

KINSTON'S SINS AND "GREAT QUESTION" AMONG SUBJECTS FOR TODAY'S SERMONS SIMULTANEOUS EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Evangelist Cross will discuss the "Sins of Kinston" at the Christian church tonight. Dr. Roseborough will speak on the subject, "The Great Question," at the Presbyterian church. Dr. Wharton, the noted Baptist minister from Baltimore, was greeted in his first service last night at the Loftin Opera House by a large and appreciative congregation. The Queen Street Methodist meeting will probably be transferred to Mr. Browning's tent next week. A large chorus is being organized under direction of Mr. Reed. The services at the various churches, taking part in the great simultaneous campaign, continue in the same stride that marked the inauguration of the meetings last Sunday. The ministers are urging upon their hearers the necessity for secret and private prayer and for deeper consecration and more personal work.

DR. WHARTON GREETED BY LARGE CONGREGATION

Noted Baltimore Minister Is Well Known Here, and His Coming Again Has Been Inspiration to His Brethren

Dr. H. M. Wharton, the noted Baltimore evangelist, preached his first sermon in Loftin's Opera House Wednesday evening and delighted the large congregation. He took as his text the 116th Psalm, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits," and made a strong appeal for indifferent Christians to wake up and make a fresh start. It was a clean-cut and forceful sermon from start to finish. Dr. Wharton is so well known here that it is needless to say that there is not a dull moment in his services, and that he never keeps a congregation unnecessarily long. Evening service at 7:45 p. m. The day service has been changed from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., lasting not over one hour. All services in the Opera House. All singers are cordially invited to come out and join the chorus choir, under Prof. Bush.

MR. CROSS WILL DISCUSS THE SINS OF KINSTON

Sermon Wednesday Night On Seven Sins Against the Holy Spirit Was Most Impressive and Comprehensive.

Tonight at 7:45 o'clock Evangelist Percy Cross, who is conducting the simultaneous meetings at the Gordon Street Christian church, will preach on "The Sins of Kinston." When making his announcement Wednesday night Mr. Cross expressed a desire that he could have before him tonight the keepers and patrons of questionable places of the city, for, said he, "I have a message for them."

Wednesday night Mr. Cross impressed a large congregation with his discussion of the seven sins against the Holy Spirit. His discourse was very comprehensive and few people, if any, who heard him left the house with the feeling that they were entirely free from having at some time transgressed in some of the specified particulars. To question the miraculous conception of Jesus and His divinity was, Mr. Cross said, a sin against the Holy Spirit and those who did so were in peril of the wrath of God. He urged his hearers to be careful about making promises to God, which are not fulfilled, for that was lying against the Holy Spirit, the sin for which Ananias and Sapphira paid the death penalty. Beware of trying to quench the spirit and hesitate to grieve the Spirit were other danger points. Mr. Cross based each of the seven sins upon Scripture passages and illustrated his points most impressively.

SECRET PRAYER MORNING THEME DR. ROSEBOROUGH

Presbyterian Evangelist Will Speak Tonight on the "Great Question"—Will Address Young People Saturday

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QUEEN STREET MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN BIG TENT

Change Will Probably Be Made From Church Next Week—Later Announcement—Prayer Is Subject of Morning Service.

As the key to all Christian activity is prayer, Mr. Browning is at Queen Street, making a special study of this great subject in his morning services. At the Wednesday morning service the Lord's prayer, as Christ's model, was taken up for consideration. It begins with a statement and an acknowledgment of the fatherhood of God. But, declared the speaker, God is only the father of the spiritually reclaimed and no one can claim God as a father until regeneration has given to him or her this high privilege; although it is a privilege that all may enjoy if they will. The portal through which entrance may be had is Christ and only to those that "receive Him to them He gave power to become the sons of God. Heaven is given as the dwelling place of God, and it is a fact that heaven is everywhere that God is. If God completely fills the human heart we have a condition of heaven here on earth.

The subject of prayer will be further studied and the Lord's Prayer is to be used as a basis for this consideration.

The evening hour was a clarion call to Christians and sinners to awake, the basis for which call was found in Ephesians 5:14: "Wherefore He saith: Awake those that sleepeth and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

This text was developed from the standpoints of the awakening or conviction necessary, the arising "from the dead," and the great promise that "Christ shall give thee light." This inevitable blessing follows the "awakening" and "arising."

The choral music under Rev. James B. Reed, is being steadily perfected and when Mr. Tillman arrives it is hoped he will find a chorus of 75 or 100 ready for him. Steps were taken to transfer the meeting to Mr. Browning's tent, "Ezelah," which is to be erected on the Pollock lot, and early next week will probably be ready for service.

