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In The Interest Of Waterway Development

Fifth Annual Convention of National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington

Object of Meeting is Promotion of Waterway Development Work Among Speakers of Day Was Roosevelt.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—One of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in the history of this country, in the interest of waterway development, was called to order today when the National Rivers and Harbors Congress met in fifth annual convention.

Among others on the program today were Judge Hillyer, of Georgia's Railroad Commission; Samuel Gompers, the labor leader; Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon; former Mayor Low, of New York; Governor Sanders of Louisiana; Representative Champ Clark of Missouri.

President Randall called the congress to order promptly at 10 o'clock, after which he spoke, extending the Rivers and Harbors Congress a cordial welcome to Washington.

Other formal addresses of the morning session were made by Vice-President Fairbanks, and British Ambassador James Bryce.

Mr. Carnegie made a characteristic speech in which he took issue with the pessimists as to the future of the country.

Mr. Carnegie gave his enthusiastic endorsement to the proposition advanced yesterday by President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft before the Conservation Commission, for the issuance of bonds for the improvements of our water courses.

The National Conservation Commission today began a conference with governors of more than 30 states, to discuss the subject of securing adequate transportation facilities at a minimum cost an intelligent and effective consideration.

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Report On Cotton Crop

Washington, Dec. 9.—Total production of cotton in the United States for the year 1908-09 will amount 6,182,970,000 pounds, not including linters, which is equivalent to 12,320,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, according to estimate announced by the department of agriculture today.

The game of basket ball between the Juniors and Seniors of the Presbyterian College which was scheduled for this afternoon has been called off.

ESTIMATE OF COTTON CROP. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The agriculture department estimates the cotton production for 1908-09, at 12,320,000 bales.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS MEET IN CONVENTION

Special to The News. Union, S. C., Dec. 9.—With a well nigh ideal day the State Baptist Convention, which convened in this city last night started off so far as the weather is concerned, under most propitious circumstances.

Union is now thronged with visitors and practically all the homes of the city have from one to six delegates.

The features of the first evening's session of the convention were the address of welcome by Mayor L. L. Wagon, who is also president of the chamber of commerce, in behalf of the city, and the address, by Rev. Dr. John A. Brunson, the famous divine of Battle Creek, Mich.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, the very prominent Baptist leader and head of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., who was to have been one of the distinguished visitors at the convention, was unable to be present, but Rev. F. A. Robertson, a man of very high standing in ecclesiastical and educational circles, was in attendance.

Among those in attendance upon the convention are Dr. E. M. Pteat, president of Furman University at Greenville, and one of the leading educators in the state; Hon. Chas. A. Smith, a banker of Timmonsville, and president of the State Baptist Convention; Rev. Dr. C. C. Brown, the famous pulpit orator of Sumter, and Dr. T. J. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier.

Hale Elected Chairman of Republican Caucus

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Senator Hale was elected chairman of the Republican caucus to succeed the late Senator Atkinson at a caucus of the Republican senators.

The position carries with it the chairmanship of the Republican steering committee of the senate, which determines all important legislation in the senate and also imposes the duty of selecting members of the committee on committees.

Body of Coghlan Interred. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—The body of Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan was interred in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors today.

