The British War Council has returned from Paris after having effected a closer working contact between the Entente Allies.

Lord Lansdowne, speaking for the British Cabinet in the House of Lords, declared that the visit of the British War Councilors was the most important step yet taken. It is said that an accord was reached on all diplomatic, military and naval questions.

Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, speaking in the House of Commons, said with reference to the Dardanelles campaign that the Government would be influenced solely by the best military opinion and believed that to be the wisest course.

In the Serbian theater the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians in the north and west continue to make progress against the Serbs and Montenegrins and are driving them nearer and nearer to the Montenegrin frontier. In the south all the French positions have been maintained.

Unofficial dispatches credit the British with the defeat of the Bulgarians on the sector between Valandovo and Babrovo. The Bulgarians, however, having taken the Babuna Pass from the Serbians, are said to be sweeping forward beyond Pripet toward Monastir, which is declared to have been virtually evacuated by the populace.

On the Russian front the situation generally is unchanged but offensive movements by the Germans in Courland and on the left bank of the Dvina have broken down under Russian artillery fire. Vienna claims that 2,500 Russians killed in the recent fighting near Smarotyrsk already have been buried by the Austro-Hungarian troops.

Artillery engagement and mining operations are going on in France and Paris reports the destruction of several German positions. Gorizia is still under the artillery fire of the Italians who, according to unofficial reports are preparing for a formidable attack on this, the gateway to Trieste, with a half million men.

London, Nov. 18.—The attitude of the Entente Allies toward Greece, from which country they are endeavoring to get a definite guarantee for the safety of the French, British and Serbian troops, and the whole military policy in the Near East, including the Dardanelles, will, it is expected, be made clear before the end of the present week.

The council at Paris, in which British and French Cabinet Ministers took part, came to important decisions and Earl Kitchener, looking over the ground both in Gallipoli and the Balkans, is to report on the best means of dealing with the situation arising out of the Austro-German and Bulgarian successes in Serbia and Greece's leanings toward the Central Powers.

It transpired today during the debate in the House of Lords that Gen. Sir Charles Monro, the recently appointed commander-in-chief in the Dardanelles, has already given his opinion as to what should be the future policy with regard to the Gallipoli campaign and Lord Ribblesdale, who introduced the subject, said he understood that the report of the General favored withdrawal. The Marquis of Lansdowne replied that the report and the evidence accompanying it were not considered sufficient to enable the Government to come to a conclusion.

The statement had already been made when the War Office issued an account of a successful British attack on the Turkish trenches on either side of the Kithia Nullah, which led to the belief that Lord Kitchener, who is on the peninsula, and who went out after General Monro's report had been received, had decided to persist in the operations.

Andrew Bonar Law, the Colonial Secretary, assured the House of Commons that the decision would be left to the military experts and the question of the loss of prestige would have no weight.

As to Greece, it is reported in dispatches from Rome that immediate action will be taken and that Italy will take an important part in the forthcoming developments. The action will naturally depend upon the attitude King Constantine and his Ministers assume toward the Entente Powers.

Meanwhile the situation in Serbia grows more serious. The Austro-German armies, with the Bulgarians on their left, are pushing southward, driving the inferior Serbian forces before them, while in the south the

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Washington, Nov. 18.—Further investigation of the activities of Austrian Consul General von Nuber and his associates will be made by the Department of Justice as a result of yesterday's conference in New York between A. Bruce Blaisak, Chief of the Bureau of Investigations, and Dr. Joseph Gorlicar, former Austrian Consul. A department statement announcing this tonight also said that information had been obtained which probably would lead to further indictments for passport frauds.

The announcement follows in this: "Mr. Blaisak, chief of the Bureau of Investigations of the Department of Justice, returned this morning after his visit to New York during which he conferred with Mr. Rathorn, editor of the Providence Journal, and Dr. Gorlicar. While Dr. Gorlicar may not be able to testify directly to matters under investigation, much information of a valuable nature was obtained concerning the activities of Austrian Consul General von Nuber and his associates. The details of which cannot be disclosed at present. Prompt investigation, however, will be made. Information also was obtained which probably will lead to further indictments for passport frauds."

Dr. Gorlicar recently charged in published statements that the Austro-Hungarian Consul General von Nuber, under the direction of Consul General von Nuber and Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, carried on propaganda for fomenting strikes in munitions plants.

