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REVS. STANFORD AND YORK ARE RETURNED

Methodist Conference at Shelby Adjourns to Meet in Reidsville.

The Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, south, which was held this year at Shelby came to a close Monday and will meet next year in Reidsville.

Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was returned and so was Rev. E. A. York, pastor of the Hickory Circuit. This news will be received with pleasure by their many friends and their congregations here. Rev. McSwain, for the past year pastor of the West Hickory Church, has been succeeded by Rev. L. F. Brothers.

From the reports of the various boards of the conference the following statistics are gathered:

Local preachers, 191; members, 90,471; additions—professions, 4,927; a dditions—certificate, 4,458; removals, 6,178; increase in membership over last year, 2,180; baptised infants, 2,880; baptised adults, 2,826; number of pastoral charges, 236; number of parsonages, 119; number churches, 832; number districts, 10; number district parsonages, 10; value of parsonages, \$461,990; indebtedness of parsonages, \$22,651; value of churches, \$2,495,496; indebtedness of churches, \$159,491; value district parsonages, \$50,800; indebtedness district parsonages, \$6,235; women's societies, 171; members, 5,803; amount collected, \$33,073; number of Sunday schools, 811; number of teachers and officers, 5,924; number of scholars, 81,732; number of scholars joining church, 2,615; number in cradle roll, 1,653; number of Bible classes, 321; number of training classes, 45; number of home department scholars, 1,471; foreign missions, \$15,911.71; foreign mission special, \$11,750.80; home and conference, \$18,194.80; church extension, \$8,502.87; church extension special, \$87; education, \$9,900.57; American Bible society, \$402.98; Epworth league, 62; members, 22,073.

Puzzling Dispatches are Sent From Mexico.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Puzzling but apparently significant dispatches from Mexico received today by the state department left officials very much in doubt as to what is going on in the southern republic.

The first, a consular dispatch from Aguas Calientes, announced that General Gutierrez, named by the convention as provisional president, yesterday demanded Carranza's retirement as first chief of the constitutionalists within 24 hours.

The second, from Consul Silliman in Mexico City, said the possibilities of a peaceful settlement of the differences between Carranza and the Aguas Calientes convention were brighter today than at any time since the breach occurred. General Blanco, commanding the Carranza forces in Mexico City, Mr. Silliman said, advised him that an agreement binding the leaders to adjust their differences without further hostilities were confidently expected.

Advices from Aguas Calientes said Gutierrez had informed Carranza that unless a definite answer to his demands were forthcoming by Sunday night a general movement against him would be ordered.

Negroes in Protest to American People.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Members of the delegation which went to the White House last week with a protest against race segregation in government departments laid their case before a mass meeting of negroes here today. The meeting adopted a formal protest to the American people against "the pronounced tendency in American law and public opinion to draw the color line."

"We make this appeal at this time," said the statement, "because it has been ascertained by us from the highest authority in the nation that it is the policy of the federal government to draw the color line, to make what the newspapers of the country denominate and denounce as 'Jim Crow government.'"

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
Beware of cheap imitations. Get the genuine, call for full name, LAXA, THE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops Head and Coughs, and works off cold. 25c.

WILSON REBUKES NEGROES FOR THEIR IMPUDENCE

Monroe Trotter of Boston Accused Cabinet Officers of Feeling Against Race.

President Wilson severely rebuked a delegation of negroes for catechising him in an offensive manner and for offering him impudence.

The President's indignation was directed particularly at W. Monroe Trotter, a Boston negro, publisher of the Guardian, who in 1913 was sentenced to thirty days for disturbing a meeting at which Booker T. Washington was speaking.

Trotter acted as spokesman for a committee of the National Independent Equal Rights League, which called at the White House to protest against race segregation in the Government departments.

When the committee said they opposed the segregation order because it was calculated to injure the colored employees and deprive them of their rights, the President said that he had investigated the matter and found that the sole purpose and object of the order was to avoid friction between the races.

He added that he had great feeling for the colored race; that he admired the progress the race had made and that he would do nothing to injure colored people. The thing to be sought by negroes was complete independence of white people, and he was willing to do everything to assist them to this end, he said.

Trotter and other members of the committee contradicted the President. They said that the only cause for the segregation order would be found in the race antipathies of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Postmaster-General Burleson and Comptroller of the Currency Williams. These southerners, they said, issued segregation orders because of their feeling against negroes.

Trotter said in his address that his committee did not come "as wards looking for charity," but as full-fledged American citizens, vouchsafed equality of citizenship by the Federal Constitution.

"Two years ago," said Trotter, "you were thought to be a second Abraham Lincoln."

