

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS READ

M. E. CONFERENCE ENDS; WILL MEET IN MONROE IN 1918

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of Conference Came to a Close Shortly After Noon Today, Following the Reading of Appointments—Many Interesting Matters Occupied Last Day of Conference

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Western North Carolina conference closed at the Central Methodist church at 12:29 o'clock this morning, following the reading of the appointments by Bishop Atkins. The bishop read as the last name: "Central church, Asheville, praise God" and the delegates and visitors joined in singing the doxology. The conference was then adjourned.

The conference went on record in a memorial to the general conference in which it favored an increase in the number of lay representatives from district conferences to the annual conference. The memorial which was presented by C. H. Ireland, P. H. Williams and others asked that lay representatives be at least doubled after some favorable remarks by several members of the conference, the memorial was adopted.

ONLY ONE CHANGE IN ASHEVILLE CHURCHES; SEVERAL IN DISTRICT

Rev. E. W. Fox Transferred From Weaverville Station To West Asheville—Rev. M. F. Moores, of Concord, Comes To Hendersonville—Rev. J. H. West Becomes Presiding Elder of Waynesville District, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt of the Greensboro, and Rev. H. K. Bayer of the Winston

The appointments of the Methodist preachers to the various charges for the coming year were read by Bishop Atkins just before the adjournment of the Western North Carolina conference. The pastors of all the Asheville churches are returned with the exception of West Asheville, Rev. E. W. Fox being transferred from Weaverville station to West Asheville church.

Rev. M. F. Moores is appointed to Hendersonville. Mr. Moores comes from Concord where he has served three years. Other changes in this district are: Asheville circuit, Rev. J. W. Carver; Flat Rock and Fletcher, J. L. Smith; Henderson circuit, C. A. Johnson; Mars Hill, W. B. Thompson; Rosman, G. W. Wright; Sulphur Springs, James H. Green; Tryon-Saluda, J. M. Folger; Weaverville station, O. J. Jones.

H. M. Blair, State Sunday School Secretary—J. W. Long, Missionary to Korea—J. R. Moore, Prof. in State Nor. and Ind. School—Jno. A. Leah, Student in University of N. C.—E. K. Creel, N. C. Children's Home and Aid Society—W. L. Hutchins.

Marion District. Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder, Bakersville—N. G. Erwin, Bald Creek—J. S. Mitchell, Supply, Broad River—D. S. Richardson, Burnsville—A. C. Swafford, Mill Springs—J. M. Barber; S. P. Maulin, Jr., Preacher, Cliff Side—N. M. Modlin, Connelly Springs—B. Wilson, Enola—M. W. Heckard, supply, Forest City—W. T. Albright, Henrietta and Caroleene—W. B. Clegg, Marion Station—J. R. Serooga, Marion Circuit—M. W. Mann, Marion Mills—E. L. Kirk, McDowell—J. A. Fry, Micaville—E. O. Smith, Morganton Station—E. E. Williamson.

Mt. Airy District. H. C. Sprinkle, Presiding Elder, Arratt—G. W. Clay, Dobson—T. V. Crouse, Danbury—O. P. Routh, Elk Pass—A. S. Abernethy, Elkin—J. P. Hipsley, Jonesville—J. H. Robertson, Leaksville—G. C. Brinkman, Madison-Stoneville—R. S. Howie, Mount Airy-Central—G. D. Herman, Mount Airy Circuit—T. P. Jimison, Pilot Mountain—J. W. Combs, Rural Hall—J. C. Cook, Spray—J. F. Armstrong, Stokesdale—M. T. Steele, Summerfield—A. Sherrill, Walnut Cove—G. W. Williams, Yadkinville—W. M. Boring.

Wilkesboro District. F. E. Wags, Presiding Elder, Avery—D. G. Wilson, Boone—H. L. Powell, Creston—E. E. Yates, Elkland—W. L. Scott, Elk Pass—A. S. Abernethy, Jefferson—T. J. Houck, Laurel Springs—D. A. Clarke, North Wilkesboro—W. R. Ware, North Wilkesboro Mission—G. W. Hamilton, Sparta—J. C. Cornet, Watauga—O. G. Fortenbury, Wilkesboro—L. B. Hayes, Wilkes—W. S. Cherry, Prof. and Chaplain Appalachian Training School—J. M. Downum, Missionary to Japan—W. A. Wilson, Prin. Jefferson School—W. L. Scott.

Salisbury District. J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Albemarle-Central—J. C. Rowe; C. M. Gentry, super, First Street—W. I. Hughes, Albemarle Circuit—H. F. Starr, supply, Radin—J. F. Houser, Bethel—J. F. Stover, China Grove—W. S. Hales, Concord Central—Z. Parris, Epworth-Center—A. S. Raper, Forest Hill—R. M. Taylor, Kannapolis Station—G. W. Strider, Westford-Harmony—A. P. Brantley, supply, Concord Circuit—J. L. Shore, Cottonville—J. C. Brown, supply, Gold Hill—E. M. Avitt, Kannapolis Circuit—R. L. Forbis, Mt. Pleasant—G. A. Stamper, New London—S. E. Richardson, Norwood-Randall—J. A. Bowles, Oakboro-Loves—J. J. Eads, Salem Circuit—A. L. Coburn, supply, Salisbury First Church—W. A. Lambeth, Park Avenue—C. M. Short, South Main—P. W. Trucker; A. H. Whisner, super, Salisbury Circuit—R. C. Kirk, Spencer Central—C. M. Pickens, East Spencer—North Main—R. K. Brady, Woodleaf Circuit—E. J. Poe, Agent Superannuate Fund—J. P. Rogers, Assistant Sunday School Sec.—W. R. Shelton.