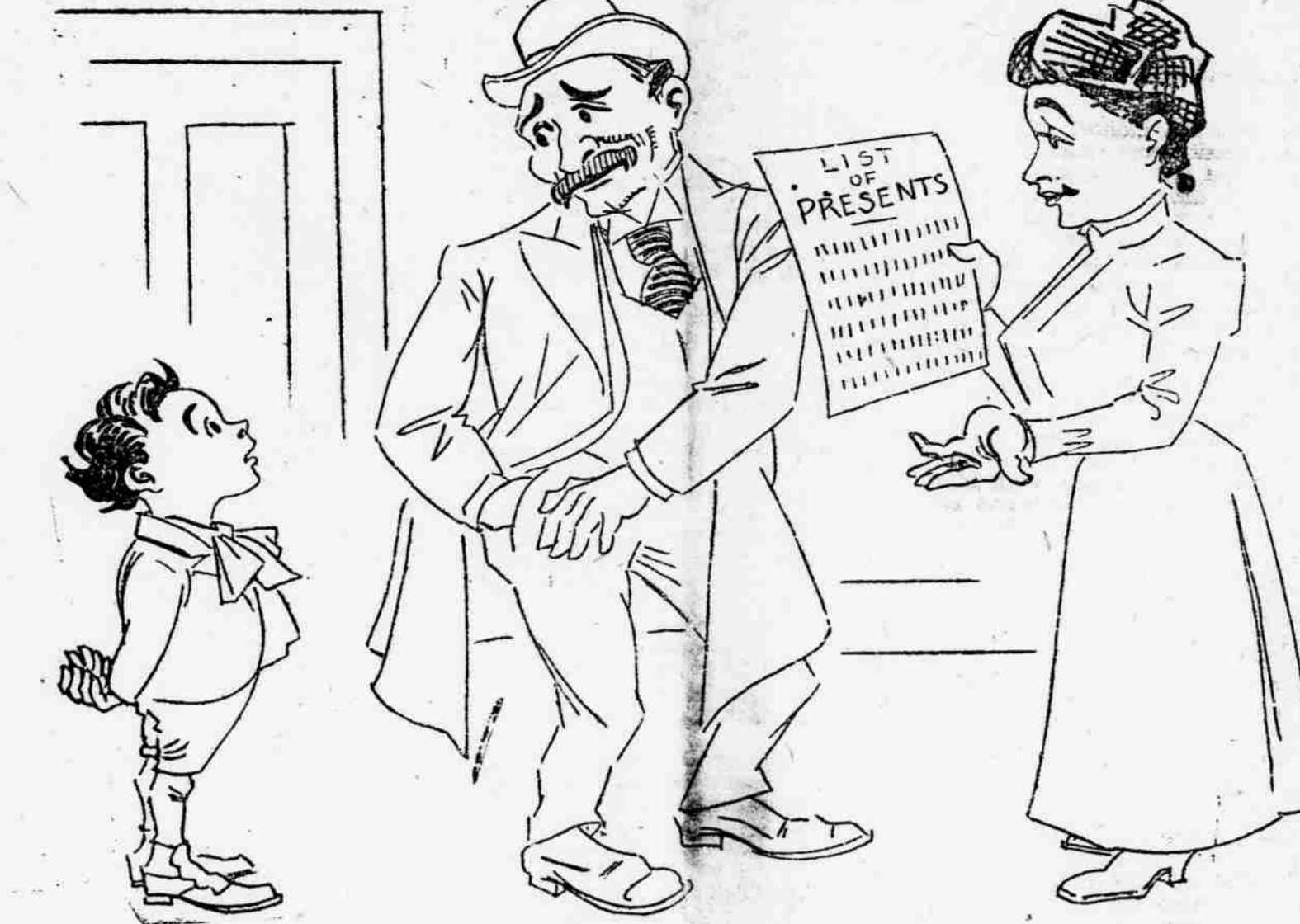
BICYCLE RAGERS ESTABLISH NEW SPEED RECORD

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 9.—Ten of the eleven teams remaining today in the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were still maintaining the record-breaking pace which has set a new mark for almost every hour since the long contest began.

At that time the leaders, Rutt and Stoll, Macfarlan and Moran, Hill and Demar, and Fogler and Lawson, had covered 1117 miles, 2 laps.

The score at 9 o'clock was as follows: Rutt and Stoll, McFarlan and Moran, Fogler and Lawson, Hill and Demara, 1134 miles 5 laps; Walhour and Root, Palmer and Walker, 1134 miles 4 laps; Devonytch and Drobach, 1134 miles 3 laps; Collins and Wiley, 1134 miles 2 laps; Galvin and Wiley, 1134 miles 1 lap; Faber and Lafourcade, 1097 miles 1 lap. The best previous record for 56 hours was 1112 miles 7 laps.

