

## BAPTISTS PLAN LARGE SCHOOL NEAR HICKORY

Propose to Consolidate All Secondary Schools, Raise \$25,000 for One Big Institution and Make It a Second Mars Hill. Plans Outlined.

A largely attended meeting of Baptist ministers and laymen was held at the First Baptist church here Wednesday night to consider further the consolidation of a Baptist academy near Hickory and a secondary school north of Hickory and a secondary school, mention of which has been made in the columns of this paper. The names of those present and in attendance indicate the seriousness of work these men have in hand.

Present were G. Benfield, R. B. Moore, H. S. Menfield, A. A. Setzer, R. N. Setzer, Morganton; P. B. Mull, Drexell; D. R. T. Moore, M. S. Smith, Rev. M. A. Adams, Rev. B. W. N. M. Simms, Joe N. Harshaw, Victor Beach, J. R. Ramsour, Lincoln; Brown, Long Island; Rev. W. N. Cook, and Messrs. J. W. Elliott, C. P. Hill, and others of Hickory.

The large body of representative members of the Baptist churches of a vast stretch of territory extending east and west from the McDowell county line, extending north and south from the South Carolina line.

## CHILD LABOR BILL READY FOR SENATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 3.—The Keating child labor bill now awaits the action of the senate following its passage by the house yesterday by a vote of 371 to 46.

The measure prohibiting interstate shipment of child labor products under penalty was amended so as to exempt cannery clams from its operation. The house spent the latter part of yesterday debating the opposition coming chiefly from the south.

The house spent the entire day debating the bill. Opposition came mainly from the south. Representatives of North Carolina, chairman of the house judiciary committee, fought unsuccessfully to repeal the children of widows from its operation. He also endeavored to amend the bill to exempt the tannery industry of New York and Boston.

Representative Sears of Florida endeavored so as to leave its enforcement in United States marshals and inspectors of the department of labor, while former speaker Cannon offered an amendment to exempt canneries, because of the competition of canners across the border in Canada. Representatives of Massachusetts pleaded the need of a law to protect interstate child labor products. He was willing to protect the carriers by providing that shippers should file affidavits as to the production.

The amendment to exempt the tannery industry of New York and Boston was also adopted.

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## New, Light, Swift Cruiser Captured Appam, Says New York Agent of Liner

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 3.—Daniel Bacon, agent of the British owners of the Appam, says that the vessel was captured by a new type of light draft, streamlined German cruiser.

## TWO YOUNG BOYS HELD FOR FORGERY

Clarence Denton, aged 19, and Paul Denton, aged 15, brothers, were arrested at their home in East Hickory today by Deputy Sheriff Charles Hefner and Policeman C. M. Fry of Highland and locked up in the Hickory jail on the charge of passing forged checks here yesterday. The boys confessed. They will be given a hearing this afternoon before acting Recorder M. H. Yount, who is presiding during the illness of Judge Campbell, and sent on to court at Newton next week.

Clarence Denton, according to the boys, was the leader. He wrote the checks and had his smaller brother attempt to cash them. One check for \$7.00 drawn in favor of Clarence Denton and purporting to be signed by Dr. J. J. Hicks, was cashed at Zerden's Underselling Store, Paul buying a pair of shoes. The boy was wearing the shoes when he was arrested, and all but forty cents of the change was recovered.

Another of the checks for \$9 was offered to Mr. J. F. Allen in payment for some merchandise, but the young lady who waited on the lad suspected something was wrong, and called Mr. Allen. While Mr. Allen was endeavoring to get Dr. Hicks over the telephone, the boy left.

The City Bakery was the other place tried, but Mr. C. W. Ellington told the boy he was not buying checks yesterday. This paper was for \$12.00 and Paul attempted to buy a quarter's worth of bread. Mr. John Denton, father of the boys, said that Clarence was the instigator. Hickory business men speak well of the father, who said today that he could not do anything with the lads. He was interested in their capture and suggested where they might be caught. Officers located the boys at their home, however, before they had started for Lincoln county. Mr. Denton would like to have the boys sent to a reformatory.

The two boys were bound over to court this morning in the sum of \$200 each and, failing to give bond, were taken to Newton and put in jail.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST BATTLES WITH SNOW

(By Associated Press.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3.—The Pacific northwest again faced the task of battling with an almost unprecedented snowstorm which has paralyzed railroad communication, demoralized electric lighting systems, caused many thousands of dollars damage to buildings which were not strong enough to stand more than two and a half feet of snow on their roofs.

