

### CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS ENDS

Winston-Salem, Nov. 26.—The ninety-first annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina will come to a close tomorrow morning about 10 o'clock after a short business session beginning at 9:30 o'clock. The conference has been in session in this city for the past six days and has been largely attended, more than 200 delegates and pastors having been present.

Today's program was featured by three splendid sermons; the ordination sermon in the morning the memorial service in the afternoon and a sermon at night by Dr. F. T. Benson, editor of the Methodist Protestant, the Church Organ, published at Baltimore, Md. Doctor Benson spoke to night to the largest crowd that has yet attended a session of the conference. Not only were practically all of the pastors and delegates present but many friends of the Winston-Salem congregation from other churches in the city, crowded into the convention church.

Another large crowd was present at the memorial service this afternoon while the church was packed this morning, when Rev. G. F. Milloway of Greensboro, a former pastor of the First Church here, delivered the ordination sermon.

This morning many of the pulpits of the city were filled with visiting divines here attending the sessions of the conference.

**Mebane is Selected.**  
Mebane was selected as the city to entertain the ninety-ninth annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina which will convene there in November of next year. The decision was reached after a vote had been taken by the more than two hundred pastors and delegates attending the ninety-first conference here this week. Both Mebane and Thomasville were strong bidders for the honors, the vote showing that Thomasville was defeated by only two votes.

### PAUL ROCKWELL TO WED AN HEIRESS OF FRANCE

Paris, Nov. 26.—Paul A. Rockwell, of Asheville, N. C. will marry Marie Francois Jeanne Leygues, daughter of George Leygues, president of the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies.

Rockwell is a brother of Kiffin Rockwell, the American aviator killed in September. The brothers came to France at the beginning of the war, and enlisted in the foreign legion. Paul was retired, because of injuries received in the trenches, while Kiffin was transferred to the aviation corps.

Paul is 27 years old. The wedding will take place early in December, couple going on a honeymoon to Spain and northern Africa and returning in the spring to live in Paris. With her sister, Rockwell's fiancée will inherit the bulk of a large fortune left to her father by Hippolyte Alfred Chaudard Ponder, of the Louvre department store.

### PROMINENT CITIZENS OF LEXINGTON ARE ILL

Lexington, Nov. 28.—Several prominent Lexington men are more or less seriously ill. President G. W. Mountcastle of the Bank of Lexington has been under the care of physicians at his home here for the past week. C. A. Hunt, Sr., cotton mill owner and a Confederate veteran, has been confined to his home for several weeks and does not show improvement. W. F. Curry, owner of valuable real estate in Lexington and prominent farmer, is ill here at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. F. Lopp.

Dr. C. M. Clodfelter, local physician is undergoing treatment in New York, where he went a week ago. The four young women who were hurt in an auto wreck last Monday are still confined to their beds, all having suffered many severe bruises. Miss Wheeler, the most dangerously hurt of the four, has shown marked improvement.

### ASHES OF JACK LONDON BURIED ON GLEN ELLEN

Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 26.—The ashes of the late Jack London, the author, who died Wednesday night, were buried today on a hillside of his Glen Ellen ranch.

The original intention was to scatter the dust over the land he loved but by Mrs. London's direction a concrete receptacle was prepared on the hillside, and there, without ceremony, in the presence of Mrs. London, a few neighbors and the employees of the ranch, the urn containing the ashes was placed and the receptacle sealed.

### TAFT WILL SPEAK AT RALEIGH DECEMBER 3

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—There is increasing interest in the seventeenth annual session of the North Carolina State, Literary and Historical Association to be in session in this city December 5 and 6 with former President William Howard Taft as the principal speaker and with a general program of association work of surpassing interest.

Mr. Taft will address the association in the auditorium of Meredith College, on Wednesday evening December 6, at 8:30 o'clock. He will discuss the career of Edward Livingston and his relations to John Marshall, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. Livingston not only served a number of terms in both houses of Congress, but also was Secretary of State under Andrew Jackson, and Minister to France. His career was one of the most interesting and romantic in the annals of American history.

Following Mr. Taft's address the Woman's Club of Raleigh will formally open their handsome club building on Hillsboro street with a reception to Mr. Taft and the members of the Literary and Historical Association and the members of the North Carolina Folk Society.