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PERSISTENT RUMOR THAT GERMANY AND HOLLAND WILL WAR

Both Countries Said to Be Massing Many Troops On Frontiers

DUTCH AWAITING REPLY

Kaiser Must Explain Seizure of Vessels—French Attack Furiously, Gain Practically Nothing and Lose Heavily

(By the United Press)

London, April 8.—Wild reports that Germany and Holland are quietly massing troops along the Dutch-Belgian frontier, with rumors that Germany is about to invade Holland, have reached London from English sources in Dutch cities. Amsterdam dispatches to London news agencies give similar reports. Holland is now waiting for a German answer of explanation of the recent seizure of Dutch boats bound for England with food cargoes.

German's Union Ticket Saved Tim.

A corporal's letter received here today tells how when he was about to bayonet a German, the latter frantically waved a union card showing membership in the British Engineers' Union, which saved the German's life.

French Gain Naught by Terrific Onslaughts.

Berlin, April 8.—The war office today said the French are making terrific onslaughts between the Meuse and Moselle, but are suffering enormous losses. Not the slightest gains have been made. It is claimed the French war office is keeping reports of losses from the people.

Eighty thousand Jews have been driven from Warsaw by the Russians and are now homeless.

AID FOR POLISH WAR VICTIMS.

New York, April 8.—To secure funds for war relief work in Poland, the American Polish Relief committee will hold a ball tonight at the Hotel Biltmore. Another pageant is planned next week.

ELKS REFRESHMENTS STOLEN

Elizabeth City, April 7.—A sneak thief entered the Elks Home last night, while all the members of the lodge were attending the Elks' Minstrel in Alkrama Theater and stole all the refreshments which the lodge had prepared to be served after the show. The lockers were broken open and a small quantity of liquid refreshments were also taken. When the members returned to the "Home" they did not have a thing to eat or drink.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROUSE BANKING COMPANY

Directors and Officers All Re-Elected and Cashier's Report Proved Satisfactory to Stockholders—N. J. Rouse President

(Special to Free Press)

LaGrange, N. C., April 8.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rouse Banking Company was held at its office in LaGrange Wednesday. The business for the year had been good and a dividend of 6 per cent. was declared.

The members of the board of directors were re-elected who, upon organization after the adjournment of the stockholders, elected the officers for the coming year as follows: N. J. Rouse, president; C. P. Barrow, vice-president, and T. E. Rouse, cashier; as also were the bookkeepers: Mr. John P. Joyner and Miss Ruby Tull. The report of the cashier was in all particulars satisfactory and encouraging for the future of the bank.

FARMER'S WIFE SHOT NEGRO INTRUDER AS HE FORCED THE DOOR

Dead Man Fits Description of Sheriff's Assailant at Elm Grove

MRS. HEATH WAS PLUCKY

Alone With Small Son When Negro Demanded That Door Be Opened—Sheriff Agrees With the Free Press Reporter

(By the United Press)

According to a report which reached here today, Mrs. Henry Heath, the wife of a farmer at Chinquelin, Jones county, shot and killed an unknown negro who tried to break into her home in the dark, while her husband was away. Heath, it is said, was in Kinston at the time of the shooting. From the meager information which reached this paper, Mrs. Heath was locked in the house with one child, her 12-year-old son.

"Open that door or I will break it in!" the man threatened. She seized a shotgun and motioned to the boy to open the door. The lad complied and the woman fired twice. The negro staggered off a short distance, fell and died.

The Free Press informed the sheriff's office here that the victim of the plucky farmer woman was probably John Williams, who several weeks ago engaged Sheriff Taylor in a pistol duel at Elm Grove and escaped in the woods after firing several shots at the officer. The fact that Williams had several gold teeth and that the unknown negro shot at Chinquelin, had a mouth literally "filled with gold," according to the information, led the sheriff immediately to the same conclusion.

Williams, the sheriff declared, was known to have headed towards Jones county after Elm Grove had been made too hot for him to stay in that vicinity.

Sheriff Taylor is trying to get into touch with Mrs. Heath. He wants to pay her a reward offered by him personally, if it really was Williams who fell a victim to her bravery.

EITEL IS FORMALLY INTERNED TO SPEND REMAINDER OF WAR

Makes Last Journey From Shipyard to the Norfolk Naval Station—Engine Rods Unhooked and Her Guns Are Useless

(By the United Press.)

