

ORGANIZATION OF PARK ASS'N Impetus Given Movement to Obtain Federal Forest Purchases at Meeting Held Today.

Practically the same men who participated in the preliminary organization here last Thursday of the organization to secure the purchase of larger areas in the Southern Appalachian region for forest reserves, the opening of the region as a pleasure and health resort for the people of the nation, etc., together with a few other prominent men of the city, met this morning in the board of trade rooms to continue and further perfect the organization, to adopt a constitution and by-laws and to attend to other details of the association. It was an enthusiastic gathering and those present pledged themselves to do all in their power to bring about the purpose of the organization at the earliest possible date. The Appalachian Park association will be the name of the organization.

Six members of the board of directors were selected today, as follows: E. M. Weaver, E. C. Chambers, John A. Nichols, J. E. Rankin, S. P. Ravenel and Dr. S. Westley Battle. A committee composed of George S. Powell, chairman, Donald Gillis and C. D. Badle was appointed to complete the list of directors, and to name the vice presidents of the association. John A. Campbell was selected as treasurer. The list of directors and vice presidents, as prepared by the committee, will be submitted to Governor Locke Craig, president of the association, for approval. The following were named as chairmen of committees: Donald Gillis, publicity; Earle Godbey, memorials; George S. Powell, ways and means; and F. M. Weaver, membership. The committees will be added to later.

A constitution and by-laws were submitted by the committee appointed for the purpose at the organizational meeting last week, section 1 setting forth that the organization shall be known as the Appalachian Park association, and that the purpose shall be as follows: "To urge the National Forest Reserve commission to acquire, as rapidly as possible under the Weeks' law, the larger areas proposed or recommended by the commission and forest service for purchase in the Appalachian mountains, and to ask congress for such additional legislation and appropriations as may be necessary to carry out these purposes, and to make the most suitable parts of such purchases available to the people for recreation, pleasure and health."

Provisions as to organization. According to provisions of the by-laws, the officers of the association will consist of a president, 25 vice presidents who will be prominent and influential men from all parts of the southern Appalachian region, a secretary, a treasurer and a board of directors of 20 members, exclusive of the president and secretary, who will be ex-officio members of the board. The only officers named at the organizational meeting were: Governor Locke Craig, president, and George S. Powell, secretary. The election of officers in future will take place at the annual conventions, and the terms of office will be for one year, or until successors are named. Governor Craig and Mr. Powell will hold office until the first annual convention.

After outlining the duties of the various officers and the board of directors, the by-laws provide that any person may become a member of the association on the payment of a fee of 10 cents, and that a similar amount shall be collected as annual dues. Any public, municipal, commercial, fraternal, charitable, educational or religious organization, whether an association or corporation, may become an associate member of the organization without the payment of fees or dues, and the members of such organizations will thereby become members of the association without the payment of membership fees.

The board of directors is empowered to create and establish auxiliary branches of the association with such rights and duties as it may impose. There will be standing committees, appointed at each annual convention on the following subjects: Publicity, ways and means, membership, and memorials and petitions.

The meeting today was largely attended by prominent citizens of the city and section and they were, without exception, enthusiastic over the prospects for securing, in the very near future, the opening of the entire Southern Appalachian section to the south and the nation as a pleasure and health resort that will be surpassed by none in the world. It is a mammoth undertaking, generally considered the biggest ever launched here, but those behind the movement seem confident of success.

Knoxville, Oct. 27.—The football game between the University of Tennessee and Davidson college teams, postponed Saturday because of rain, will be played here this afternoon. Tennessee, ruled a slight favorite today. The teams are evenly matched in weight. The Davidson eleven first defeated the University of Tennessee at Knoxville last Saturday.

