

Weather.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Fair tonight and Thursday, with heavy frost tonight.

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METHODIST ARE BUSY IN DURHAM

Seventy-Second Session of the North Carolina Conference Meets There

A GOOD ATTENDANCE
Bishop Wilson Presiding Over Conference—W. S. Cunningham Elected Secretary—Twenty-third Session and Presiding Elders and Many Pastors Pass—Examination of Character—Reports Show Progress in All Lines—Districts Called Show Fine Gains Over Last Year—Conference Made Unusual Progress and Work is Well in Hand.

(Special to The Times.)
Durham, N. C., Dec. 9.—The seventy-second session of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in Trinity church at 10 o'clock this morning, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

Religious services were conducted by the bishop, who administered the sacrament to the conference.

The secretary of the conference called the roll. W. L. Cunningham was re-elected secretary. Communications from various interests were referred to the proper committees. Presiding elders nominated the standing committees, and all were elected. Superannuates passed the examination for character and continued in same relation.

Action of last year, calling for individual church reports was by vote decided, including this year.

Question Twenty called and the presiding elders of all districts passed examination of character and made reports, showing progress in all lines.

BAPTISTS ARE IN SESSION TODAY

Great Baptist State Convention Gets Down to Work This Morning

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED
Feature of First Session Was Sermon of Dr. Huffman Last Night—Relation of the Pastor to the Prayer-meeting the Subject of an Address by Rev. J. Paul Bowers—Pastor's Relation to His Congregation Discussed by Several Members of the Convention.

(Special to The Times.)
Wilson, Dec. 9.—The feature of the first session of the Baptist State Convention, held last night, was the able sermon by Dr. J. D. Huffman. A large audience listened to his learned discourse.

ADJUDICATING BOARD NAMED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt this morning named Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Capers and F. L. Dunlap, an expert of the bureau of chemistry, a board to adjudicate the difficulties which have arisen under the interpretation of the new pure food and drug act by the internal revenue bureau.

HEARING ON FOREST MATTER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 9.—The house committee on agriculture held a hearing this morning which will be continued all day on the proposed Appalachian and White Mountain forest reservation. Governor Curtis Guild, of Massachusetts, conducted the hearing and introduced the speakers.

The speakers were: John H. Finny, of North Carolina, secretary of the Appalachian National Forest Association; J. G. Ruge, vice-president of the Southern Commercial Congress; Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the senate; Representative Stevens, of Texas; Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon; and C. R. Van Esler, president of the University of Wisconsin.

Commercial Silver.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 9.—Commercial bar silver, 49c.; Mexican dollars, 45c.

A POLICY AND NOT A PROJECT

Is the Motto of the Convention of National Rivers and Harbors Congress

WELCOME BY FAIRBANKS
National Rivers and Harbors Congress Begun Its Fifth Annual Convention This Morning—Representative Russell, of Louisiana, Presided—Ambassador James Bryce, of Great Britain, Delivered an Address on the Waterways of His Country—Andrew Carnegie Also Makes Address—Other Addresses.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 9.—The National Rivers and Harbors Congress opened its fifth annual convention this morning at 10 o'clock in the large assembly room of the New Willard Hotel.

Representative Russell, of Louisiana, president of the congress, presided. Cardinal Gibbons pronounced the invocation. President Ransdell delivered the opening address, after which Vice-President Fairbanks, on the part of the government, formally welcomed the delegates.

Ambassador James Bryce delivered an address on the waterways of Great Britain.

Foreign diplomats, during the sessions, will tell of waterway conditions in their respective countries. Ambassador Nabuco, of Brazil, will describe the improved waterway facilities of that republic.

THOMAS SUES FOR \$100,000.

Husband of Sylvia Speers Brings Suit For Alienation of His Wife's Affections.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—Russell Thomas, the young chauffeur, who some months ago eloped with and married Miss Sylvia Speer, the young daughter of his employer, but whose bride was taken from him by her parents eighteen hours after the marriage ceremony, has filed a suit for \$100,000 against the parents of his wife for the alienation of her affections. Thomas and the girl were arrested in Charlotte, N. C., eighteen hours after the wedding and Mrs. Speer prevailed on her daughter to leave her husband. The Speers took the girl to Europe, but returned with her after three weeks. Thomas has not been allowed to see his wife since her return.

