

REV. L. A. THOMAS, OF CONCORD, MADE CONFERENCE LEADER

Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church Elected President of Southern Conference For the Year.

SESSIONS BEING HELD IN CITY

St. Andrews Church Host to About Seventy-Five Delegates and Ministers Here for the Conference.

The annual Southern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina got under way here last night with the opening session attended by more than 50 delegates and laymen from various churches in the south.

The morning session today the following officers were elected: Rev. L. A. Thomas, Concord, President.

Rev. F. H. Kohn, Mount Holly, Vice President. Rev. G. H. C. Park, Gastonia, Secretary.

Rev. C. C. Link, Salisbury, Treasurer. The general theme of the conference is "Fundamental Principles and Responsibilities of Stewardship," and the discussion of the subject are being led by members and laymen.

The sessions of the conference will be continued at noon tomorrow and at the afternoon session the meeting place for the conference will be made. New officers will be installed tomorrow also.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock another session of the conference was held. Hon. Capps and Rev. G. H. C. Park spoke in the afternoon and their talks were followed by an address by W. A. Ridenour on "The Practice of Stewardship."

Thought at 8 o'clock there was a service by Rev. V. C. Ridenour on "The Obligation of the Confirmation of the Faithful."

During the day the number of delegates and ministers in attendance was the largest in more than 10 years.

The program for the closing session tomorrow is as follows: 7:30 a. m.—Devotional services, Rev. P. Miller, pastor.

8:15 a. m.—Business. 9:30 a. m.—Developing the Membership of the Church in the Principles of Stewardship—Rev. R. M. Carpenter.

11 a. m.—"The Stewardship of Prayer." Rev. H. A. Trexler, pastor.

1:30 p. m.—Speakers Present at Committee Hearing. Committee Back at Work After a Week's Recess With No Spectators in the Room.

Washington, May 8.—In a committee hearing on the bill to amend the practice of the production of oil production on Teapot Dome and Elk Hill were described today by the Senate oil committee by H. Oscar Bain, director of the Bureau of Mines.

In recent weeks the crowds that once thronged the hearing room have dwindled daily and today for the first time the committee began its public session with only a few present except members, witnesses and newspaper men. It was the first hearing in a week.

Japanese Farmers Objected to Reconstruction of Tokio. Tokio, May 8.—Rural voters in Japan have been as numerous as those from the cities, according to figures published by the Home Office in anticipation of the general elections for the House of Representatives which will be held May 10.

These figures furnish the most convincing explanation of the legislature's opposition to large scale plans for the reconstruction of Tokio after the earthquake.

The extraordinary session of the Diet closed last December made impossible any plans which exceeded the barest necessities of reconstruction. The fact that six-tenths of the representatives were returned by country voters, who do not want the capital rebuilt at the expense of the rural districts, explains the opposition to the ambitious plans presented to it by Viscount Goto, then the Home Minister and president of the reconstruction board.

Big Clearance Sale at Efford's To Begin Tomorrow. The Big Removal Sale at Efford's will begin tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. In addition to the regular sales force and sales managers the store will have special sales people from the Efford stores in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Salisbury, High Point, Gastonia, Lexington, Albemarle and Statesville.

The basement also will be filled with goods and opened to the big crowds that are bound to flock to the store during the sale. The store has been closed yesterday and today to mark down the goods for the sale. It is desired to sell out the entire stock in the present store so that when the new store is opened up there will be no new stock.

THE COTTON SITUATION

America is Liable to Meet Stiff Competition From Japan.

New Orleans, La., May 8.—That the decline in cotton production with the rise in the cost of production at the per acre yield of 1923 is seriously threatening our international balance of trade is brought more forcibly to the attention of the financial world in a recent discussion of the Japanese situation by the Wall Street Journal.

While some persons are inclined at times to be prejudiced against announcements or statements emanating from Wall Street this statement concerning the cotton situation is so much in line with beliefs of economists and business men that there is no room for doubt.

The statement is interesting to financial interests because of its bearing on foreign trade conditions which in turn affects domestic trade conditions, and is of interest to the producers of cotton because of the demand in Japan for cotton which encourages foreign lands to produce the staple in larger quantities and furnishes them with further incentive to overcome the supremacy of the United States.

The article in the Wall Street Journal referring to the cotton situation is as follows: "Japan has 4,877,000 active spindles and in the last year consumed 2,220,000 bales of cotton. In the same period Great Britain consumed 2,875,000. By the earthquake Japan lost 680,000 spindles, or about 15 per cent. Nevertheless, that country is now consuming cotton at a rate equal to that before the earthquake.