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ITALIANS HOLDING TEUTONS IN CHECK ALONG THE PIAVE

Although Pressure Continues Strong, Italians Hold To Their Positions and Invaders Make Little Progress—Signs of New Activity on Western Front, Especially in Flanders and Around St. Quentin

In the Trentino and along the Piave the Italians have the Austro-Germans in check for the moment and there are indications of a re-awakening of fighting activity on the western front, especially in Flanders and around St. Quentin. East and northeast of Ypres the British are now well established on the Passchendaele ridge. Those positions have been under heavy bombardment by the Germans for several days, and apparently evidence that the Germans are nervous and hope by their artillery fire to check a new British thrust.

French Gain Successes. Around St. Quentin, north-northwest of the Ailette where the French gained a notable success recently, German and allied patrols have been busy. North of St. Quentin both the British and Germans carried out raids. French artillery has been shelling heavily the German positions south of the town for several days and a thrust by French troops evidently as a feint, was repulsed by the defenders, Berlin reports.

Italians Repel Attacks. Although the Teutonic pressure from Asiago, east to the Piave, continues very strong, the Italians hold valiantly to their positions and the progress on the Asiago plateau the Italians repelled violent attacks and near Casera recaptured an advanced position taking 100 prisoners. Between the Brenta and the Piave the invaders have occupied positions from which the Italians withdrew. Austro-German efforts to force the Italians back from the western bank of the Piave at Zenson and Fagare have failed. The invading force which crossed at Fagare has been driven back across the river, while efforts to debouch from the bridgehead at Zenson were repelled by Italian counter-attacks. On the right bank of the Piave the Italians have taken nearly 1,500 prisoners in two days.

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from control there. The vanguard, which is said to be near Gatchina, 20 miles southwest of the capital already has had several brushes with the Bolshevik forces. It is rumored that Premier Kerensky is returning with the new forces. All the reports lack confirmation. There apparently is internal dissension in Petrograd between the maximalist and the less extreme socialists who have protested against the acts of the Bolshevik regime. A report received in London says there has been a split in the Bolshevik ranks and that some of the ministers have resigned.

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Germany Refuses to Treat with Radicals. Kaiser Will Talk Peace Only With Legal Successor To Imperial Government. Petrograd, Nov. 18.—Germany has refused to treat for peace with the new soldiers' and workmen's government in response to a recent proposal, according to the newspapers here, which publish this news as coming from a well authenticated source. It is stated that Emperor William announces in his reply that he would treat only with the legal successor to the imperial government or with the constituent assembly. In this connection, the Vella Narod says it has information that the soldiers' and workmen's government in the event of its failure to receive replies from the belligerents by November 23, reserves the right to make peace on its own account, after a year if the war continues, Russia will occupy a neutral position.

WANT GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE ROADS

Interstate Shippers Say That Is Only Efficient Way To Run Railroads In Time of War

Washington, Nov. 19.—Goaded by what they term the "unjustifiable demands" of the railroads, interstate shippers have made formal demand that the government at once assume a directing hand in the war time on all railroads. Immediately following the Interstate Commerce commission decision on the 15 per cent rate increase, the shippers will inaugurate a nation-wide movement and carry their case to President Wilson. "The government operation of the roads," the shippers declared, "is the only efficient way to bring about an immediate elimination of duplicating, competitive service." Should the government fail to assume this "directing control," the shippers urged as "next best" government loans to the roads to finance their necessary war extension; an outright government purchase of all rolling stock and terminals with the government itself undertaking the expansion of facilities. The 15 per cent rate advance sought by the roads, the shippers' statement held, would be wholly inadequate for extension. But present rates are giving a reasonable return on investment, it was claimed. It was never intended that railroad profits should pay for vast extensions, which should be built from stock sales, according to the shippers. Clifford Thorne, shippers' counsel, told the Interstate Commerce commission that eastern roads during the past two years had net revenues exceeding \$1,000,000,000—"for the first time in their history." The actual returns by the roads since the rate increases of last June have exceeded the expectations of the commission by \$543 per mile of road operated, according to Thorne. For the first nine months of this year the roads' net operating income exceeded their own estimates for the entire year by more than \$50,000,000," he said.

ALIEN ENEMIES MUST REGISTER

President Issues Order Not Allowing Them Within 100 Yards of Water Fronts or Railway Terminals

Washington, Nov. 19.—All alien enemies are required to register and to obtain permits for travel under a proclamation issued today by President Wilson. Alien enemies are also prohibited from approaching within 100 yards of waterfronts, docks, railroad terminals or storage houses and are forbidden to enter or reside in the District of Columbia. The proclamation, issued as a supplement to the one declaring a state of war with Germany, provides further that an alien enemy shall not except on public ferries be found on "any ocean, bay, river or other waters" within the United States. They are forbidden from flying in airplanes, balloons, or airships and from entering the Panama canal zone. Italians Begin Offensive. Rome, Nov. 19.—Italian forces have begun an offensive on the Asiago plateau and have occupied advanced elements of trenches, the war office announces today. Further attempts of the Austro-German troops to cross the Piave have been stopped on the front west of the Piave south of Quero, great numbers of Austro-German troops are attacking the Monte Montefenera and Monte Tomba lines. Americans Safe. London, Nov. 19.—Robert P. Skinner, the American consul-general, has received a telegram dated Saturday from the American consul at Moscow saying that he and other Americans in Moscow are all safe. The city was quiet at the time, but there had been much fighting, the message said. No Cases in Last 24 Hours. Greenville, S. C., Nov. 19.—No new cases of influenza have developed among the troops at Camp Sevier during the last 24 hours and men in the hospital are doing well, it was announced at medical headquarters today. The military quarantine remains in force.

Charlotte District.

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