

GREAT CONVENTION AT GREENSBORO WAS ENDED SUNDAY P. M.

History - Making Missions Meeting of Laymen Concluded

LAST DAY A BUSY ONE

Col. Halford Again On the Program—Noted Journalist a Speaker—Notes on the Big Interdenominational Gathering

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(Free Press Staff Correspondent)

Greensboro, Feb. 14.—The great Laymen's Missionary Convention came to a close Sunday evening, with the largest attendance since opening its doors. The program for Sunday afternoon and evening was a specially strong one, presenting Mr. W. T. Ellis, the noted journalist and traveler on both occasions.

Mr. Ellis possesses a most agreeable personality, keen, scholarly analysis and an abundant fund of humor and versatile experience. Sunday afternoon, despite rain and snow, a large audience was present to hear him discuss the present world war as a schoolmaster that is teaching us some very significant facts. "This is the day of the movement of the God of Hosts," he declared. "More than at any other time since the birth of Christ." And those who heard him thought he proved his proposition. He showed that God is supreme strategist, and that Turkey is to be wiped out, no matter who wins in this conquest.

Having by this thoroughly familiarized himself with Asia Minor, his discussions of the armed conflict now waging in Bible lands was highly profitable and interesting.

In the evening, to a packed house, Mr. Ellis told of the new conception of life that the boys are going to bring back from the trenches. How democracy is rising up everywhere amid the smoke of battle, how the spiritual life is developing and how a yearning for social welfare is burning bright. "When British soldiers went to the war they sang Tipperary," he said, but now they are singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and the like. And so it is with the other warring nations. More Bibles have been sold than ever before, and these have gone to the battlefields of Europe.

In addition to Mr. Ellis' splendid address on Sunday evening, Dr. J. T. Henderson, missionary secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention, made a strong plea for the "dedication of our possessions to the Kingdom."

In a "summing up" address on Sunday afternoon, Col. E. W. Halford of New York, sought to give, in tabloid form, the results of the convention discussions. He declared that we are driven to the conclusions that there is but one God that He is a unit in all essentials, that there is but one compact world, inter-related, that there is but one race, whatever pigment may differentiate, that there is but one problem with local phases, that there is but one remedy and that is in the one Saviour, Jesus Christ, and that there is but one church whereby distinctions can be so absolutely swallowed up as that the whole body of believers shall give the whole Gospel to all the world.

An especially strong feature of the great convention has been its music. There is nothing of professionalism about it. At most of the evening sessions a trained quartet has rendered a number of songs, but the selections composing the larger part of the program were such as "Stand Up for Jesus," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "I Need Thee Every Hour" and the like, sung wholeheartedly and prayerfully by the hundreds of men present at the various gatherings. Such song services are a real inspiration.

Mr. Lilly, the prevailing personality in opening each day's sessions, was particularly successful in opening each day's sessions.

quest always met with a large response.

The laymen's missionary movement for the United States and Canada is a young one. Organized in 1906 it conducted a campaign in Canada, and later in the United States, about six years ago. Its second campaign is now in full swing with prospects of accomplishing much more than heretofore. Its purposes are principally to give men a new vision, enrich their spiritual life, unite the churches in the solution of a common problem, and to arouse the local church and make it more efficient.

In following up this program the Greensboro convention—which is typical of the 75 now being held—has brought to the platform three classes of speakers: representative missionaries and travelers from the foreign field who tell of actual existing conditions, and how to meet them, secretaries of the mission boards of the various churches who tell of the needs of the work and their plans and suggestions, and pastors and laymen who tell of the work in the local churches and consider ways and means looking to a larger conquest.

Great stress has been laid on prayer as an indispensable factor in efficiency. Dr. Lilly's suggestion is about this: work transformed by thought and transfigured by prayer furnishes the key to the situation. Laymen can work, think and pray without a theological preparation. Dr. Lilly, who is "a good Presbyterian," does not discount the theological seminary, but he is in favor of "those fellows who do not do church work, getting busy." The layman must be restored to his New Testament prominence in religious life.

One of the most touching pleas that was heard during the convention was that of Rev. J. E. Dale, missionary secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Dale spent fifteen years as a missionary in Mexico, and because of the trou-

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SOUTH MANUFACT'D MORE THAN HALF OF COTTON USED JAN'Y

Total Consumed 542,000 Bales—298,111 In Cotton States—Linters Consumed and Other Statistics of Staple for First Month

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed in January totalled 542,000 bales, according to the Census Bureau. Two hundred and ninety-eight thousand, one hundred and fifteen bales were used in cotton-growing States.

Linters consumed was 95,489 bales. Cotton held at consuming establishments at the end of January was 1,974,669 bales, and in public storage and compresses 4,545,850 bales.

