

Sou. Student Conference In Session at Blue Ridge

First Session Was Held Last Night in Robert E. Lee Hall— There Are About 350 Delegates Present, Representing Nearly All the Southern States.

The annual Southern Student conference, held under the auspices of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. in co-operation with the state committees of the south, began Tuesday night at Blue Ridge.

At present there are 350 delegates in attendance, representing 87 colleges, universities, high schools and preparatory schools throughout the south and foreign countries. There are representatives from 13 states in the union, besides Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, China, Korea and Japan.

The conference will be in session ten days, closing on the night of June 24. During that time the young men will make a thorough study of the best and most effective methods of the Christian work performed by college men, and will obtain a larger vision of the Christian life among students.

It will be the endeavor of the leaders and instructors that students may thoroughly understand the Bible; the organization of the Y. M. C. A. will also be explained.

The list of speakers and leaders for this conference include some of the ablest men of the entire nation.

Some of the men who will be present are: Dr. H. H. Moore, of the University of the City of New York; Mr. Colton of the foreign department of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A.; Dr. W. F. Hall from Northwestern University of Chicago; President Edwin M. Poter of Furman University; Dr. C. H. Brough of the University of Arkansas; President S. G. Wilson of Maryville College, Tennessee; President W. S. Curdall of the University of South Carolina; President W. L. Poter of Wake Forest College; President James Shelbourne from Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.; Professor James Raine of Berea College; Dr. T. B. Ray, educational secretary of the Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Egbert Smith, secretary of the Board of Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church; Dr. Edward Cooke, secretary of the board of missions of the Southern Methodist Church; Mr. Jackson, superintendent of the Virginia rural schools; Dr. O. B. Brown of the Vanderbilt University; Mr. Arch Travick of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. John T. Pitzer of the University of Kentucky; and Professor Webb of the Webb school in Tennessee.

In addition to these there are present to assist in the work more than 20 student secretaries of the Y. M. C. A.

Special attention will be given to the mission and Bible study classes. In all nearly twenty of these classes will be conducted by the strongest speakers and thinkers to be found. Some of the mission fields at home and abroad will be studied and men will be trained in missionary study work in connection with church work and student committees. A Bible teachers' training class will be conducted by Dr. H. H. Horne, one of the best known authorities on religious education.

A practical feature of the conference will be what is known as the college conference hour. Representatives of schools that have been successful in many departments of work state for the benefit of all what methods they have found most helpful. It is the purpose of this session to find practical and helpful methods of promoting association work.

The men from preparatory schools will meet at this hour in a different group from that representing the colleges and universities.

The grounds and buildings are in perfect condition for receiving the delegates. The Blue Ridge association was opened June, 1912. Since that time additional improvements have been made and the entire equipment as it now stands, cost over \$165,000. The buildings represent the most splendid traditions of southern colonial architecture and are equipped with water, electric lights, athletic fields, and swimming pools.

There are now grounds affording ample facilities for baseball, tennis, basketball and volley ball. All of these hold a prominent place in the life of the gathering.

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Cunard Company Asked Admiralty to Advise Lusitania of Danger

London, June 16.—The inquiry into the sinking of the Lusitania was resumed today with the examination of Alfred A. Booth, chairman of the board of directors of the Cunard Line company. Attorney General Sir Edward Carson, asked Mr. Booth why the Lusitania was economizing by using only nineteen of her 25-boilers at the time she was torpedoed.

"So far as submarines are concerned, there is no difference between 21 knots and 24.5 knots," Mr. Booth replied.

Mr. Carson then asked where there would have been any difference between 18 knots, the speed at which the Lusitania was proceeding, and 21 knots. Mr. Booth replied that never before had any steamer making over fourteen knots an hour been struck by a torpedo from a submarine.

Mr. Booth said the Cunard company had been unable to communicate by wireless to Captain Turner except through the admiralty and had therefore sent no wireless instructions to the commander of the vessel. General instructions had been given previously, he said.

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Cost of Living Higher Now Than Ever Before

Washington, June 17.—The cost of living is higher than ever before, government statistics showing that it has increased every year. In 1914 it cost \$6.45 more to fill the market basket of the average working man's family than in 1913, and \$60.43 more than in 1907. The calculations are on the relative price figures announced by the federal bureau of labor statistics, as the result of its most recent investigation into retail prices of food.

The figures represent the prices of 15 articles of food aggregating approximately two-thirds of the expenditures for food, by the average work-

ing man's family.

The cost of the articles in 1913 was \$332.90, making the 1914 figures \$340.33, while in 1907 they were \$280.55.

Calculating the amounts as two-thirds of the average working man's food expenditures, the total expenditure for food during these years would be: \$500.85 in 1913; \$510.87 in 1914; and \$410.85 in 1907.