"Of the quantity of cotton consumed by Japan, already referred to, almost a third of the supply of the last fiscal year was drawn from America. In the past two years Japan consumed in its mills over 1,500,000 bales of American-grown cotton. Only Germany and Great Britain took more American cotton in that time. Between the first of last August and the middle of the present month (April) Japan and China together have consumed 537,000 bales of cotton from the United States.

"If all our exports of farm products, including wheat and other grains, beef, pork, and tobacco were put in one heap and the cotton in another the value of the cotton would be greater. In fact that commodity is the one that turns our international balance of trade. The Japanese markets look for a coarse grade of goods and for that they can use other cotton, particularly the staple which India produces."

The preceding paragraph makes it very plain that America is liable to meet stiff competition in one of the largest cotton consuming countries of the world. The only way to offset or avoid this competition, according to scientists and business men, is by an increase in production of cotton in America with a corresponding decrease in costs of production which can be done only through the control of the boll weevil.

REP. HAMMER IS AFTER REP. BLANTON, OF TEXAS Two Representatives Had Misunderstanding in the Committee.—Hammer Throws Folding Chair.

Washington, May 8.—Representative Hammer, democrat of North Carolina, objected to being called a "garulous old grandmother" by Representative Blanton, democrat of Texas, at today's meeting of the House district of Columbia committee, and it took a good deal of effort by other committee members to keep them apart.

Mr. Hammer, first let fly a folding chair at his antagonist, and when that did not hit the mark, grabbed the balky District of Columbia appropriation bill. Thereafter the two members made several lunges at each other across the table, but the meeting ended with handshakes.

A disagreement over the closing of the meeting caused the outbreak. With Our Advertisers. Patt Covington has many things to be exchanged for others. See list in his ad. today. If you have anything you want to swap see him.

Let the officers of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. show you the advantages of doing your banking with that institution.

Fisher's is now having a Clearance Sale of all suits and coats at from one fourth to one-third off. Specials also in dresses and hats.

The young men are attached to the \$2.50 shirts of Browns-Cannon Co. The Dr. Geo. W. Graham property on North Tryon street, Charlotte, on the Concord road, will be sold at public auction on Wednesday, May 14th. This property will be divided into about 300 choice building lots.

Big White and Clearance Sale at the Parks-Belk Company. The big annual May White and Clearance Sale at the Parks-Belk Company will begin tomorrow (Friday) May 9th, and will last throughout the month or as long as the goods last. Big reductions will be made in every department.

Many specials will be offered on well known goods such as J & P. Coats spool cotton for 4 cents, seamless sheets for 79 cents, Octagon soap for 5 cents, and others that will save you money. Read the two pages of advertisements in this paper and get early and get the best bargains.

THE TIME IS RIPE

The time is ripe for securing a new hotel for Concord. The citizens of the city have realized for years that the city's greatest need is better hotel facilities and it is possible now for the new hostelry to be erected.

The only thing needed is co-operation on the part of the people of Concord. The company that purchased the hotel site has done all that it can do until the people act. It takes money, not talk, to secure a new hotel for any city. A number of the city's men and women have subscribed liberally to the stock of the hotel company. They realize that the investment will bring them about 6 per cent. annually, and at the same time will benefit their city.

They are not only anxious to see their city grow but they are willing to assist in the growth. They are not willing to sit idly by and let their neighbors create a bigger and better city. They are willing to subscribe to this undertaking that means a more modern city.

C. W. Swink, Charles B. Wagoner, L. D. Coltrane, T. H. Webb, L. M. Richmond, A. F. Hartsell and J. A. Cannon will be glad to call on you and explain the details if you are interested. The sooner the stock is sold the sooner work on the hotel will start. Now is the time to act.

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Half of District Presidents Read Reports Before Federated Club Meeting at Raleigh.

Raleigh, May 8.—A series of breakfast conferences held here this morning completed much of the work of the convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs before the general meeting which opened at 9 o'clock.

After assembly singing at the opening of the general meeting the convention began the second full day's program. Half of the district presidents read their reports, and the other half having placed theirs before convention yesterday. Among other reports ready today were those on home economics by Mrs. Rosalie A. Redfern, library extension by Miss Mary Devane, and social service by Mrs. Chas. E. Quinlan.

RESTRICT SMOKING AT NEW YORK CONVENTION

Due to Presence of Women and Fire Regulations, Smoking at Convention Hall Will Be Restricted.

