

## BIBLE SCHOOL & C. E. WORK TO BE PUSHED BY THE DISCIPLES

### 72nd Annual Convention Came to Close Thursday Night — Most Successful and Largely Attended Gathering of Body's History

The 72nd annual convention of the Disciples of Christ came to an end Thursday night. The meeting proved to be one of the most largely attended and profitable gatherings in the history of the work in the State, which started at Piney Grove in 1841.

Pastor J. J. Walker of the Greenville Christian church preached the closing sermon. His subject was "The Fulfillment of Ministry," and his message was enjoyed by a good congregation. Many of the delegates returned to their homes Thursday and were not present at the closing services. Kinston made a splendid impression on the visitors. Expressions of appreciation were heard many times and of particular interest to the delegates was the handsome church of the Gordon Street congregation. This edifice is modern in every respect and well equipped for the regular work of the church and Bible school as well as for the entertainment of a convention. One of the most important features of the convention was the emphasis placed on the young people's work. After a spirited discussion the convention voted to allow a full day in next year's program for the Bible school and Christian Endeavor work, and it is felt by the leaders of those branches that the two important phases of the church activity will be greatly benefited thereby.

At the conclusion of the Christian Endeavor conference Thursday afternoon an organization was perfected whereby all the young people's societies of the Disciples churches in the State will join to push the Christian Endeavor work more vigorously than it has heretofore been pushed. Mr. W. P. Jordan of Farmville was elected president of the new organization; and Miss Edna Fellows of Kinston secretary.

## BELGIANS APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Nov. 16.—An appeal for active intervention by the United States to stop the deportation of Belgian workmen into Germany was presented to the State Department today by E. Havenith, the Belgian minister. The Belgians, Mr. Havenith said, are practically being compelled to fight against their own country, contrary to the laws of nations and humanity.

## FIVE REGIMENTS TO LEAVE THE BORDER

Washington, Nov. 16.—Five National Guard regiments were ordered home from the Mexican border today. They are the First Regiment of South Carolina, Seventh New York, Third Indiana, Third Wisconsin and Third Minnesota.

## SHAVED NEARLY FOURTH OF A MILLION TIMES

(By the United Press)  
Lorain, O., Nov. 17.—When Zeodora Curtis rested from his labors today, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his entrance into the barber's trade—he looked down the vista of a quarter of a century and saw a quarter of a million sets of whiskers that had fallen beneath his trusty blade. Not exactly a quarter, either, 243,000, to be exact. Curtis' tabulations show that he has shaved men that many times.

## FALL OF MONASTIR WILL COME WITHIN THREE DAYS, THO'T

### Troops of Four Allies Have City in Vice—Fighting Against Severe Weather as Well as Enemy Soldiers

(By the United Press)  
London, Nov. 17.—Further advances along the north bank of the Ancre are reported by Gen. Douglas Haig. The British front has been extended eastward from Beaucourt, along the bank of the river. Allies Near Monastir. The fall of Monastir within three days is a confident prediction with the receipt of fresh news of the victorious progress toward the Macedonian city of the French, Russian, Italian and Serbian forces. Fighting through snow, sleet and mud, the Allies have twice swung impetuously forward in flanking movements of gigantic magnitude and have a vice-like grip on the Monastir neighborhood.

## ROXBORO POSTOFFICE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Roxboro, Nov. 16.—A destructive fire occurred here early this morning when the handsome postoffice building on the corner of Main and Depot streets was totally destroyed. The fire originated in the basement and was beyond control when discovered. The building, valued at \$30,000 and owned by Pass, Woody & Long, was about half covered by insurance.

