

METHODIST CONFERENCE, NOW THOROUGHLY ORGANIZED, PUTS IN DAY OF STRENUOUS WORK

To Raise Endowment of Greensboro Female College to \$100,000.

MEMOIRS OF LATE MEMBERS ARE READ

The Evening Session Was Given Over to Sunday School Anniversary.

(By Rev. N. R. Richardson, Pastor the Spring Garden Church, Greensboro.)

Organization perfected and everything in good running order, the second day of the Western North Carolina Methodist church saw business transacted at a rapid rate yesterday and the close of the business session found affairs of the conference in an entirely satisfactory shape.

At the morning session, the members decided that they would individually take upon themselves the responsibility of raising the endowment of the Greensboro Female college to \$100,000 and sign notes pledging their personal responsibility for the amount required to bring the endowment up to this amount.

The institution is at present endowed at a little under \$85,000. This will make the college the only one owned by the church with such an endowment.

A proposition that the conference buy the minority stock of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, which is now owned by individuals, and offered to the conference at par. The resolutions, which were presented by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, were referred to the committee on books and periodicals.

At eleven o'clock memorial services were held and memoirs of the preachers and preachers' wives who have died during the past year were read.

The evening session was a Sunday school anniversary. The meeting was presided over by Rev. M. A. Smith, president of the Sunday school board.

Dr. L. L. Nash, of the North Carolina conference, spoke on "The Great Commission."

The devotional service of the second day of the conference was conducted by Dr. Frank H. Wood at 9:15 yesterday morning.

After the roll call and the reading of the minutes of Wednesday's session, without any delay, Bishop Atkins proceeded with the conference business.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine offered a resolution that the conference purchase the entire stock of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, the majority of the stock now being held by the conference.

The minority of stock is now offered to the conference at par. The paper contained a proposed charter for incorporation by the next general assembly. The resolutions were referred to the committee on books and periodicals.

Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of The Advocate, offered his report, which was read by the secretary. This report showed the paper to be on a safe and substantial basis. This organ of the conference is one of the most important interests the church has.

Rev. E. L. Bain submitted report No. 1 from the board of education, which report submits a plan for the completion of the \$100,000 endowment of the college.

The individual members of the conference were to sign the note for some \$7,000 or more.

The discussion was engaged in by Mr. Curtis Dr. Dettler, A. W. Pyle, Dr. Turrentine, C. H. DeLand, J. A. Odell, J. E. Gay and Dr. D. Atkins. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The North Carolina conference meets in December and if they adopt a like resolution, subscribing to the same amount that will complete the endowment of \$100,000.

That will be a glad day for North Carolina Methodists—both conference owning the college. The report from Bryant institute was submitted and referred to the board of education.

The class of the second year was called, and E. M. Averil, J. S. Hyatt

SHERIFFS TELL OF LAMPHERE'S DAMAGING TALK

Amounting to Partial Confession of Setting Fire to Guinness House.

MARR ARRESTED RAY LAMPHERE

Testifies That Lamphere Said He Was Afraid of Mrs. Guinness.

(By Associated Press.)

LAPORTE, Ind., Nov. 19.—That Ray Lamphere made damaging admissions amounting to a partial confession of setting fire to the home of Mrs. Belle Guinness on the morning of April 29, was testified to today in the Laporte circuit court by Deputies Sheriff Ansties and Deputy Sheriff Shurr, in the trial of Lamphere for the alleged murder of Mrs. Guinness and her children.

Deputy Sheriff Ansties had not concluded his testimony when court adjourned. Deputy Sheriff Leroy Marr testified that on the evening of April 29, he went to the home of John Wheatbrook to arrest Ray Lamphere. Just as Marr entered the gate, Lamphere came out of the door. Marr testified that he said: "Ray, get on your coat and go down town with me." Lamphere's reply was: "Did those three children and that woman get out of the building?"

Marr asked: "What building?" Lamphere answered: "That building near town."

Lamphere wanted to inform Mr. Wheatbrook, who was in a field, of his arrest, and so Marr accompanied him. In the way Marr asked him where he was when he saw the fire. Lamphere replied: "When I got along by the house the smoke was coming out of the windows and around the roof."

Marr said that he asked Lamphere if he saw anybody around the place and he said: "No."

On the way in the automobile, Lamphere asked: "Did you think I meant the Guinness road? I mean the other road, past the city park?"

Lamphere replied: "The witness testified that Lamphere said on another occasion that after he had been discharged by Mrs. Guinness she wanted him to return to work but he was afraid."