### WHO WANTS THIS PRETTY BABY BOY?

Asheville, Nov. 26.—Mrs. W. L. Miller, who lives near Hendersonville, has a perfectly good baby boy, about eight months of age, whose mother she is anxiously seeking. The baby is a beauty but Mrs. Miller has plenty of children of her own, and does not desire to keep the "best addition to the family" which came to her via a trick that has been worked for her, these many years.

Mrs. Miller was standing in a store at Hendersonville yesterday when a well dressed young woman approached and asked her to lead the baby for a few minutes. The young woman then disappeared, and failed to return. After holding the baby for some time beyond the allotted few minutes, Mrs. Miller started an investigation, and found that a suitcase of baby clothes, and some baby's food had been left for her, together with a note stating that she was known to be a good Christian mother and had been picked for a guardian to the little stranger on that account. The note explained that the baby's name is Albert Lee Ray and asked Mrs. Miller to be good to him. The police were notified and are searching for the mother of the baby, but so far without success.

### LANSING AND GERARD CONFEE OVER GERMANY

Washington, Nov. 27.—German-American relations were the subject of an hour's conference today between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Gerard, who sails December 5 to resume his post at Berlin. The Ambassador expects to see President Wilson tomorrow.

No statement was forthcoming either from the Secretary or the Ambassador concerning their conference. It was learned authoritatively, however, that there was no extended discussion of the submarine situation and that prospects for peace were not gone into. Conditions generally in Germany are said to have been talked over at length, and it was suggested at the department that Mr. Lansing outlined fully the attitude of this government toward the deportation of Belgians for labor in Germany.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, entertained Ambassador Gerard and Secretary Lansing at luncheon, and tonight Mr. Gerard, the German Ambassador and Joseph E. Willard, American Ambassador to Spain, were dinner guests at Secretary Lansing's home.

### ATLANTIC COAST INVENTIONS

The following patents were just issued to Atlantic Coast clients, reported by D. Swift and Co., Patent Lawyers Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers.

Va., J. A. Bradshaw, Richmond Rotary water-distributor; A. J. Early Merrimac Mines, Lock; A. C. Freeman, Norfolk, Steam-cooker; J. E. Marsh Reedville, Apparatus for separating oil and fish-meat from water; N. C., G. W. Gaunt, Mount Airy Stone-working-machine; A. L. Harrington, Raleigh, High tension and telephone line construction; I. Hechenbleiker Charlotte, Electric furnace.

S. C., J. M. Bell, Chester Apparatus for soldering and welding joints; E. Timmerman, Ward, Combike clevis and lap-link.

### VILLA GETS AWAY AGAIN BY MEANS OF AUTOMOBILE

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Nov. 25.—Via Marfa, Texas, Nov. 26.—Late yesterday afternoon a small band of Villa's bandits took a foothold in the church of Santa Rio de Guadalupe. They were driven out by gunfire from their stronghold and cavalry dispersed them.

The night was spent in expectation of a desperate attack which did not materialize. In the morning of today small groups of enemy cavalry were shelled by the artillery of Santa Rosa hill.

Yesterday afternoon Villa drove up in an automobile to within about three miles of the city from the northwest. The automobile was shelled by long range guns but he escaped. The column of General Mayotte, who has already left Santa Rosa with 3,500 cavalry is expected to reach here Sunday and drive off the remaining bandits. No figures showing the casualties on either side during the three days' fighting is yet available.

Villa's Auto Struck by Shell  
to the hills as his forces have been scattered by the shell and rifle fire of the de facto forces and his efforts to capture the city are growing less and less forceful.

Villa's Auto Struck by Shell.  
Chihuahua City, Nov. 25, via Courier to Marfa, Texas, Nov. 26.—Francisco Villa's automobile which was being used by him to direct his campaign against the Carranza troops, was struck by shell fire today and was abandoned near Fresno southwest of the city.

Later it was forced to abandon Car. The shell holes and bullet marks were plainly seen on the sides of the big automobile when it was found on the battlefield after Villa abandoned it and rode away on horseback. The battle today (Saturday) started soon after the telegraphic communication with Juarez was cut. The wire went down at 10 o'clock a. m. the battle started with raging by 11:30 a. m. The bandit's attack covered the entire southern front.

The most desperate fighting occurred on Zarco avenue within the city. The bandits threw their best equipel forces against the entrenchment which had been thrown up across this street and street fighting followed.

