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EPISCOPAL DIOCESE IS MEETING HERE

Annual Address by Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire Last Evening and Address by Paul Shimmion.

ELECTING A SUFFRAGAN BISHOP FOR THE NEGROES

First Time any Diocese in a Southern State East of the Mississippi Has Taken This Step.

The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina is holding its 102nd annual convention in Salisbury with Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire presiding and there are a large number of clergymen and delegates in attendance.

The annual address of the Bishop was delivered last night in St. Luke's church where the sessions are being held.

There was also an address last night by Mr. Paul Shimmion, personal representative of the late Mar Shimmion, patriarch of the Syrian church, who was recently killed by the Turks.

The business session began at 10 o'clock and the reports of the various committees and institutions were received.

The women's auxiliary met this year for the first time, the meeting being held at Chapel Hill, and being separate from the meetings of the diocese.

The 12 o'clock noon Litany, Parish and Mission was read by Rev. Thaddeus E. Chestnut, former rector of St. Luke's church, this city.

The board of managers of the Thompson orphanage made its report through A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, and this showed the institution to be in splendid condition in every way.

Col. C. E. Johnston, of Raleigh, who has served as treasurer of the convention for 34 years, tendered his resignation. A vote of thanks was tendered Col. Johnston for his long and faithful service.

A feature of the Tuesday afternoon session was the report of the committee recommending the election of a Suffragan Bishop of Negroes and this is the first time any Southern state east of the Mississippi river has taken this step.

The Bishop will serve the diocese of East Carolina, North Carolina and South Carolina. The diocese of South Carolina is now in session at Aiken and has the same matter up. This convention wired the North Carolina convention asking of the action taken in regard to matter and will accept the man elected by this diocese. The election of this Suffragan Bishop takes place this afternoon.

The convention will be in session through Thursday.

ARMISTICE BETWEEN UKRAINIANS, GERMANS AND RUSSIANS

Bolshevik Foreign Minister Protests Against Alleged Violation of Brest-Litovsk Treaty - Germany Gives Coated Answer.

Moscow, May 8.—An armistice has been contracted between the Ukrainians and Germans and Russians on the Kursk front and the Russian legation is making an effort to arrange an armistice on the remaining fronts.

Replying to a protest by the Bolshevik foreign minister against the capture of Sebastopol and Black Sea fleets as a violation of the Brest-Litovsk treaty the German ambassador said the taking of Sebastopol and the fleet was purely a military operation, made necessary by attacks of the Russian warships upon Nikolaiiev and Kherzan. He added that Germany had no intention of retaining territory captured and would permit the people the right to self-determination.

Meadames Claude Weston, J. F. Weddington and Miss Lillian Myres went yesterday afternoon in Lexington.

PRESIDENT WILSON ENTERS OPPOSITION

The President is Not in Favor of the Investigation That Chamberlain Proposes.

NO OBJECTION TO THE AIR CRAFT INVESTIGATION

Says the Full Investigation Into War Activities Is Untimely Just Now.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 15.—President Wilson today confirmed the report that he objects to the investigation into the general conduct of the war. In a letter to Senator Martin, of Virginia, the President pointed out that the Chamberlain resolution directing a general reviewing of the war conduct is unnecessarily broad.

The President informed Senator Martin that he has no objection to the searching inquiry into the air situation, but that he deemed the proposed investigation into the conduct of the war inadvisable. At the last session of the President opposed such an investigation and it was ended.

It is believed that the President's attitude was due to the form of the Chamberlain resolution. The resolution "authorizes and directs" the committee to "inquire into and report to the senate" the progress of the air craft production in the United States and into any other matters relating to war, by or through the war department.

President Writes Senator Martin. Washington, May 15.—In a letter today to Senator Martin, of Virginia, Democratic Leader in the Senate, President Wilson declared he would regard the passage of the Chamberlain resolution calling for an investigation of the aircraft and other war activities as a "direct vote of want of confidence in the administration" and an attempt by congress to take over the conduct of the war.

CLOSING EXERCISES ALBEMARLE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INST.

