

MANY DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE OPENING IN CITY

Mission Workers Methodist Church of Western N. C. Conference Meeting Here.

About three hundred delegates are expected to arrive in Salisbury this morning for the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference which opens here formally this afternoon. Homes for the three hundred delegates have been provided.

The first public meeting of the conference will be held tonight at the Methodist church, hostess of the conference. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the executive committee of the conference this afternoon at four o'clock.

At the public meeting tonight, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, of Greensboro, president of the conference will deliver her annual address and Mrs. W. M. Hagood, of Charlotte, will speak on "A Backward Glance." The devotional exercises this evening at eight o'clock will be conducted by Rev. J. F. Kirk, pastor of the First Methodist church.

The meeting will continue thru Friday morning when a luncheon will be served at noon. Luncheon will be served at the church each day during the conference.

Wednesday afternoon a memorial service will be conducted and there will be reports from district secretaries. At 8 o'clock both on Wednesday and Thursday evening Miss Daisy Davis, of Atlanta, will speak. Thursday there will be further reports and an interesting feature will be the appearance of a Chinese girl who is attending the Greensboro college.

Special music is being arranged as a feature of the sessions. An interesting item of this part of the program will be the singing of the junior choir of First church where the sessions will be held.

The program of the conference bid fair to eclipse any meeting yet held by the society, and is a big event in the life of the conference. The conference was organized in Salisbury and has held several other important meetings here, and for that reason many leaders in the society are expected to attend the meeting here.

A number of important committees of the conference are expected to have interesting reports to make tomorrow when that end of the program is taken up. Among the reports to be made tomorrow are:

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, of Asheville; treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Peacock, of Salisbury; superintendent of mission study, Mrs. R. M. Courtney, of Thomasville; superintendent of social service, Mrs. F. L. Siler, of Franklin; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. J. N. Hauss, of Thomasville; distributor of literature, Mrs. W. C. Houston, of Concord; Advocate page, Mrs. W. R. Harris.

ELKS ANNUAL BARBECUE TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The annual spring barbecue by the Salisbury Elks will take place at the Country Club Thursday afternoon of this week, April 27, and to this outing all Elks in good standing and their families are invited and all who participated in the recent Elks minstrel will be specially invited guests. Following the barbecue, which begins promptly at 5:30, there will be a dance in the club house complimentary to the minstrel participants and Elks and the lady members of their families.

The committee having the affair in charge request that all Elks who have automobiles have them parked in front of the club rooms on S. Main street by 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon for the purpose of conveying the people to the Country Club grounds, as there are many who have no means of reaching there unless the Elks who have machines furnish them for this purpose.

B. B. MILLER CANDIDATE FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Former county judge, B. B. Miller, lawyer, farmer and cattle raiser, who has almost abandoned his profession in order to devote his entire time to his splendid farms and cattle industry in western Rowan, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the approaching primaries for a seat in the lower house of the next general assembly.

This makes two candidates out for the lower house, Walter Murphy, being the other, and one for state senator, Walter H. Woodson. Rowan is entitled to three representatives in the legislature and there are now enough candidates out to fill these places, but whether there will be others is not known at this time.

\$100,000 MISSING.



Maurice Byrnes, only 16, bank messenger, is charged by New York police with throwing \$100,000 into the East River, keeping only \$150.

SPENCER Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN NOW ON

Whole Community Helping to Increase its Membership to Carry On Good Work.

(By A. W. Hicks.)

Spencer, April 25.—The membership campaign of the Spencer Y. M. C. A. started up in full blast today, and a great deal of river "Blues" for the next few days.

The drive has been launched for a six months' membership, carrying a member through the summer months until November 1st for \$2.50. This makes it especially attractive for every body, and it is hoped that the workers will round up at least one thousand members by May 6th.

The local association, like many individuals as well as incorporations, has gone through a real crisis for the past year, and in order to put on a well rounded program, for the coming six months, that will appeal to the community, it will be necessary to have for a membership the individuals of the entire community.

Therefore, let the community band its self together in helping the association in its three fold purpose—mentally and physically.

The mission study class of the Young Peoples Missionary Society of Central church on Monday night had an enjoyable time at the home of Miss Mildred Godfrey on Carolina avenue when a score or more members were present. The business and devotional exercises were conducted by Misses Godfrey and Greta Lyerly following which an hour was devoted to playing games and partaking of delicious refreshments prepared by Mrs. Godfrey and others. The class will hold its next meeting May 15th with Miss Ruby Hicks one of the members.