The Villa forces made every possible effort to take these entrenchments which were the key to the defenses of the city proper.

The de facto infantry met these charges with counter-charges and the battle waged back and forth in this narrow street until the Villa bandits were driven out of the mouth of the avenue onto the plains—where they were raked with machine gun fire from the housetops and the artillery fire which had supported effectively the infantry efforts.

The loss on both sides are reported to be heavy as some of the fighting during the past 24 hours has been almost hand-to-hand encounters. The wounded who fell outside of the city could not be rescued from the "No Man's Land" beyond the first line trenches because of the firing by both the bandits and the Government forces. It is expected to send rescue parties out tonight to bring in the wounded and bury the dead. The wounded who fell within the city are being cared for at the municipal hospital. Womans are serving as nurses in this and other hospitals of the city.

The troops on both the bandit and Government sides appear very tired after three days of almost constant fighting. The Government forces, however, are in good spirits. They celebrated the victories which they claim over the Villa bandits as they huddled around their campfires in the first line trenches.

### ROCK HILL TO HOLD BIG "FATHER AND SON" FEED

Rockhill, Nov. 27.—Friday night, December 3, the annual "Father and Son" banquet of the community Young Men's Christian Association will be held.

On this occasion each adult will have to be accompanied by a boy; if he has no boys, he will be expected to hunt around and find one. These annual banquets have heretofore proven enjoyable, enabling the father and sons of the community to touch elbows and have a good time together.

C. W. Blakey, the first Y. M. C. A. community secretary here, will be one of the speakers of the occasion. Mr. Blakey now being general secretary of boys' work in Tennessee. Dr. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College, will also deliver an address.

### LIVING ON A SIX ACRE FARM

I moved here January 8th. I had no money, but good health and a will to work. The first thing I did was to borrow \$50.00 to buy a milch cow, as I had none. We only had one horse, a brood sow and forty-three chickens, and had the feed for our stock to buy at war prices. I then proceeded to get my garden in shape, as I am trucking for the local market. I hauled forty-five one-horse loads of lot manure from town, two miles, and saved all I could at home besides. I planted two acres in corn, two in sweet potatoes, one-fourth in Irish potatoes, a half in sorghum and Spanish peanuts, three-fourths in watermelons and cantaloupes, and one-half in garden truck.

The two acres I planted in corn was the poorest land in the country, so my neighbors said. I turned it with a small turning plow and followed with a fourinch bull-tongue in the same furrow. After running a log over it to break clods and firm the ground, I laid off rows four and a half feet apart and ran the log over it again. I could not tell where the rows were when I got through until the corn came up. When the corn got knee high (which I thought it never would) I put 150 pounds of blood and bone to the acre, cultivated level; and at laying-by, which was about the time it began to tassele, I put 100 pounds of cottonseed meal to the acre. I gathered seventy bushels of as good corn as I ever saw. My neighbor across the line only made ninety-five bushels on six acres, and had far better land. He used barn manure on three acres and cottonseed meal on three, but did not prepare his land at all—not so much as to cut old corn stalks, and laid by with turning plow on a high ridge. I find it always pays to put land in good shape before planting.

Now for my year's harvest. I have two good milch cows and one heifer. My sow has brought two litters of pigs. She has nine four weeks old from a registered Berkshire male, and a few came the first of February, which will more than make my meat. I will have plenty of potatoes in the field to fatten them. We have 125 garden chickens, and one horse, with sufficient corn and hay to go on next year. The wife has provided for the winter by putting up 27 cans of tomatoes, 24 cans of okra and beans, about 40 jars of figs and peaches, and we also have plenty of dried butter beans. We will sell enough cane to buy my syrup, and have lots of sweet potatoes, beetles, and best of all, we don't owe anything. G. J. Winn, DeRidder, La. in Southern Ruralist.

### FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN MISSOURI

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 26.—Livestock officials of the Federal Government in Kansas and Missouri said today they were not positive that cattle under surveillance in the local stockyards were afflicted with foot and mouth disease but no chances are being taken of a possible spread of an epidemic. The temporary quarantine imposed last night was continued.

All members of the Cannonville Council No. 25 and Forest Hill No. 49 J. O. U. A. M. are requested to meet with No. 49 to night in joint session. Mr. C. B. Waby National Councilor and Mr. Chas. F. Alexander State Councilor will be present.