Will Begin Saturday, May 16th, With Alumnae Association—Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. H. E. Gurney, D. D., of Monroe.

(Special to The Post.) Albemarle, May 14.—The closing exercises of the Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute will begin on Saturday, May 18th, with a meeting of the Alumnae Association at 4 P. M., in Northrup Hall.

At 7 P. M. on Saturday, the Class Day exercises will be held on the campus. They promise to be very entertaining.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in Central Methodist church by Rev. H. E. Gurney, D. D., of Monroe.

The annual concert will be given in Northrup Hall Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. After this the audience will be invited to Ufford Hall, where in the dining room the industrial exhibit will be enjoyed by all.

Prizes will be awarded for sewing in the home economics class, one to the best seamstress, and one to the pupil who made the greatest improvement during the year. Like rewards will be given in the graded sewing class.

The graduating exercises will be held in Northrup Hall Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, at which time a number of girls will receive certificates for having completed the sewing course, or the domestic science course, or the grammar grades. Ten pupils will receive diplomas; five for the literary course; and five for the home economics course.

Rev. Geo. W. Cheeks, pastor of Albemarle Presbyterian Church, left today for Oklahoma to attend a session of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church during the next week. Rev. Mr. Cheeks was recently elected as commissioner from Mecklenburg Presbytery to attend the coming session of General Assembly. He will be gone about two weeks.

Southern Baptists Elect Officers. (By The Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., May 15.—Without a dissenting vote the general officers of the Southern Baptist convention were re-elected at this morning's session of the convention.

India's peanut crop for the 1916-'17 season is estimated to be 1,147,000 long tons.

EMPERORS NAMING THEIR MONARCHS

The All Highest Divides the Land and Name Rulers for People Whom They Override.

WILLIAM AND CHARLES SELECT RULING MONARCHS

British Say Only the Germans Could Have Laid Dangerous Mines in Cattegat.

(By The Associated Press.) The Austrian and German emperors at their meeting at the great headquarters, according to German newspapers, reported through the Exchange Telegraph company, through Amsterdam, have selected Monarchs for Lithuania (Lithuania?) Courland, Esthonia and Poland.

Germans Must Have Laid Mines. London, May 15.—The admiralty announces with reference to the report that vessels have been sunk by mines in the Cattegat in the neighborhood of Skaw, that no mines dangerous to shipping have been laid by the British outside the notified area and adds that "any mines in the above region which are dangerous to shipping must, with her usual disregard for neutral interest, have been laid by Germany."

French Take German Positions. Paris, May 15.—French troops last evening attacked German positions near Heilles, on the front below Arras, and took a woods on the left bank of the Avre river, the war office announces. The Germans made a counter attack but were beaten off with severe losses. There was a violent bombardment during the night on the front about Mondidier and west of Kemmel.

W S S CAIN MUST DIE THE SUPREME COURT SAYS

The Court Said There Was No Error in the Case of Baxter Cain Under Sentence for Killing Harris Some Time Ago.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, May 15.—The supreme court today handed down a decision in the case of Baxter Cain convicted in the Superior court of Rowan county for the murder of Able Harris and sentenced to the death chair in which the court holds that there was no error in the trial as set forth.

Cain is the peg-legged negro in the Rowan jail under the death sentence for the killing of Harris. The details of the case are well known to the readers of this paper. Cain was the night watchman at the car barn of the N. C. Public Service Company. He was off and had Harris on in his place. Harris was murdered at the car barn and later Cain was arrested and tried, found guilty and sentenced to the death chair. His case was carried to the supreme court and the decision today ends the case.

W S S ROWAN'S LARGEST CONTINGENT WILL GO WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

One Hundred and Forty-One White Men Will Be Sent From This County to Camp Jackson—Completes Rowan's Second Quota.

On Wednesday the 28th day May, two weeks from today, Rowan will send the largest contingent of her young men to the training camps that has yet gone to the army cantonment. On that date one hundred and forty-one white men will entrain for Camp Jackson at Columbia, S. C. The local board has officially been notified to assemble these men here and entrain them during the day for Columbia camp. The names of these men will be announced in a day or two, the list now being compiled.