With the outlook for fair and cold weather there was no prospect of early relief.

In Seattle and other cities street car lines are not operating and schools have been suspended.

## CHILD LABOR MEETING IN ASHEVILLE

(By Associated Press.) Asheville, Feb. 3.—Widely known civic, educational and social uplift workers were here today for the opening session of the twelfth annual child labor conference held under the auspices of the national child labor committee. The child labor bill now before congress is expected to come up and Representative Keating and former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania and others have been invited to speak.

her name, though I have been told what it was.

"The cruiser which captured the Appam was escorted by several other ships, including a collier."

## ATTEND MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TONIGHT

Nearly 200 members, including old members, will become hustlers for Hickory, it was evident today, this being the approximate result of the canvass for new blood for the Hickory Chamber of Commerce. There will be a general meeting to-night at 7:30 and every member is urged to attend.

The new plan of organization will be gone into fully at this time and other questions brought before the chamber, including the proposition of the firemen to secure an auxiliary motor truck equipped with chemicals for use in fighting fires in the suburban and adjoining towns.

An invitation is extended to every man in Hickory to be present to-night.

## BREEDING RATS TO FEED ZOO ANIMALS

(By Associated Press.) Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 3.—Rats are being bred for the Budapest Zoo in order to save the scant ration of horseflesh for the lions and tigers, whose constant roaring shows the extent they suffer from the general shortage of food. Eagles, vultures and the wild birds are fed exclusively on rats. At times when horsemeat has been unobtainable, goats and the less valuable animals have been sacrificed to save the lives of the beasts that once ruled the jungle.

But the herbivorous animals have also gone through hard times, as will chestnuts have been substituted for expensive hay. The bears small liking for chestnuts. The sea bear went to feed the wild beasts. Two polar bears were shot—once because he refused to eat war food and the other because he grew so weak on the new diet it was deemed a mercy to finish him off. The bears added to the zoo's revenue in another way, as the privilege of shooting them was auctioned off to local sportsmen, one of whom paid \$60 for the honor.

## CHINESE MONARCHISTS LIGHTLY DISCUSS CHARGE

(By Associated Press.) Peking, Feb. 3.—Chinese monarchists are treating the passing of the republic as a subject for humorous chaff. Editorials, poems and songs discussing the republic lightly are now the order of the day.

The following article from the Shun Tien Shih Pao of Peking, is typical of the attitude of the monarchists toward what they regard as the defunct republic: "We, the undutiful sons of Han, Man, Meng, Rui and Tsang, beg to announce to the public that instead of our lives being destroyed and annihilated for our own sins and weaknesses, our father, Mr. Kuang Ho, alias Min Kuo (Republic) has met with a tragic end. Our father was born on the 1st day of the last month of the Gregorian year of 1912. He was known to be in excellent health; but unfortunately in the summer of this year he was suddenly attacked by a bad cold, which led to the fatal illness. Renowned Chinese doctors as well as medical experts of Japan, Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy have instantly denied our father's ailments, refusing to cooperate—but neither injections nor prescriptions of these doctors did him any good. His illness continued to develop, and on the 11th day of the 12th month he showed signs of dissolution and suddenly succumbed. He passed away at 10 p. m. on the 12th day. He closed his earthly career and went to sleep at the mature age of four."

"We, undutiful sons, who failed to give proper treatment to our deceased father, have drawn upon our family a great calamity, and we have stamped the ground with our feet and shouted our complaints to heaven in vain. Indeed, it is now impossible to bring back our father even though we are willing to sacrifice our lives a hundred-fold for him. As soon as his death took place, we bound him up properly and deposited his remains in a coffin, and then wore badges of mourning. We hereby announce that on the 13th inst., the 'table' of our late father was placed in a shrine on the 18th inst. a funeral service will be held; and on the 19th inst. at 8 a. m. the final interment will take place."

"We, the undersigned sons, beg to say that we shall be grateful if the remains of our late father will be honored by the presence of officials, clergy, scholars, merchants and military men. We make the above announcement with deep sorrow."

"People of Han, Man, Meng, Hui and Tung: "Undutiful sons of Mr. Kung Ho, shed our tears of blood and knock our heads on the ground."