MEXICAN ELECTION RESULTS UNKNOWN

Fortnight May Elapse before Leading Candidate Is Ascertained—Huerta Got Big Vote in Vera-Cruz—Vote for Felix Diaz Very Light

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Oct. 27.—The returns of yesterday's elections may possibly be known within a week, but it is more likely that a fortnight will elapse before the result is placed before the public. Not even a good guess as to who was at the top of the poll can be made at present. Returns even from near-by states are fragmentary. In the federal capital itself the result may be known within a day or two. Telegrams received today by the department of the interior showed that the elections at Guadalajara and Toluca passed off in an orderly manner.

Vera Cruz for Huerta. Very Cruz, Oct. 27.—Provisional President Victoriano Huerta obtained 1500 of the 2000 votes cast in Vera Cruz at yesterday's election according to the official returns. General Felix Diaz polled 33 votes and the remaining 200 were scattered among other presidential candidates.

Washington View of Elections. Washington, Oct. 27.—On the basis of the meagre returns from Mexican elections and apparent indications that a president had not been chosen, government officials in Washington today based justification for the policy of this government in declining in advance to recognize the elections legal and fair. Although nothing official had come to the authorities here, the prevailing opinion was that Provisional President Huerta would retain his authority and that a new congress would proclaim the election null and void. Definite announcement from the Huerta government of the election outcome is not looked for here for several days. A few dispatches were received by Secretary Bryan from Mexico City. They contained no detailed information as to the votes cast for president, but all asserted that the vote everywhere throughout the republic had been light. The reports were communicated to President Wilson at mobile.

Wish to Go On Oregon Through Panama Canal

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Fifty former members of the crew of the famous old battleship Oregon have petitioned the secretary of the navy for permission to enlist for a period of sixty or ninety days when the ship is sent through the Panama canal in 1915.

These men live in and around this city and all are desirous of again trod-

ding the decks of the warship on which they made a forced run from the Pacific to the Atlantic in 1898 and arrived off Cuba in time to play an important part in the destruction of the Spanish fleet.

Inasmuch as the volunteers are now men of families some means will be worked out to raise funds for the support of their dependents in the event of the limited enlistment being granted.

M'DOWELL COUNTY GETS FEDERAL ROAD MONEY

Road Will Start at Greenlee and Run Through Old Fort to Buncombe.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Oct. 27.—The road to be built with federal aid in North Carolina is to start at Greenlee, McDowell county, and run through Old Fort to the Buncombe county line, according to information received here. It is understood that the postmaster general has already signed the contract and work will begin as soon as Secretary Houston affixes his signature to the document. This he will do, it is said, in a few days. The government money is provided for in the Simmons bill, which allows about \$40,000 for North Carolina.

MRS. HENNING RESUMES IN CONSPIRACY CASE

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Josephine Henning, who made a complete confession Saturday of her part in the alleged conspiracy to defame Clarence S. Funk, former general manager of the International Harvester company and now head of the M. Rumley company, resumed the witness stand today when the trial of Daniel Donajoe and Isaac Stiefel, attorneys implicated in the alleged conspiracy, was resumed.

STATE TO BRING SUIT FOR LOWER FARES

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 27.—Representatives of the Louisville and Nashville, the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis and the Illinois Central railroads are summoned to appear before the state railroad commission today to show cause why a two and a half cent passenger rate should not be put in force in Tennessee. The state has prepared to take the case into the courts.

SAYS THAT CERTIFIED MILK WILL BANKRUPT DAIRYMEN

Chicago, Oct. 27.—That the farmer who attempts to carry out all requirements advocated by health officials will land in bankruptcy courts was the statement made here today at the opening session of the convention of the International Milk Producers' association by Prof. H. A. Haxell of the University of Illinois. Milk dealers from all over the country are present at the convention.

BURYING VICTIMS OF STAG CANON DISASTER

Most of Bodies Now Received Are Beyond Identification

Dawson, N. M., Oct. 27.—By noon today 132 of the victims of the Stag Canon Mine No. 2 disaster had been buried. The major part of the bodies now being recovered are in such condition that they cannot be shipped or laid out in the morgue for public funerals as was the case with the first two scores.