This contingent will complete Rowan's second quota, provided credit is given the county for enlistments. However, this question is now before congress and the military authorities and if credit is not allowed the counties throughout the country for voluntary enlistments then it will be necessary to call additional men to complete the second quota.

The largest contingent heretofore sent off was in the neighborhood of one hundred. It was at first thought probably that the one hundred and forty-one men called from Rowan

MEETING OF EMPERORS INTERESTING

London is Manifesting Much Interest Over Meeting Between Bill and Emperor Charles.

CHARLES COMPLETELY UNDER BIG BILL'S THUMB

Numerous Activities Reported Along the Western Front.

(By The Associated Press.) The extended renewals of the German offensives having failed to develop the allies are continuing to reach out for new vantage points from which they can better resist it.

The French were the aggressors in the last operation of this kind, carried out late yesterday. They pushed out from their lines south of Hailles on the Somme front, the objective being the wood situated about the point where Germans made their farthest westward advance and are in a short distance of the Paris-Amiens railway. The operation was entirely successful, resulting in the capture of the wood on the slopes west of the Avre river possession of which improved considerably the allied offensive position in this important sector.

The Germans evidently recognize this fact for they counter attacked last night. Their determined attempt failed and after a spirited fight the French remained in control of the positions after having cut up the enemy badly with their fire and taken many prisoners. Artillery activity is reported also further north.

The London statement also indicates considerable activity by the British on the Somme front, between the Somme and Ancre valleys. In the Flanders front the Germans also speeded up their fire in the Kemmel section and their guns worked vigorously to the south in the direction of the Batum wood.

Much interest is displayed over the meeting between Emperor William and Charles and their military and diplomatic assistants, especially over the vague uncertain tone of the official reports. That firmer alliance between the two countries has been cemented is certain, and it is also believed that Austria has been forced to take different position and is now more than ever under the complete domination of her ally. Developments in the near future will show whether or not Austria is being forced to make renewed offensives against Italy or to send her armies to the western front to aid her exhausted ally.

W S S TO HELL WITH GERMANY-TILLMAN

U. S. Senator Says He Thanks God For Woodrow Wilson in an Address at Columbia.

NAVY WAS READY SAID NAVAL COMMITTEEMAN

In Making an Address Before the Democratic Convention Tillman Rang True.

(By Associated Press.) Columbia, May 15.—"To hell with Germany sympathizers and thank God for Woodrow Wilson," exclaimed B. R. Tillman, United States senator in concluding an address before the state democratic convention here at noon today. The senator declared he wanted the people of the state to know where he stood on the one issue before them—the war issue.

"As your senator and chairman of the great naval committee in the senate I am proud to say that when the test came those of us in connection with the navy could truthfully say, all is well with the fleet."

Aside from Senator Tillman, Senator E. D. Smith, Congressman A. F. Lever, William S. Stevenson, F. H. Dominick, president of the senate, and J. M. Baker are in attendance on the convention. The convention convenes to formulate rules for the holding of a primary election this summer.

What or defeat? Which? might be sent off in two or more contingents but orders have been received to entrain the full number at one time, and May 29th has been designated as the day for this. The men will leave on No. 45, the 2:30 afternoon train on that date, reporting to the local board that morning.

AIRPLANE MAIL SERVICE STARTED

Delivery of United States Mail by Air Routes Began Today From Two Different Points.

N. Y. TO WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON TO PHILA.

President and Mrs. Wilson Witnessed Initial Start of the Mail Airplane From Washington.

(By Associate Press.) Washington, May 15.—Airplane mail service between Washington and New York went into operation today when the first airplane mail carrier piloted by Lieut. George L. Boyle left Potomac Park for Philadelphia at 11:45 o'clock. President and Mrs. Wilson witnessed the initial start.

New York to Washington. New York, May 15.—Airplane mail service in the United States was inaugurated today when a government airplane piloted by Lieut. Torrey H. Webb left Belmont Park at 11:30 o'clock this morning for Washington with pouches containing some 4,000 letters.

W S S A NEW AUSTRO-GERMAN ALLIANCE

Is Fixed for a Period of Twenty Years and Includes a Military Convention and Close Economic Relations.