Former denial of all these allegations was made to the State Department several days ago by the Austro-Hungarian Embassy and this was followed today by a dispatch from Baron Burian, Austrian Foreign Minister, authorizing Baron Zwidinek, Charge of the Legation, to make "categorical and official denial of these inventions."

No intimation was given at the Department of Justice tonight as to the form its investigations now will take, nor concerning the nature of any action which may follow when all information is in hand.

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Washington, Nov. 18.—Secretary Daniels has clashed with the Navy court martial which tried two commissioned officers and one warrant officer for responsibility for the boiler explosion on the cruiser San Diego last January and today issued a statement taking exception to the court's findings and disclosing that the Navy Department's disapproval of the court altered its first verdict.

The court first acquitted the officers and then changed its verdict to find them guilty. Chief Machinist Thomas O'Donnell was found guilty of negligence, Chief Machinist Thomas O'Donnell was found guilty of negligence, Chief Machinist Thomas O'Donnell was found guilty of negligence.

"I am unwilling to believe that the ideals of duty and responsibility of all members of the court are so low as to exonerate Lieutenant Oak of duty," said the Secretary's statement.

Story of Explosion. Valjejo, Cal., Nov. 18.—The court martial of Lieut. Kinchen L. Hill, Chief Machinist, and Thomas O'Donnell, Chief Machinist, followed the death of nine men on board the cruiser San Diego January 21, 1915, during her annual speed trial for the Navy efficiency pennant. Five of her 16 boilers blew out during the last few minutes of a four-hour run under forced draft. It was testified at the trial that all the officers involved and the men knew that the boiler pipe supplying water to the boilers had collapsed but they decided to take a "sporting chance" in order to finish the test and have a try for the pennant.

A board of inquiry recommended that charges be filed against others of the crew, but the heroism of the men after the explosion when the boiler and engine rooms were filled with live steam caused them to be ordered dropped.

In addition to three officers, Chief Engineer William L. Appleby was tried and acquitted.

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Panama, Nov. 18.—Owing to the closing up of the Panama Canal by the recent slide, many employees, mainly in the operating divisions, are being furloughed or given vacation since the canal will remain closed for a much longer time than was first expected.

In most cases employees are being dismissed.

It has been learned that Major General Goethals, Governor General of the Canal Zone, intended to force a temporary channel through the slide as quickly as possible and pass a few ships which have been waiting since the canal closed and then again shut off traffic until all danger of slides has been definitely ended. This probably will be not less than six months according to the best available estimates.

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Reidsville, Nov. 18.—The Conference met in the session of the second day this morning at 9 o'clock and Bishop Lambeth read Matt. 6:1-15, and gave an interesting talk on the subject of prayer, and then Dr. J. C. Rowe, presiding elder of the Charlotte district, offered a fervent prayer.

At the roll call 23 preachers and 15 lay delegates, who were absent from the session of the first day, answered to their names.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. J. S. Hunter of the publishing house, Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, Dr. E. C. Brooks, head of the department of education of Trinity College, and Dr. W. F. McMurry, secretary of the general board of Church extension, were introduced.

Under Minute Question 22, the names of the lay delegates, and superannuate preachers, were called and messages touching and tender were read from J. D. Arnold, J. J. Brooks, J. D. Bule, G. W. Callahan, J. C. Rowe, W. B. Bays, C. S. Davy, M. C. Field, T. F. Glenn, J. J. Gray, S. C. Higgins, A. W. Jacobs, R. W. Pickens, D. V. Price, E. G. Frey, J. P. Reynolds, J. A. Wiggin and James Wilson were all referred to the committee on conference relations for the superannuate relation.

These faithful men, frail in body, but strong in faith, have the sympathy and love of the Church as large for they were once active and earnest messengers of the cross, who in feebleness had to retire from strenuous service. They have fought as true soldiers and are now on the retired list.

It was announced that J. F. Englund, S. S. Gasque, W. G. Mallore and A. E. Wiley had died this year and their names were referred to the committee on members.

The names of Mrs. T. F. Marr, Mrs. H. T. Hudson, Mrs. H. T. Hoover and Mrs. G. H. Christenberry, preachers' wives, who have died this year were referred likewise to the committee on members.