## COLUMBIAN'S FIRST MATE RELATED HERE

Cleveland Hemby, a brother of Mrs. E. O. Moore of this city, mentioned in The Free Press several days ago, as being among the survivors landed in Spain from the Hawaiian liner Columbian, sunk by a German submarine, was first mate of the ship. Hemby, only about 30 years of age, was formerly master of a government ship at Panama. His home is at Washington. Hemby has notified relatives that he is O. K. Hugh Styron of the same town, a boyhood companion of Hemby and still younger, is captain of another Hawaiian-American steamer now headed for Genoa, which was also the port of destination of the Columbian.

## GIRL FROM RALEIGH TO MARYLAND PRISON

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 16.—Margaret Marvin, otherwise known as Bessie Clark, 18 years old, of Raleigh, N. C., was sentenced to two years in the Maryland penitentiary today for violating the white slave law. It was testified that she took Antoinette M. Fleischman, 15 years old, to Norfolk, Va., and induced her to lead an immoral life.

## ODDITIES IN THE NEWS FROM EUROPE

(By the United Press)  
London, Nov. 17.—England's new ten shilling and pound notes, which are printed on thin paper, become extremely dilapidated and dirty after a few months' use. Some tradesmen refuse to take them in bad condition. London, Nov. 17.—Temporary exemption has been granted a man who claimed he could not open his mouth wide enough to eat army food. Paris, Nov. 17.—All bones, scraps of vegetables and other food not used during the day's cooking in the army, are thrown into huge pots for the soldiers' evening soup.

## PROBE INTO RUMORS WAR IS LEVER FOR ELEVATING PRICES

### Officials, However, Believe Increasing Exportations to Hungry Europe Great Factor in the High Cost of Living

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 17.—With an increase of 150 per cent in the exportation of meat since the outbreak of the war, and a constantly greater proportion of her grain crops leaving the country, America is assuming ever the greater share of the burden of feeding stricken Europe. This, in the wake of poor crops, is one of the foremost reasons of high prices, officials declare.

The Department of Justice is probing charges that the "war in Europe" is being used as a fulcrum by food supply men to further advance soaring prices. Perkins Wants Supervision. New York, Nov. 17.—George W. Perkins, chairman of the New York City Food Supply Commission, today declared in favor of national, State and municipal boards for supervision of the country's food supply.

## WHAT SHALL WE DO FOR ALIBIS AFTER THE WAR IS OVER?

(By the United Press)  
Sioux City, Ia., Nov. 17.—"On account of the war," 19 horseshoing shops have joined in a 25 per cent price advance. Belligerents in Europe are not pitching horse shoes at each other, but are pitching the metal from which the shoes are made, it is explained.

## COTTON SELLING FOR MORE THAN TWENTY CENTS HERE POSSIBLY FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY; HEAVY RECEIPTS ON FRIDAY

Cotton is king! His snowy white standard Friday saved higher than in many, many years when on the local exchange the staple passed the 20-cent mark. Such had been predicted, and the indications had increased for days past. The highest price paid here was 20.05, practically as much as in Norfolk. Receipts were heavy; they may have totalled 150 bales. Even higher prices are looked for in some quarters, but the prospect is too vague for the lay prophet's hearsay statement to be banked on.

New York futures quotations Friday were:

March	20.05	20.46
May	20.85	20.64
July	20.82	20.65
October	18.99	18.60
January	20.62	20.37

## COLONEL NOW WILL TROT OFF TO SOUTH SEA ISLANDS, SAYS

(By the United Press)  
New York, Nov. 17.—Although the Fiji Islanders and Samoans don't know it yet, their respective islands are due for a tilt in the South Pacific for some what of a splash next February. Roosevelt is going to visit them, on a trip to constitute the Colonel's vacation after his strenuous labor in behalf of Charles E. Hughes. Mrs. Roosevelt will accompany him.

## LARGER BREAKS ON THE LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET THURSDAY

Breaks on the local tobacco market did not fall for short of the quarter-million mark. Prices held up well, and averaged about as good as at any time recently. The sales were rather surprisingly large in the face of the unseasonable cold of the early morning, but were hindered by rains for two days braved a temperature of between 20 and 30 to drive to market. The general quality of the offerings was good.