(By The Associated Press.) Zurich, Switzerland, May 15.—A Vienna dispatch to the Neueste Nachrichten of Munich says the new Austro-German alliance is fixed for a period of twenty years and includes a military convention and provides for closest economic and custom relations.

W S S Aunt Edith Holmes, one of Salisbury's best known and oldest negro women, died at her home in Dixonsville last night. The funeral and burial will be held tomorrow. Aunt Edith was for many years a servant in the home of the late R. J. Holmes and was said to be 106 years old. She was one of the old time "black mamies" and an ante bellum negro whose numbers are fast dwindling away.

W S S ROWAN YOUNG MEN REACHING 21 YEARS OF AGE MUST REGISTER

Call Has Been Issued By Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young For This Registration—Will Probably Be June 5th, But Exact Date Will Be Announced Later.

The Rowan exemption board in the matter of national army has received official instructions from Adjutant General Lawrence Young at Raleigh relative to the registration of all young men who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917, the date of the first registration.

While no specific date has yet been announced for this registration it is expected that it will be on June 5th, just one year from the date of the first selective draft registration. Under the rules every Rowan man who has attained the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917, will be required to present himself to the local board in the Federal building in Salisbury for registration. However, no regulations have yet been issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder covering this registration, but these are expected any day. It is now known how many new registrants this plan will add to the Rowan list of men eligible for military service, but it is expected to reach several hundred.

The plan of registration, as he set forth, requires each exemption board to register all men over whom it will exercise authority. The number to be registered, it is estimated, is about one-tenth of that registered last year. In necessary instances, the exemption board will be authorized to call upon part time attaches of the board, including county or city attorneys, members of the legal advisory boards and the government appeal agent. Should insufficient assistance be thereby obtained, the board would be authorized to employ extra clerical help. All men becoming of age during the past fiscal year will be required to register on one day. General Young declared the record established last year must be duplicated, and that violations of the regulations will be vigorously ferreted out and prosecuted.

FIVE MORE BISHOPS ELECTED AT ATLANTA

Methodists in Their General Conference Name More Men Bishops for Southern Church.

TODAY'S BALLOTING ENDED THE ELECTION OF NUMBER

Drs. DuBose and Ainscourt Were Elected This Morning After Several Ballots.

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, May 15.—The election of Dr. F. M. Parker, president of Emory University, as Bishop of the M. E. Church, South, as a result of the third ballot was announced this morning at a session of the General Conference.

Drs. H. H. DuBose, of Nashville, and W. N. Ainscourt, of Savannah, were elected on the fourth ballot this morning, thus completing the number to be elected by this conference. A Stir is Created.

Atlanta, May 15.—The action of the college of bishops in vetoing the actions of the general conference in regard to women's lacy rights and the changing of the ritual on the grounds that both measures were illegal, was being widely discussed in conference circles tonight.

Heated discussions followed the bishops' veto. The annual conferences now will vote on the measure, and if carried by a two-thirds majority the measures will become law. Women members, it was said tonight, are confident the annual conferences will ratify the legislation.

The following delegates were elected as a committee to select the next meeting place of the general conference:

W. E. Williams, D. F. Lipscomb, J. W. Perry, E. B. Cappel, and W. W. Ball.

The memorial which recommended that each annual conference elect ministers elect twice as many men as was needed for the office of presiding elder, the bishop to make his selection from the names presented, was overwhelmingly defeated.

Resolutions favoring uniform divorce laws in each state were adopted. The South Carolina delegation dissented.

W S S SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX CARRIER IN UNITY DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

Supporters of Public School Vote An Extra Tax of Twenty Cents on the \$100 and Sixty Cents on Each Poll. Three Other Elections Pending.

A special school tax election was held in unity district No. 1, Barber public school, Tuesday and resulted in the carrying of the measure whereby a special tax of twenty cents on the hundred dollar valuation of property and sixty cents on each poll is to be levied for school in this particular district. There were forty voters registered for this election. Of this number twenty-six voted for the special tax, nine votes were cast against it and there were five who did not express themselves at the ballot box, these, however, counting against the measure.