J. W. CLINE, R. S.

### TRUSTEE SALE

By virtue of the power contained in a Mortgage Trust Deed executed by Wright Smith, to the undersigned on the 17th day of December, 1910, registered in the office of Register of Deeds of Cabarrus County, N. C. Book 24 page 280 I will on Saturday the 23rd day of December 1916 at the Court House doot in Concord, N. C. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real estate in No. 12 Township Cabarrus County North Carolina.

Lying and being in the city of Concord, Ward No. 4 and being the place where Right Smith now resides. Beginning at the North West corner of Henry Moss lot, on Chestnut Street and runs with said chestnut street 60 ft. to a stake; thence South 150 ft. to a stake; thence N. 8. E. 60 ft. to a stake. Henry Moss corner; thence with his line 150 feet to the beginning. Said lot being fully described in a deed from J. Lee Growell, Trustee to Wright Smith see book No. 72 page 321 of the records of Deeds of Cabarrus County.

This property is sold to satisfy the provisions of said mortgage in default of having been able to make payment of the amount secured.

Title of said property is supposed to be good but purchaser will take such title as we are authorized to give. C. R. ANDREWS, Trustee

### CHANGES IN METHODIST MINISTERS ANNOUNCED

Gastonia, Nov. 27.—A number of changes in the pastorates of churches in Charlotte and the Charlotte district were made when Bishop John C. Kilgo, tonight at the closing session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference announced the appointments of ministers for the next year.

Chief among these is the return of Rev. Dr. T. F. Marr, former pastor of Trinity Church as presiding elder. Doctor Marr has been in Salisbury as pastor of the First Church. He succeeds Rev. Dr. L. T. Mann, who has been appointed commissioner of Emory University to aid in raising funds for the great institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Atlanta.

Second in interest to the return of Doctor Marr as presiding elder was the appointment of Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt as pastor of Tryon Street Church, succeeding Rev. Dr. E. I. Bain, who goes to West Market Church in Greensboro. Mr. Barnhardt has been pastor of the Spring Garden Church in Greensboro for the last two years.

The appointments for the Salisbury district were as follows:

J. C. Rowe, presiding elder.

Albemarle Central—J. E. Gray.

Albemarle, First Street—W. I. Hughes; C. M. Gentry, supernumerary.

Albemarle Circuit—H. F. Starr, supply.

Bedin—W. R. Shelton.

Rethel—J. T. Stover.

China Grove and Landis—W. S. Hales.

Concord, Central—M. F. Moores.

Concord, Epworth and Center—A. S. Raper.

Concord, Forest Hill—C. M. Short.

Concord, Westford—S. L. Owen supply.

West Concord—R. K. Brady.

Concord Circuit—P. L. Terrell.

Cottonville—J. F. Starnes.

Gold Hill—J. W. Strick.

Kannapolis—P. W. Tucker.

Kannapolis Circuit—R. L. Forbes.

Met. Pleasant—G. A. Stamper.

New London—E. J. Poe.

Norwood—R. M. Taylor.

Okaboro and Love's—J. J. Eades.

Salem—A. L. Coburn, supply.

Salisbury, First Church—W. A. Lambeth.

Salisbury, Park Avenue—G. W. Vick.

Salisbury, South Main Street—J. H. Brendall.

Salisbury Circuit—R. C. Kirk.

Spencer—C. M. Pickens.

East Spencer and North Main Street—S. E. Richardson.

Woodleaf—J. W. Kennedy.

Conference Evangelist—R. A. Taylor.

Rev. J. P. Rogers was reappointed presiding elder of the Waynesville District.

C. R. Allison to Rural Hall.

### SLAYING VERDICT FOUND IN MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Lumberton, Nov. 27.—At its third hearing the coroner's jury investigating the death of Neil Shaw rendered a verdict that he was killed by an unidentified person. Mr. Shaw disappeared from home several months ago but his body was only recently found nearby.

This mysterious case calls to mind the disappearance of L. C. Parker, formerly traffic manager of the V. & C. S. Railroad. Mr. Parker was last seen on the night before Thanksgiving 1915. His books were found in good shape and no reason has ever been assigned for his disappearance. Inquiries regarding him have been sent throughout the world without results and his friends here have concluded he was slain in some manner. Recently it was reported he had been seen in a Western city but this report has never been confirmed and is given little credence here.