Mrs. R. A. Eller, who was in Norfolk when her home on Salisbury avenue burned Sunday morning bringing a total loss for both home and furnishings, returned to Spencer Monday after receiving a message advising her of the fire. She states that the dwelling was insured for \$2,500 and the furniture for 1,000, though this will not cover the loss. Mrs. Eller is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Eller on Salisbury avenue. Mrs. Eller is very anxious to express her appreciation of the work of the Spencer and Salisbury firemen as well as to the neighbors who did all they could to save her home.

IRISH GENERAL IS SHOT BY MUTINEERS

Dublin, April 25.—Brigadier General Adamson commanding the Athlone brigade of the Irish republican army, was shot dead today near headquarters of the Republican forces in Athlone.

An official communique issued from headquarters of the regular army in the Beggard Bush barracks said:

"Brigadier General Adamson, of the Athlone brigade, is reported dead in Athlone. The general was returning to the barracks near the hotel where the munitions troops have headquarters. He was suddenly confronted by a group of armed men who ordered him to throw up his hands. The general being alone complied and while his arms were raised, the assailants deliberately fired into him. Several of the mutinous officers were arrested."

HARDING WANTS STRONG

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—President Harding would be glad to have Governor Strong of the New York federal reserve bank take part in an international conference of banks of issue, it was made known today at the White House.

\$30,000 DAMAGE BEGUN HERE TODAY

J. W. Smith, Albemarle, Seeks Large Sum in Federal Court As Result of Son's Death.

The second week of United States court, Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, presiding, was begun here this morning shortly before noon. The criminal docket, while not cleared, was dropped for this term with the closing of court Saturday afternoon after a number of cases had been disposed of during the day, the majority of these being for violation of the prohibition laws.

When court resumed this morning the case of J. W. Smith, of Albemarle, against the Southern Power Company, the town of Albemarle and Jethro Almond, was taken up. Mr. Smith as administrator of his son, James Smith, is seeking \$30,000 damages as a result of his son's death, which is alleged to have been caused by coming in contact with a high voltage wire. The young man met death in 1919 and the case was begun in the state courts but later found its way into the federal court. It is estimated by the attorneys, a half dozen or more in the case, that it will require at least three days to try it.

When court convened at 11 o'clock and the case was taken up it was decided that the services of a stenographer would be necessary and a recess was taken until arrangements could be made to secure one, and at that time the available stenographer in the minds of the attorneys was a young woman of Albemarle.

Young Smith, who met death by electrocution, was not employed with any of the parties who are defendants in the suit but it is said to have come in contact with a wire running to a business operated by Jethro Almond, the current being secured by the latter from the town of Albemarle, which takes power from the Southern Power Company and then distributes under contract between the town and users in Albemarle this power, consequently all three are made defendants in the case.

Judge Webb spent Sunday at his home in Shelby and got back here for business this morning. He believes himself that he made a record last week in disposing of cases that it will be hard to beat, even though he has a lifetime on the bench, or at least until he reaches the age of 70 years. He disposed of about 80 cases, the great majority of which resulted in fines or imprisonment or both.

TWO HOLDUP MEN GET \$150,000 IN JEWELRY

(By The Associated Press.)
Baltimore, April 25.—Two hold-up men stopped Max Berenstein, a jewelry broker, near his home in him down with a blow from a pistol but he snatched a case holding diamonds and jewelry, which Berenstein declared to be worth \$150,000, from his hand. The two men, unmasked, stepped into an automobile which was standing at the curb and drove away.

BOXER DIES AFTER BOUT.

New York, April 25.—Lewis Brody, a lightweight pugilist, died in a Brooklyn hospital early today after a blow from the hand of Frank Picher, another boxer, whom he met in the ring last week.

SEAPLANE WITH 6 PEOPLE MISSING

Commercial Seaplane Santa Maria Which Left Key West Monday Morning Not Heard From.

(By The Associated Press.)
Key West, Fla., April 25.—The commercial seaplane Santa Maria which left here Monday morning at 6:10 o'clock for Nassau with six people aboard, including one woman, has not arrived at her destination and naval seaplanes of the Atlantic squadron left here this morning in search for it.

On board the plane were pilots Music and Richardson, mechanic Roderick, Dr. Eugene Lowe, pharmacist Curry and a woman passenger from Havana, whose name has not been learned.