Health officers are using vigilance to see that the sanitation of the town is not impaired. Rescue men who bring the bodies from the mine are subjected to disinfectants after each trip. Bodies are taken to the cemetery directly from the temporary morgue at the mine and if identification is possible members of the dead miners families are not permitted to view them.

Danger from fire passed last night when air currents were directed into every room of the workings and no smolders were found. Government mine experts will remain in Dawson for two or three weeks in an effort to determine positively the cause and the nature of the disaster. The Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Stag Canon Fuel company at once will begin their efforts to arrange the affairs of the dead miners families.

ACCEPTANCE TRIALS OF TEXAS RESUMED

Rockland, Me., Oct. 27.—The acceptance trials of the new super-dreadnought Texas which were interrupted Thursday by an accident to the engines, were resumed today. Repairs were completed late last night.

In completing her standardization tests the Texas was required to make three runs over the mile course at 21 knots speed and five runs at the best speed attainable. A four-hour endurance trial, during which the ship must maintain an average speed exceeding 21 knots to meet contract requirements, will be the final test here. The other trials will be held at sea while the ship is on her way back to Newport News, Va.

RED CROSS STAMP SALE TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 15

New York, Oct. 27.—At the national Red Cross stamp headquarters it is announced that the sale of red cross stamps will begin November 15. The stamps are ready and will be distributed to sub-agents, such as churches, organizations and individuals during the two weeks beginning next Saturday.

DEATH TOLL STILL STANDS AT SEVEN

Fire in Milwaukee's "Death Block" Causes Heavy Life and Property Loss.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 27.—The toll of death from last night's fire which destroyed the store of the Goodyear Rubber company and adjoining business blocks in East Water street and wrought other damage to property within the block still remains at seven this morning. The monetary loss is estimated at half a million dollars. A revised list of the known dead is as follows: JOHN J. DOYLE, captain of engine No. 4. JOHN FENSKE, pipeman, engine No. 4. GEORGE J. KLAUSEN. TIMOTHY DWYER, pipeman, engine No. 5. MAX FLESCHL, driver. WILLIAM J. GRAFF, engine No. 4. WALTER FRIETAG, aged 23. Three are in a critical condition. Seventeen others were injured but it is not expected serious results will follow.

The block in which the fire broke out is known as Milwaukee's "death block," there having been no less than eighty-two lives snuffed out within its boundaries in the city's history. The first loss of life was in 1853 when on January 10, seventy-one persons were burned to death in the old Newhall house. Twenty years later Chief James Foley and three of his men met death from acid fumes from a fire in a building next door to the Goodyear company's store.

TRIAL OF NANCY KURLEE HAS BEEN CONTINUED

Hearing of Woman Charged With Murder of Grandchild Did Not Take Place.

The trial of Nancy Kurlee, or Nancy Hannah, the old mountain woman who is alleged to have brutally murdered her little illegitimate grandchild by leaving her imprisoned in a rocky cavern on Tate's Knob, near Waynesville, last February, was called at Bryson City last Thursday and continued until the next term of criminal court. The hearing of the case was moved from the Haywood court to Swain county, Judge Ferguson stating at the time that he felt the woman could not get a fair trial in Haywood county, owing to the feeling that had been aroused against her. The trial was continued, it is stated, owing to the illness of Solicitor Felix E. Alley, who was brought here several days ago and is now confined in the Blittmore hospital. The crime for which the Kurlee woman is being held, was one of the most shocking and brutally planned murders in the history of western North Carolina. It is understood that moving pictures have been made of the scene of the crime to be used in a special picture that one of the big eastern companies will soon put out.

Babe Born During Father's Funeral

LaFayette, Ind., Oct. 27.—While the Rev. C. A. Singares was conducting the funeral of J. O. Young here yesterday a baby girl was born to Young's widow in another room of the house. The walls of the infant interrupted the services for a few minutes. Young fell through a skylight on a building here a few days ago and was fatally injured.