RESIGNS FROM MINISTRY. L. T. Mann, presiding elder of the Statesville district, surrendered to the Conference the ordination certificates of W. LeGette, together with a signed statement from Mr. LeGette, that he desired to withdraw from the ministry and return to the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Conference accepted the papers and the name of Mr. LeGette was stricken from the roll.

The report of board of publication for the year ending in 1914 for the Western North Carolina Christian Advocate, despite the financial depression, this business has grown wonderfully under the wise management of Editor H. M. Blair, who for the past 14 years has controlled and edited the paper.

The circulation has been greatly increased and the present resources of the company now reach \$38,543.81 and the net earnings for the year are \$1,998.48. The indebtedness, on the plant, amounting to \$5,000, has been provided for and now the Western North Carolina Conference has the distinction of being the only one in the Southern Methodist Church with an own printing establishment. This is due largely to the prudent policy of the editor, with the co-operation of D. E. Coltrane of Concord, the president and other members of the board of control.

The business of the job printing department has grown steadily and furnishes now an increasing income to the company.

In the coming year is a minimum of 10,000 regular subscribers to the Conference paper.

Rev. H. M. Blair was recommended for re-election for the 15th year to the position of editor and business manager and Mr. E. C. Fox to Greensboro for re-election to the membership on the Board of Control.

MISSION COLLECTION. Dr. Henri Anet, secretary of the Belgian Congo Mission, addressed the Conference today and laid before the body the terrible conditions and urgent needs of poor, oppressed Belgium. He stated that he had more than \$250 was immediately contributed to this worthy cause.

Dr. Anet was also given the privilege of going into the Churches and presenting the matter to the people as he may desire. Dr. Anet has a warm friend in Bishop Lambeth, who stated that he was largely instrumental in securing from the Belgian Government (and concessions in the Congo Valley) for the establishment of the Southern Methodist Mission plant in the Dark Continent.

Bishop Lambeth stated today that a letter just received from the African Mission stated that the first accession of new members by baptism had just been made and 16 had been added to the Church, including a noted chief who said he had "many wives who gave him much trouble, and wanted to know now since he had embraced the faith what he should do with them all. The Protestant missionaries in that benighted country have practically broken up polygamy among the converts and established homes among them where one wife rules.

DUKE DONATION. Dr. W. F. McMurry of the Church Extension Board made a short address today and spoke of the princely donation which J. B. Duke of New York has made to the two Methodist Conferences in North Carolina. This gift is a \$35,000 annual donation to be distributed as follows: \$15,000 for building churches in desolate places in the country; \$10,000 for home mission work (pastoral support) in poor country places, and \$10,000 to supplement the allowance regularly

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Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 18.—Gov. William Spry with the unanimous concurrence of the State Board of Pardons, telegraphed President Wilson this afternoon that he would not interfere further in the case of Joseph Hillstrom, sentenced to be shot to death for murder tomorrow. The Governor's telegram was in answer to one received yesterday from the President requesting a reconsideration of the case.

Arrangements for the execution have been completed.

Governor Spry said in his telegram to President Wilson that he is satisfied the President's request is based on a misconception of the facts or that there is some reason of an international nature that the President has not disclosed, that a further postponement at this time would be an unwarranted interference with the course of justice and that, mindful of the obligations of his oath of office, he cannot and will not lend himself or his office to such interference.

The five men appointed to execute Hillstrom have been directed to report at the prison at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Reviewing the history of the case, particularly the President's action in connection with it, the Governor says in his telegram:

"September 30 you requested a stay of execution of the sentence to the Swedish Minister an opportunity to present his view of the case. Upon the same day, at your request only, on the assumption that you were in possession of facts not presented to me, I granted a respite until October 16, especially requesting that the Swedish Minister personally investigate the case and appear before the board. Under date of October 1, you advised me that your only reason for interceding was the request of the representative of a foreign Government. At the regular board meeting, an open hearing was had in further consideration of the case. Hillstrom's attorney advised the board that there was nothing further to present and the Hillstrom attorney declined to appear before the board again.

"The only representation in the convict's behalf was from the Swedish Minister requesting commutation of sentence, not by reason of any new facts in relation to the case but as he expressed it for the sake of humanity and comity usually practiced between friendly Nations." Because of the absence of any showing, the board terminated the respite and again denied the commutation. The case was then resubmitted to be shot November 19.

"Forty-six days after the granting of the respite, and at the eleventh hour, you as the President without stating any reasons therefor, again urged a thorough reconsideration of the case because of its importance and the justice and advisability of such a course.