New York, May 8.—Due to the presence of women and to fire regulations, smoking will be restricted at the Democratic national convention. Philip P. Day, chairman of the New York committee, made this known when he announced that the committee has accepted an offer of a local department store to provide a club room for the use of delegates and guests at Madison Square Garden.

Governor to Get Report First.

Raleigh, May 8.—The report of the ship and water transportation commission will not be given to the public until after it has been submitted to Governor Morrison, Chairman E. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, stated here this morning. The commission is meeting here today.

Textile Depression Soon To Be Over—Optimistic Note Sounded

Charlotte, May 7.—Through the loan of \$5,000,000 to foreign markets by 41 American banks, the present business depression, especially in the textile industry, will disappear wholly and an optimistic note will be sounded within the next 15 days, predicted Norman H. Johnson yesterday in his annual address before the Southern Wholesale Dry Goods Association, of which he is secretary.

Mr. Johnson spoke before a large gathering in the convention hall at the Chamber of Commerce.

"Besides this loan, other banks will come forward with additional advances. I have been informed," Mr. Johnson said, "It means that business conditions are going to improve materially, is my belief."

That approximately \$10,000,000,000 is being wasted annually in American industry, because improper methods of production are being used, was a statement made by A. E. Foote, of the division of simplified practice, department of commerce of the United States. Mr. Foote said that much of the waste could be prevented by more efficiency in operation and the application of simplified practice in production. His address was illustrated.

The annual banquet of the association was given last night at the Chamber of Commerce, with H. V. Kaltenborn, editor of The Brooklyn Eagle, and Dr. D. W. Daniels, president of Clemson College, South Carolina, as the principal speakers.

The morning program today calls for further general discussions relating to the trade, and a round table discussion by former presidents of the association. A new president and other officers will be elected, and the selection of the next place of meeting will be announced. All of today's meetings will take place at the Chamber of Commerce. In the afternoon a visit to Crumpton will be the feature.

Tonight there will be a smoker and buffet supper at the Southern Manufacturers Club.

Following a number of executive sessions the convention was called to order at 10:30 o'clock yesterday. John

ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD COURT HAS BEEN PROPOSED NOW

Proposal Made by Senator Lodge in Resolution He Would Establish Court at The Hague.

WANTS PRESIDENT TO CALL MEETING Complete Plan For Proposed Court Embodied in Resolution—Would Have Court of Sixteen Judges.

Washington, May 8.—Establishment of a world court at The Hague, to which the United States would adhere, was proposed today in a resolution introduced by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman of the foreign relations committee. For the purpose of creating the new tribunal, President Coolidge would be "respectfully requested to propose the calling of the third Hague conference."

The resolution embodied a complete plan for the proposed court. It would be composed of 16 judges—four of them deputies—who would be selected by an electoral commission.

This commission would consist of "a general committee composed of representatives designated by the signatory powers, and a special committee composed of representatives designated by the United States, British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of five other signatory powers, which powers shall be selected by the signatory powers by a majority vote from time to time."

Members of the could would be selected by the electoral commission from "a list of persons nominated by the national groups in the permanent court of arbitration."

The tribunal would sit at least once a year with extraordinary sessions authorized at the call of its president.

The signatory powers would recognize "as compulsory, ipse facto" the jurisdiction of a treaty questions of international law, evidence of breach of international obligation, and the nature and extent of indemnity for such breach."

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM IN FULL ANNOUNCED

Exercises Will Be Held at New High School Building and at Confederate Monument.

The Dodson Ramsey Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will observe Memorial Day Friday afternoon, May 9th, 1924. The exercises will be held in the new High School auditorium at two o'clock, after which the Daughters and Veterans will be joined by the teachers and children of the city schools and march to the court house and decorate the monument.

All members of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the public generally are most cordially invited to attend these exercises.

A splendid program has been arranged. Music will be furnished by Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse as soloist, a mixed quartet composed of Mesdames H. G. Gibson, Miss Pat Adams, Messrs. R. E. Ridenour Jr., and J. B. Sherrill, with Mrs. V. A. Means as accompanist.

The program follows: Song: The Son of God Goes Forth to War—By Audience. Solo: The Homespun Girl—Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse.

Introduction of speaker—H. W. Blanks. Address—James F. Hurley, of Salisbury. Tenting Tonight—Quartette. Dixie. The exercises will close at the monument with the benediction by Rev. W. A. Jenkins.

