

Last Day Of Baptist State Convention

Hendersonville Chosen as Next Annual Meeting Place—Speakers Are Named by The President.

Reports From Denominational Colleges Read—All Are Prospering—Several Resolutions Were Adopted.

Special to The News.
Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 10.—Trouble with the furnace at the Baptist church this morning brought Pastor Chambliss facing an emergency. In an hour he had secured the Methodist church, but it heated and moved the convention in a body. Only a few minutes time was lost in the move.

The last day's sessions of the Baptist State Convention opened with devotional exercises. The committee on place reported in favor of Hendersonville and the report was adopted.

Rev. J. J. Hall, D. D., was appointed to preach the annual sermon with Rev. J. Crisp of Rockingham as alternate.

A memorial from the South Carolina convention was received, asking for a change of time in meeting and a resolution was adopted favoring a change but leaving the matter open as the charge requires a change in the constitution. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Oxford Seminary and Biles Creek Academy. Resolutions were adopted expressing the thanks of the convention to the people of Wadesboro, the railroads and the newspapers for courtesies received.

The president appointed the following to speak at the next convention: Foreign missions, Rev. J. H. Foster, of Wilmington; home mission, Rev. W. M. Vines of Asheville; orphanage, J. A. Campbell of Biles Creek; Sunday schools, Rev. William Hedley; obituaries, Rev. T. J. Taylor; state missions, Rev. C. E. Madry; biblical teacher, J. W. Bailey; ministerial education, Rev. T. W. Chambliss.

The report of the board of education of Wake Forest College and Meredith College were read, showing good condition in each institution. Prof. J. B. Carlyle delivered a magnificent address on education.

Other Business.
A telegram from Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle of Charlottesville, Va., conveying greetings, was read.

The convention adopted a resolution endorsing the efforts of the North Carolina Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The committee recommended the following as members of the ministerial relief board: W. C. Barrett, H. A. Ponsbee, J. W. Lynch, R. H. Riggsbee, A. L. Phipps, W. J. Brogden, J. F. McDaniel, C. W. Triplett, J. M. Arnette.

A resolution endorsing the Stone-Well Jackson Training School was adopted without discussion.

Rev. J. J. Hall, of Fayetteville, offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "We heartily endorse the great peace movement which is endeavoring to hasten the day when great questions will be settled by an international board of arbitration rather than an appeal to the sword. As followers of Jesus Christ we desire the reign of Him who in Holy Writ is designated 'The Prince of Peace.'"

The convention adopted a resolution that provides that hereafter all nominating speeches are to be limited to 30 seconds in length and that no succeeding speeches will be permitted.

Secretary Johnson introduced a resolution and the convention adopted it which provides that no collections shall hereafter be taken in the convention to pay building debts.

The secretary was instructed to reply to a message received from Elder F. M. Jordan.

Racers Are Very Tired

New York, Dec. 10.—After a night of sensational spinning riders in the six-day bicycle race, so too weary today to strike anything but a snail's pace around the saucer.

Plaas of Suffragettes Were Frustrated

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 10.—A band of daring suffragettes were dislodged from hiding places to-day in Albert Hall, where they secreted themselves preparatory to an onslaught upon Premier Asquith to-night. Some were hidden in packing boxes, others on the roof.

Want to Enlarge the Winston Postoffice

Special to The News.
Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 10.—Congressman John M. Morehead, of this district, has promised Postmaster C. A. Reynolds to ask congress to make an appropriation at this session of \$50,000 or \$75,000 for the enlargement of the postoffice here. The building is too small and inadequate in every respect for present needs.

SPENCER ADAMS MAY GET FAT JOB

Special to The News.
Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 10.—At least a few of the leading Republicans in this section are inclined to believe there is some truth in the statement sent out from Washington to a Raleigh paper to the effect that President Taft has promised the district attorney ship for the Western district of North Carolina to State Chairman Spencer B. Adams.

District Attorney A. E. Holton, whose third term expires next March, decided a few months ago to stand for reappointment and his splendid record, which is known by the department in Washington, caused his friends to believe that he would have no trouble in convincing the president that Mr. Holton's work entitled him to four more years in office. A warm contest is expected before the appointment is announced.

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS OPENS IN TEXAS

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 10.—The members of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association assembled in this city to-day for their fifth annual meeting. President J. A. Arnold presided this morning at the opening session, which was devoted chiefly to the annual reports of the officers and standing committees.

N. H. Ragland of Paris, B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth, O. Owen of Port Arthur and J. B. Carrington of San Antonio were speakers at the afternoon session.