"Your interference in the case may have elevated it to an undue importance and the receipt of thousands of threatening letters demanding the release of Hillstrom, may place a peculiar importance to it, but the case is important in Utah only as establishing after a fair and impartial trial one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in this State. It is also important by reason of the fact that this case has had more careful and painstaking consideration at the hands of the proper officials of Utah than any other like case in the history of the State.

"As to your suggestion that justice requires further consideration of the case I earnestly submit that the impudence contained, not only in your message to me, but also in your message to the president of the American Federation of Labor, that your conviction has not had justice in the courts of this State is not justified. Three groups of attorneys have represented Hillstrom in the proceedings before the District Court, the Supreme Court and the Board of Pardons.

"No fair-minded person acquainted with the record has any doubt of Hillstrom's guilt. The Board of Pardons has investigated every ray of light that might establish the innocence of this man and has most earnestly pleaded with him to accept any light on his movements and whereabouts on the night of the homicide. It is a significant fact that only the demand for clemency who are either prejudiced in Hillstrom's favor or who demand his release regardless of his guilt.

"I am fully convinced that your request must be based on a misconception of the facts or that there is some reason of an international nature that you have not disclosed.

"With a full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances submitted, I feel that a further postponement at this time would be an unwarranted interference with the course of justice. Mindful of the obligations of my oath of office to see that the laws are supported, I cannot and will not lend myself or my office to such interference. Tangible facts must be presented before I will further interfere in this case.

"News of Governor Spry's action was conveyed to Hillstrom soon after the Governor's message had been sent to the President. Hillstrom indicated by his manner that the news did not surprise him.

"This is my busy day," he told reporters. "I am not afraid to die. I wanted a new trial to prove my innocence but I am not going down on my knees to beg for my life."

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Washington, Nov. 18.—Speculation on whom President Wilson shall call to lead the fight before the House for his preparedness measure has directed attention to Speaker Champ Clark who is en route to Washington. Speaker Clark is now the one person looked to who can take the leadership and direct the preparedness program with most success.

With the time rapidly shortening until Congress convenes, inquiries are being made regarding the organization that the President has effected for engineering his preparedness program. Until his conference with Congressman Kitchin he had seen most of the chairman of the important committees and had convinced Senator Kern and Congressman Hay against their previous opinions, that his program is best. When Leader Kitchin refused to support the program a most important part of organization was left incomplete. The ability and influence of Mr. Kitchin had been looked to as of almost importance for a well-directed campaign, and his assurance of support would have completed the preliminary arrangements.

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The trip was made from Durham in automobiles and on the return from the Hill a trip was made to Trinity College and other points of interest in the country.

The farmers went squarely on record as being opposed to spending any more money for an increase in the Navy and the Army of the country. They were vigorous in their opposition to this policy of the President. That resolution follows in full: "Whereas it now appears that a measure will be put on foot at our National Congress at its next session asking for an enormous increase in its appropriations for the increase in the number of battleships built and the expansion of the navy, the enrollment of our standing army, under the plan of being prepared to protect our country against the invasion of any and all belligerent countries to make war against our country, therefore be it resolved, That we, the Farmers' Union of North Carolina, being a peaceable and law-abiding body, do hereby protest against any and all material increase in appropriation for this purpose."

That the farmers will pay more attention to the selection of the candidates for the next Legislature was indicated at the head of the resolutions, general resolutions, which were devoted to public affairs. The farmers were urged to scrutinize closely the records and the policies as well as beliefs and opinions of any and all candidates who offered themselves for public office. They want all attorneys connected with corporations to sever their connections with these corporations before they take a seat in the next General Assembly. They favor sending more farmers to the General Assembly.

LEGISLATION ASKED FOR. The resolution further expressed the wish that the desires of the farmers shall be placed before the platform committees of the parties. The following legislation is asked for:

1. Repeal of the merchant's crop lien law.
2. Provision for race segregation of land ownership.
3. Reform of taxation system so that the taxes will be more equitably distributed along the lines suggested in the last amendments to the Constitution or some other methods.
4. An adequate rural credit bill.
5. Initiative and referendum.
6. An anti-usury law regulating banks and public service corporations.
7. Give some official in North Carolina the right to regulate the insurance rates promulgated in the State.
8. An adequate rural credit bill passed by the National Congress at its forthcoming session.