The bureau's investigation covers 44 of the principal industrial cities, representing 33 states, and shows that the retail prices of food in the period from 1907 to 1914 reached their highest in 1914 and their lowest in 1907.

COUNT ZEPPELIN REPORTED TO BE SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOME

London, June 16.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says Count Zeppelin, inventor of the famous dirigible balloons, is reported to be seriously ill with bronchitis and is confined to his bed at Brunnichart.

BELIEVED NEBRASKAN WAS TORPEDOED AND NOT MINED

Washington, June 17.—Ambassador Page in London has forwarded a complete report of naval experts who examined the American steamer Nebraskan. Fragments of metal found on the ship, it was said, strengthened the conclusion that the vessel had been torpedoed and did not strike a mine.

REPORTED GERMANS CALL 1916 CLASS NOW

London, June 16.—A Central News dispatch says it is stated in Cologne that the German recruits of the 1916 draft soldiers, who was ordered last week to be prepared for a service will be summoned to the colors at once instead of in October as was proposed.

NEW CABINET TO BE FORMED FOR PORTUGAL

Lisbon, June 17.—President Braga has requested Jose Castro, acting premier and minister of the interior, to form a new cabinet.

DRUGGISTS OF STATE IN ANNUAL SESSION

Meeting Is Being Held in Durham—Many Matters to Be Brought up

Durham, June 17.—The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association is being held in the Elks' auditorium in Durham. The association was called to order by President G. C. Goodman, of Mooresville.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. John G. Hurt, of the First Baptist church, Durham. The druggists were welcomed to the city by Mayor Benjamin Smith Skinner.

E. L. Tarkenton, of Wilson, responded to the address of welcome on behalf of the association. The roll call of members by the secretary showed a large number absent. These members have been delayed in coming in but are arriving on every train and the meeting promises to be largely attended and successful from every standpoint.

A number of visitors to the association were called upon by the president and responded briefly.

Tuesday afternoon President Goodman made his annual address in which the events of the past year in pharmacy were detailed. This address was followed by the reports of the secretary, J. G. Beard and of the treasurer, G. E. Burwell.

After a discussion lasting for some time the association went on record as favoring the proposed Stevens bill and resolutions will be forwarded to congress asking their support of the measure.

PAYNE WILL AID CITY CHARITIES

PHILANTHROPIST WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHILE HERE

ASHEVILLE GETS AGENCY Teague & Oates Awarded the Ex- clusive Distribution of Herblac.

Herblac, the celebrated medicine that is accomplishing such astonishing results in the larger cities, will be distributed in Asheville exclusively by Teague & Oates. This important announcement was made by A. G. Payne, the noted philanthropist, who is personally directing the introduction of Herblac to prove his theories on health.

Payne was seen to excellent advantage last evening at the Langren where he is stopping during his Asheville engagement. After stating that he would in some way contribute very substantially to charities of this city, he talked freely and frankly of the results of his famous medicine, Herblac, and among other things, said:

"Probably the most prevalent and distressing condition is chronic catarrh of the mucous membranes. Catarrh of the stomach is the most frequent cause of dyspepsia, and catarrh conditions of the nose and throat lead to inevitable deafness. Show me a man whose hearing is affected and I will show you a man who is suffering from catarrh."

"Frequently," he continued, "the lungs become affected by the extension of catarrhal inflammation by way of the bronchial tubes to the lung substance."

"The mental and physical state of chronic catarrh sufferers is indeed very unfortunate, and it is surprising to know what an immense number of people among those who reside in such cities as Asheville, are really suffering from this almost universal malady, and who think something else is wrong with them."

Mr. Payne enumerated the symptoms of catarrh, such as offensive breath, constant sniffing, discharges from the nose, droppings in the throat, frequent sneezing, watery eyes, fullness in the head, headaches, depression of spirits, &c. susceptibility to coughs and colds, &c.

He said he would prove to the people of Asheville that Herblac will combat these conditions the same as it had among thousands elsewhere.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT CHAPEL HILL TO OPEN

Expected That Attendance Will Reach 650 Before the Week Ends.

Chapel Hill, June 17.—The University summer school has started the 28th. Tuesday and Wednesday were registration days, and on Thursday work will begin in earnest. Over 400 teachers and students have signified their intention of attending while those who have made no reservations and others who will enter late, will probably bring the number up to 650. There is every indication of this being the most successful and profitable session in the history of the school. The enlarged course of study, the special lectures by well known authorities, the conferences, the varied social entertainments and the ideal surroundings are features which will make the term both profitable and enjoyable.

Since the cost to teachers is extremely low—about thirty dollars—there will be an opportunity to combine business with vacation; hence teachers will return to their work prepared in body and mind to serve most effectively the children of the state.