Officers of the Air Marine company said they hoped that owing to heavy winds the Santa Maria had been anchored at the shoals off Andros island. The Santa Maria was being prepared for a flight to New York and had considerable food and spare mechanical parts aboard.

LADY ASTOR'S IDEA OF PEARL OF PRICE

Unselfishness, Vision, Courage and Cleanliness Constitute Pearl of Great Price.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, April 25.—Lady Astor in a speech which was prepared today for the annual luncheon of the Associated Press at the Waldorf-Astoria defined as the pearl of great price that which she was striving to place in public life by entering politics, "what any man gets from his mother and most men get from their wives if they choose wisely—unselfishness, vision, courage and cleanliness." But, said the first woman to be seated in the British house of commons, to turn to practical politics what the world now needs most in a practical way was work and trade was the most practical way to start work. "Establish confidence," she urged, "first confidence between capital and labor and then confidence in your own government and then confidence in other nations."

There, she continued, was where the press came in. "It is for the press to unite countries in trade, prosperity and peace. . . . I know many American foreign correspondents. . . . They are mostly able men and a credit of the American press. They are trustworthy. That is the opinion formed by people who know them in England. "If the press wants to unite countries it can; if it wants to disunite them it can."

"America wants peace. America started the league of nations. All Europe looks to America. Not for large armies; not even for food, but for a great moral lead."

BOY OF 12 SHAMES CUMBERLAND FLAPPERS IN BISCUIT CONTEST

(By The Associated Press.)
Fayetteville, April 12.—Cumberland county flappers who have been wont to defend their reputations as cooks and housekeepers have suffered a terrible defeat.

Ervin Ellis, twelve year old boy, a student at the riverside school in Flea Hill township, not only won first place in his township in the county-wide biscuit baking contest, but also carried off the honors in the county, it was announced today. Girls won first and second place in the county-wide contest.

CLIMBS INTO BABE RUTH'S EXCLUSIVE HALL OF B. B. FAME

(By The Associated Press.)
New York, April 25.—Kenneth Williams, slugging left fielder of the St. Louis Browns, carved his niche in Babe Ruth's hitherto exclusive hall of fame yesterday when he clouted out his fifth home run in three days, and tied the record made by the Babe last year.

Williams hit three home runs Saturday and one each Sunday and Monday.

AGENT DISMISSED BY DEPARTMENT JUSTICE

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—By direction of the attorney general W. C. Watts, special agent of the department of justice, was removed today for "disloyalty to the department" after the admission that he had furnished to Representative Johnson, Republican, South Dakota, certain information on which Mr. Johnson based an attack on the department in a recent speech in the house.

The order for removal was signed by Assistant Attorney General Holland and was made public by the department.

In his letter to Mr. Watts Mr. Holland said the step was taken "inasmuch as you have knowingly and willfully violated the rules of the department which, as you must be aware, constituted a breach of trust."

U. S. COULD HAVE PREVENTED WAR

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—The United States "with adequate military preparation and under strong leadership" could have prevented the occurrence of the world war, General John J. Pershing declared in testifying before the senate military committee today in behalf of the war department's plea for an increase in the military establishment over that proposed by the house.

Failure to recognize the existence of "envy, jealousy and hatred" among nations as among individuals sent the United States unprepared into a great crisis and caused "unnecessary loss of life and left us staggering under financial burdens," asserted General Pershing.

COTTON MARKET

Interest On May Positions.
New York, April 25.—Interest centered on May positions at the opening of the cotton market here today. Notices representing about 65,000 bales were issued but there was buying against trade call and covering by shorts which sent May prices up to 18.12 at the opening of 13 points net higher and 40 points above July. The general market opened steady at an advance of 13 points and showed net losses of 5 to 6 points from yesterday's close with May selling at 17.93 and October at 17.60.

Opening Steady
New York, April 25.—Cotton futures opened steady.
May 18.07
July 17.88
October 17.70
December 17.70
January 17.65
March 17.65

Concord Market
Concord, April 25.—Cotton sold for 16.50 on the local market.

BALDY OF NOME DIES!

Only a Dog, Yet World Will Mourn Him

(By Gene Cohn.)
Berkeley, Cal., April 25.—Baldy of Nome has crossed trail's end, but he has left behind a sermon for men to read and heed; he has left an epic of dogdom.

In the Northland code of Baldy and his clan were written large these traits: stalwart courage, unswerving purpose, eternal faithfulness and pride of clan.