Washington, April 8.—The Eitel Friedrich made her last journey during the war when she was towed today from Newport News to the Norfolk navy yard. Arrangements for her internment were made at a conference between Rear Admiral Beatty, commandant of the Norfolk yard, Rear Admiral Helm of the battleship Alabama, and Collector Hamilton.

The breech block of the ship's guns will be removed and the connecting rods of the engines uncoupled.

NURSE KILLED IN HOSPITAL ELEVATOR

Asheville, April 7.—Miss Ollie Bagwell, a member of the staff of nurses of the Mission Hospital, met a horrible death this afternoon when her head was caught between the flooring of the elevator and the jam of the door on the first floor. She was crushed to death immediately, dying before aid could reach her side. She was operating the elevator and no one else was on it.

EIGHT VESSELS ARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR STRANDED ON SHOAL OFF CAPE HATTERAS

Graveyard of the Atlantic Takes Heavy Toll From Shipping

MANY CUTTERS HURRYING

Rout for Villa Army Under His Personal Command—Huerta's New York Trip Not for His "Health"—Investigation Ends

(By the United Press)

Washington, April 8.—The coast guard service has ordered every available cutter south of Boston to Diamond Shoals, N. C., at full speed, to aid eight vessels wrecked there. Two are unidentified, stranded bottom up. One is on the bottom with only her masts showing. The schooner Alice Murphy of Thomaston, Maine, is also ashore and capsized. The schooner Lizzie B. Wiley, also of Thomaston, is aground and water-logged. The schooner Gressy and barges Clincola and Northwestern are in distress. The cutter Seminole is on the scene. No reports have been made yet as to the loss of life.

Obregon Puts Villa Army to Flight.

The rout by General Obregon of General Villa's army near Celaya is claimed by the local Carranzista agency. Villa is said to have been in personal command. Obregon's dispatch said Villa has lost more than 2,000 in killed and wounded, and much ammunition. Obregon is in pursuit of the retreating forces.

Huerta Coming to New York.

Washington, April 8.—Officials of the State Department believe that Huerta is not making the trip to New York for "his health." They think his visit may complicate the Mexican situation, and the belief is strong here that he intends interfering in Mexican affairs.

No Way to Neutralize Mexico.

The Wilson-Bryan plan to neutralize Mexico City has failed, owing to the refusal of Carranza to agree. A letter from him today said he expected to drive Zapata from the city and occupy the capital. State Department officials are studying the laws in an endeavor to find how to treat Huerta when he arrived at New York Saturday.

Harvester Trust a Morgan Idea.

The idea of forming the harvester trust combination was the idea of the late Pierpont Morgan, said Attorney Wilson, arguing before the Supreme Court today in the harvester trust case. He said trying to restore competition would be like restoring the dead.

Express Companies' Losses.

Figures of the nine principal express companies announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission today showed a decrease in operating expenses for December, 1914, compared with December, 1913, and a decrease in the net operating revenues for 1914, compared with 1913. The unfavorable showing in 1914 is attributed to the competition of the parcel post.

Ship Lobby Committee Finishes Work

The work of the Senate ship lobby investigating committee is concluded. Senator Walsh today said the investigation disproved the charges of Senator Burton that the ship purchase bill was playing into the hands of German interned ship owners.

FORTIETH BIRTHDAY OF BELGIANS' KING

(By the United Press.) London, April 8.—The fortieth birthday of King Albert of Belgium was celebrated today with unusual ceremonies. Sir Arthur Walsh eulogized the King at a big mass meeting and presented the congratulations of the King and Queen of England.

COST OF NEW EQUIPMENT NECESSARY WILL APPROXIMATE \$50,000—PROVISIONAL CONTRACTS AWARDED BY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY

The City Council wound up the business of selecting the new equipment for the electric light plant late Wednesday, after having been in session almost continuously since 11 a. m.

Contracts were awarded as follows: McIntosh & Seymour, two high speed 4-valve engines, 180a. D. W. Dillon Boiler Works, two 250-horsepower boilers. Morris Machine Works, twin pumps. Westinghouse Electric Company, two 300-kilowatt dynamos and all the minor machinery.

None of the contracts will be signed within a month, because Council instead of spending about \$15,000, as it was at first supposed would be expended, or \$25,000 or \$30,000 as it later on became apparent would have to be put into the machinery, found that the cost of the equipment that they ordered would approximate almost \$50,000. Engineer White and other experts told the members of Council that there was absolutely nothing to the idea of buying inferior equipment for a municipal lighting plant. Fifteen thousand dollars worth of machinery would be little improvement, they said. The present plant will "go under" within the next year; it certainly could not stand the strain of another winter. The machinery ordered Wednesday will be adequate until 1930, unless Kinston should experience a phenomenal growth.

