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## SESSIONS OF DISCIPLES' CONVENT'N WILL BE CONCLUDED HERE THURSDAY EVENING; MEET NEXT YEAR WITH WILSON CHURCH

Address of Mr. Bagby of Washington, D. C., Featured Wednesday Night's Program—Lively and Interesting Business Session Thursday Morning—Christian Endeavor Work in the Afternoon—Appreciation for Hospitality of Host Church and Kinston Expressed—Daily Dinners Enjoyable Feature—Mr. Walker to Preach Thursday Night and Social Period to Follow

The State convention of Disciples of Christ, which has been in session in Kinston since Monday night, will bring its meetings to a close with Thursday night's program. The convention Wednesday night unanimously voted to accept the invitation of the Wilson church for the 1917 meeting, which was tendered through the Committee on Time and Place.

A Thursday morning's session unfinished business and committee reports took up practically all of the time. The committee on Bible School asked for more time than it has been given heretofore for its part of the program and the request precipitated a spirited but good natured controversy. The request was finally granted and next year one whole day of the convention will be given over to the Bible school and Christian Endeavor work.

The nominating committee recommended the re-election of Messrs. J. W. Hines of Rocky Mount, T. E. Hooker of Greenville and George Hackney of Wilson, whose terms on the State Board expired with this convention. The recommendation was adopted without a dissenting vote. The committee on resolutions suggested suitable recognition for the various factors, which have contributed to the splendid success of the convention. Especially was the hospitality of the host church and the good people of Kinston emphasized. Committees on literature, enrollment, obituaries and other routine work was attended to.

Thursday afternoon the Christian Endeavor session, conducted by Mr. H. Galt Braxton of Kinston, World's Union Vice-President from North Carolina, and an address on Church Extension by Mr. E. L. Bagby of Washington, D. C. filled the program. Mr. W. O. Davis led the devotional service. The Christian Endeavor program consisted of a "round table" or question box pertaining to practical work of the young people.

Thursday night Mr. J. J. Walker, pastor of the Greenville church, will preach the concluding sermon and a social period will wind up the meetings.

One of the most enjoyable features of the entire convention has been the delightful dinners served by the ladies of the church at the noon hour each day.

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to the interest of the Atlantic Christian College in the program of the State Convention of the Disciples of Christ. Encouraging addresses were made by President R. A. Smith of the college, Professors W. O. Lappin, teacher of rural economics. A. G. Martin and W. S. Martin. The convention went on record as endorsing the good work of the college and commending it to its brotherhood.

Wednesday evening there were some interesting discussions precipitated in a short business session in which the reports of several committees were heard. These were along constitutional lines. The principal address of the evening was made by Mr. E. B. Bagby, pastor of Ninth Street Christian church of Washington, D. C. Mr. Bagby spoke in behalf of the national benevolent work. He told of the splendid work in caring for the aged and the orphans. His address was particularly impressive, and pointed out many ways in which those who are blessed with abundance and some to spare could lend to the assistance and development of boys and girls who otherwise would perhaps not have the opportunities which they could so well take advantage of when given a fair chance. An offering was taken for the benefit of the benevolent work and a very liberal response was reported.

## COTTON

Cotton sold here Thursday at from 19 to 19.5-8. The market was as strong as Norfolk's, and the best here in many years. Receipts were fair.

Now York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
January	20.55	20.43
March	20.48	20.58
May	20.48	20.75
July	20.48	20.72
October	19.28	19.03
December	20.20	20.37

## DWELLS ON DANGERS OF EATING TOO MUCH

By SAMUEL G. DIXON, (Pennsylvania Health Commissioner)

The children of the Iroquois Indians, it is said, were trained to eat frugally and taught that overeating was far worse than under-eating. They were warned that gluttons would be caught by a monster known as Sagouakwus, who would humiliate them in a most terrible manner if he found that they were gourmands.

Most people eat more than they need. This is particularly true of that class of individuals engaged in sedentary occupations.