ONLY ONE MAN OF THE CHARNER CREW ESCAPED

Three Hundred and Seventy-four Believed to Have Perished When the French Cruiser Went Down Off Coast of Syria—British Cruiser Arethusa May Be Wrecked, Report

(By the United Press)
Paris, Feb. 14.—One man of the crew of 375 of the French cruiser Admiral Charner, was all rescued when the ship sunk off the coast of Syria.

Arethusa Strikes Mine.
London, Feb. 14.—The British cruiser Arethusa has struck a mine, and it is feared wrecked. Ten are known to have been lost.

THE ODDEST STORY IN THE DAY'S NEWS

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 14.—Buried with the body of Mrs. William Wright under six feet of sod today, was the pudding she had saved for 20 years, to serve when her son, from whom she had not heard since the Boer war, came home. Her long waiting made her an invalid at 79.

KENYON OPENED THE FIGHT FOR KEATING BILL IN SEN. TODAY

Reactionaries Trying to Use Constitution Against It, He Declares—Quoted the Bible—Reserve Banks to Aid Export Trade

(By the United Press)
Washington, Feb. 14.—With numerous Biblical quotations, Senator Kenyon today opened the fight for passage of the Keating-Owen bill in the upper House. He declared reactionaries are attempting to roll the Constitution to the front against the measure, but that their plan won't work.

Reserve Banks Must Help Export Trade of Nation

Federal Reserve Banks must aid in financing the Government's huge export trade, the annual report of the Reserve Board today said. One of the proposed amendments to the act would allow loans on farm lands with in a hundred miles.

Favorable Report Tillman Bill

With presidential support, a favorable committee report for the Tillman bill for a government-owned armor plate factory was announced on the Senate floor today.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS LOOKING FOR CRONES

(By the United Press)
Chicago, Feb. 14.—The Federal net has been spread for Jean Crones, suspected of poisoning soup at the banquet for Archbishop Mundelein last Thursday, which made a hundred persons ill. Suspecting an anarchist plot at New York, the Scranton, Pa., police have wired the names of correspondents of Crones.

THIS WAS BUSY DAY FOR THE RECORDER

Whisky Figured Extensively In Proceedings—Police After Illegal Supplies of Liquor and Women of the Vice District—Jury Trials for the Youth Charged With Ownership of Nine Quarts

D. Roscoe Barrus, charged with having more liquor in his possession than the law allows, and retailing, today called for jury trials in two cases in the Recorder's Court. The cases were set for Tuesday morning. The police raided a room in a North Queen street building late Saturday night and seized nine quarts of whisky. The room is alleged to have been rented by Barrus.

Richard Faulkner and Roland Faulkner were today tried by the Recorder on the charge of transporting more than a quart of whisky. Judge Wooten stated that the couple were technically guilty. He expected to impose light penalties.

Three negroes, convicted for affray, were fined \$6 and costs to be split between them. The rucus was a washerwomen's affair.

Lillian Gray, a South Kinston woman, was convicted of receiving more than a lawful quantity of whisky. Sentence was not imposed.

Louise Walker, charged with vagrancy and retailing, and Margaret Portella, vagrancy, will be tried on Tuesday morning.

Cases against 28 negroes charged with violating the compulsory school attendance law were dismissed by Recorder Wooten Saturday. He said notice had not been served upon the accused to show satisfactory excuses as the law requires.

ENGLISHMEN FOUND GUILTY OF DEALING WITH ENEMY ALIENS

(By the United Press)
London, Feb. 14.—Three officials of the Fownes Glove Company have been sentenced for trading with alien enemies. They contracted with a German concern, providing for payments after the war.

LIKELY NEW SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE NAMED IN NEXT FEW DAYS

Wilson Desires Garrison's Successor at Consideration Important Notes BACK TO CAPITAL TODAY

Wilson's Returned From the Trip Down Bay at 6 A. M.—Lansing Was Occupied With Armed Merchantmen Notes Yesterday

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—President and Mrs. Wilson returned today from their trip down the Potomac and Chesapeake. The Mayflower reached her dock at 6 o'clock this morning.

It is believed the President has decided upon Garrison's successor, and that he will be named soon because of the need that he be present at the consideration of the final Lusitania reply, expected this week.

Secretary Lansing spent a large part of yesterday going over the new notes on armed merchantmen, and will go over them again with the President, who desires a full cabinet for this also. Part of Wilson's return trip was made in a snow storm on the bay. They visited Fortress Monroe during their tour of the Chesapeake.

WILSON TELLS OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE THAT HE IS WILLING

(By the United Press)
Washington, Feb. 14.—The President today formally announced his candidacy for reelection. He wrote Secretary of State Hildebrand, of Ohio, announcing his assent to placing his name on the primary ballot of that State.