ARE NOT RELISHING NINETY MILES RIDE

Desk Staffed Army Officers Go on Annual Ride According to Regulations.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Two colonels, the same number of lieutenants colonels and nearly a score of majors in the army started out from Fort Myer, Va., early today to undergo the 90 mile ride that the military regulations require each year from its officers. The Virginia roads were deep with mud as the result of the driving rain of the past two days, and the desk-staffed officers indicated clearly they did not relish the prospect of the three days bouncing on hard saddles. The party was under the command of Colonel Harry L. Rogers and Davis I. Britton, both of the quartermaster-general's department.

HUERTA DEFENDED BY A MISSIONARY

Rev. John Howland of Guadalajara Dictator Is Misunderstood in This Country—United States Has Thrown Difficulties in His Way.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 27.—Defense of Provisional President Huerta's administration in Mexico and denial that the Mexican executive had a share in the murder of Former President Madero and Former Vice President Suarez was made by Rev. John Howland of Guadalajara, a missionary, in an address before the annual meeting of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, held in connection with the National Council of the Congressional churches here today. He also paid a strong tribute to the rule of Porfirio Diaz as worthy of the great epigram, "He made a nation and destroyed a people." Dr. Howland has lived for 31 years in Mexico as head of College Internacional at Guadalajara. "The widespread idea that General Huerta seized the presidency," he said, "or that he came in through the door of assassination, is entirely incorrect. His acceptance of the provisional presidency precluded his be-

ing a candidate in the present election and his government was established and both officially and popularly accepted days before the death of President Madero. Huerta had nothing to gain by the death of Madero. "President Madero left the treasury bankrupt and revenues were immensely reduced by the closing of most of the ports of entry, the interruption of traffic and general disturbance. The hostile attitude of American authorities against General Huerta caused the bankers who arranged a large loan to delay the promised payments and this has greatly impeded the pacification of the country. Mexico should be left alone. It is well able to take care of itself. "The American board of commissioners for foreign missions carries on the foreign missionary work of the Congressional denomination. It is the oldest missionary board in America, having been founded 106 years ago. Today's sessions were given over to men from the foreign fields who told of their work abroad.

Mr. Gudger Still Thinks That War Is Inevitable

Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., when asked this morning for his opinion of the Mexican situation, following the polling of yesterday, stated that he still believes that a war is inevitable. He does not think, however, that President Wilson will take immediate drastic action in the matter and does not expect to be recalled to Washington just now to take part in any special considerations by congress regarding the situation.

It is Mr. Gudger's opinion that President Wilson is now primarily interested in getting the currency measure off his hands and will try to get this through congress before any steps are taken to finally settle the situation in Mexico. "The currency question," said Mr. Gudger, "is as big a one as that of war, and I don't think President Wilson wants two such matters on his hands at once."

Over 75,000 Seek Land In Federal Drawings

North Platte, Neb., Oct. 27.—Men were set at work today putting the opera house in order for the land drawings tomorrow when Uncle Sam will give away 533 sections of government land in the North Platte reserve and the Nebraska military reservation. Considering the arena of lands to be

disposed of, it is said, no other registration has brought such great crowds as have sought government lands in the two reservations. Railroads entering North Platte have arranged for special trains to accommodate the crowds. The corrected figures on registration show a total of 76,663.

BAY STATE CANDIDATES CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Each of the Gubernatorial Aspirants Says That He Will Succeed.

Boston, Oct. 27.—Predictions of victory in the state election on November 4 came from rival camps today. Chairman Riley of the democratic state committee issued a statement in which he said: "Observers who know every side of the political situation unanimously admit that Lieutenant Governor Walsh will be elected governor by a plurality estimated at 90,000."

MRS. EATON SAYS SHE FEARED FOR HER LIFE

Accused Widow Declares Her Husband Was Insane; Taxed Her Patience.