## JURY HAS MOHR CASE

Providence, Feb. 3.—The presentation of all the evidence of the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, charged with the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, was concluded today.

## UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE BIGGEST

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3.—President Wilson today told an audience of 15,000, which swayed with a tumult of cheering, that the United States should have the greatest navy in the world.

"I believe the United States navy should be unconquerable," he said, "the greatest in the world."

The president declared that submarine commanders abroad had generally complied with international law, but acts of one commander might set the world afire.

The president told how one set of belligerents were cut off from the world and how this made it harder to preserve neutrality.

At the breakfast of the St. Louis business men's league the president declared that he believed that there never would be another war like the present. Governor Major of Missouri sat next to the president. The room was decorated with American flags.

When he spoke of his conviction that a tariff board should be created, the president was loudly cheered. He then discussed national defense.

## MARKETS

### NEW YORK STOCKS.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 3.—A more moderate continuance of yesterday's foreign movement was reported by today's early market. Initial gains being shown in both the active and inactive lists. Texas Company was higher as was also Motors and such specialties as Tennessee Copper and American Tobacco. United States Steel was barely steady on light trading. Secondary quotations were most irregular.

### NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 3.—The cotton market opened at an advance of three to seven points today in response to higher Liverpool prices, with March selling at 11.94 and July at 12.23 on the call. The advance was checked, however, on liquidation.

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 3.—Wheat showed some strength today as a result of Liverpool advances that were more bullish than had been expected. Opening prices which varied from unchanged figures to one-half higher, with May at 1.33 1/2 and July at 1.29, were followed by a general advance and then a sharp setback, but not of a lasting sort.

### COTTON FUTURES

New York, Feb. 3.—Cotton futures opened steadily and closed steadily.

Open	Close
May	12.12
July	12.22
October	12.26
December	12.39

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	-----11%
Wheat	-----\$1.50

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday. Temperature below freezing tonight; fresh northwest winds.

### COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Feb. 2	1916	1915
Maximum	51	59
Minimum	33	47
Mean	42	53
Rainfall	1.51	.29

Another protest from the Senator from Georgia? First thing we know London Punch will be calling him Hoax Smith.—Hartford Times.

A child in a home is the best barricade against outside influence.

## DISPOSITION OF APPAM WORRIES WASHINGTON

Secretary Lansing Says There Is no Question as to Her Status as Prize—Passengers Land—Much Joy in Berlin Over Ship's Feats.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 3.—Secretary Lansing stated today that there was no question as to the Appam's status as a prize, but the question of her disposition still involved further consideration of The Hague convention and the Prussian-American treaty.

## COSTS BIG SUM TO DESTROY VILLAGE

(By the Associated Press.) London, Feb. 3.—Bombardment by German long range 15-inch guns has a greater moral than material effect on the towns bombarded, writes a correspondent from France. This is due to the great amount of waste space in towns, for a shell has just as much of a chance of hitting a vacant lot as a building. The Germans themselves, in the opinion of the writer know how little material damage their shells do, for after following these towns, they generally follow up with an air raid. But they know its moral results.

## HOW GERMAN CITY CONTROLS ITS FOOD

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 3.—The big suburban city of Lichtenberg, a few miles from Berlin, whose population is almost exclusively drawn from the working classes, has, during the past few months, been perfecting a system of municipal ownership of foodstuffs which is perhaps the most comprehensive in Germany.

It has not only taken charge of and control over certain kinds of foods, as other municipalities have done, but it has become salesman as well as operator of municipal stores and markets all over the city, has done much to keep prices down within reach of its inhabitants and yet has made enough profit to enable it to keep its stocks replenished.

Where it has been found inadvisable for the city to sell the food itself, it has been distributed through merchants who have been permitted to charge only stipulated prices and to make a profit no larger than the city itself would make.

The city now maintains four stores for the sale of meat, sausage, fats and bacon, four egg stores, and two potato stores. Four more of the latter are to be added in a short time, as soon as the expected increased demand for potatoes comes.

The city has been able to make advantageous contracts with packers for both meat and fats, and of late is selling daily to about 20,000 families. Whenever a shortage has been felt, such as was the case with fat recently, Lichtenberg has procured substitutes of one kind or another.

It has in its storehouses now enough bacon to last into February, and by that time will have received the 6,000 hogs that have been apporportioned to it by military authorities. A contract to slaughter them has already been awarded.

