

ATTENDANCE AT THE STATE CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST APPROXIMATES THREE HUNDRED UP TO MID-DAY TUESDAY

Fine Spirit Prevails and Earnest and Impressive Sessions Mark the Opening Meetings—President Burnham of the American Christian Missionary Society Featured Program of Monday Night as Well as Tuesday Morning—Mr. Hall, Former Pastor of Local Church Preached Convention Sermon—Program for Wednesday

(Daily Free Press, Nov. 14)

The enrollment and assignment of delegates to the State Convention of the Disciples of Christ, which convened here Monday night, has not been completed, and the number already in attendance is not definitely known. The estimates furnished are that between two hundred and fifty and three hundred have already come, and incoming trains are bringing many others.

The spacious auditorium of the Gordon Street Christian church, where the sessions are being held, was well filled Monday night and the addresses of Pastor P. B. Hall of the New Bern church and F. W. Burnham, president of the American Christian Missionary Society, with headquarters in Cincinnati, featured the night program.

Mr. Burnham spoke again this morning, and his splendid pulpit ability, fine delivery and wealth of words were thoroughly appreciated.

Monday night Pastor Bernard P. Smith of the Gordon Street Christian church welcomed the visitors. Mr. Hall preached the convention sermon; his theme being, "Unused Strings of Our Wondrous Harp." He made a most forceful appeal for the plea of his particular religious people. Mr. Burnham spoke in behalf of American Missions, portraying most graphically the "open door" of opportunity that faced the Christian people of America and of the responsibility for using the opportunities. Mr. Burnham said that only one third of the churches of the Disciples in America were supplied with whole time pastors; that another third had preaching every other week or at given periods by preachers who had a string of churches to care for or by ministerial students and that the last third had no regular preaching service at all. He urged the conservation of the evangelistic efforts of the church and said that the churches, which now were without pastoral leadership, must be provided and thus conserved before other churches were organized.

Tuesday morning the program was slightly rearranged to enable Mr. Burnham to speak in behalf of the Foreign Missionary Board and then go to Goldsboro to make appointments at other State conventions in the South. He told of the number of young men and women who were ready and willing to offer their lives to the service of saving the world but who were prevented from doing so because of lack of means to provide adequate training facilities for them and support on the foreign field. The missionaries who went abroad had to be capable of coping with ancient philosophies and to master the languages of the peoples to whom they were sent. He told of the reception that the Gospel message was now being accorded in all heathen lands, which had for so many generations closed the doors to Christianity. Missionaries were being besieged on all sides by those who were eager for the truth and that those workers in the field had far more than they could possibly do.

Mr. J. A. Saunders conducted a most impressive quiet hour service in opening the day's sessions. President W. C. Manning delivered President's address, and outlined the problems that confronted the work in the State.

New preachers were introduced and several were heard. Messrs. A. J. Manning, C. B. Richards, J. M. Waters, S. W. Sumrell and C. B. Marshburn spoke briefly on assigned subjects.

An interesting feature of the plans for the entertainment of the convention was carried out at the noon hour. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church in the recreation rooms. Thus the housekeepers were afforded the opportunity to take in the convention without being detained at home to care for their delegates.

College, and, opening the session, a short devotional service led by Mr. J. R. Tingle. Dr. Martin substituted for Ashley S. Johnson, the noted Tennessean, scheduled to make an address, who did not arrive.

COURT-MARTIAL FOR SKIPPER OF MAN-O-WAR ON THE ROCKS

Captain Beach of the Memphis Will Stand Trial Probably as Result of Board of Inquiry's Recommendation

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 14.—A court-martial of Captain Edward Beach, commander of the cruiser Memphis, sunk in a storm in Santo Domingo harbor several weeks ago, is recommended by the Naval Board of Inquiry, Secretary Daniels today announced.

No attempt will be made to salvage the vessel. It would cost between two and three million dollars to save the hull of the Memphis, and as the ship was obsolete, the Navy Department has decided to recover all the equipment possible but to make no attempt to raise the craft.

BELGIANS GETTING RELIEF FROM THIS NATION 'DESTITUTE'

Gives Germany Excuse for Wholesale Deportation—Citizens of the Stricken Country Labor in Teuton Factories

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 15.—It is feared America's relief of the destitute in Belgium will be seriously interfered with as a result of the wholesale deportation of Belgians to Germany to labor in industrial plants.

The State Department today admitted that it has taken up the matter with the German government. The German policy is understood to be to declare "destitute" any Belgian receiving relief supplies. This, officials fear, may result in the Allies requesting the United States to cease giving relief, since it obviously places in the hands of the German government.

Atlantic City, Nov. 14.—Parish will be out of Mexico soon, if the present plans of the American-Mexican commission materialize. With doubt as to the election passed, it is expected to reach a border agreement within the week.

GERMAN RESISTANCE WILL LIGHT SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED FREE LONGER TIME

Surprising Lack of Ginger in Defense of Nearly Impregnable Works

GAIN WAS CONSIDERABLE

In Ancre Brook Sector—Reserves Consolidating Won Positions—Further Advance Will Endanger Important Town

(By the United Press)

London, Nov. 14.—The battle of Ancre Brook continued today. The fighting on the northern edges of Beaumont and Hamel and the north bank, where the Germans are attempting to rally their forces, is increasing in intensity hourly, unofficial reports from the front say. On the south bank, about the St. Pierre division half a mile north of Thiepval, the Germans are counter attacking and the fighting is bitter.

The British have rushed up reserves at all three of the points taken in the lightning stroke that began under cover of low-hanging mists yesterday and continued in this sector with surprising lack of German resistance. The reserves are now consolidating the gains made where the Germans dug and cemented themselves into what hitherto was regarded as the most impregnable portion of the western line.