Perhaps you do not feel that you come under this head, but suppose you try a few experiments. Make some slight investigation of the nutritive values of the different foods, cut your excessive allowances, eat slowly, and drink plenty of water but not at meal times.

Certain it is that an increasing percentage of our population succumb to degenerative diseases and the consensus of medical opinion is that overeating is an important causative factor.

## MRS. FLAGLER WEDS NORTH CAROLINIAN

New York, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Mary Lily Flagler, widow of Henry M. Flagler, one of the organizers of the Standard Oil Company, was married here today to former Judge Robert Worth Bingham, of Louisville, Ky., son of Major Lingham, of Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. Flagler inherited an estate estimated at as much as \$70,000,000 from her first husband.

## COAL HIGH, NATION'S PROSPERITY TO BLAME

New York, Nov. 16.—Prosperity may yet freeze New York's population to death.

Such at least, was today the explanation the coal man laid out with each coal order—\$10 to \$12 a ton and still going up.

The mills and factories are so busy that their demands for coal is stupendous, is the unanimous avowal. They have simply grabbed everything in sight and are aching to get their hands on more.

## WANTS CAROLINIANS HELP RAISE BURDEN FOR WILSON UNLESS DEMOCRACY'S FACT GREAT ERROR FOUND

Lumberton, Nov. 15.—Hon. A. W. McLean, the Democratic National Committeeman for North Carolina, this afternoon issued a call to the Democracy of North Carolina to take part in paying off the debt of over \$300,000 incurred by the Democratic National Committee in conducting the campaign which resulted in the re-election of President Wilson.

All checks should be sent to A. W. McLean, Lumberton, N. C., as Hugh MacRae of Wilmington, treasurer of the finance committee, is out of the State for a while, and will not be able to act.

## TAYLOR GETS DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF ANIMALS

The case in civil Superior Court of J. A. Taylor vs. City of Kinston and Lenoir Oil & Ice Co. was settled Thursday with a judgment for the plaintiff of \$542.57 for the loss of a mule and damage to another through falling into an open sewer in South Kinston containing scalding water from the oil and ice plant. Taylor had asked for \$900. The cause was without complication and the jury had little difficulty in reaching an agreement.

## WIRELESS FROM THIS COUNTRY TO JAPAN

San Francisco, Cal. Nov. 15.—Commercial trans-Pacific wireless service via Honolulu to Japan was inaugurated today by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company with messages sent by President Wilson and other prominent men from Holms Ridge, near here, to the Emperor of Japan and other dignitaries in that country.

## NO TRACE OF STOLEN AUTOMOBILE IS HAD

No trace has been had of a Ford touring car stolen from Mr. F. D. Becker, a local tobacconist, Monday night. The machine was left standing in front of a drug store on Queen street, and disappeared completely. The location the thief took cannot be traced, nor can the police, after a thorough search, discover a clue to its identity.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

The Norfolk Southern Railroad is moving Washington to erect a corn elevator, because of its proximity to the East Carolina belt.

New Bern will decorate to the limit for the institution of Sada, female of Shriners there next Wednesday. Fee-winners will be present from the North Carolina and Virginia temples.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in a local Boys' Corn Club contest at a meeting of the Pitt County Board of Agriculture on December 22.

## CITY SENDS NEARLY \$400 FOR ASIATIC CHRISTIANS' RELIEF

There was forwarded Wednesday from Kinston to Charles R. Crane, National Treasurer for the Armenian and Syrian Relief movement, \$380.37, collected in the city during the past two or three weeks. A portion of this money was raised by means of a house-to-house canvass. The city having failed to observe the two days named for nation-wide giving for this cause, through failure to secure instructions as to how to proceed, ministers and the Mayor took the matter in hand with this gratifying result.

## Plurality There Will Be Around 3,750—50 Out of 58 Counties Counted—A Slender Hughes Lead In Minnesota

(By the United Press) San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Not a gain of five hundred over the unofficial count for President Wilson is shown by the complete official returns from 50 out of 58 counties of California. Wilson's complete plurality will be between 3,700 and 3,800 unless a glaring error should be discovered.