The President tried to interrupt, asking that personalities be left out of the discussion.

The President told Trotter that he was an American citizen as fully as anybody else, but that he (Trotter) was the only American citizen who had ever come into the White House and addressed the President in such a tone and with a background of passion.

The negro spokesman continued to argue that he was merely trying to show how colored people felt, and asserted that he and others were now being branded as traitors to their race because they advised the colored people "to support the ticket."

This mention of votes caused Mr. Wilson to say that politics must be left out, because it was a form of blackmail. He said he would resent it as quickly from one set of men as from another, and that his auditors could vote as they pleased; it mattered little to him so long as he was sure he was doing the right thing and at the right time.

At no other time had people who called upon him in the White House offered him such impudence. He told the committee that any delegation which might wish to see him in the future could not do so if Trotter was a member.

The interview was scheduled to last fifteen minutes, but it continued for almost an hour while Secretary Redfield and other callers waited in ante-rooms.

As Trotter left the White House he announced that the interview had been thoroughly "disappointing" and that a mass meeting would be called to protest against the segregation order.

A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by Lutz's Drug Store and Grim's Drug Co.

A Proclamation by the Governor

Above all the nations we have been blessed. Throughout the wide domain of our country peace presides—in harvest fields and in teeming cities. Industry protected and encouraged by law is triumphant, and plenty has been decreed as the reward of labor.

The destiny of the Republic is unfolding in grander revelation, and better opportunities are opening to all her citizens in this day of altruistic awakening. For us God has ordained order, and will ordain righteousness, that from material progress there shall come moral progress and a higher social development.

America is more than ever the refuge for the oppressed. She offers to the worthy, stricken people of Europe homes protected from the ravages of war, where life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are guaranteed to all.

In the countries across the Atlantic the destruction and suffering and sorrow of war are supreme. In Europe, Asia and Africa fire and sword constitute the rule, and death and desolation reign in the seats of the fairest civilizations. As of old, in Rama Rachel weeps for her children, and cannot be comforted.

Now, therefore, I, LOCKE CRAIG, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in obedience to the custom established by our fathers, and in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do proclaim Thursday, the Twenty-sixth day of November, a day of Thanksgiving and Dedication.

I call upon all people to observe this day, to assemble in their usual places of worship, and in reverence to give thanks to the Almighty for the blessings vouchsafed to us, and to pray that the power of faith and righteousness may be quickened in this land, and that in all lands the reign of the Prince of Peace shall be restored.

I call the people to the realization of their obligation as a State and as a Nation, "To purify our principles, ennoble our national ambitions, to make this people great and strong, not for aggression and conquest, but for the peace of the world, giving to us the glorious prerogative of leading all nations to juster laws, to more humane policies, to sincerer friendship, to rational constituted civil liberty, and to universal Christian Brotherhood," to exemplify the strength and beneficence of a government based upon moral power rather than military force, and to send this message of God to the uttermost parts of the earth for the redemption of men.

On this day let us remember our poor and our unfortunate, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

And I do further call upon all ministers and all good people that on SUNDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH, it being the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day, they contribute to the relief of the million of innocent and industrious people in other lands who are suffering and dying, not for any wrong done by them, but because their homes and fields have been destroyed by armies, and their defenders slain. This is the obligation and the exalted privilege of our great and prosperous nation.

And in this holiday season and approaching Christmas time let us, in humility, make some sacrifice in answer to the far-sounding cry for help in obedience to a sympathy as wide as the world as deep as humanity.

Done in our City of Raleigh, on this the twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in the one hundred and thirty-ninth year of our American Independence.

Locke Craig
Governor.

By the Governor:
Jno. P. Kerr
Private Secretary.

GOOD ATTENDANCE

Hickory Schools in Splendid Condition.

The graded schools of Hickory are making a fine record in attendance. The school census shows 794 white school subjects under 15 years of age. There are enrolled in the graded schools 775 pupils between the ages of 6 and 15 years. That is to say that more than 95 per cent of the children under 15 years of age are enrolled in the graded schools. Including those children who are attending private schools, 93 per cent of the children in Hickory under 15 years of age are in school. It would be interesting to know how many towns in the State can make as good a showing.

During the month of October more than 95 per cent of the pupils enrolled were in actual daily attendance. And so far in November the record has been even better.

Nor does the character of the work done in the schools fall behind. In all the grades special emphasis is laid on writing, spelling, grammar and arithmetic. Most of the work is done in the school room under the direct supervision of the teacher. After the recitation in each subject there is a study period in which the pupil prepares his lesson for the next day. And as a result of these methods the work in all the important subjects is steadily improving.