Military experts expect a determined resistance about Beaumont and Hamel, since a further British advance would seriously threaten Miramont, on the road to coveted Bapaume.

German Confidence Unshaken.

Prince Rupprecht's Headquarters, Western Front, Nov. 14.—Germany believes the Somme crisis has passed. The belief is based on the unshakable opinion of the men who have borne the Allies' hammering, that the Entente can never pierce these lines of steel and cement above and below ground. Furthermore, success in ejecting the Germans from France and Belgium will make of the occupied sections of these countries a shambles and no man's land, through the Allied shelling. Confidently it is believed that the Allied offensive is wearing itself out. The crisis was passed in July, it is believed, when the combined Allied forces, with the tanks, failed to pierce the German lines in the daring initial dash. Here on the Somme France's greatest tragedy occurred in expelling the invader, by destroying Frenchmen's homes.

BEGIN WORKING AT COUNTRY CLUB SITE ON ROADS, BUILD'GS

Work is in progress at the grounds of the Country Club at Gray's Mill preparatory to the construction of the main club-house and other buildings, while roadways are being constructed on the property, one of which encircles the grounds. About 15 men are being employed. Two bath houses will be erected on the shore of the small lake on the property. The latter will be dredged out and thoroughly ridded of all the refuse that may have accumulated in it. The roads being built will be of standard width for autos, will be well surfaced and eventually will be connected. The club building proper will be a big frame affair, containing a dance room, a buffet, etc., and have comfortable verandas. The grounds are to be parked. Tennis courts are now being laid off.

NAVY SOON TO HAVE ITS FIRST DIRIGIBLE

Washington, Nov. 15.—The Navy will have its first dirigible...

WILL LIGHT SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED FREE LONGER TIME

Held That Five Years of Gratis Illumination Have Expired, But Circumstances Cause Granting of 25 Months Yet

While it was held that the city's obligation to provide free illumination for the Caswell Training School, the State institution for the feeble-minded near Kinston, for a period of five years, expired last month, City Council at a special session Monday night voted to continue the gratis service 25 months longer. A number of members of the noted Committee of Seventeen, who landed the institution for Kinston, officials of the school and members of the administration in authority when the free lighting promise was made, sat in the meeting with the councilmen.

It was accepted that the municipality had fulfilled its obligation in a way, since current was first turned on in 1911. For about the first half of the period, however, the only service rendered was in lighting the home of the superintendent, and possibly other small buildings, and full illumination of the school was not commenced until the middle of 1914. Also, it was recalled, the city had made a moral promise that should the necessity for a continuation of the free lighting present at the conclusion of the five years it would probably be granted. In view of all the circumstances the continuation was allowed at Monday night's session. The majority, if not all, of the members of Council had several weeks ago declared willingness to "do the right thing" by the school.

M'CRARY TELLS HOW TO THRESH VELVET BEANS

(By O. F. McCrary)

(Farm Demonstration Agent)

The following information is taken from Extension Farm News and the Progressive Farmer. This information should be of interest to those who expect to grow velvet beans next year.

The writers in the Progressive Farmer have the following to say about threshing velvet beans:

"Last spring I thrashed about 60 bushels of speckled velvet beans and a few of the Chinese velvet beans with a star pea huller made at Cheraw, S. C. The only change I made was to put in a screen with holes large enough for the beans to pass through, and if the beans are well matured they shell nicely, but if not, they have to be run through a second time.

"Any pea thresher or wheat thresher will shell them, and also soy beans successfully by speeding the cylinder not over 500 revolutions and arranging the screens to suit."

Another reader says that he has tried several kinds and that he finds the J. I. Case chreshing machine of Racine, Wis., the finest and best he ever tried. It is said to clean them nicely.

The following is taken from Extension Farm News:

1. Let the beans get thoroughly dry and ripe before picking.
2. Let the frost kill all the leaves and vines, so as to be able to get the beans easily.
3. Select a dry, sunshiny day to thresh, after the beans have thoroughly dried.
4. Use a good, heavy stick, like a mattock handle, to beat out the beans.
5. Select a strong windy day for winnowing the hulls from the beans.

If these suggestions are observed closely, the threshing of velvet beans will be about as easy as that of cowpeas.

I consider the velvet bean to be the best soil builder we have for poor sandy land. Farmers having them save the seed, as the demand will probably be strong.

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A WORD TO THE PUBLIC

To The People of Lenoir and Adjoining County

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LAND SALE BY MORTGAGE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed executed to the Bank of Pink Hill by J. C. Craft and wife, Etta Craft, on April 23rd, 1915, which appears of record in Lenoir county, in Book 47 at page 490, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on the 25th day of November, 1916, at about 12 o'clock M., at the Court-house door in Kinston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land, which is that conveyed by said mortgage and is situated in Lenoir

county, N. C., adjoining the Turner lands, the Jones lands, and the lands of others and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the head of the lead ditch in the south prong of Panther Swamp, on the west side of the cart path, a corner of lot No. 1 in the division of the lands of S. S. Howard's estate, and runs northward with the line of lot No. 1 to a maple or gum in the north prong of Panther Branch in W. A. Jones' line, thence with the run Jones-line westward to George Turner's line, said branch to B. S. Fickett's corner on said run, thence with Fickett's line northward to big corner on lead

ditch in the south prong of Panther Branch, thence up said ditch with R. M. Bryant's line to the beginning, containing 38 acres, more or less. The said land being part of Lot No. 2 in the division of S. S. Howard's estate.

This 16th day of October, 1916.
BANK OF PINK HILL,
By G. S. WILLARD, Cashier.
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