The witness testified to having had several conversations with Lamphere after his arrest.

Ansties said: "Lamphere told me that he stayed all night at Lebbe Smith's, and set the alarm for 2 o'clock in the morning. He got up at that time and a little later he started in crossing the Lake Shore tracks by saying to some woman and child coming and so he got behind the power for he did not want any body to see him crossing from Mrs. Guinness' house."

He said he went out Park street, across the Lake Erie tracks past the graveyard and then to John Ross' house.

"I asked him about the Houghton matter," said the witness, "and he said he was in Michigan City all night, but when I told him that John Ross had told me that he had come back with him on the car he did not deny it."

"When you saw Mrs. Guinness falling into the water, why didn't you tell Smith?" he said. "I don't want to talk about it."

"You won't deny it," said Ansties, and he replied: "No, sir."

"When I told him about the Guinness case he said he would plead guilty of arson if it were not for his poor mother," concluded the deputy sheriff.

PLANNING COTTON ORGANIZATION

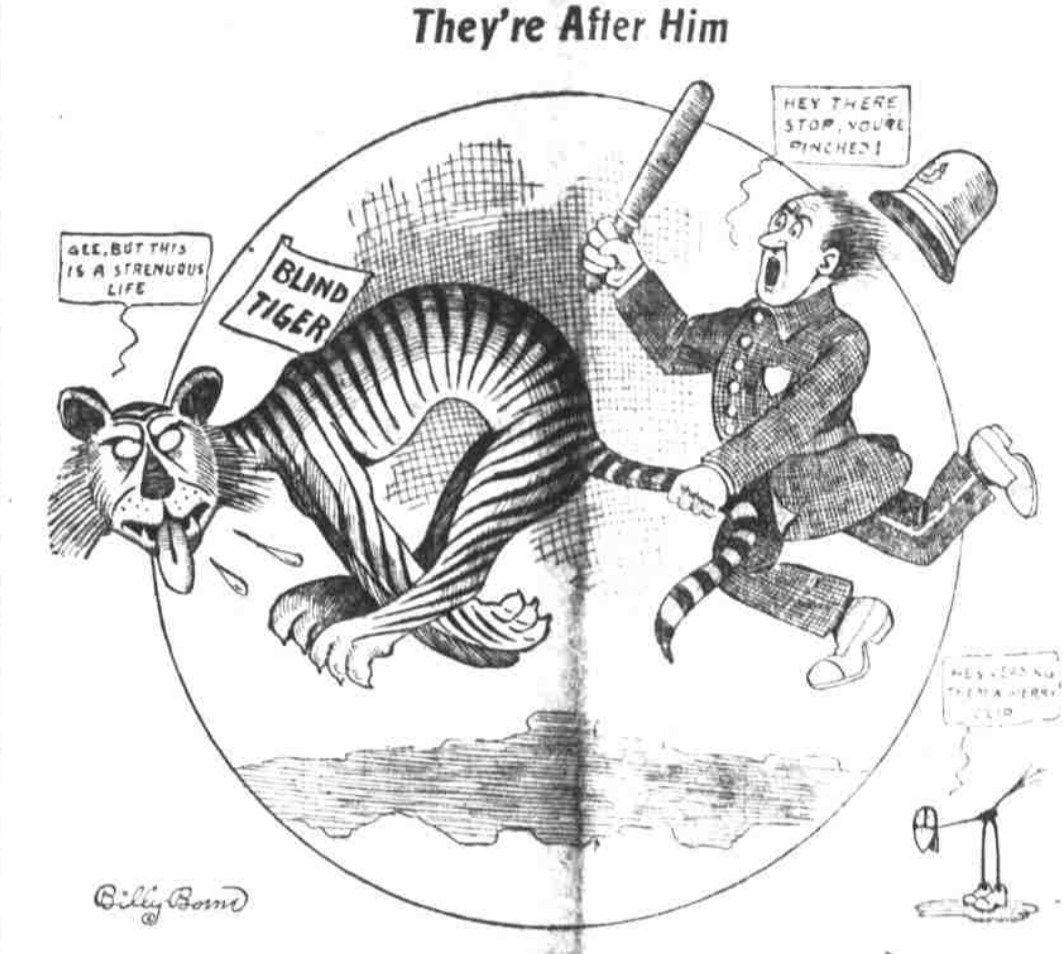
(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 19.—In accordance with the terms of a resolution adopted at the Memphis Cotton Congress last week, Harry Jordan today issued a call for the committee charged with preparing plans for the organization of the National Cotton Association to meet at Jackson, Miss., November 27.