Plymouth, Mass., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Jennie May Eaton resumed the stand for cross-examination today in her trial for the murder of her husband, Rear Admiral Eaton. As the principal witness in her own defense, Mrs. Eaton was on the stand for six hours last Saturday, and under the guidance of her attorney, William Morse, told a story of tender care for her husband and consistent devotion to him. She denied that she had given him poison and testified that his dabbling with subtle drugs and persistent liquor drinking had taxed her patience and made her fear for her life. Today District Attorney Barker led her over this story, dissecting it in an effort to find some flaw which would strengthen the government's contention that she gave the admiral a beverage containing a deadly poison. At the suggestion of the district attorney Medical Examiner Gilman T. Osgood of Rockland sat at a table in plain view of the defendant. Dr. Osgood, who has devoted much time to a study of insanity, jotted down notes of his observations of the witness.

DR. C. E. BURNS DEAD

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 27.—Dr. Claude E. Burns died today at Bement as a result of an automobile accident last night. Blinded by the rain Burns drove into a ditch and his head was crushed by the steering wheel when the automobile turned over.

MAN GUILTY; WOMAN FREED

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 27.—The jury in the trial of John Burton and Mrs. George Gottschalk, charged with the murder of the woman's husband, today brought in a verdict acquitting Mrs. Gottschalk and giving Burton four years for manslaughter.

WILSON SPEAKS AT MOBILE MEET

President Makes Two Addresses at Annual Convention of Southern Commercial Congress.

Prominent Southern Men in Attendance

Prospective Early Opening of Panama Canal to Traffic Gives Gathering Added Importance.

By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., Oct. 27.—The seventh annual convention of the Southern Commercial congress was opened here today. President Wilson was on the program for two speeches today. Added to interest of the congress which is expected by many to be more important than previous ones, will be a celebration of the Panama canal work about to be completed and a memorial to the late Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama, who for many years advocated in congress building a canal. Commercial interests throughout the south were reprinted here today and it generally was believed this would be the most important of the seven gatherings.

President Wilson arrived early this morning but did not leave his car until about 7 o'clock. An hour later he breakfasted with 18 representatives of the Southern Commercial congress and at 10 o'clock it was planned that he deliver the principal address at the opening of the congress. A light-seeing trip over the harbor, the review of a parade and a public speech from the reviewing stand completed the rest of the morning. He expected to leave at 12:40 o'clock for Washington.

Many delegates to the first convention of the women's auxiliary of the congress arrived last night and today. That branch of the congress will meet first tomorrow. On the same day the unveiling of the memorial to Senator Morgan will take place at noon. It will be celebrated by services at 13 places within the city at noon.

INVOKES FEDERAL ACT IN SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Administrator of Fred Smathers' Estate Sues Southern Railway Company for \$30,000 Damages.

Suing under the federal employers' liability act J. C. Curtis, administrator of the estate of Fred Smathers, deceased, Saturday afternoon filed papers in the office of the clerk of Superior court against the Southern Railway company for the sum of \$30,000, on account of the death of Mr. Smathers. Mr. Smathers was killed on the afternoon of July 5, 1913, in the local yards of the Southern. At the time he was in the employ of the defendant company. The complaint sets forth that the company's tracks in the local yards were not kept in the proper condition and that there was negligence in other ways. It is contended that the train that killed Mr. Smathers was engaged in interstate commerce, in that it was a through train hauling goods to other states. Zeb F. Curtis is the attorney for the plaintiff.

OLYMPIC GAMES ARE BETWEEN JULY 1-10

Berlin, Oct. 27.—The principal track and field events of the Olympic games to be held here in 1916 are to be between July 1 and 10, according to an announcement made today by the German Olympic club. The dates contemplated earlier were abandoned by the committee at the instance of the United States, which objected because college athletes from that country would be unable to attend at that time of the year. The football and hockey championships are to be contested on May 23 and June 5, and the rowing on August 12. The dates for the sailing, golf, etc., have not yet been fixed.

SEX HYGIENE IN CURRICULUM

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Sex hygiene as a part of the regular curriculum of Chicago's high schools was inaugurated today when six lectures on the subject were delivered in five institutions. Physicians have been appointed to deliver the lectures. Four of today's talks were for boys and two for girls.