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## MANDAMUS SECURED IN TENTH DISTRICT CONGRESS'L MIX-UP

### Settle Gets It From Judge Shaw — Certification of Returns Is Demanded—Both Sides Still Claiming Victory

Asheville, Nov. 16.—On the complaint of Congressman James J. Britt, who claims re-election in this, the tenth North Carolina district, by a majority of thirteen, and whose claim is disputed by the Democrats, Judge Thomas J. Shaw, holding court at Hendersonville, issued a mandamus this afternoon requiring the Buncombe board of canvassers to comply with the law in the matter of certifying the returns on the congressional vote in this county or show cause why it should not do so. The hearing was set for November 20.

The action of Congressman Britt's attorneys was a complete surprise to the members of the canvassing board. The main question around which the legal controversy raged this morning was the counting or rejection of unmarked congressional ballots cast in the recent election. The Democrats presented what were termed "additional and supplemental returns" from five precincts of this county, these being unmarked ballots which had not been counted in the original returns. If accepted these unmarked ballots would give Zebulon Weaver, Congressman Britt's Democratic opponent, twenty-one additional votes, making a majority of eight votes for the Democratic candidate. While this question was being argued counsel for Mr. Britt asked for an adjournment until 4 o'clock this afternoon and this request was granted.

Immediately following adjournment, Hon. Thomas Settle, attorney for Mr. Britt, and one time Republican candidate for Governor in this State, left in an automobile for Hendersonville, 22 miles from this city, where Judge Thos. J. Shaw, of the Twelfth District Superior Court, was sitting. Judge Shaw, on representation of Mr. Settle, issued the writ of mandamus, which was served on the County Board of Canvassers as soon as it convened at 4 o'clock. Adjournment until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning was then taken by the board.

## SALVATION ARMY CONGRESS OPENS

(By the United Press)  
Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—The National Congress of the Salvation Army, with Commander Evangeline Booth presiding, opens in Philadelphia today. Sessions will be held daily until November 23. The International headquarters of the Army are represented by Commissioner T. Henry Howard, Chief of Staff.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Dr. Earl Sloan of Sloan's liniment fame has returned to his mansion near New Bern after a tour through the West and North.

The torpedo boat Foote, a naval militia training ship, is to be sent from New Bern to the Charleston navy yard for repairs.

At a meeting in Greenville citizens of that town and Tarboro, Congressman John H. Small, "father" of the inland waterway system, and federal officials discussed improvement of Tar river above Washington and greater interest in water transportation. Much enthusiasm was aroused.

## DON'T SELL COTTON IN SEED, THEY URGE

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 17.—Government cotton experts warn against selling cotton in the seed. The practice results in great loss, they declare.

## RAILROAD WORKERS TRUST IN PRESIDENT TO SEE THEM THROUGH

### Believe He Will Substitute Something as Effective If Adamson Law Loses Out. No Strike in January Is Likely

(By the United Press)  
Cleveland, Nov. 17.—Confident that in the event the Adamson eight-hour law fails, President Wilson will provide another measure insuring the eight-hour day, Brotherhood leaders today scouted the possibility of a general strike in January. Warren Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that if the Adamson eight-hour law is knocked out the trainmen will trust in the President for an effective substitute.

New Haven Seeks Injunction. Boston, Nov. 17.—The New Haven Railroad today filed a bill in Federal Court attacking the constitutionality of the Adamson law, and requested an injunction restraining the government from enforcing the law.

Interest in Baltimore. Baltimore, Nov. 17.—A tremendous undercurrent of interest is manifest in the convention of the American Federation of Labor in action with the railroad brotherhoods fighting for the eight-hour day. Speculation is high as to what the big four brotherhoods' leaders will say when they address the convention next week.