T. JENKINSHAINES IN TEARFUL MOOD

By Leased Wire to The Times
New York, Dec. 9.—T. Jenkins Haines, who is to be placed on trial Monday for the murder of William E. Annis, broke down completely in the Queens county jail today when he was told that his little daughter, Mollie, was ill in Washington.

"Why can't I see my little girl," he moaned. "I would sacrifice everything to be able to go to her bedside." And then he sat down in a corner of his cell and wept.

Mollie Hains, who is hardly three years old, is now with her grandparents, General and Mrs. Peter C. Hains, in Washington. Joseph A. Shay,



assistant counsel for the Hains brothers, received a letter today stating that the child was ill and when he called upon T. Jenkins Haines he told him of it.

FLEET RETURNS ON FEBRUARY 22

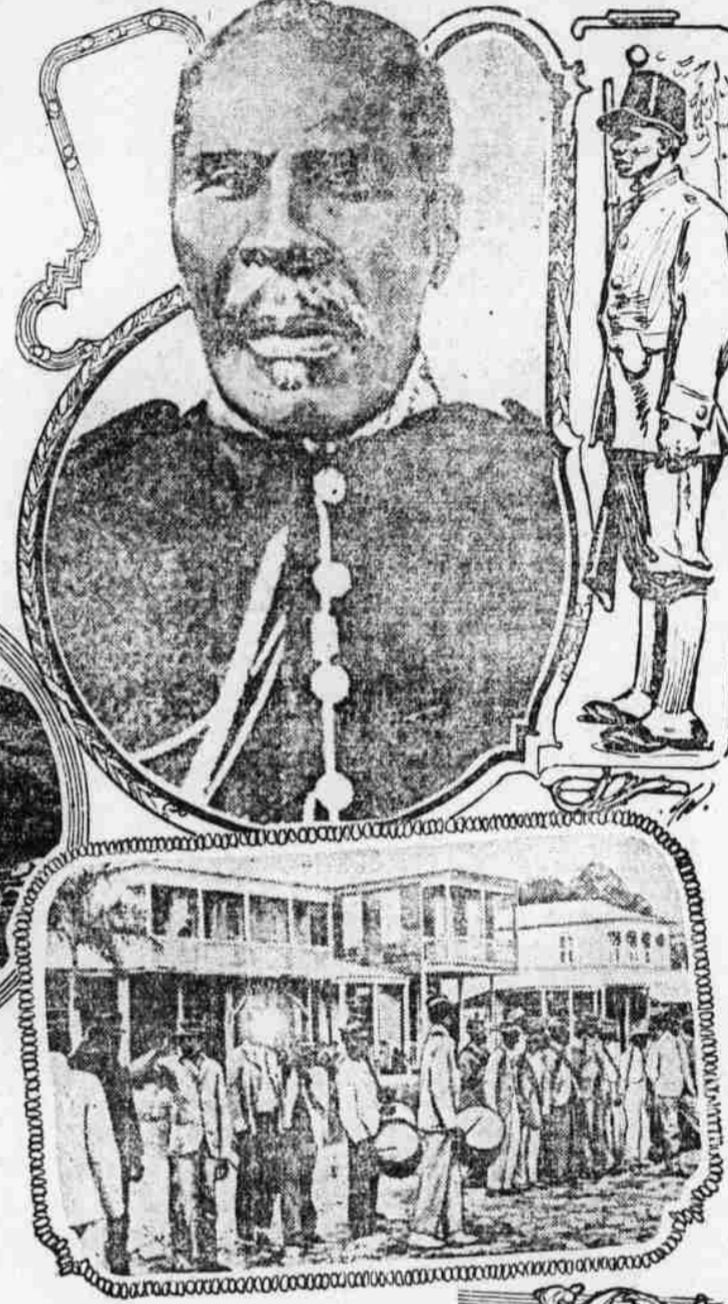
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt will welcome the return of the battleship fleet to Hampton Roads from its cruise around the world about noon on February 22.