Of late the city has added to its stock by putting in rice, beans, peas and oat flakes by the hundredweight and is selling them at a small margin of profit at its meat stores. Until Christmas the price of municipal eggs was four cents apiece—as compared with eight to nine cents in other parts of greater Berlin—but now it has advanced to four and a half cents.

The city has just purchased an enormous quantity of potatoes, half of which it has stored away, and the other half of which has been distributed among regular provision dealers to be sold at specified prices. The city has also sold huge amounts of fruit.

## CHILD IS BURNED BY A LIVE WIRE

Lewis Reep, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reep, who live near St. Paul's Seminary, was painfully injured on Fifteenth street at 2:15 this afternoon when he took hold of a live electric light wire in front of the residence of Mrs. E. L. Shuford. Workmen were trimming the trees, and it is supposed that a falling limb brought the wire to the sidewalk. The lad was on his way home from the North school.

Mrs. Shuford had the child carried into her home and every attention was given him. Dr. F. S. Steele, who was summoned, said the injuries were not serious, though in the right hand were burns from the wire. Mrs. Shuford had cautioned the workmen to be careful when the little fellow came along.

Nobody was more solicitous than Mrs. Shuford and none was more relieved than she on learning that the lad would get on all right. The parents carried him home at 3 o'clock.

Tommy saw a small tug tow in a large ship, and heard the tug whistle loudly.

"Oh, papa, he cried, greatly excited. 'See, the big boat's got the little one by the tail and it's squealing!'"

—Woman's Home Companion.

## DISPOSITION OF APPAM WORRIES WASHINGTON

(By the Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., Feb. 3.—With her German prize commander on her bridge, the British liner Appam moved up early today and anchored off this port to give the 200 persons aboard a liberty a chance to land.

Lieutenant Berg moved his ship only on orders from Washington.

Lieutenant Berg still maintained his determination to permit no one on the liner except those who have official business and will extend no undue courtesies even to American officials. He will insist on his right to prevent anybody's going on board. He is holding more than 200 people aboard, including his own prize crew, some twenty Germans who are prisoners of war on the Appam, Captain Harrison, the former lieutenant, and twelve persons who belong to the British army or navy, Lieutenant Berg says.

## GERMANS ELATED

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, via London, Feb. 3.—News of the arrival of the Appam at Old Point Comfort and of the daring raid of a German cruiser in the main line of sea traffic between South Africa and Europe, has aroused intense enthusiasm here for the navy.

The cruiser Moeve and the Seagull were enrolled immediately on the honor list with the Emden, Karlsruhe and other cruisers. Her feats are characterized as most daring, indicating that the spirit of the men on the Emden is still alive.

## PARTIAL ECLIPSE WAS VISIBLE IN HICKORY

North Carolinians had an excellent opportunity to observe the partial eclipse of the sun and many smoked glasses were being held between the eye and the sun. The first indication of an eclipse was discernible shortly before 10 o'clock. The eclipse was total in South America and elsewhere—and these general statements show what an astronomer the reporter isn't—and attracted world-wide attention.

The day dawned fair and cold, but towards noon warmed up. It was the first bright bright day in over a week and was mighty welcome in this community.

It certainly was different from ground hog weather like that of yesterday, when the little rascal failed to see his shadow.

## YES—IT'S THAT SCORE AGAIN

Mr. Jake Lyerly was in the Record office today with what he said was the last chapter on his part in the controversy over the basketball score between the Hickory high school girls and Claremont College. He brought a note from the manager and captain of the Claremont team saying that he was "appointed official scorer."

## SHOW RETURNS TO HICKORY

Ferguson Brothers Stock Company, which played here all last week, returned to Hickory today for a three-nights' run. The first offering will be "The Coyette," a western play.

## SECRET CODE OF U. S. NAVY LOST OR STOLEN; OFFICERS ORDERED COURT-MARTIALED

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Feb. 3.—A book containing the secret code of the United States navy has been lost from the United States torpedo boat Hull, and according to advices from Washington a court-martial has been ordered for Herman A. Jones, commander of the reserve torpedo boat

flotilla and commander of the Hull, and of Robert D. Kirkpatrick, in whose joint possession the book was. If the book cannot be found or proof of its absolute destruction unread by any outsiders obtained it might become necessary, it is said by naval officers here, to provide a complete new system of secret communication for the navy.

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