The meeting, which will remain in session over to-morrow, will discuss plans for broadening the scope of the organization, which already has accomplished substantial results in the direction of the development and up-building of Texas by advertising its resources and the advantages offered by the state to settlers and investors.



Sensational Report On Cotton Crop By The Government

Cotton Takes Turn Skyward -- Advance Of Forty Points Scored

On New Orleans Exchange May Cotton Reached 16 Cent Mark — Crop Estimated At 10,088,000 Bales.

New High Records Established on New York Exchange — Still Higher Prices Are Freely Predicted.

By Association Press.
Washington, Dec. 10.—The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture estimated the total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1909-10 will amount to 4,826,344,000 pounds (not including lint) equivalent to 10,088,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

Production of 1,500 pounds gross weight bales in the following states was as follows: Virginia 10,000; North Carolina 615,000; South Carolina 1,095,000; Georgia 1,800,000; Florida 57,000.

New York Market Affected.
New York, Dec. 10.—The cotton market became wildly excited after publication of the government report. There was a jump of approximately 40 points within a few minutes. May cotton jumped to 15.80, or within 20 points of the 16 cent mark, predicted to be reached before Christmas, and 42 points above the closing figures of last night.

Market Very Active.
New York, Dec. 10.—There was tremendous realizing on the advance, but the government estimate proved so much under previously-held views as to suggest the possibility of a cotton famine before the end of the season, and half an hour after the initial jump prices were not more than 5 points below the top figures.

The market continued tremendously active with business from all over the world pouring into the local exchange in a vast volume.

Reached 16 Cent Mark.
New Orleans, Dec. 10.—Following the posting of the cotton crop report estimate on the cotton exchange this afternoon the future market took a jump ranging from 25 to 40 points. May cotton went to 15 cents, establishing a new high record for the season.

local market took a jump from 14.65 to 15 cents.

This is decidedly the most important report of the season and before it came out this morning the market was steady. Everybody was anxiously awaiting the issuance of the government's estimate and when it came the market became nervous immediately.

In round figures the jump was 30 points, but it then lowered 13 points. The Liverpool market will open again at 6 o'clock to receive the report.

The bureau of agriculture has missed the crop by a big number for four years. Last year it was missed by a million bales and it seems to be the general opinion of the local dealers that the crop this year will not go much above or under 10,500,000.

Three Men Killed By Explosion

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Three men were instantly killed by an explosion in the press mill of the Austin Power Company's plant this afternoon.

Ferry May Be Lost.

Coneaut, Ohio, Dec. 10.—The car ferry, Coneaut, carrying a large crew and passengers, is two days overdue. It is believed that the ferry has been lost.

THE WEATHER
Forecast till 8 p. m. Saturday.
For Charlotte and vicinity:
Fair. Continued cold tonight.
SATURDAY:
Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer.

Local Cotton Market.
The report as it came at 2 o'clock today was quite a surprise to most of the local buyers. They say it is much lower than they had expected and consider it very bullish. The

DEVELOPMENTS IN NICARAGUAN SITUATION

By Associated Press.
Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 10.—General Estrada, insurgent leader, was dumbfounded to-day when he learned that the object of the conference between Zelaya envoys with General Diaz was to demand the surrender of the insurgent army. Estrada declares the insurgents' position at Rama is impregnable. The arrival of the cruiser Des Moines created great enthusiasm. Commander Shipley conferred to-day with Consul Moffat at Bluefields regarding the future course to be pursued.

Mrs. Brokaw Tells Story

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 10.—Circumstantial revelations of ill treatment with which she charges her millionaire husband, W. Gould Brokaw, were continued today when the trial of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's suit for separation and \$30,000 alimony was resumed at Minola.

WIFE OF CHIEF JUSTICE WALTER CLARK IS DEAD

Special to The News.
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—At noon Mrs. Clark, wife of Chief Justice Walter Clark, died after a critical illness of pneumonia, from which she had made such apparent improvement that her brothers, Major Jno. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, and Dr. George W. Graham, of Charlotte, had gone home, thinking she had good prospect of recovery.

The turn for the worse came suddenly this morning.

Fearful Extent Of The White Slave Traffic

Warships To Attend Mardi Gras Celebration

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, and other members of the Florida delegation in Congress called upon Secretary of the Navy Meyer today and asked that several warships be sent to Pensacola to participate in Mardi Gras celebration next February. The secretary promised to send war ships for that occasion if available. The Floridians are gratified over the secretary's announcement that he intends to continue the Pensacola yard as one of the principal naval establishments.

