

MR. W. C. DOWD AND J. H. TUCKER CHOSEN BY THE CONVENTION

Baptists at State Convention Elect President And Vice President

STATE MEETING HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Goldsboro Delivers The Annual Convention Sermon

WADESBORO, Dec. 7.—After a close and exciting contest, W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, was elected president of the convention at tonight's session of the Baptist state convention.

The pastors' conference today was featured by the splendid sermons of the Rev. Bayliss Cade, of Cleveland county, and the Rev. Dr. R. R. Doan, of Hendersonville. Tonight's session was the opening of the convention proper which has an attendance of nearly 600.

MESSAGE MAPS OUT PRESIDENT TAFT'S PROGRAM

No Further Tinkering With Tariff at Present; Calls Attention to Nicaraguan Trouble—Advises Law Against Injunctions.

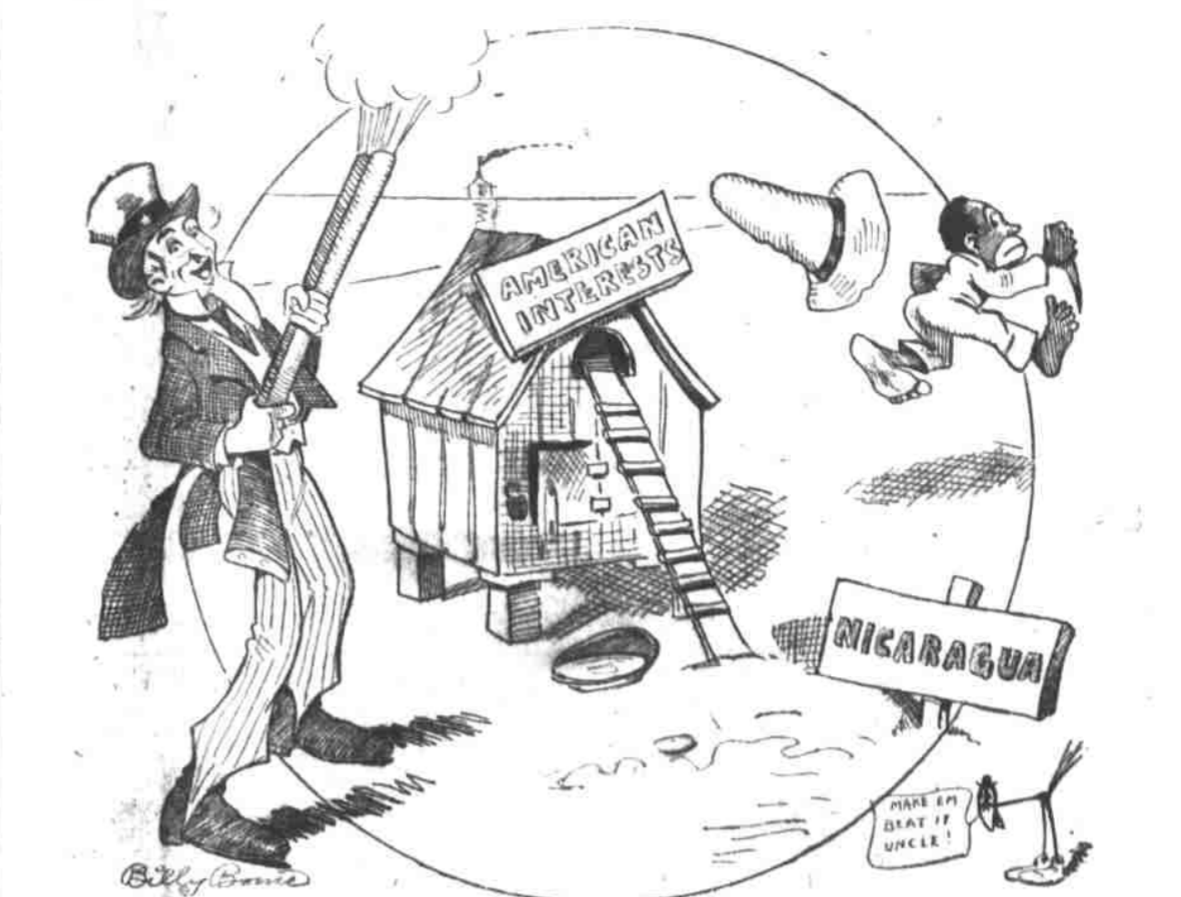
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—In his annual message, read to congress, President Taft said: To the senate and the house of representatives: The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of amity and good understanding and are very generally satisfactory.