There are three more of these special school tax elections now pending, one for Franklin No. 4 on the 21st of May, for twenty-five cents on the hundred valuation of property and seventy-five cents on each poll; one at Spencer May 28th for a tax of twenty cents on each hundred dollars valuation of property and sixty cents on each poll, and one in Cleveland, No. 1, for the same tax, twenty and sixty cents.

The successful carrying of the Unity No. 1 election Tuesday gives fifteen special school tax districts in Rowan, and it is believed the three elections now pending will be carried for the schools, and if so Rowan will then have eighteen special school tax districts. The people of the county are waking up to the fact that the more support, financially, the schools get the better schools we will have and it is not as hard to carry a special tax election as in former years. However, there are still those who vigorously oppose these special taxes.

W S S Shipyard Fire at Vancouver. (By Associated Press.) Vancouver, B. C., May 15.—Fire starting in the boiler room of the J. Cowell & Sons ship yards here early this morning did damage estimated at \$1,500,000. One fireman was killed and several injured.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO BOTTOMS

Grant's Creek Overflowing Below Point Where Drainage Was Discontinued Last Summer.

SPENCER JUNIORS STRONG FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX

Special Representative of the Red Cross in Spencer For Meeting With the Shop Committees.

(By A. W. HICKS) Spencer, May 15.—The expected has happened in the bottoms of Grant's creek near Spencer, where millions of tons of sand are being washed over the rich meadows, making the lands almost worthless. Other places are being washed away and ruined. This is of course just down the creek below where the dredging stopped at the Gobbel mill site. It has been the prediction all along that this would happen and that the lands down stream will be ruined and rendered worthless, and that the owners who formerly opposed the dredging will before long be very anxious to have the work completed all the way to the river. On almost every occasion when the stream rises the water tear down through the bottoms, being given a great force by the clear stream above. Incalculable amounts of mud and rubbish is being lodged on the lands which must stand full force of the tide waters from above. Just how the sewer outfalls from Spencer will stand the freshets remains to be seen. The damage so far is to the individual land owners rather than to the town.

Spencer Council No. 74 Junior Order on Tuesday night took a very decided stand in favor of the proposed special school tax for this place. It is understood that a large per cent of the members will work for the proposed tax in the election on May 28, not as a political issue but as a strictly educational measure and in the best interests of the town.

While other towns near the Charlotte camp are receiving considerable notoriety, some quite undesirable, Spencer is congratulating herself upon getting by without being scored by the military police. The recent published reports of the Provost Guardsmen fail to incriminate Spencer and the officials here are now looking after their local fences. On Saturday night officers made two raids at well known places where it was said liquor might be found, and made a water haul. It is understood both places were bone dry, at least so far as the officers armed with search warrants could discover.

The Carmen's War Savings Society will meet at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. This is a society organized some few weeks ago which meets alternately in Spencer and Salisbury.

Mr. J. W. Ellis, a special representative of the Red Cross, of Atlanta, is in Spencer today with Mr. H. J. Kenel in the interest of the organization. They met with the shop committee at noon and arranged for the drive which the Red Cross expects to make. The measure will be handled in the shops by the same committee that so successfully manage the Third Liberty Loan.

W S S JOINT MEETING IN PROGRESS.

Methodist and Baptists Holding Interesting Series at North Main. The Methodists and Baptists are conducting an interesting series of Gospel meetings at the Baptist church just off North Main street.

The services are held each evening, the song service beginning at 8 o'clock. The preachers alternate, Rev. Brady, the Methodist, preaching one night and Rev. J. N. Brinkley, the Baptist, preaching the next. Mr. Brady preaches tonight.

All the services are held at the Baptist church and the Methodist hymn book is used.

Last night there was considerable interest manifested on the part of some of the congregation and there were several conversions.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

W S S TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 15.—The casualty list today contains 130 names divided as follows:

Killed in action 3; died of wounds 3; died of disease 5; died of accidents 1; died from other causes 7; wounded severely 8; wounded slightly 48; wounded 8; missing in action 39.

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