Calhoun Statue Swung Into Line

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 10.—With his hand on the Federal constitution trying in a general way patriotic principles of the constitution, states rights and union, John C. Calhoun, Southern statesman of ante bellum days of the republic was swung into line in the Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. The statue, which rests upon a pedestal of South Carolina granite will be dedicated in January. Governor Ansel of South Carolina was among the crowd in the hall that watched the workmen place the statue.

Rumor Has It Zelaya Intends To Resign

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 10.—Evidence is multiplying that Zelaya intends to retire from the presidency of Nicaragua. Reports are general throughout that country and American consular offices give credence to them.

Latest news reached the state department this morning stating Jose Madriz was mentioned as Zelaya's successor. In the absence of definite information it is assumed this suggestion comes from Zelaya's friends.

For that reason his selection would be far from satisfactory to this government. Madriz is said to be a man with ambition. It is a question among Central Americans here whether he could be wholly dominated by Zelaya and do not understand the reasons for Madriz candidacy for presidency being urged by Zelaya's partisans.

In any event this selection as president of Nicaragua would not be satisfactory to the United States.

FIGHT OVER RAIL ROAD LEGISLATION

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Promising to surpass the legislative conflict over railroad rates four years ago, a controversy over railroad legislation will be precipitated this winter in congress.

The first gun was fired today by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, who introduced a bill proposing radical changes in the interstate commerce law.

WASHINGTON IRRIGATION PROJECT

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 10.—Five hundred thousand acres of arable lands in the South central section of Washington will come under irrigation by the completion of a reclamation system, to cost from \$5,000,000 to \$5,000,000, projected by ranchers of the Horse Heaven country and the Klickitat Power and Irrigation Company, representatives of which have agreed upon a contract. The canal is to be completed within seven years, the company agreeing to deliver a cubic foot of water per second for each 160 acres without any qualifications; also that the water will be measured at the point of delivery on the land. The landowners are granted a full crop a year after the water is turned on, the first payment to be made one year from the 1st of April after the gates are opened. Water will be taken from the Klickitat River, east of Mount Adams, in Yakima county.

Report of the Immigration Commission Shows Revolting Practices of Persons Who Import Women.

The traffic is pronounced most pitiful phase of the immigration question—Suggestions as to remedying evil.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Stories of revolting practices of procurers of women for immoral purposes are told in a report issued today by the immigration commission.

Recommendations to the commission contemplate closer scrutiny for admission of alien women and renewed efforts to stamp out the so-called "White Slave traffic."

The commission says the "White Slave traffic" is the most pitiful and revolting phase of the immigration question.

The business has assumed large proportions, and has been exerting an evil influence upon the country.

The statement of the commission may form a basis of reasonable legislation and administrative action to lessen the evils.

The inquiry covered the cities of New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Butte, Denver, Buffalo, Boston and New Orleans.

The report deals with methods used by men and women procurers to lure women into this country for immoral purposes. Methods differ in the different countries. In some countries men and women in the business of enticing innocent girls to the United States resort to profers of attractive positions. In many cases men offer themselves in marriage and frequently risk prosecution on charges of bigamy in order to obtain their desires.

Concerning the talk of a monopolistic corporation, whose business is importing unfortunate women, the commission declares it is unable to learn of the existence of such a corporation.

Under the head of "Recommendations" the commission states that owing to a difference between American and European views regarding prostitution there can be but limited cooperation with some European nations in the fight to suppress the White Slave trade, and that largely the United States must rely upon its own officials to wipe out the traffic.

The commission submits suggestions of administrative changes and more rigid enforcement of existing regulations by the bureau of immigration. It is suggested that the immigration law should be amended.

NEW TURN IN BATH - TUB MURDER CASE

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 10.—On the eve of the trial of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, on the charge of murdering her niece, Miss Okey Snead, victim of the bathtub tragedy, the family has broken the long silence. A statement was issued in explanation of the many mysteries which have been puzzling investigation into the alleged murder.

Mrs. Mary Snead, the victim's aunt, asserts that the three Wardlaw sisters who are members of a well known families in Virginia and Tennessee, came to New York with the purpose of securing funds to establish a woman's college in the South. She described the family's struggles when the project was launched, leading to constant necessity for borrowing money on policies on Okey Snead's life.

Okey Snead pined away, the aunt declares, when her husband disappeared, and that it was the hope of breaking her melancholy and giving her the benefit of country air that the house in East Orange, where the tragedy occurred, was engaged. Mrs. Snead says there is no basis for the statements that the young woman did not have the best care at the hands of her family.

Sensational Report.
The police department unearthed a peculiar episode in the case which indicates that the bath tub victim was kept for considerable periods under opiates against explicit order of the attending physician.