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"Is Santa Claus a Tall Man?" "No, Son, He Gets Pretty Short Along About This Time."

BAPTISTS GATHER IN WILSON, N. C.

Wilson, Dec. 9.—Delegates to the Baptist State Convention are arriving on every train. President J. R. Carlyle, of Wake Forest will call the convention to order to-night and Rev. William Lunsford, of Asheville will preach the annual sermon.

Detailed Story. Wilson, N. C., Dec. 9.—The second annual conference of the Baptist pastors commented its session last night in the meeting house of the First Baptist church of this city.

Rev. A. V. Joyner led the opening devotional exercises and Rev. J. D. Huffman reached the sermon.

After the sermon, the subject, "The Pastor's Relation to the Training of the Church," was discussed by Rev. M. A. Adams, Rev. W. B. Morton and Rev. Fred D. Hale.

This morning the conference assembled at 9:30 a. m., and the first speaker was Rev. J. Paul Bowers on the theme "The Pastor's Relation to the Prayer Meeting."

The next theme on the program, "The Pastor's Relation to His Congregation," was discussed topically, Rev. R. A. McFarlan speaking upon the pastor's relation to the children.

"The Pastor Relative to the Home Life of His People," was the subject assigned to Rev. G. M. Duke.

Rev. T. B. Justice spoke on the "Pastor's Relation to the Outside Community." Rev. A. J. Moncrief, the newly-elected pastor of the Tabernacle church at Raleigh, spoke on the subject, "The Pastor as an Evangelist in His Own Congregation."

Rev. G. T. Watkins, in his address laid special stress upon the winning of souls through the membership of the church.

Rev. J. R. Doan was the closing speaker of the morning and his subject was, "Training Young Converts."

This afternoon the general theme will be the pastors' correspondence course, and Rev. W. R. Collum, of Wake Forest College will address the conference.

The convention proper will meet to-night and Rev. Dr. William Lunsford of Asheville, will preach the annual sermon.

STRONG APPEAL FOR PRESERVATION OF OUR FORESTS

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—Advocates of the establishment of the Appalachian and White Mountain national forest service, headed by governors from all sections of the United States, appeared before the House committee of agriculture to press their appeal for an appropriation for the creation of this big reserve.

Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, was spokesman, and besides making an eloquent appeal himself, presented Chaplain Hale of the Senate, Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, and others to plead for the conservation of forests and protection of navigable streams of the country by the establishment of reserves in the White mountains of New Hampshire and Appalachian mountains of the South.

Death of P. J. O'Connor. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 9.—Mr. P. J. O'Connor, former national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and former national president of the Catholic Knights of America, died here today.

METHODIST CONFERENCE AT DURHAM

Durham, N. C., Dec. 9.—The seventy-second session of the North Carolina conference of the Methodist Church, assembled at Trinity church at 10 o'clock this morning, Bishop Wilson presiding.

There was religious service by the bishop, who administered the sacrament to the conference. The secretary of the last conference called the roll.

W. L. Cuniggin was elected secretary. Communications from various interests were referred to the proper committee. Presiding elders nominated standing committees and all were elected. Superannuates passed examination of character and continued the same relation.

The action of last year calling for individual church reports was by vote rescinded, including this year.

Question two was called and presiding elders of districts passed examination of character, made reports showing progress in all lines. Continuing call of the twentieth question the preachers of Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Rockingham and Wilmington districts were called and characters passed.

Reports were made. Nearly all show gains over last year. The conference made unusual progress at the morning session and the work of the body is well in hand, in fact ahead at this hour. The attendance is up to the average and fine feeling prevails in the body in reports and social intercourse.

Bleached Flour Controversy. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, announced the decision in the bleached flour controversy, holding that four bleached with nitrogen peroxide is an adulterated product under the law and that it cannot legally be sold in the District of Columbia or in territories or be transported in interstate commerce.