The American rights (in the fisheries on the north Atlantic coast under the fisheries article of the treaty of 1818 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly seventy years. The interests involved are of great importance to the American fishing industry, and the final settlement of the controversy (by the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague) will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint.

Latin America. One of the happiest events in recent pan-American diplomacy was the pacific, independent settlement by the governments of Bolivia and Peru of

a boundary difference between them, which for some weeks threatened to cause war and even to entrain limitations affecting other republics less directly concerned. Our Citizens Abroad. This administration, through the department of state and the foreign service, is lending all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enterprises in foreign countries.

The Monroe Doctrine. The pan-American policy of this government has long been fixed in its principles and remains unchangeable. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south of us, most of which have great natural resources, stable government and progressive ideas, the apprehension which gave rise to the Monroe doctrine may be said to have nearly disappeared, and neither the doctrine as it exists nor any other doctrine of American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.



Uncle Sam—"By Jingo If These Fellows Don't Behave I'll Start A Little War Myself."

SENATOR ROOT REVEALED STATE SECRETS OF SECRETARY M'VEAGH

As Pro. Tem. President of Senate Turned His Report Loose on Inoffensive Public Prematurely. Tried Hard to Recall Release of Story When Too Late

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Senator Root, of New York, presiding in the senate today in the temporary absence of Vice-President Sherman, created all unknown to him at the time, a sensation among the newspaper men whose effects were even international. Copies of the annual report of the secretary of the treasury were in the hands of the newspapers throughout the country and in Europe, to be held in confidence for publication tomorrow afternoon.

was realized; upon the secretary's insistence an effort was made to recall the release, but he soon came to appreciate that the mischief was in fact irreparable and consented to waive the technicality and the release was confirmed. An amusing feature of the mix-up lies in the fact that the report should not have been handed down in the senate at all, since in accordance with law it is addressed only to the speaker of the house of representatives.

At the same time, Mr. McVeagh says it is desirable to complete the legislation respecting the new Panama bonds to make them available so as to begin the settlement of the indebtedness of the general fund of the treasury of the Panama canal. He suggests that if the sale of any of these bonds should produce more cash than the treasury balance needs, some of the two per cents might be bought in the market for the sinking fund, thus keeping the market price of the latter class above par.

OBERRAMMERSAU PREPARES FOR PRODUCTION OF ITS FAMOUS PASSION PLAY

Decennial Fulfillment of Vow Will Attract Its Thousands Next May

LANG THE CHRISTUS

ANTWERP, Dec. 7.—Great preparations are being made in the little mountain-hidden village of Ober Ammergau, Bavaria, for the production of the Passion Play beginning in May and continuing until the middle of September next year. Many improvements have already been made. Three of the streets leading to the great auditorium have been widened as has also the plaza in front of the ticket office.

ATLANTA WOMAN ADMITS SHE IS AN AGENT FOR THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Asks Chief of Police to Head off Two Girls She Is Sending to Ohio

FEIGNS REPENTANCE

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7.—Miss Evans, a strikingly handsome Atlanta woman, confessed to the police this afternoon that she was an agent in the white slave trade, and asked the officers to detain two young women who were to leave for Columbus, Ohio, this evening. The police found the young girls at the station, waiting for Miss Evans. The latter had two tickets to Columbus, which she said had been sent to her for the girls' use by the keeper of a disorderly house there.