Among the other things called for and advocated in special resolutions were:

BOYS PATROL ENDORSED. Endorsement was given the Boys Road Patrol and its organization urged in the counties of the State. The farmers expressed themselves as opposed to the Legislature interfering with the judiciary, endorsed the proposition that the executive committee of this body be authorized to lease for the use of an industrial school designed to fit farmers' sons them on the farm to be established on the property belonging to the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, located near Hillsboro, on such terms as they may approve, provided that the Legislature at its next session will make sufficient appropriations to place the school on a firm basis.

PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION. A resolution thanking the city of Durham, the press of the State and others helping in making the Durham convention a pleasant and profitable one was passed.

The selection of the place of the next meeting was left up to the executive committee, which will decide this matter some time in the next few months.

The convention closed its sessions in Chapel Hill. Practically all of the farmers made preparations to get out of the city on the afternoon trains, but some few of them will remain over till tomorrow.

Taken as a whole the convention has been one of the most progressive of any convention of any kind that has held a session in Durham during the past few years. The farmers have discussed or heard discussed more live and progressive topics and have taken a more decided stand on the live issues of the day than any other convention that has been held here.

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London, Nov. 18.—A case having to do with alleged illegal traffic in war material and involving the name of the Duke of Manchester, was heard in the Bow Street Court today. Victor Sly was the defendant in the case, charged with dealing in war materials without a license.

The prosecutor said that Sly's office had been searched and that a secret code with the Duke of Manchester, now in Paris, was found. The code covered various war materials and many cablesgrams had passed between Sly and persons in New York, whose names were given by Barnes and Barter regarding contracts with Russia.

Sly had applied to the Government for a permit to deal in munitions, which the prosecutor said, was promptly refused. Sly's application stated that he represented the Federal Manufacturing Company of Charleston, S. C., the Manufacturing Company of Knoxville, John W. Garland of Pittsburgh, all in the United States and various Canadian concerns.

"It seems," said the prosecutor, "that after Sly had been warned that he was rendering himself liable to prosecution, he and the Duke of Manchester put their heads together to hoodwink the authorities by communicating with each other in regard to these matters in secret code."

One of Sly's cablesgrams which was produced in court was addressed: "Barnes, Duke of Manchester, care of the cable address of Barnes, Exchange Place, New York, and read: "Send Petrograd by Saturday names factories with two millions mausers."

Sly was remanded in custody as he was unable to find bail which was fixed at \$10,000.

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San Francisco, Nov. 18.—Conditions in the United States Army Aviation Service and the men at the head of it were denounced today by William F. Humphrey, civilian counsel for Lieutenant Colonel Lewis E. Goodier, Judge advocate for the western department, during his closing argument before the court martial.

Correspondence that Colonel Goodier charged with conduct prejudicial to military discipline. "At this time, when aviation is so important a part of the Nation's defense and such men as Colonel Reber and Captain Arthur S. Cowan stand at the head of the service," Humphrey said, "it is an invitation to disaster."

"The American people are waiting to see how long Captain Cowan will remain at the head of the aviation school."

"The evidence here has shown that favoritism and incompetence run riot in the service; and with it are coupled the strong-arm methods of Tammany."

Both Humphrey and Capt. Allen Grier, military counsel for Colonel Goodier, reviewed evidence adduced during the court martial at which both Colonel Reber, chief of the aviation section of the signal corps and Capt. Arthur S. Cowan, commandant of the North Island Army Aviation School near San Diego, testified.

It was charged that Colonel Goodier exceeded his proper duties in advising aviation officers to file charges against Captain Cowan last April. These charges were not pressed and later Colonel Goodier was brought before court martial. Correspondence that passed between Colonel Reber at Washington and Captain Cowan was introduced.

Captain Grier said: "The evidence shows that the aviation service was in a deplorable condition."

"If the charges had been filed by a single man and the officials had not stood together, Captain Cowan would have wired to his industrial chief in Washington and such an officer would have been reduced promptly."

"A conspiracy had been disclosed wherein Colonel Reber was seeking to dominate the aviation service and any officer who dared to stand up and had the backbone to make a complaint would have had his head knocked off."

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Berlin, Nov. 18.—By wireless to Saville—Germany not only has all the cotton she needs for military purposes for several years, but new fields of supply are now open to her, says the Overseas News Agency today.