EXPECT WM. ORPET BE FREE BY TONIGHT

Collegian Accused of Murder of Girl Holds to Story That She Suicided When He Jilted Her—She Feared Disgrace—Efforts Being Made Today for Accused Youth's Liberation

(By the United Press)
Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 14.—Whether the death of Marion Lambert resulted from murder or strange suicide, is yet undecided. Efforts being made are expected to free William Orpet, collegian, charged with the murder, before night. He declared the girl suicided when she feared public disgrace, as the result of her relations with him.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)
FAMOUS AVIATOR NOT INJURED.

London, Feb. 14.—Claude Graham-White, the noted aviator, today denied that he had been wounded in France.

STORM FOLLOWS BLIZZARD.

New York, Feb. 14.—A storm all the way from Hatteras to Boston is coming on top of the blizzard which swept the Coast Sunday. The lowest temperature of the year prevails here. The City is snowswept.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN LOST.

London, Feb. 14.—The Zeppelin L-20, sister ship of the L-19, recently destroyed in the North Sea is reported to be drifting in to the sea in Copenhagen dispatches.

ALL KINDS WEATHER MADE SUNDAY A DAY TO BE REMEMBERED

Summertime Until 4 P. M., When Cold Came on the Wings of the Wind From the North and Sent the Mercury Down

Pretty little sunbeams and a temperature away up at the summertime stage made Sunday the pleasant day of the winter, until about four o'clock when the cold wave that held the northern part of the country icebound arrived with the speed of an express train. Then followed thunder and lightning, heavy rains and freezing cold. There was a drop of many degrees from 4 p. m. to some time in the morning. The minimum temperature before 8 o'clock a. m. today was 18, just three degrees over the season's minimum. Sunday night there was sleet, and this morning a fair-sized blizzard, although the snowfall at no time was great enough to cover the ground. Goldsboro had a fancy little snow Sunday evening. Everywhere in the North and over a large range of country to the west of here the mercury was trying to climb through the bottom of the thermometers, while snow and sleet prevailed generally.

What damage the weather will do to growing things can hardly be estimated. There is likely to be only a third of a pear crop, it is said, because many trees were in bloom, were wet from the rain, and froze stiff when the mercury tumbled to well below the freezing point. Some few other things in the ground may have been damaged, as May or garden peas, etc.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE IN GEN. ELECTRIC PLANT

Schenectady Munitions Factory Damaged Considerably by Blaze Today. Flames of Unknown Origin Sweep Through Business District of Shelbyville, Del., Doing \$100,000 Damage, Reported

(By the United Press)
Shelbyville, Del., Feb. 14.—Fire of unknown origin in the business section here today did damage to the extent of \$100,000.

Schenectady Fire Mysterious.

Schenectady, Feb. 14.—Serious damage was done by a mysterious fire in the munitions plant of the General Electric Company here today.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

A New Bern shipbuilding concern has the contract to build four large yachts for a Baltimore company. Each will be 100 feet long and 30 feet wide and have a tonnage of 500.

Thomas A. Hobbs had a leg broken when a tree fell on him in timber woods near Olympia, Pamlico county. Craven county will hold its joint commencement in April or the first of May.

VALENTINE, PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN

Many centuries ago there lived overseas a good monk, who was the most idle one in a monastery of husters, because he had no speciality. His fellows all shone in various ways, but Valentine, for that was his name, seemed to make progress in none. That is, none that he could realize. But, it is related (the Holy Mother appeared to him and declared that his work was extraordinary, for Valentine had specialized all the time in little children and flowers, and did not realize the greatness of what he had achieved. This is reckoned to be the date of his martyrdom. The ancient Romans might have been surprised, could they have seen the

to-do that Christians have since made over what they must have considered a small affair, as:

Assume that the place is Rome, 48 B. C., 26th day prior to the Kalends of May. It has come to pass here today that Emperor Claudius, though busied with the taking of the census and sordid pressed for time, walked abroad in the city unattended and, upon being approached and petitioned, gave ear to the babblings of a soothsayer and seer, who spoke to him the words here set down:

"There has this day been put to death a Christian, by name Valentine. He is looked upon by his fellow-Christians as a martyr and therefore to be sainted hereafter. I have seen in a dream far into the future, and there has been revealed to me a most peculiar and laughable state of things. It is revealed that, first of all, the Roman calendar shall be changed to make this date read as the 14th of February; and that January, not March, shall be the first month. I have seen in my vision a most peculiar calendar, called the calendar for the year 1916, A. D., though just what that may mean is not revealed. But I seem to have seen a writing in a strange book of that far distant time which said:

"The fourteenth of February, the festival of St. Valentine, the Christian who died a martyr during the reign of Claudius, was marked until the close of the 19th century, for some unknown reason (for there seems to be no connection) by the exchanging of valentines, or anonymous love tokens; but the practice today, where it survives at all, has been completely vulgarized."