RECORD RACE ACROSS CONTINENT TO REACH DYING BROTHER'S BED

Millionaire Newhouse of Salt Lake Breaks N. Y. Central Records East

DELAYED HALF HOUR

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—All east-bound records between New York and Chicago on the New York Central railroad for trains carrying passengers were broken today by the special carrying Samuel Newhouse of Salt Lake City here in his hurried trip to catch a steamer for Europe, where his brother is dying. Approximately the train traveled the distance in 17 hours and 30 minutes as against 18 hours, which the Twentieth Century Limited makes the fastest time on record east-bound between the two principals. This record was made by the Newhouse special in spite of the fact that it lost forty-eight minutes by the disintegration of an engine at Hudson, N. Y. Had this mishap not occurred the train probably would have made the run in approximately 16 or 15 minutes under 17 hours.

BRIDE OF A FEW WEEKS TRIES LAUDANUM ROUTE

Because Husband Ceased to Love Her Tried to Die and Did Not Succeed

S. A. I. MORTGAGE FILED

MARION, N. C., Dec. 7.—Declaring that her husband had ceased to love her, Mrs. Charles M. Hawkins, a pretty eighteen-year-old bride of a few weeks, attempted to commit suicide Monday night about a o'clock by drinking the contents of a four-ounce bottle of laudanum. Her husband, however, noticed the woman turn and drink a bottle of something and suspecting something was wrong entered the house. She told him that she had drunk laudanum because her husband did not love her. A physician was summoned and her life saved. The girl was formerly Fannie Yeats, of Danville, Va. A few weeks ago she ran away and married Charles M. Hawkins, a government distillery employee of Richmond, Va.

SNOW STORM FOLLOWS ON HEELS OF RAIN STORM

Middle West Shivering in Cold and First Heavy fall of Winter Snows

COLD ON LAKES

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Blinding clouds of snow accompanied by lower temperature and a thirty-five mile an hour wind swept over Chicago and the surrounding territory today, bringing death to three persons. One of the victims, a laborer, was found dead from cold and exposure. The other two were railroad switchmen, who blinded by snow, were run over by an engine. CHERRY SUFFERING. CHERRY, Ill., Dec. 7.—A driving snow storm and bitter cold weather today added to the suffering of the women and children of Cherry who had husband and father in the recent mine holocaust. Many appeals for heavy clothing were received at the relief commission.

NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN SOLD UNDER THE HAMMER

Is Bought in by Representatives of the Reorganization Committee

FREEZING IN SNOW

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 7.—The Norfolk and Southern property was late today bid in by the reorganization committee for eight million five hundred thousand dollars. R. T. Thorpe, representing Philadelphia interests, started the sale at seven million five hundred thousand and carried it up to seven million, eight hundred thousand. Rathbone Gardner, of New York, then bid eight million five hundred thousand and the property was knocked down to him in the name of the Norfolk and Southern reorganization committee. The Norfolk and Southern railway once owned by the Vand-stocks was long known on the stock market when it was the old Norfolk and Southern Railroad company as a "down South nugget." It was sold by decree of the Federal court in the receivership proceedings that have been pending since July 1, 1908. The Norfolk and Southern system now comprises upwards of six hundred miles of trackage traversing eastern North Carolina. The last decade has seen several changes of management by reason of new ownerships, but with it all the road has prospered and the present receivers will deliver the property to the purchasers in better condition and with a finer prospect than it has ever known before. The special commissioners who sold the property were Harry W. Wolcott and Edward R. Baird, Jr., of Norfolk, former Governor T. J. Jarvis, of North Carolina, and Frederick Hopf, of New York. The Norfolk and Southern has been in the hands of receivers since July 1, 1908. DRYS WIN. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 7.—In a local option election here today the drys won by an overwhelming vote, their majority being 180. Two years ago out of 833 votes cast there was a dry majority of only forty. Today a total vote of 762 was cast.

BANKER'S ESTATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The estate of Robert Henry Linn, late president of the American National bank, who was drowned Saturday while duck hunting near Havre de Grace, Md., is valued at about \$150,000. Of this amount \$30,000 is in life insurance. His father, W. F. Linn, president of the Loudon bank, of Leesburgh, Va., has qualified as administrator.