IMMIGRATION MEASURE IS HEARTILY ENDORSED

Both Democratic and Republican Spokesmen Assailed Postponing Japanese Exclusion.

Washington, May 8.—The Senate heatedly debated the immigration bill today with both democratic and republican spokesmen bitterly assailing the conference report, postponing Japanese exclusion.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the democratic leader, opened the attack, and was joined immediately by Senators Borah, of Idaho and Johnson of California, Republicans.

The provision directing negotiation of an understanding cancelling the gentlemen's agreement adopted at the suggestion of President Coolidge, was assailed as an abrogation of the principle as a purely domestic question.

Brown-Norcott School Commencement. The commencement exercises of the Brown-Norcott School will begin Friday evening, May 9th, at 8 o'clock, with an exercise by the primary children.

Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, the inter-club track meet will be held on the school grounds. Several nice prizes will be offered in the various athletic contests.

Saturday afternoon, at 2:30, the annual address followed by the graduating exercises, will be given. Supper on the grounds at 5:30. Saturday night at 8 o'clock, the upper grade pupils will give their play. The public is invited to all exercises.

JUDGE GRADY WARNS NEWSPAPER REPORTERS

Would Put Him in Jail If He Wrote Story Like He Did Two Weeks Ago.

Raleigh, May 7.—R. E. Williams, court reporter of the Raleigh News and Observer, was threatened confinement in jail for contempt by Judge Henry A. Grady, of the Superior Court, and grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, if he wrote any more articles similar to one which appeared in the paper two weeks ago, according to a story which will appear in the Raleigh News and Observer tomorrow morning.

The article complained of by Judge Grady asserted that a jury was hourly hung and was awaiting his return to court. The story alleged that Judge Grady was found by an officer of the court attending a session of the Ku Klux Klan officials and was not to be disturbed. The jury was dismissed until the following day by the assistant clerk of court, according to the story.

According to the story which will appear tomorrow morning Judge Grady addressed Mr. Williams when the latter entered the court this afternoon asking if he was to continue as court reporter.

Upon being answered in the affirmative, Judge Grady is quoted as declaring that "I want to tell you right now that if you write anything else about me like you did last week, I am going to put you in jail for contempt of court."

The judge continued, according to the story, by declaring that Mr. Williams had written "something which was not true, whereupon Mr. Williams replied that he had written "what I thought to be absolutely true." The judge then asserted that the jury had said it was not inconvenienced by the delay in finding him and Mr. Williams asserted that he had not written that the jury was inconvenienced.

The story of two weeks ago, according to tomorrow's item, did not assert that the jury was inconvenienced but had merely stated the facts as to where Judge Grady was when the jury awaited him and why it was necessary for the assistant clerk of court to dismiss the jury. The article continued by declaring that the statement of the jurors had been printed in the paper.

AWAITING ACTION BY COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

Nothing in Connection With Unification of Methodists is Expected to Be Done Today.

Nashville, May 8.—With receipt here of official notification by the Southern Methodist College of Bishops of the ratification by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Springfield, Mass., of the plan of unification of the two great bodies of Methodists, action by the Southern Methodist bishops on a call for a special session of the General Conference of the Southern Church is expected today or tomorrow.

A member of the College of Bishops stated that if the work of the board of missions permitted the bishops to be absent for an hour or so today, the session of bishops would be held at once, otherwise the college would certainly take up the matter tonight or tomorrow.

SITUATION IN RUHR IS SERIOUS AGAIN

Refusal of Miners to Add Hour to the Working Day Causes Another Crisis in Mining District.

Berlin, May 8 (By the Associated Press).—The situation in the Ruhr, where 300 miners are out because of their refusal to meet the demand of the owners for the addition of an hour to their working day, is admitted serious. Government circles evidently are deeply concerned, and the hasty departure for the Ruhr last night of Labor Minister Braun in an attempt to settle the conflict emphasizes the gravity of conditions.

The entire German press is apprehensive that the conflict may react unfavorably against German international conditions and foreign policy.

Summer School at State College.

Raleigh, May 8.—With the signing up of Professor Garfield A. Bowden, of the University School at Cincinnati, Ohio, the summer school of State College will have a complete faculty and everything is in readiness for the opening June 10th, according to Director T. E. Browne. Professor Bowden will give the professional courses in science teaching for teachers of science and prospective teachers of science in the secondary schools of the state.