Minnesota for Hughes, Seems. St. Paul, Nov. 16.—With Hughes leading by 290 in all but three counties, the official recount in Hennepin county was begun this afternoon.

Rome, Oct. 24.—(By Mail)—An American millionaire, recently visited Rome, declared the Colosseum was full eight, but they ought to whitewash it and make it look like a modern building.

## EIGHT-HOUR DAY MAY BECOME UNIVERSAL AS RESULT OF TRAINMEN'S AGITATION; COALITION OF BROTHERHOODS AND A. F. L.

Baltimore, Nov. 16.—Leaders of the four railway brotherhoods will address the American Federation of Labor convention here within a week, on the eight-hour day principle. Their appearance is expected to inaugurate a concerted fight for recognition of eight hours as a working day for all classes of labor. At the same time the appearance of the brotherhood leaders is expected to hasten a coalition of the brotherhoods with the American Federation of Labor.

The labor leaders hope to force the eight-hour day not through legislation but through the power of organized labor. Co-operation of the brotherhoods with the federation toward eight hours would result in the ultimate coalition of the two greater organizations, leaders today agreed.

It is considered possible that when the federation delegates visit President Wilson Saturday they will discuss the question of national recognition of the eight-hour day for all employees.

## Government Ready for Labor War.

(By R. J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Nov. 16.—It was made clear today that the administration is ready to start an aggressive fight in behalf of the Adamson eight-hour day law, now the object of a concentrated attack by most of the big railroads of the country. High officials declared that efforts to enjoin the operation of the law would fail. It is suggested that the government not confine itself to defensive tactics, if it appears probable that the railroads will succeed in getting an injunction.

## Greatest Industrial Fight Coming.

New York, Nov. 11.—Prospects for the greatest industrial struggle in history are increasing in the capital and labor situation arising from the railroads' determination to fight the eight-hour law, accentuated by the formation of a vast organization of employees known as the National Industrial Conference Board. A new body, representing eight billions of capital and employing seven million persons, propose that industrial legislation be watched closely, and that legislation be guided by public information and favoritism for labor eliminated. The significance of the new alignment increased with the United Press information that the brotherhoods will join the American Federation of Labor in enforcement of the eight-hour day in all industries, not by legislation but by the power of organized labor.

New York, Nov. 15.—Suits filed by railroads against the Federal government to test the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law also are expected to result in the interpretation of the statute if it be upheld, the railroad managers comprising the national conference committee of railroads announced in a statement here.

Suits designed to test the validity of the law and to restrain the government from putting it into effect were filed in this city today. New York Central and Cold in One Day. Similar suits a BROMO Ointment. It stops the ache and works off the cold. A penny if it fails to cure. A guarantee on each box. 25c.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press) CAPITAL CELEBRATES.

Washington, Nov. 16.—A giant torchlight parade will be held here tonight in honor of President Wilson's homecoming. ARMED SHIPS DETAINED.

Norfolk, Nov. 16.—Two armed steamers are being held here awaiting clearance permission from the State Department.

## FURNITURE MEN IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

High Point, Nov. 15.—The Southern Furniture Manufacturing Association, an organization composed of nearly one hundred manufacturers of furniture of all grades and of kindred lines, located in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, with its principal office at High Point, held its annual meeting here today.

## PRESBYTERIANS HOLD PROGRAM AT MONUMENT

Greensboro, Nov. 15.—The monument erected by the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina at Alamance church in this county, to commemorate the organization of the Synod at that place one hundred years ago, was dedicated, with impressive ceremonies, this afternoon.