His code knew no defeat but death, and so the most famous of Alaskan sled dogs is finally beaten. They have buried him under a rose bush in the yard of his sled driver, "Scotty" Allen. Over the little mound of freshly turned earth they have hung Baldy's service flag with its 26 stars; a star for each of the shaggy sons he sent to the great war.

Only a dog—yet the news that he has gone on his last mush has traveled from the white silence of the Arctic, that once was his home, to the Swiss Alps, where the survivors of his line live on pension of the French government.

Baldy's Exploits.
Only a dog—yet when his driver fell in Alaskan snows during a race he had the heart and brains to stop-swerve in his track and lift to the sled the injured man.

No other dog has ever been able to lead his team in seven successive races across the 418-mile course of the Alaska sweepstakes.

The maltreated puppy pet of a small boy, he was sold into the dog racing stables of Darling & Allen, once of Nome, to become the greatest sled dog of all time.

After his victories his owners brought him here. His fame traveled and when the war came Lieut. Rene Haas of the French army traveled 10,000 miles to get for war service sons of Baldy's line.

From the Alps came some months later the story of how a dog team, after climbing precipitous mountains without a driver, came into camp without a driver. A German bullet had found the soldier. But the dog leader knew that it was his duty to carry on and reach the isolated regiment. Where did they find such a dog? A son of Baldy of Nome, of course!

It was Baldy that Jack London used as the composite type of his dog heroes, and one day a tombstone is to be placed over Baldy's grave and on it will be inscribed these lines from a poem written to him by Esther Birdsall Darling:



MAY REJECT ALL PROPOSALS FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—Consideration by the house military committee in executive session of the various proposed offers for the government projects at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, has reached a stage, it was said today on good authority, where it appears probable that none of the offers will be recommended to the house in its present form for acceptance.

GOVERNMENT NOW SEEKING PLAN TO END COAL STRIKE

However, it Does Not Contemplate Federal Supervision—May Be Permanent Solution.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—The government is working on a plan looking to the ending of the coal strike which it will submit soon to the operators and union leaders, it was said at the White House today. Details of the plans have not been disclosed but it was said these do not include federal supervision of the coal industry.

The plans, which are now receiving the attention of President Harding and his advisors, were said to contemplate a permanent solution, in possible, of the basic problem of the industry. Presentation of the plan, it was indicated, would be made when a favorable opportunity presented itself.

Making Separate Agreements
Springfield, Ill., April 25.—Negotiations of separate state wage agreements by striking coal miners in Kentucky and Tennessee was announced today by Frank Farrington, Illinois president of the United Mine Workers. Separate wage agreements by locals in Illinois were imminent, he added. In Alabama, he said, state union officers have instructed their members to continue at work.

Miners Become Impatient
New York, April 25.—Authentic miners officials returned to New York today to resume their conferences with the operators in an effort to end the strike and declared they would add another demand to the 19 already submitted—a demand for more speed in the negotiations of the sub-committee on wage contracts. The 152,000 idle men in the anthracite regions are clearly tired of their vacation and are becoming impatient over a delay in settlement of the strike.

Peru, with 44,000,000 inhabitants has 3000 automobiles.
United States exported 171,000 automobiles last year.
New York traffic court collected \$4800 in traffic fines in one day.
Ninety bus lines in Maryland have an average of three vehicles each.

UNIFORM LAW FOR HEADLIGHTS

Light Engineers Co-operate With the United States Experts.

Washington, April 25.—The headlight evil is going to be corrected if it takes the government and all state and local authorities to do it.

That is the assurance given out by experts of the United States Bureau of Standards who are co-operating with a special committee on motor vehicle lighting of the American Illuminating Engineering Society.

Automobile manufacturers, too, are interested in regulations concerning headlights and have offered to aid the Bureau of Standards and legal authorities in their work.

Standard Lights
What the authorities are especially desirous of accomplishing is the creation of recognized standards for automobile headlights and the formulation of a uniform headlight law through the country.

An agreement has already been reached on the kind of light required and the limits for controlling glaring lights. The establishment of headlight adjusting stations in garages, according to the Bureau of Standards, has been a desirable step toward uniformity in automobile lighting.

Bureau of Standards experts have been swamped with offers of help from all over the country. An informal organization of state authorities, representing all of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, has been formed.