York, but the balloon was driven southwest by the winds and as it was daylight he landed.

Pilot Albert Lambert and Captain H. E. Honeswell had announced their intention to try for the Felix cup, the trophy given for long distance in America. They were unsuccessful, however, the record of Captain H. D. Forest Chandler, of 799 miles, not being approached.

The Yankee covered about 275 miles.



MRS. BAKER EDWARDS, NEE EASTMAN, FULLY VINDICATED IN OPEN COURT

Charges Against Herself and Husband are Characterized as "Unfounded, Frivolous and Malicious"—No Semblance of Fact Discerned by the Justice in the Mass of Gossip Presented as Evidence.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

PLEASANTON, N. C., Nov. 19.—Mrs. Baker Edwards and Lawyers Rhyne and Statton drove from Hendersonville, Attorney Michael Shenck, for the defense, came on horseback from the latter place, and the divers witnesses and spectators from all around Buck Shoals came in buggies or on foot, so that there was a medley of people at the house.

When the court was ready to begin Mr. Shenck asked that the witnesses be separated, and this was agreed to by Mr. Statton for Mr. McLee, but when the question arose as to whether Echols McLee could remain in the room while the witnesses testified, his counsel said he was a party to the suit, as a motion had been made by the other side to mark him as prosecutor, while this was combated by the Edwards counsel, it was finally agreed that Echols McLee should testify first, so that he could then remain to advise with his counsel. At once, however, Echols insisted that Julius Adams leave the room, because he was to be used to confront the witness. Mr. Adams rose and said that it was his duty to testify in the case as a citizen, and that there might be no impediment he would withdraw as counsel and renounce all fees in the case. Then Echols McLee proceeded with his evidence against the defendants, Mrs. Edwards now and then gasping with astonishment. He was followed by the negro maid, Mattie Tally, who told of serving coffee to Mrs. Eastman when the bell rang in the morning.

Otis Powers, who served an execution on Mrs. Edwards some time ago, testified that Mrs. Eastman said that her brother was in the house, but it was Edwards' house. W. R. Frady, an old man who lives on Buck Shoals, told of seeing Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Eastman walking near the river at nightfall.

Cross-Examination. Echols McLee was subjected to a most stringent cross-examination by Judge Jones. He said that he came from Birmingham to see his father at Buck Shoals, and it was while his father was gone that Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Eastman arrived. He declared that he had nothing against Mrs. Eastman, but was "very fond of her," and had taken out the warrant in the interest of the state of North Carolina and the general community. With all the whole scale of sarcasm, asking witness what manner of friendship for a person it was which caused her arrest for a felony.

Mr. McLee was generally composed and calmly denied that he was wanted in Birmingham to answer for false pretenses or that he had been arrested there. He said that he held \$1,500 mortgage against Mrs. Eastman, given by her to secure a judgment taken against her in New York. He said that Colonel McLee had urged him to withdraw the warrant and that he would have done so if the colonel had not lost his temper.

Mattie Tally, a young colored woman who was present with her husband, kept her wits under a rapid fire examination from Mr. Shenck pretty well. She said that she had been paid by Colonel McLee for her services at the house and recently when Mrs. Edwards had told her to leave he had paid her wages in full, \$40. She told of loaning \$2 to Frank McLee at one time.

Defendants Testify. Each defendant went on the stand and denied improper conduct. Mrs. Edwards told of her meeting Edwards at the Hotel Berkeley at Asheville in August, her subsequent engagement to him and how it was he had stood at Buck Shoals because Echols McLee was there and refused to leave when she requested, saying his father told him to stay there. She said the serving of coffee was a custom in the Harrison family, which was furnished

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FAST TIME ON SAVANNAH TRACK

De Palma in a Fiat Makes Lap in 21.28, Eleven Cars in Practice.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 19.—Eleven of the 17 light cars that are to participate in the race on November 29, were on the course today. Their drivers let them out over the ten mile course. They are to run, and some good time was made. Robert Burman, despite his accident of yesterday, when his car was wrecked and his arm injured, was among those who practiced. He was running another Fiat.

Two of the Grand Prix race drivers appeared on the course this evening for the first time. They were Michael, driving a Ford, and Willie Haupt, driving the Chadwick car that led the recent Vanderbilt race for six laps. Len Zengle made a decided decrease in his time, bringing it down to 23.66.

The fastest lap of the day's practice was shown by DePalma in a Fiat. It was made in 21.28.