Prevention of cotton shipments to Switzerland and the contention that the material would be used for making explosives will hurt the neutral nation, but will not injure Germany, it declared in commenting on Swiss reports that the Entente Powers have stopped cotton shipments to Switzerland.

"Competent German authorities state that the German army is satisfactorily provided with cotton for several years," this agency says. "In addition large quantities can be obtained from Turkey by way of the Danube, and even if all shipments were stopped Germany is provided with the material for an indefinite time."

LIBRARY BURNED IN TEXAS. Dallas Tex., Nov. 18.—The State Bell left Dallas for Lake Charles, La., tonight on the last lap of its journey through Texas, four hours and 15 minutes behind schedule. Large crowds lined the bell in Texas today and tonight.

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(Special to The Observer.) Durham, Nov. 18.—The State Farmers' Union closed its annual convention with a trip to Chapel Hill this afternoon, following a morning session that was devoted largely to passing a large number of resolutions on all kinds of questions. At Chapel Hill the farmers were the guests of the State University at a dinner served in Swain Hall. President E. K. Graham made a short talk to the farmers telling them something of the work of the University and of his desire to co-operate with them in their work.

The trip was made from Durham in automobiles and on the return from the Hill a trip was made to Trinity College and other points of interest in the country.

The farmers went squarely on record as being opposed to spending any more money for an increase in the Navy and the Army of the country. They were vigorous in their opposition to this policy of the President. That resolution follows in full: "Whereas it now appears that a measure will be put on foot at our National Congress at its next session asking for an enormous increase in its appropriations for the increase in the number of battleships built and the expansion of the navy, the enrollment of our standing army, under the plan of being prepared to protect our country against the invasion of any and all belligerent countries to make war against our country, therefore be it resolved, That we, the Farmers' Union of North Carolina, being a peaceable and law-abiding body, do hereby protest against any and all material increase in appropriation for this purpose."

That the farmers will pay more attention to the selection of the candidates for the next Legislature was indicated at the head of the resolutions, general resolutions, which were devoted to public affairs. The farmers were urged to scrutinize closely the records and the policies as well as beliefs and opinions of any and all candidates who offered themselves for public office. They want all attorneys connected with corporations to sever their connections with these corporations before they take a seat in the next General Assembly. They favor sending more farmers to the General Assembly.

LEGISLATION ASKED FOR. The resolution further expressed the wish that the desires of the farmers shall be placed before the platform committees of the parties. The following legislation is asked for:

1. Repeal of the merchant's crop lien law.
2. Provision for race segregation of land ownership.
3. Reform of taxation system so that the taxes will be more equitably distributed along the lines suggested in the last amendments to the Constitution or some other methods.
4. An adequate rural credit bill.
5. Initiative and referendum.
6. An anti-usury law regulating banks and public service corporations.
7. Give some official in North Carolina the right to regulate the insurance rates promulgated in the State.
8. An adequate rural credit bill passed by the National Congress at its forthcoming session.

Among the other things called for and advocated in special resolutions were:

BOYS PATROL ENDORSED. Endorsement was given the Boys Road Patrol and its organization urged in the counties of the State. The farmers expressed themselves as opposed to the Legislature interfering with the judiciary, endorsed the proposition that the executive committee of this body be authorized to lease for the use of an industrial school designed to fit farmers' sons them on the farm to be established on the property belonging to the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, located near Hillsboro, on such terms as they may approve, provided that the Legislature at its next session will make sufficient appropriations to place the school on a firm basis.

PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION. A resolution thanking the city of Durham, the press of the State and others helping in making the Durham convention a pleasant and profitable one was passed.

The selection of the place of the next meeting was left up to the executive committee, which will decide this matter some time in the next few months.

The convention closed its sessions in Chapel Hill. Practically all of the farmers made preparations to get out of the city on the afternoon trains, but some few of them will remain over till tomorrow.

Taken as a whole the convention has been one of the most progressive of any convention of any kind that has held a session in Durham during the past few years. The farmers have discussed or heard discussed more live and progressive topics and have taken a more decided stand on the live issues of the day than any other convention that has been held here.

LIBRARY BURNED IN TEXAS. Dallas Tex., Nov. 18.—The State Bell left Dallas for Lake Charles, La., tonight on the last lap of its journey through Texas, four hours and 15 minutes behind schedule. Large crowds lined the bell in Texas today and tonight.

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