Not a three-phase but a two-phase plant will result from the installation of the new engines, boilers, pumps and dynamos, since there are two of each. The equipment is of the very best. Besides Mr. White and his assistant, a man who is remarkably well-posted and "knows everything in the world about electrical equipment," the reporters concluded, Water and Light Superintendent Weyher was present throughout the meeting, and was often called into the discussion of some particular piece of machinery. Two practical members of the board, Messrs. Fort and Rouse, were also active in the discussion of the merits of the various machinery. The bidders' agents were called in one at a time and subjected to a cross examination as were the paving and sewerage bidders in March. They were an extremely well-posted lot, and the selection of engines put the members of Council up against the most tedious business of the day.

If the people sanction the Council's action with regard to the letting of the contracts on Wednesday, early in May they will be signed. Easy terms were immediately consented to by the bidders, so that any cost above the money that is available from the bond issue for the purpose may be paid gradually out of the savings of the plant, notably on fuel, etc.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

ALBANIAN INSURGENTS ASSAULTING DURAZZO.

Berlin, April 8.—Six thousand Albanian insurgents are attacking the Albanian capital of Durazzo and shelling the city with several field pieces.

FIRST PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATION HARRISON LAW.

Charlotte, April 7.—The Federal grand jury today found a true bill of indictment against Isadora Robinson, colored, charged with keeping cocaine in violation of the Harrison anti-narcotic act, which is believed to be the first indictment in the State under the new act that went into effect March 12.

QUANDARY OVER THE VARIOUS MANDATES DISTURBED SHERIFF

Negro Sentenced to Roads Has Attention of Governor and Stay of Execution Ordered by Him Caused Some Confusion

(By the United Press.)

There was this morning something doing, with a lot of frills on, in Lenoir county officialdom.

What the Governor of North Carolina said about the case of E. W. Wade caused a commotion.

Wade, who is classified as colored, but on first sight would be taken for a white man, was convicted at a term of Superior Court some time since of fornication and adultery, and was sentenced to six months on the roads, it is said. The Supreme Court recently upheld the judgment of the lower court and sent certification of its decision to Clerk of Superior Court Jesse Heath here. There followed soon afterwards a letter from His Excellency the Governor instructing the authorities not to put the sentence into effect until he had had time, ten days, it is stated, to consider a plea for pardon.

The next move was when Solicitor Shaw walked into the Courthouse and demanded that sentence be commenced. The Governor, he is alleged to have said, has no option in the matter, and the Supreme Court's decision was final. Counsel for Wade about the same time warned the sheriff, it is said, that the contrary was the fact. One official sought the county attorney, who would not render a definite opinion.

"The Governor will be obeyed," the sheriff says, although he has not yet received a reply to a telegram to His Excellency in which the Chief Executive was informed that the State's Attorney insists that sentence be commenced regardless of his letter.

"I am taking no chances," the sheriff told the Free Press. "If I make a misstep through obeying his instructions I am sure I will be pardoned in case the Solicitor takes it into his head to make things bad for me. 'I wish,' he said as a final word, 'that the newspapers would make it hot for Shaw.'" Another official said the solicitor probably was not so determined as he appeared. He evidently only wanted to tell "the boys" what was right to do.

It is said that the Solicitor unwillingly was trying to override the constitutional right of the Chief Executive to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons in "all cases" except impeachments.

The officials had a monopoly on all the gloom in the county for a while this morning, but at the present writing there is a tendency to pass the matter off as a joke, almost entirely at the solicitor's expense.

ITALIAN FLEET NOW READY FOR BUSINESS IN ADRIATIC

On the Italian frontier, via Paris, April 7.—The warships of the Italian fleet departed suddenly on Monday from the Mediterranean naval station at Spezia, and the stations at Gasta and Magdalena Island. They concentrated at Augusta, Sicily and at Taranto. They are thus within a few hours of the Adriatic.

CRUISER RUSHED TO NICARAGUA.

Panama, April 7.—The United States cruiser Chattanooga was dispatched under rush orders today for Corinto, Nicaragua. Her sailing was believed here to have been due to the reported outbreak of a revolution on the west coast of Nicaragua.

MONROE MAN KILLED BETWEEN TWO CARS.

Monroe, April 7.—Glauze Worley was killed here at 11 o'clock this morning when he fell between two cars while applying brakes. His left arm, shoulder and arm were mashed. He died soon after the accident which occurred in the Seaboard yard.