## ALLIED OFFENSIVE TOO EXPENSIVE AND CANNOT ACCOMPLISH OBJECT, IS GERM'N OPINION OF SITUATION IN THE SOMME

Von Hindenburg Takes Terrible Toll of Franco-British Lives—Joffre and Haig Can Take Only Few Trenches and Villages at Disproportionate Cost, Teutons Believe—Great Counter Rolls Across Allied Front; the French Give Slightly—British Making Good Their Gains in Northern Region—Naval Battles in Inland Streams in Prospect—Both Sides Preparing Fleets on Canals and Rivers

London, Nov. 16.—Monastir is within reach of General Serail's French-Serbians after one of the most astonishing advances of the war. Battling against driving snows over great natural mountain fortresses, the Allied forces have now reached the Plain of Monastir, sweeping back the Bulgarian-Teutonic line to within four miles of the city itself. Berlin admits new positions in the Czerna sector are occupied.

(By CARL W. ACKERMAN, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, Nov. 16.—General Von Hindenburg is exacting a toll of Allied lives entirely disproportionate to their gains in the Somme fighting, military authorities declare. Today he had their entire line under a terrific fire, with the prospect of enormous casualties to be inflicted if their initial advance is repeated. All reports from the front say the British attack has been entirely without regard to the sacrifice of human life. Officers admit that by concentration of enormous stores of ammunition and men on a small front the Allies can win a few trenches and villages, but that the price will be too costly.

## Tremendous Counter.

London, Nov. 11.—An unceasing series of attacks and counters swept in a wave of fire and steel across six miles of the Franco-British front today when the mightiest thrust the Germans have yet attempted was directed against the Allied lines. A continuous grapple is going on along the entire sixty-mile front. The French were forced to yield slightly from the tremendous pressure. Meantime, under desperate enemy onslaughts, the British consolidated advanced positions in the sector.

## Germans Occupy Town.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—The Germans have stormed and occupied the eastern portion of the village of Sailliset, it is said at the war office.

## Allied Success in East.

Paris, Nov. 11.—The Franco-Russians have hurled back the Germans and now are within four miles of Monastir, it is officially said. The Germans are retiring throughout Macedonia.

## French Retake Ground.

Paris, Nov. 16.—After a violent battle, the French have dislodged the Germans who yesterday partly occupied the village of Pressoire, it is officially stated.

## Look for Naval Battles on French Canals.

By WILBUR S. FORREST, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Nov. 16.—Inland navies may figure strongly soon in the war news from the western front.

Constant pressure on the German front by the Anglo-French, according to the British war experts, must inevitably mean a withdrawal of the German line now lying across the northern part of France and Flanders. This would throw the Allied line near and across various canals and rivers and bring a new branch of warfare into play. This new branch would be the inland navies—river and canal cruisers mounting fairly heavy guns and manned by experienced men.

As first announced by the United Press correspondent on the French front, General Foch's canal navy has already been in action against heavy German guns mounted on Mount St. Quentin. These units, mostly monitors, operate silently and slowly on the canals skirting the crooked course of the River Somme. But in the extreme North of France and South of Belgium, it is pointed out, rivers and canals are more spacious and afford real opportunities for maneuvering. These waterways also interlock so that separate units and fleets may extend their activity to many areas. Neither ordinary soldiers or sailors would operate the land-locked navies. Such services as England's Royal Marine Light Infantry and Royal Marine Artillery would serve. These men are highly trained for such work as are their corresponding units in the French

service. The recent official announcement here that Sir Archibald Paris and other marine major generals have been sent to the front lends flavor to the conjecture regarding the inland navies.

That the Germans may have already organized their inland navy is indicated by the appearance of great numbers of German marines on the Somme front. Some of these have been captured.

While the real, sea-going navies continue to watch their chance a clash, it is believed not improbable that the inland fleets may yet be the first to figure again in the new dispatches.

## COLD WEATHER CAUSE OF MANY DESERTIONS

Deming, N. M., Nov. 15.—Sixty men have been arrested on charges of desertion, it was announced today at brigade headquarters at Camp Deming. The men, it is understood, are from the first provisional infantry brigade, stationed at Fort Bayard, N. M., an area deserting because of hardship due to cold weather.

## WEED KEEPS UP HIGH AVERAGE; GOOD SALES

About 75,000 pounds of tobacco sold here Thursday brought prices nearly as high as any of the week. The average was between 20 and 25 cents.