First Step Made
Their main purpose is to establish a uniform headlight law among their own states and to urge the same law upon other states until the whole country is covered. Their is the first step toward federalization of a uniform headlight law.

Uniform laws alone, however, could not abolish the headlight evil, say the men studying the situation here. Besides such laws there should be a uniform procedure in enforcing these laws and, especially, an extensive campaign of education for enforcement officers, garage men and automobile drivers.

The committee of illuminating engineers and all automobile experts interested are working together for a plan of action that will include these essentials.

WOULD RESTORE DUTY IMPOSED ON SHINGLES

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—Restoration in the house tariff bill of the duty of fifty cents per thousand on shingles was asked of the senate finance committee today by the twenty-five senators of the Republican agricultural bloc. Shingles are now on the free list.

At the same time the bloc presented a request for increases in rates on a number of agricultural products over the figures fixed in the administration bill. It is the desire of the bloc to have the proposed advance in rates offered in the senate as committee amendments but if they fail to obtain committee approval the members said the fight would be made for them on the floor of the senate.

BALTIMORE NURSE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

(By The Associated Press.)
Montreal, Va., April 25.—Miss Sarah E. Knox, Baltimore nurse, entered a plea of not guilty at the beginning of her trial here today for the murder on Mrs. Margaret Eastlake. Cool, self-possessed and neatly attired in a fashionable blue tailored suit Miss Knox answered "not guilty" in a clear firm voice when she was ordered to plead.

The examination of evidence was begun after Miss Knox's plea was heard and at noon nine jurors had been selected.

Montreal, Va., April 25.—Miss Sarah E. Knox, Baltimore-trained nurse, went on trial in Westmoreland county circuit court here today on a charge of having murdered Mrs. Margaret Eastlake at Colonial Beach last September. The selection of a jury is expected to take up at least the entire first day of the trial.

Among those expected to take up at least the entire first day of the trial.

Among those expected to testify at the trial is Roger D. Eastlake, naval petty officer and husband of the dead woman, who was indicted jointly with Miss Knox for the murder, but was acquitted at a separate trial here last December.

ZBYSKO-LEWIS IN TITLE BOUT TONIGHT

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, victorious in more than one thousand wrestling matches and loser in only two, will have a chance here tonight to win the championship claim he relinquished to Strangler Lewis. Lewis and the aged Pole will wrestle to a finish tonight, two falls out of three.

Avoid over-lubrication.
New type of muffler developed by the navy for motorboat engines may be applied to automobiles.
Annual cost of operating motor vehicles in the United States is estimated at \$4,967,800,000.

GENOA PARLEY IS HEADED FOR ROCKS AGAIN; NEW CRISIS

French Delegation Has Threatened to Withdraw—To Insist Upon Terms of Poincare.

(By The Associated Press.)
Genoa, April 25.—The Genoa conference is headed toward the rocks again.

Whether it can be kept from wreckage depends upon the possibility of adjustment of the new demands of the Russian soviet delegation with the position of the allied governments who declare they will steadfastly stand for the resolution in Cannes where the conference was founded.

The situation was made more critical by the French premier's frank argument in his address at Bar la Duc yesterday that France would withdraw from the conference if she was unable to see that the ideas expressed by the French cabinet before parliament triumphed.

These French demands include maintenance of war reparations figures, disarmament from all disarmament discussion and no change at Genoa of existing treaties. In addition France insists on rigid adherence to the Cannes resolution which calls for payment of the Russian pre-war debt and restitution by the Soviet of foreign-owned property in Russia. The conference experts on the Russian question broke up yesterday and adjourned sine die because the experts representing the powers found Russia's new set of proposals absolutely in contradiction with the Soviet note accepting the allied terms as based on future de-liberations.

Poincare Creates Consternation.
London, April 25.—There is reliable information declares a Central News dispatch from Genoa that M. Barthou, of the French delegation, received a telegram today instructing him to insist at the conference upon the terms outlined in Premier Poincare's speech on Monday.

The French delegation, says the message, has decided it will press for a 48 hour ultimatum to Russia or else break from the conference altogether. Premier Poincare's speech created great consternation in conference circles, it added.

Russians Blame Allies.
Genoa, April 25.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, of soviet Russia, declared today to the Associated Press that the allied resistance to the Russian principle of nationalization was blocking the economic conference.

"It is obvious," he said, "that the only serious obstacle to peace with Russia and the general reconstruction of Europe was the pretensions of a few former owners of property in Russia."