COMMISSIONERS MEET. An adjourned meeting of the county board of commissioners will be held this morning to wind up its connection with the county's affairs. This will be the last meeting of the present board. The next board will hold its first meeting on the first Monday of December.

BIG TOBACCO DEAL CLOSED

Involves Nearly 80,000,000 Pounds of Tobacco Held in Pool.

(By Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 19.—The big deal between the American Tobacco Company and the British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. in 1907 and part of the 1908 crop of tobacco, which has been hanging fire for several weeks, was today closed. The price agreed upon in the transaction, said to be the highest of its kind ever put through, is an average of 20 1/2 cents per pound for the crop and 1 1/2 cents per pound for the 1907 product.

The deal involves nearly 80,000,000 pounds of tobacco held in the pool by the British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. and the American Tobacco Company.

The tobacco deal was sold included the larger part of the holdings of the British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. in 1907 and 1908, which pooled the crops in 1907 and 1908. There was no crop raised by the members of the association in 1908, though a number of independent growers raised crops in Kentucky under guard. The sale of the pooled crop is believed to mark the end of night riding in the east and eastern Kentucky, as it is thought with these crops out of the way practically all the growers will raise tobacco next year. The sale has nothing to do with the black coffee crop of Southern Kentucky and northwest Tennessee.

J.D. ROCKEFELLER GIVES VALUABLE TESTIMONY IN OIL COMPANY HEARING

Tells Story of First Score of Years in Annual Development of Company.

THE BARBAROUS ETIQUETTE OF CHINESE COURT

Accurate Information Concerning Last Days of Emperor and Dowager.

AWAITED DEATH IN OFFICIAL ROBES

Fifty Years of Sorrow and no Respite at Dying Day, Said Dowager.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, Nov. 19.—Prince China, president of the board of foreign affairs, has forwarded direct to President Roosevelt a personal letter in the name of Pu Yi, the infant emperor of China, setting forth the crisis through which the throne has passed during the last week. Similar letters have been sent to all the other powers friendly to China, appealing for sympathy for and understanding of the new rulers of China.

The prodigies are still quiet and the governmental machinery continues to work well. An edict ordering posthumous honors for the late dowager empress was issued today, and it enumerates for the fourth time since the death of her majesty the program of reforms to which the new regime is committed. Another edict that was issued in the name of the late dowager empress says in part:

"My attention has been given to a myriad of affairs, and my strength and my heart are exhausted. Since last summer I have been ill and not able to assist in the multitudinous affairs of the government with tranquility. For long I have been without appetite, nor have I been able to sleep. On November 14 came the sorrow of the death of the emperor, and it was then impossible for me to exercise self-control. Following this day my illness increased, until now I am not able to rise from my couch."

"I look back today over my fifty years of sorrow and trouble, and even at the end of my life my anxieties still are with me and I can find no respite."

"Reform in the method of government has begun, and these ideas will be continued and developed. The agent and all other officials should exert themselves to strengthen the foundations of the empire. Let the Emperor Pu Yi make the affairs of the empire of the first importance, and to this end let him be adequately instructed."

Forbidden City Crowded. The Forbidden City is crowded all day long with officials of large degree and throngs of mourners. Accurate information concerning the last days of the emperor and the dowager empress was obtained today from officials of the palace. The symptoms of the emperor indicate that death resulted from neurasthenia and cardiac weakness, together with other complications. The emperor's native physicians had been temporarily dismissed under the impression that he might live for some time. There was a sudden turn for the worse, however, and they were quickly recalled. They at once gave orders, in accordance with a custom of the imperial family, that the emperor be dressed for death and that imperial yellow clay be spread over the road leading from the winter palace to the Forbidden City.

The last illness of the dowager empress dated from November 1. On this day the court was terrified by an outbreak of uncontrolled temper from her majesty. On the 12th of November she suffered a paralytic stroke, on November 13 Prince China returned from her mansion in the

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CAMPAIGN BEGUN TO ADVANCE INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION IN SOUTH

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 19.—Of significance to the entire south is the second annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, which began here tonight with a banquet in the Hotel Promontory. Industrial education for the south, more factories, more skilled labor and in consequence more wealth producers, was the keynote of many of the speeches tonight.

The material and moral benefits which the entire United States can derive from an improvement in its industrial educational system was also brought into sharp relief. Of particular interest along this line was the speech of Elmer Ellsworth Brown, United States commissioner of education.

A feature of the convention is the industrial trade school exhibition. It consists of many large photographs of shops in operation, specimens of tools and patterns and other materials.

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