"An't please you, I cannot for the life of me understand why, if this vision be borne out by future developments, the date of this man's being put to death should be observed by the exchanging of love tokens." And Claudius, remarking casually that it was passing strange, went back to the office to see how many more Smiths than Joneses there were in the new directory.

SMALL WILL VISIT NUMBER OF PLACES IN THIS VICINITY

Georgia Orator Will Be Heard In Mt. Olive, Clinton, Ayden, Grifton and Other Towns As Well as Kinston, This Week

Rev. Sam W. Small, D. D., of Atlanta, who is to tour North Carolina in the interest of the Anti-Saloon Society, will be heard in Kinston by a great audience, the indications now are. Dr. Small is a speaker of exceptional ability. "There are not a half dozen in the country who are equal to him in popular power as a public speaker," in the opinion of a Portland, Ind., editor. As stated in Saturday's Free Press, Dr. Small will speak in Gordon Street Christian church here on Wednesday evening.

The noted Georgian will visit the following other places in this part of the State: Mount Olive, today; Clinton, tomorrow; Grifton, Thursday; Ayden, Friday; Williamston, Sunday, and Plymouth, Sunday night. He will spend several weeks in North Carolina.

CLARK SAYS KITCHIN IS IN NO DANGER OF LOSING LEADERSHIP

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, Feb. 14.—Congressman Claude Kitchin is in no danger of being ousted from the position of Democratic leader in the House, said Speaker Champ Clark last night. Failure would be the result of any such move, are declared. "Mr. Kitchin has as much right to his opinion as the President has to his or I have to mine," the Speaker said, and there is no idea on the part of the President's backers to oust him from office. "I have no objection to Mr. Kitchin's removal, but to oust him to join with Mr. Wilson in thwarting the interests of the people, is a thing which I cannot do."

MRS. FARWELL AGAIN IN BAD SITUATION AT MONASTIR, SAID

Neutral Consular Agents Expelled From City by Bulgarians

PRISONER UNPROTECTED

Americans In Greece Ask Athens Government to Secure Her Release—Kaiser Decorates Capt. Von Papen

(By the United Press)

Athens, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Walter Farwell, the prominent Chicago newspaper woman, is practically held as a prisoner at Monastir. She was left unprotected by the expulsion of all the neutral consuls. The expulsion of the Consuls has aroused great anger. There is fear that the situation of Mrs. Farwell is decidedly dangerous. Americans have appealed to the Greek foreign office in the hope of securing her release from the Bulgarians.

Kaiser Decorates Von Papen.

Rome, Feb. 14.—Swiss dispatches today reported that the Kaiser has conferred the order of the Red Eagle on Captain Von Papen.

Italians May Make Stand In Albania.

Sofia, Feb. 14.—Bulgarian troops on Saturday occupied the Albanian city of Elbasan and are moving westward to join the Austrians and cut off the Italian retreat from Durazzo. It is indicated that the Italians will make a stand, although in danger of being surrounded.

German Gains In the West.

Paris, Feb. 14.—The Germans captured 200 yards of trenches east of Seppi, it is admitted here, but it is claimed that they were largely recaptured.

Aviators Bomb Milan.

Rome, Feb. 14.—Six were killed in an Austrian air raid over Milan.

Roumania Completely Mobilized.

Paris, Feb. 14.—Roumania's mobilization is complete, it is officially announced.

Terrific Fighting Spreading In West.

London, Feb. 14.—The Germans are making desperate efforts to drive a wedge into the French line with the object of bending the entire front in the Champagne. The smash has been successful, according to Berlin. The fighting is the heaviest since the French offensive in September, and is spreading along the entire front.

PUGH INDICTED FOR HOPEWELL ROBBERY

Man Who Played the Gentleman In This Section Formally Accused of Forgery by Virginia Grand Jury—Several Others Indicted With Him for Defrauding DuPonts of More Than \$100,000

Vernon Pugh and three other men, alleged to have robbed the DuPont Powder Company of more than \$100,000 by padding payrolls at the Hopewell plant, have been indicted for forgery by a grand jury at Prince George Courthouse, Va. Two others were indicted for grand larceny, accused of having called for and cashed checks made payable to "dummies."

Pugh was assistant superintendent in the timekeeper's office at Hopewell and is said to have headed the plot. He was arrested at Croatan, east of here, a few weeks ago, after making himself popular with a select hunting party, among the members of which were U. S. Marshal Dortch, of Goldsboro and Representative Matt Allen of the same place, the latter a son of Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston. Pugh told the grand jury he was from Savannah, and went under an assumed name. Funds amounting to about \$2,000 deposited by him in banks in this State have been attached by the State.