Owing to the immense quantity of bleached flour now on hand, the secretary will recommend no prosecution of manufacturers or sellers for a period of six months.

As to Marking of Whiskies. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt has appointed a commission to take up the question of marking whiskies under the pure food laws and internal revenue regulations.

During the week there will be held meetings of negro ministers, representatives of the negro Y. M. C. A., the negro Y. W. C. A., and colored women's clubs. These meetings will be in addition to a course of lectures to be given for the benefit of the negroes at large.

Local committees have been at work preparing for the exhibit, and a strong effort is to be made to secure the attendance and the co-operation of the strongest medical forces among the negro people of the entire country. The tuberculosis exhibit is being installed in commodious quarters

NEGRO CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS AT TUSKEGEE

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 9.—Beginning next Monday and continuing through the entire week, the International Association of Tuberculosis will have its tuberculosis exhibit at Tuskegee Institute.

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TAFT AND CANNON HOLD CONFERENCE

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—President-elect Taft and Speaker Cannon had a conference this morning.

At the conclusion each participant announced that an arrangement had been made whereby Mr. Taft was to meet the Republican members of the house committee on ways and means tomorrow, after which a statement would be issued.

Until this statement is made Mr. Taft said he and Mr. Cannon had agreed not to discuss what had taken place between them.

The apparent satisfaction with which Mr. Taft explained the situation was taken as evidence that matters were very much to his liking.

It is known of course that the subject under discussion was the forthcoming revision of the tariff regarding which Mr. Taft has declared himself most positively in favor of thorough revision.

Deeds Filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court Today. The following deeds were filed for registration in the office of the clerk of the superior court today:

J. E. Solomons to J. M. Barnes, a lot on East Eighth street, fronting 49 feet, consideration \$1,500.

J. F. Mitchell to A. T. Byrum, 20 acres in Berryhill, consideration \$500.

J. E. Smith to A. T. Byrum, nine acres in Berryhill, consideration \$243.

Other deeds recorded were as follows: Mr. J. M. Barnes to Mr. J. E. Solomons, lot on North Davidson and East Sixth streets, consideration \$3,100.

Mr. F. G. Moore to Mr. Alexander Farhood, two lots fronting 30 feet on Polk avenue in what is known as "Craighead Park," consideration \$325.

Southern Real Estate, Loan and Trust Co. to Dr. R. L. Gibbon, a lot fronting 99 feet on North Davidson street, consideration \$3,750.

The Carolina Realty Company negotiated the following sales today: A house and lot on East Eighth street, property of Mr. J. E. Solomons, to Mr. J. M. Barnes, consideration \$1,500.

Five houses and lots on East Sixth street, property of Mr. J. E. Solomons, to Mr. P. M. Brown, consideration \$2,800.

A house and lot corner Woodlawn and West avenues, property of the Carolina Realty Company, Mr. W. F. Cochrane, consideration \$2,750.

Mr. Willis B. Dowd, of New York, arrived in the city last night and is at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. J. Dowd, No. 701 North Tryon street. He came here on a hurried business trip and expects to return to New York to-morrow evening to get his business in shape in order to return to Charlotte for the holidays.

Mr. Dowd came here in the interest of a client, a capitalist who is looking for an investment of some sort. "My client is not wedded to any particular business," said Mr. Dowd. "He is a man of considerable means. He wants to get out of New York before the cold season sets in and it was suggested to him, after he had considered going to Colorado, that he could not only find excellent climate conditions in the vicinity of Charlotte but would likely find a good investment.

Wants to Live to Kill a Few More Policemen

WILL REORGANIZE INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—The directors of the Industrial News in a slimly attended meeting here yesterday afternoon and last night appointed Messrs. Duran, Adams and Rollins a committee to see that the paper is kept running as Republican organ and a meeting of stockholders was called to be held in Greensboro on January 14th.

It was also agreed to get Judge Boyd to continue the hearing in the receivership matter set for December 10th until after this meeting is held in January. It is the purpose of the directors to pay off the indebtedness and re-organize the company and have the bankruptcy proceedings withdrawn.