## RUGGED SERMONS GET MEN IN FRONT RANKS

(By the United Press)  
London, Nov. 2.—(By Mail)—No high sounding phrases and involved Bible quotations make a dent on the Tommies at the front. It's simple, soap-box, alfresco language that army chaplains have to use if they get an audience. And all army sky pilots are doing it, according to an officer just back from the front.

"Men who preached from immaculate pulpits in words of the higher education before the war are out there talking horse-sense to the soldiers and are having no trouble to get congregations," said the officer.

Here is a sample of the latest kind of sermon—the logic which the Tommies listen to and like:

"If what I am going to say is going to make an old woman of any of you men, forget it. If it will help you take a try at it. "Now the first thing a fellow has got to get hold of is that some one is responsible for this outfit we call the world. Someone put it here. You won't find a shell in your bore or a feed in your nosebag unless someone has put it there. Very well, someone put this world where it is; someone put us here and someone is responsible for our being. That's God! I think that's horse-sense."

## BRYAN AND CAMINETTI AT TEMPERANCE MEET'G

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 17.—Encouraged by the declaration of William Jennings Bryan in favor of prohibition, "dry" workers are preparing for a "big drive" on Congress, to obtain prohibition legislation.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 17.—William Jennings Bryan and Anthony J. Caminetti, commissioner general of the Immigration Bureau at Washington, are the stellar performers on the program for the annual meeting of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union which opened here today.

The chief work to come before the meeting will be a discussion of ways and means to keep up the bombardment on Congress in favor of a national prohibition amendment.

## DEUTSCHLAND PUTS BACK INTO HARBOR

### Reported Attempt Made to Ram Outbound Submersible Freighter

## COLLIDED WITH HER TUG

### Said Escort Attempted to Get Between U-Boat and Menacing Strange Motor-Boat—Had Put to Sea in the Night

(By the United Press)  
New London, Nov. 17.—The attempted dash to sea of the German submarine Deutschland ended early today in a collision with an escorting tug. Capt. Gurney and four members of the tug's crew were drowned. The U-boat returned to port. Later it was rumored that a mysterious motor boat attempted to ram the submarine, and that the tug in attempting to protect her, swung in the path of the submersible.

New London, Conn., Nov. 17.—The Deutschland, the German submarine which arrived here on November 1, slipped out of the harbor at an early hour today, bound for Bremen. She left her pocket at the State pier at 1:30 o'clock and was towed down the harbor by two tugs.

The Deutschland passed the U. S. cutter Columbia in the lower harbor at 1:45 o'clock. Several passing steamers and the Columbia turned searchlights on the boat and blew their whistles.

Strange Sub Sighted. New London, Nov. 17.—It is reported here that a strange submarine with a gun mounted on her deck has been sighted in Long Island Sound.

## GOLDSBORO LUMBER CO. GETS VERDICT

The hung jury in Wooten vs. Goldsboro Lumber Co. of Dover, entered civil Superior Court shortly after the opening hour Friday with a verdict for the defendant.

Wooten was suing for \$600, alleging that he had been discharged from the company's employ after about four months when a contract had been made under which he was to work a year, and that during the remaining about eight months he would have drawn approximately that sum. The defendant claimed no contract was made, and the jury so found. The case was commenced on Wednesday, and occasioned a lot of interest incompatible with the sum involved.

Williams vs. Williams, a contested divorce case, was the next up. The plaintiff husband is a Kinston negro who lived in Philadelphia for several years, according to lawyers, and was in a criminal action there for shooting one or more persons in a family row. He was also the defendant in a suit here a few years ago. Property is involved in the present case.

## FOOTBALL STAR IS ACCUSED OF MURDER MOTHER AND FAMILY

(By the United Press)  
Buffalo, Nov. 17.—That young John Edward Telper, former noted football player, plotted the murder of his mother, Mrs. Agnes M. Telper, his brother Fred and sister Grace, then invented a story of a "burly negro" attacking the party, will be the contention of the prosecution in a sensational trial now progressing here. Seven jurors have been selected out of five hundred names.