### HALIFAX COUNTY HAS OLDEST VOTER IN STATE

Scotland Neck, Nov. 27.—A leading journal of north Carolina in an article recently declared that Harnett County boasted of the oldest man in the State, who had always voted the straight Democratic ticket. This man according to the article is 94 years old.

Halifax county can go Harnett County one better in this respect as a resident of this city, Duke Allsbrook is 96 years old and has voted the straight ticket since he became of age. Besides being the oldest Democrat voter in the State Mr. Allsbrook has two sons, Messrs. Wilson Ollsbrook and Bennit Allsbrook, who are both past the three score and ten mark and they too have always voted the ticket. This by many is considered a record.

### BRITT MANDAMUS MAY BE APPEALED

Asheville, Nov. 27.—The North Carolina Supreme Court probably will be called upon to decide whether Representative James J. Britt, Republican, or State Senator Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, shall represent the Tenth North Carolina District in Congress.

Superior Judge Adams today dismissed a writ of mandamus issued on behalf of Britt, to compel the Buncombe County board of canvassers to comply with the law in certifying returns. The board certified the returns shortly after the mandamus was issued and gave Weaver a majority of 10 votes in the district. Britt's attorney contended that the board's action was illegal in that certain ballots that were unmarked but which contained only the names of the congressional candidates were counted.

Counsel for Britt noted an appeal to the State Supreme Court and Republican leaders said an effort probably would be made to enjoin the State board of elections from issuing a certificate of election to Weaver pending a decision.

Britt's counsel has claimed that if all the counties should count the unmarked ballots Britt would have been elected.

### FIRE DESTROYS \$25,000 ICE PLANT IN GASTONIA

Gastonia, Nov. 27.—This morning about 3 o'clock, the Gastonia Ice Plant, of 50 tons daily capacity, was discovered afire, was practically destroyed by 5 o'clock with an estimated loss of from \$20,000 to \$25,000, with no insurance.

The owner of the property was Frost Torrence, one of Gastonia's substantial business men, and within 18 months past about \$17,000 had been spent in additions to the plant. The machinery was dismantled and damaged but some of it may be restored. The coal supply was saved.

The blaze was sighted this morning by a negro in Dallas, and later a white man walking from Dallas about 4 a. m. to Gastonia, came upon the building in flames. Nearly an hour later he reported to Fire Chief Terrell, who thought called too late to save the ice plant, saved the building around it—also a carload of cotton, the top of which had just caught and which had a value of at least \$5,000.

### METHOD OF SAVING MEAT

ranomfrh (gin(o kP dtranDca  
As hog killing time will soon be here I will give my method of saving meat. After the hogs get the most of the scattering potatoes, peas, peanuts, etc., I put them up in close floored pens and finish off with corn for about three weeks. When I am ready to kill I have everything ready and plenty of help. I kill and clean in the morning, and as soon as I can get around, generally afternoon, I cut up and salt the meat down in barrels and let it stand for about three weeks, but in a few days after I kill I draw off the bloody brine and wash it away. Then at the end of the three weeks I take it up, rinse off some of the salt and hang up to smoke. I use green hickory wood mostly. I smoke it until the meat is a light brown. I get a large pan or tub and empty the contents of a bottle of prepared liquid smoke in it and take a cloth about the size of a dish rag. I take each piece of meat and rub the cloth with the prepared smoke and pack in barrels. Then you can go on about your business and not worry about the skippers getting in your meat, for they will not bother it. I never have to be careful about keeping my meat barrel covered up tight. I have read many letters in the Ruralist, but I don't remember reading one where prepared smoke was used on meat. It costs \$1.00 per bottle of a quart and one bottle will go over 250 to 300 pounds of meat—E. L. Breckenridge, Myrtlewood, Ala., in Southern Ruralist.

### A \$200,000 FIRE BURNS BOLTON LUMBER PLANT

Wilmington, Nov. 26.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the plant of the Waccamaw Lumber Company at Bolton, 20 miles south of Wilmington, entailing an estimated loss of \$200,000; insured early this morning. An electric power plant operated in connection with the lumber mill was also destroyed. The flames had gained considerable headway when discovered and the source of water supply in some unknown way was cut off. The stock of lumber on the yard was not consumed.

Did a political candidate's personal vanity ever survive the sight of his own portrait on a campaign banner?