It would be encouraging to both teacher and pupils if parents would visit the schools and see just what is being done.

Organized Good-Will.

Who can prescribe the limits of the usefulness of the farmer's clubs? They mirror the new time in which we live and out of a jealous, suspicious, narrow, selfish past there grows a new order of neighborhood kindness, courtesy and good will.

Wedding at Conover.

Conover, Nov. 13.—A pretty home wedding took place here Wednesday afternoon when Miss Eva L. Smith became the bride of George L. Hewitt at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knox Smith. Rev. W. D. Bischoff officiated,

HUGE INCREASE IN WEALTH IS SHOWN

United States Worth 140 Billion, Increase From Seven Billion.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Enormous growth of the United States during the last half century was shown in a report by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Since 1850 the population has more than quadrupled, being now more than 100,000,000, the report says.

"In the same period," continued the report, "foreign commerce has grown from \$318,000,000 to \$4,259,000,000, and the per capita value of exports from \$16.96 to \$23.27. National wealth has increased from \$7,000,000,000 in 1870 to approximately \$140,000,000,000; money in circulation from \$279,000,000 to \$3,419,000,000 and New York bank clearings from approximately \$5,000,000,000 to over \$98,000,000,000, while for the entire country bank clearings have grown from \$52,000,000,000 in 1887, the earliest year for which figures were available, to \$174,000,000,000 in 1913.

"Evidences of improved social conditions also are found. For example, 19,000,000 children are now enrolled in public schools and about 200,000 students in higher institutions of learning. Total expenditures for education now approximate \$500,000,000 a year, the result being a rapid increase in general intelligence and a marked decrease in illiteracy. Over 22,000 newspapers and periodicals are disseminating information among the people and the report shows a steady growth in the number of libraries. In 1850 depositors in savings banks were 215,000 in number; today the number is 10,000,000 with deposits, exclusive of those in other savings institutions aggregating \$4,750,000,000 or more than 100 times as much as at the middle of the last century.

"Increased activity on the farms, in factories, and in the great transportation industries also have developed. The value of farms and farm property increased from four billion dollars in 1860 to 41,000,000,000 in 1910; the value of manufacturers, from one billion to over twenty billion

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FIRE AT GRANITE FALLS.

Residence of Dr. A. D. Abernethy Burned.—Other News.

Granite Falls, Nov. 16.—The home of Dr. A. D. Abernethy was burned yesterday morning between 5 and 6 o'clock. A lot of the furniture was saved. The home was insured for \$1500 and was one of the best residences in the town.

Walter Jones, son of Dr. A. D. Jones, died suddenly of hemorrhage of the lungs. The funeral was conducted from the home by Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood and the remains were interred in the Granite Falls cemetery. The deceased was about 30 years of age.

Mrs. C. T. Flowers was paralyzed about a week ago and is in a serious condition. There is some hope of her recovering as she is slowly improving.

W. A. Warlick of Gilkie, S. C. is visiting his brother, D. H. Warlick. We are glad to see him out again after a long siege of rheumatism.

Miss Jettie Miller, one of the teachers in the school, was called home on account of the illness of her mother in Wilkesboro.

Warlick & Sherrill are putting in a new and up-to-date dust system in their table and picker stick factory.

The public road between here and Saw Mills is being changed and a new and up-to-date road being built which will be a great improvement over the one now in use.

RURAL CENSUS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Movement for Community Service Takes Hold on People.

Over fifteen thousand people it has been estimated, are active, interested in the Community Service observance set for December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. These figures include only those who have been appointed over the State to serve on regularly organized committees, either for the county or for the separate communities. These bodies are composed of the thinking men and women of the communities, those who are leaders for community betterment and for advancement in all lines. Over forty-five counties have been organized with committees, numbering about fifty with five members to a committee. Others have been organized but not reported.

But as strong as the organization is now, it is constantly growing even more powerful. When first organized the men behind the movement, knowing that they were about to begin a pioneer work, were satisfied that they should receive scant support for the first year. They were wrong. How wholly mistaken is shown from the mass of mail that is received daily at the headquarters of the State Committee in the State Departments building. Here Secretary W. C. Crosby has been literally swamped for weeks, and now he is in the midst of mailing out about twelve thousand direct appeals to the school teachers of the State urging them to take a lead in the work of community service, and set aside a day in November for parents meeting at the school house, at which time plans may be made for the proper observance of "School and Neighborhood Improvement Day" which is Friday, December 4, in case there is no community service committee in the neighborhood. In case there should be, this meeting will act in cooperation with that committee.