Details now being worked out in the navy department will provide that the exercises take place as near as practical with the president's yacht the Mayflower, in the same position as upon departure of the fleet, December 16, 1907.

COMPROMISE AT BUCK SHOALS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 9.—It is reported that Mrs. Baker Everett Edwards, daughter of the late Carter Harrison, of Chicago, is now able to discharge all of Colonel McDoe's claim on Buck Shoals estate for \$1,500 if she so chooses. She has not so far chosen to obtain a clear title to the property by paying this amount.

Dethroned President of Hayti.



Upper picture shows Nord Alexis, aged president of the Hayti. Below to the left is Cape Haitien, a typical part of the island, and to the right is a body of native police of Port-au-Prince.

MRS. SCHLOSS ARRESTED FOR PANAMA DEAL

Discovered Stealing From Department Store—Money not Paid to French Government.
Former Senator Millard Says President's Statements Are Wrong—French Government Had Nothing to Do With Sale of Property—Cromwell Only Man Who Knows.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 9.—Fears were expressed today that Mrs. Louisa J. Schloss, millionaire Louis Schloss' wife, who was arrested on the charge of shoplifting yesterday at a Sixth Avenue department store, would lose her case.

Former Senator Millard says President Roosevelt's letter to Foulke were wrong, among them being the statement that the \$10,000,000 was paid the French government. Mr. Millard says this money was paid J. P. Morgan & Company.

"I am certain there was no grafting on the part of any government officials in this country."
"Was Douglas Robinson or any of the Taft members of the syndicate?" was asked Senator Millard.

Twenty-seven Killed.
Belduno, Dec. 9.—Twenty-seven were killed in an avalanche at San Lucano. The result of the avalanche left a large opening in the ground in which an enormous flood of water is flowing. Hundreds of families are without food and homes. Subscriptions have been opened for these unfortunate victims.

SENSATION IN BICYCLE RACE

Eddie Root Makes Sensational Sprint and Succeeds in Winning Lap

ASTONISHING SPEED
Root, With His Assistant, Rode Like Madmen While Thousands of Spectators Yelled Themselves Hoarse in a Delirium of Excitement—One of the Most Wonderful Exhibitions of Human Endurance and Riding Power Ever Seen—After Half an Hour's Hard Work He Slowed Down.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 9.—The most sensational sprint of the six day bicycle race being held in the Madison Square Garden came today, when Eddie Root, assisted by his team mate Bobby Walthour succeeded in getting back one of the two laps that separated them from the leaders.

With a burst of marvelous speed the two riders rode like madmen for more than two miles, while thousands of spectators yelled themselves hoarse in delirium of excitement.

Walthour was fifty yards ahead before the old riders came to a realization of what was going on and then they began riding furiously.

Although he had been riding at top speed for more than twenty-four hours, at intermittent stages of the race, he put up a clip that has seldom been equalled even in a short distance contest.

11 A. M. Score.

Name	Miles	Laps
Ruit and Stol	1,171	2
McFarland and Moran	1,171	2
Hill and Memara	1,171	2
Fogler and Lawson	1,171	2
Walthour and Root	1,171	1
Palmer and Walker	1,171	1
Collins and Mitten	1,171	0
Valvin and Wiley	1,170	9
Anderson and Vahoni	1,170	8
Devonovitch and Drobach	1,170	7
Faber and Lafourcade	1,150	6

Previous record 1,167 miles, seven laps.
As the race progressed the fifteen mile lead which the riders had established over the previous records was rapidly cut down, the 59th hour score showing only three miles and 5 laps ahead.

The tremendous strain of the first two days is showing its effect on all the riders. Sprints were few and far between during the late morning and no changes in the position of the leaders were recorded.
McFarland continued to set the pace and the others stuck close behind.

Robbers Get \$6,000.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Maize, Kans., Dec. 9.—Safe-robbers blew the State Bank's vault early today and escaped with nearly \$6,000 in currency. A posse of citizens has been organized and is now in pursuit of the gang.