The new athletic field, the gift of Captain Emerson of Baltimore, is now an assured fact. The plans have been drawn, specifications made, and the field will be ready for use by fall.

The campus is being enlivened by many little improvements preparatory to the opening of the summer school. The dormitories are being thoroughly overhauled, walks planned, and everything put in comfortable shape.

Of what value is a college education? Statistics compiled of the class of 1913 present facts bearing on this hazy subject. Of the 188 men who entered the class, 37 are teachers, 29 are farmers, 26 are students, 23 business men, 14 are insurance and real estate men, and the rest are following divers pursuits. Nineteen of the number are married, while in 18 states there are representatives of the class. The average salary of 50 men who sent in reports is \$106.13 a month. The highest salary paid a member of the class is \$200 a month; the lowest \$50. From such data, one may draw interesting conclusions.

CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST TEACHERS AT RIDGECREST

First Sessions Held Last Night —Dr. B. I. Gray Deliv- ered Address.

The teachers of the Baptist mountain schools are gathering at Ridgcrest, the Southern Baptist assembly grounds, for their annual conference which meets this evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. B. I. Gray of Atlanta, corresponding secretary of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, will make the opening address. This system of schools is operated by the Baptist home mission board of which Dr. Gray is secretary.

The mountain school department of the board has its headquarters in Asheville, the office being in the American National bank building, Rev. A. F. Brown, superintendent.

There are thirty-four schools in the system, 171 teachers, 5,281 students, 88 of these being ministerial students.

The Baptists have invested in these school properties \$735,000, and since their organization sixteen years ago they have turned out 336 preachers, 185 lawyers, 213 doctors, 24 trained nurses, 27 missionaries, 38 bankers, 18 legislators, 15 civil engineers, 2387 public school teachers.

RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE DIED OF HEART DISEASE LAST NIGHT

Petrograd, June 16.—Grand Duke Constantine Constantinovitch, presi- dent of the Imperial Academy of Sciences and head of the department of military schools, died last night of heart disease at the age of 57 years. He was a member of the reigning family, and his heir is Prince Jean Constantinovitch.

U. S. INDIGTS COTTON DEALER FOR FRAUD

Alleges That Cotton Shipper Sold One Grade and Deliv- ered Another

The United States marshal's office and District Court Clerk Hyams today received notice from Federal court officers in Greensboro of the transfer of an important case to Asheville. The United States is plaintiff against J. Archer Elmore in a proceeding charging him with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

It is alleged that Elmore sold to a firm in Greensboro 500 or 600 bales of cotton and made shipment with all of lading attached, receiving the money for the cotton before the goods were delivered. When the bales were received and opened it is said that the grade of cotton was not according to the terms of the sale between Elmore and the consignee, the grade of the cotton, it is alleged, being inferior to that specified in the contract.

The case will probably be tried here at the August term of District court.

ENGLISH WOMEN TO WORK THE FARMS

London, June 17.—There is a war shortage of 170,000 male agricultural labors in the farms of England, Scot- land and Wales, according to the board of agriculture. The board hopes to fill these vacancies with women. Already, women are employed by farmers of Essex, Norfolk and Lincolnshire, in planting the potato crop and several hundred are being trained in dairy farming in Cheshire, Dorset and Berks. It is suggested that high school and college girls help farmers get in hay, and be trained to drive mowing machines.

WILMINGTON NEWS GIVEN FREEDOM

Hartford, Conn., June 17.—After serving twenty-three years of a life sentence for murder, during which time he maintained silence to pre- serve his wife's reputation, Charles J. Rathborn was freed by the state board of pardons.

U. S. TAKES CONTROL OF MOHONING RIVER

Youngstown, O., June 17.—Mahoning County commissioners today re- ceived word from Captain Harold C. Fiske, of the United States Engineer- ing corps, that the Federal govern- ment has assumed control of the Ma- honing River from Warren, Ohio, to its junction with the Beaver River in Pennsylvania. Plans for bridges, dykes, dams, etc., must hereafter be submitted to the government for approval. Railroads and industrial concerns have been charged with filling in the river channel to create valuable new land.

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Rocky Mount Elk Delegates

Rocky Mount, June 17.—With the election of a delegation of two mem- bers from the local lodge it is expected that there may be possibly a dozen Elks from this city who will attend the session of the grand lodge of Elks which is to be held next week in Char- lotte, June 24-25. Paul R. Caples and W. L. Anderson are the delegates.

Cutting of Man's Throat a Mystery

Kinston, June 17.—The sheriff's office here is trying to find how the throat of Herbert Carter, about 25 years old, was cut. Carter, with his windpipe almost severed, is in a de- perate condition in the Parrot Mem- orial hospital here. He is said to have been brought to Kinston from Flat Hill in this county.

SILENT MAN IS GIVEN FREEDOM

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