One of the chief benefits that is going to come of the entire observance will be the rural census which is to be taken showing by fifty leading questions the standing of the community, the pulse of the people toward reform in all directions, and progress in general.

The manner of the taking of the census has been outlined by the general committee. The district committee shall divide up its territory and one person shall be assigned to take the census for one neighborhood or one part of a neighborhood. The census taker shall ask the head of each household to answer "yes" or "no" to each of the questions on the census sheet. The census taker will then make a mark after either the "yes" or "no" and total the whole number of yeses and noes in another column. When the census for the district is completed all the reports are to be added together, the totals added together and a duplicate copy of the whole report sent to the county superintendent of schools.

The questions are as follows:

1. Do all your children between six and sixteen attend school?
2. Is any boy or girl in your family attending college?
3. Do any of your boys study the school books on agriculture?
4. Do your boys and girls study the health books?
5. Do you take a county paper?
6. Do you take a farm paper?
7. Do you get the Agricultural Department bulletins?
8. Do you own your farm?
9. Do you belong to a farmers organization?
10. Does your wife belong to a woman's club?
11. Do you attend the farmers' institute?
12. Does your boy belong to a corn club?
13. Does your girl belong to a canning club?
14. Are you a church member?
15. Do the children attend Sunday School?
16. Do you own any farm machinery in cooperation with your neighbors?
17. Do you cooperate with your neighbors in buying fertilizers, feed-stuffs, or other supplies?
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ENGLAND MOURNS HER SOLDIER HERO

Death of Lord Roberts Came Almost Without Warning to Friends.

London, Nov. 15.—The death of Field Marshal Earl Roberts which occurred last evening at the headquarters of the British forces in France, was extremely sudden. He was in his usual good health when he left England Wednesday with his daughter, Lady Aileen Roberts, and his son-in-law, Major Lewin. The party had a rough trip across the channel but the aged general felt no ill effects. He went through with his program on the continent and was about to return home when his death occurred.

Earl Roberts had motored to the British bases and camps, reviewed the Indian troops and conferred with the leading officers. At dinner time Friday evening he complained of a slight chill. As he was subject to trifling chest troubles he followed his usual course. As his temperature increased, however, medical men were called and they pronounced his condition critical. They relieved the general of his pain and he fell asleep. His death occurred during sleep.

The passing of the great warrior has created profound grief throughout the country. At all churches and in the soldiers' training camps touching references were made today to his death and the "dead march" was played.

Lady Roberts received this telegram from Field Marshal Sir John French in the name of the army serving in France.

"Your grief is shared by us who mourn the loss of a loved chief. As he was called it seems fitter to the ending of the life of a great soldier that he should have passed away in the midst of the troops he loved so well and within the sound of the guns."

King George and Queen Mary were greatly shocked by the news of Lord Roberts' death. Their majesties sent messages of condolence to Lady Roberts and her two daughters, Lady Aileen Mary and Lady Ada Edwina Stewart.

The question of a public funeral with services at St. Paul's is under consideration, but it is understood Lady Roberts desires a private service.

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23. Do you buy corn?
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26. Do you raise corn to sell?
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28. Have you purebred cattle?
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32. Is there competition between the buyers of the farm products you sell?
33. Do you keep informed concerning prices in more than one market?
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42. Is there a telephone in the house?
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40. Do you get R. F. D. Service?
41. Would you favor a reasonable tax for road improvement?
42. Is there a telephone in the house?
43. Do you have to carry water over 100 yards?
44. Is your home insured against fire?
45. Do the boys have Saturday afternoons off for baseball or other recreations?
46. Is the house painted?
47. Are the outbuildings white-washed?
48. Would you favor larger schools with more children, more teachers, better paid, larger and better house and grounds?
49. Would you favor industrial, agricultural and some high school subjects in your school?
50. Would you favor enlarging the school district by consolidation with transportation where necessary, and voting reasonable local tax to secure these results?
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tion agents helped you this year?
23. Do you buy corn?
24. Do you buy meat?
25. Do you buy hay?
26. Do you raise corn to sell?
27. If you sell corn are you able to get a fair price for it in cash?
28. Have you purebred cattle?
29. Have you purebred hogs?
30. Have you purebred poultry?
31. Do you sell any hogs, cattle, pork, or beef?
32. Is there competition between the buyers of the farm products you sell?
33. Do you keep informed concerning prices in more than one market?
34. Have you helped your local bank by depositing your savings in it?
35. Has your bank ever helped you by lending you money?
36. Does the buyer solely determine the grade of your cotton, tobacco, peanut, or other money crop?
37. Do you use patent medicines?
38. Is your house screened?
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