BRYAN GOING TO FLORIDA

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 7.—With William J. Bryan opening the throttle which set the great engine in motion, the pumping plant at Mission, Texas, through which is to be forced the water supply for the lower Rio Grande irrigation canal, was started in operation today.

SHERIFF FOILED MOB

DUBLIN, Ga., Dec. 7.—A mob of several hundred citizens came here last night determined to lynch Hanson Newsome, a negro, who was placed in the county jail last week charged with criminal assault upon a white woman.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair, much colder Wednesday preceded by rain near the coast, moderate to brisk northwest winds; Thursday fair.

PRESIDENT MAKES AN APPEAL FOR THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

Is Re-elected Executive Head at Fifth Annual Meeting Held Yesterday

ORGANIZATION NEEDS A LARGE ENDOWMENT

Recites Work Done During Year In Great Disasters Which Moved World

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft was re-elected president of the American Red Cross late today and presided for a time over the fifth annual meeting of the convention held here.

The president made a brief address in which he expressed the hope that some one day might present the Red Cross with an endowment fund of \$5,000,000 to place its beneficent work on a more permanent basis.

Mr. Taft also personally presented a gold medal voted by the Red Cross to Lloyd C. Griscom, former ambassador to Italy, for work rendered by him during the recent earthquake in Southern Italy and silver medals to Miss Katherine B. Davis and Samuel L. Parrish, who assisted in the Italian relief work.

President Taft tonight attended the informal reception to the delegates to the annual meeting at the home of Miss Boardman.

Makes Plan for Stamp. "During the last year," said President Taft in his address, "the society has shown what it could do in its assistance to Italy after the earthquake, Eastern Turkey after the massacre, and to Mexico after the floods. It seems to be necessary in some way or other to fill the American eye before you can arouse them to contributions and when you have a disaster such as that in Italy, which appealed to all, we are most generous.

"And so it is with respect to the Christmas stamp. That seems to fill the eye of the public, and its connection with substantial matters—a good revenue with it. But when it comes to the contributions of a dollar a year, when it comes to the increased membership, and when it comes to the establishment by these small contributions of a large endowment fund, the matter moves slowly. "I am sure somebody is going to be born, and I hope he is born already, who will give us a large endowment. I think we ought to have an endowment of about \$5,000,000. We have been modest and have asked only for \$2,000,000, but if any one has an extra \$3,000,000 he need not be restricted by the limitation put in and caused by our modesty. "I am glad to be able to seize the position of president of the Red Cross

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SOUTH ON EVE OF GREAT INDUSTRIAL EPOCH

Commercial Congress Speakers Tell of Its Wonderful Opportunities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Opportunities lying within the grasp of Dixie Land, and recapitulation of its vast resources were presented before the Southern Commercial Congress at its opening meeting today. The cotton crop of the South is the mainstay of all financial institutions of this country and is in no wise involved as a sectional question, was the declaration of Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton association which opened the first sessions as its chairman.

"The South of today, in so far as the development of its resources is concerned, is in the first flush of its youth," was the happy introduction to an address delivered by Hugh McRae of Wilmington, N. C. He declared that from an industrial standpoint the South had to be born over again, and that it had required forty years since the Civil war to accumulate capital sufficient to do things, but that now it was on the threshold of a great future, having great opportunities within its grasp.

The South has a monopoly on yellow pine, the great structural timber, and its hickory is the best vehicle wood ever produced, declared Assistant Forester Kellogg. He also stated that timber had been cut in wasteful fashion. He pointed out that the government, too, had a duty to perform in the maintenance of the Southern forests, explaining that great tracts which could not be controlled by the states in the Appalachian mountains should be purchased by the government and made into national forests. General J. S. Carr of Durham, N. C., deplored the fact that raw material of the South was more largely converted into the manufactured product in other sections although the South contained all the essential prerequisites for manufacturing.