STILL TAKING TESTIMONY. The Trial of Bank Against Railroad Will Take Entire Week. The third day of the trial of the suit of the Charlotte National Bank against the Southern Railway Company to recover about \$37,000 for cotton alleged to have been delivered by the railroad without the bills of lading, which were held as collateral by the bank for the Heath-Reid Jobbing and Commission Company, was consumed in the continuance of the taking of testimony.

The attorney for the plaintiff and the defendant read a large number of admissions, which were given the jury so as to expedite the trial of the case. There were many points which were admitted by both sides as facts, and these were not contested.

The attorney also put in a number of contracts, cancelled checks and other papers as evidence, after these were identified by Mr. W. H. Twitty, witness for the plaintiff.

The trial of this case will probably take the entire week.

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Contest Over Seat in House. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Formal notice of the contest for the seat in the house held by Albert Estopinal, Democrat, of Louisiana, was read in that body as soon as it convened today. It came to Speaker Cannon in shape of a memorial and was signed by H. C. Warmouth, contestant, Republican.

Self-styled "Adam God," fanatic, seriously injured in Fight With Officers, Tells Why He Wants to Live.

One Policeman And Small Girl Are Dead as Result of Fight—Head of Religious Band At Large.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Dec. 9.—"I am not going to die. I am going to get well and live to kill a few more policemen."

That is the assertion of Louis Pratt, self-styled "Adam God," religious fanatic, who is lying in the General hospital here.

He was seriously wounded in a battle between his followers and the police last evening.

As the result of the fight Pratt's 13-year-old daughter, Lula, and Policeman Dalbow are dead, and two other policemen are in a critical condition.

James Sharp, known as "Elijah II," and who was the real head of the little band of religious enthusiasts, is still at large.

Mary Pratt said they got acquainted with Sharp in North Dakota. They started down the Missouri river in a house boat. She said they would stop at each city and preach and sing, the children doing the singing, which she said, "was great fun."

Mrs. Pratt said Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were known to them as Adam and Eve, and they believed their teachings.

Mrs. Sharp, in a statement to officers, said she and her husband had a "revelation" about six years ago, when they sold their farm in Oklahoma and gave away the proceeds to the poor and started to preach.

She said they had been persecuted in many places by officers who wanted to take their children away and send them to school.

Mrs. Sharp said they had been going armed for months and had practiced shooting.

Pres. Castro In Europe

By Associated Press. Santander, Spain, Dec. 9.—The French steamer, Guadeloupe, with President Castro, of Venezuela, on board, came in here today.

It was learned soon after her arrival that President Castro will continue on board the steamer to Bordeaux and thence from Bordeaux he will travel overland to Berlin.

President Castro has come to Europe with the intention of settling all Venezuela's international quarrels.

The general health of the president is good.

GAME LAW VIOLATORS. Two Young White Men Fined for Shooting Birds. J. W. Horton and W. A. Neal, two young white men were yesterday afternoon before Judge W. D. Alexander on the charge of hunting birds on the land of Mr. Baxter Caldwell without permission. They were fined \$20 and the costs.

The arrest was made by Game Warden Gribble, who caught the young men in the act.

Store Robbed. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 9.—The store of C. S. Ryan, six miles west of town, was broken open and robbed of a large amount of money. The guilty parties are believed to be three white men who escaped from jail here Monday night.

House Down to Business. Washington, Dec. 9.—The House began regular business in session by proceeding to consider the option of a bill providing for the thirteenth census.

Banks Bring Suit. By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9.—Four suits brought by Eastern banks against makers of notes, discounted by P. J. Kieran of the Fidelity Founding Company of New York, have been entered in the federal court here.

The amounts, including protest fees, will reach nearly 60,000.

BIG BLOCKADE WHISKEY STILL DESTROYED. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, Dec. 9.—Revenue officers destroyed a big blockade copper still and 500 gallons of beer at a still near Price, Va., last night. The officers chased some distance but they escaped.