The requirement that for a school to get on the accredited list, two sciences with laboratory work must be taught has given rise, it was said, to an urgent demand for teachers trained in methods of teaching science. Jule B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Teachers' Association, in charges of the placement bureau, states that he has had more difficulty in supplying teachers of science than any other class of teachers. State College Summer School is making a special effort to prepare teachers to meet this demand, it was declared.

Prohibition Officers Fooled By Porpoises.

New York, May 7.—Persistent rumors that submarines were being used in smuggling liquor off the south shore of Long Island today proved to be nothing more than fish stories. What were thought to be the conning towers of undersea craft were only the dorsal fins of porpoises disporting themselves in their spring playgrounds.

Spurred by reports of submarines sighted off shore, prohibition agents set out in a fast launch last night to investigate. They sighted a supposed submarine and gave chase. For some time they pursued the object, but it repeatedly disappeared.

When the light came the agents approached close enough to ascertain that it was a porpoise.

A campaign is about to be launched to raise \$100,000 for a women's building on the campus of the University of Michigan.

JOHN S WORK AGAINST WALSH AND WHEELER DISCUSSED

Daugherty Committee Hears More About Efforts to Smear Names of the Two Montana Senators.

GRORUD TELLS WHAT HE KNOWS Says Coan Tried to Get Affidavits That Would Hurt Senator Walsh.—Gives Much Evidence.

Washington, May 8.—The activities of Blair Coan, the Republican national committee investigator who went to Montana to inquire into the records of Senator Walsh, of the oil committee, and Senator Wheeler, of the Daugherty committee, were further described today in the Senate Daugherty investigation.

A. A. Grorud, of Helena, Montana, an attorney, testified that he had talked with Coan in Montana in April.

"Coan came to me and said he wanted something to smear Senator Walsh," Grorud said.

"He asked me for affidavits. He said they had Wheeler where they wanted him, and now they would get something on Walsh."

"I told Coan that I knew something about the Campbell case (the case on which Senator Wheeler's indictment was based), and that there was nothing they could convict Wheeler about in that. Coan said that was right, but that they would have the indictment to hold over Wheeler anyhow. Slattery, the United States district attorney, had not wished to bring the case before a grand jury, even Coan went on, but the Department of Justice had a charge against Slattery because he had been mixed up in some liquor prosecutions, and that made Slattery go through anyway."

Coal also said, the witness testified, that a Burns agent named McGraw was assisting him.

"Blair Coan told me the Department of Justice had twenty-two men in Montana," Grorud said.

Before 1916, Grorud said on cross examination, he was a law partner of Senator Wheeler. He became a deputy attorney general later for the state of Montana.

E. G. Toomey, another Montana lawyer, told the committee he had encountered Department of Justice agents in the state who said they were investigating the actions of Slattery.

THE COTTON MARKET

Relatively Firm Liverpool Cables Followed by Steady Opening.—First Prices Higher.

New York, May 8.—Relatively firm Liverpool cables were followed by a steady opening in the cotton market today. First prices were 3 to 13 points higher, and after selling off several points after the call under realizing the market steadied upon renewed demand from July shorts. Liverpool and commodity house buying. May contracts advanced from 29.90 to 30.20, while July sold up to 28.35 and October to 24.55, or 15 to 22 points net higher.

Futures opened: May 30.15, July 28.25, October 24.47; December 28.85; January 23.55.

TUCKER VERY HAPPY TO BE FATHER, HE SAYS

Wires Lawer From Los Angeles—Mrs. Tucker Will Make Explanation Later.

New York, May 8.—Seventeen-year-old Burton S. Tucker, whose bride, Mrs. Susan O. Tucker, forty-nine years old on April 22nd, gave birth to a daughter at Baldwin, N. Y., is "very happy" to be a father, according to a telegram which Tucker's lawyer says he had received from the young bridegroom in Los Angeles. The lawyer said he had received on Monday from Mrs. Tucker, who with her husband is under indictment in New Jersey in connection with their marriage, a telegram which read:

"Letter follows. Full explanation." Coolidge is Far in Lead of Johnson in California. San Francisco, Calif., May 7.—President Coolidge's lead over Senator Hiram Johnson for California's indorsement for the Republican presidential nomination continued to increase in returns late today, the gain being especially apparent as belated tabulations from Los Angeles county came in.

The same precincts gave a slate of delegates to the Democratic national convention pledged to Wm. G. McAdoo almost a six to one lead over an unpledged group which opposed McAdoo.

Billiard cues, superseding naets, came into general use in America about 1820.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Fair tonight and Friday, cooler tonight and in the east portion Friday.

