

## CONVENTION OPENS THIRD DAYS SESSION

Greater Part of Day Taken Up With Report of Various Church Organizations

## MISSIONS REPORT

Reports Show That Finances of the Church Are in Fine Shape and Receipts Are Much Larger Than For Any Previous Year—Mission Report Is Read and Shows a Steady Growth in Number of Missionary Societies—President Dowd Appoints Committee—Sunday School Statistics Show Big Gains.

(Special to The Times) Wadesboro, Dec. 9.—The convention today took up the reports of church societies and Sunday schools and all show an excellent condition of affairs in the various churches throughout the state.

Report of Woman's Central Committee of Missions.

There has been evidence of steady growth and real progress in our work during the past year. We feel that the holding of separate W. M. U. Association meetings when the delegates are urged to come, and ample time is given for the discussion of plans, marks a new era in the work. Several associations have held the separate meetings during the year; others are planning to do so next year.

Vice-presidents.—We have a fine band of women who are directing the work in about forty of our associations. These are some of the most cultured, spiritual and energetic women in the state. We are very anxious to have earnest, active women to prosecute the work in each association.

Young Woman's Auxiliary.—At our last annual meeting, one hundred and thirty-eight auxiliaries were reported then enrolled. Their gifts for the year amounted to \$3,346.46. One auxiliary in the state, the Earnest Workers of First church, Durham, gives the entire salary of a missionary. During the last year the Y. W. U. of the state gave \$659.59 to build a church in Hyde county.

Sunbeams.—The sunbeams directed their state missions offering to be used as a church building fund, and took as their aim \$500.00. When the amounts were in, it was found that they had enough above that amount to pay the salary of a preacher for this church for a year. Besides their gift of \$500.00 to Dr. Hays's salary, the sunbeam missionary in China, they also helped erect a church in China. They gave more than \$200.00 to build a church in Cardenas, Cuba, this being their special home mission work. Their total gifts for the year amounted to \$4,390.53.

Royal Ambassadors.—It has been felt that some missionary organization was necessary for the boys after they had outgrown the sunbeam age, and this new movement is supplying information and directing the lives and the thoughts of the boys to mission work. Sixteen chapters of Royal Ambassadors were reported at our annual meeting.

Society Figures.—Our mailing list numbers nine hundred and seventy-six missionary societies, five hundred and nineteen are Woman's auxiliaries, and three hundred and forty-one sunbeams. It is with gratification as well as gratitude that we announce our money aim of \$7,000 was reached.

Literature.—The missionary page in the Recorder has been kept up and three departments are edited by Misses Heck, Applewhite and Briggs. Our mission fields furnish the program for the monthly meeting, and serves the purpose admirably. The Foreign Mission Journal Our Home Field, and the Mission Calendar of Prayer have a distinct place in our state work.

Missionary Visits.—The officers of the central committee have visited more than twenty associations during the year. These visits have been distributed over the entire state and more than three thousand miles were traveled in interest of the work.

Withal, the year has been a good one. New societies are being organized over the state with a rapidity that is exceedingly gratifying, and we have many reasons for encouragement and thanksgiving.

Finances.—It seems our problem of finance has been solved at last. For the first time in the history of the work of our people have contributed enough money to pay for the outfit by the Sunday school committee. Five years ago the state convention considered seriously the matter of discontinuing with the Sunday school, secretary for lack of support. The convention, as a compromise, agreed for the state mission fund to pay as much as \$1,000 is work if necessary. The Sunday school mis-

tion began to grow. At the beginning of 1904 a separate account was kept with this department. During that year there was a deficit. In 1907 the fund paid expenses, but the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist convention paid an extra \$275.00 that year. In 1908 there was a secretary for only six months. The fund paid him, the deficit of 1906 and nearly all the salary of the statistical secretary, leaving the work out of debt for three years.

During this year systematic efforts have been made to increase the fund as to meet regular current expenses and give evidence that we could enlarge the operations of the work. On February 9th the secretary called the committee together for a conference and showed after careful study of the minutes and a knowledge of the field, that there was a possible and he felt a probable income of \$1,983.92. The receipts of \$2,018.18 Treasurer Durham show that he had a good grasp of the situation.

Last year the receipts were \$1,267.54. This is a gain of \$750.64 or 65 per cent increase. The new minutes show over 450 churches contributing against 282 last year.

Several associations not formerly contributing have agreed to do so next year. There is every evidence that the fund will be sufficient for some new constructive work next year.

Statistics.—Statistics are unusually dry, and yet thoughtful people like to know facts expressed in figures. Our state was the first in the Southern Baptist convention to do Sunday school field work.

We are near the lead in the ratio of Sunday school scholars to church membership and we are growing. In five years we have made a net gain of about 50,000 scholars.

We have made fewer appropriations this year than any former year, and will show a reported membership of about 154,000 or a gain of 7,000. There are many unreported schools. We keep trying to get a complete record of them all. We now have 1,684 against 1,669 last year. Forty-eight (Continued on Page Eight.)

## FIRE IN HOTEL

### One Man Was Burned to Death

Property Worth \$100,000 Destroyed. Two Hundred Guests Flee From the Hotel.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One man was burned to death and property worth \$100,000 was destroyed early today when the Burdick Hotel building, covering half a block, was gutted by fire.

The 200 guests of the hotel fled, many of them in their night clothes. Few escaped without risking their lives, and nearly all lost their possessions.

Half a dozen stores on the ground floor of the hotel building were destroyed. Eight firemen were overcome by smoke and rescued with difficulty. All were taken to hospitals in a serious condition.

Mrs. M. F. S. Fletcher, an employe of the hotel, was reported missing, as was a cripple and a bell boy, but they were found later.

The blaze, which started in the Star Bargain House, got beyond the control of the local fire department within a short time and help was summoned from other cities. Apparatus arrived first from Battle Creek on a special train and shortly afterward Grand Rapids was called on for aid.

Within a few minutes after the fire was discovered, the entire building was doomed. Employes of the hotel succeeded in arousing all of the guests. Few had time to wait to dress, most of the 200 barely making their way to safety.

The surrounding buildings appeared to be doomed, and the efforts of the firemen were concentrated on holding the blaze to the structure in which it started.

It was finally under control at 7 o'clock.

## CARRIE NATION USES THE HATCHET

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 9.—Carrie Nation again succeeded in getting into the limelight this afternoon when she entered the bar at the union railroad station and, without a hatchet, destroyed all the liquor bottles and expensive paintings in sight. Amid much excitement and after a struggle with the barkeepers and two brawny policemen, she was arrested and taken in the patrol wagon to the fifth precinct police station and locked up. Tomorrow she is to be arraigned in the police court.

Up to a late hour this afternoon no one had appeared to give bail for her.

## MEMORIAL MEETING

### Large Number of Raleigh Citizens Pay Tribute to R.B. Raney

Meeting of Citizens Held at Noon Today—Resolutions of Respect Adopted—Merchants Asked to Close Places of Business—Citizens to Present Marble Bust to Library. Many Pay Tribute to Deceased.

At noon today, in pursuance to a call issued by Mayor Wynne, a large number of the representative citizens of Raleigh met in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce to pay respects to the late Richard Beverly Raney.

On motion, Mayor J. S. Wynne was elected president and upon taking the chair, briefly explained the object of the meeting. The newspaper reporters were appointed secretaries.

Mr. R. H. Battle then arose and offered resolutions upon Mr. Raney. He paid a high tribute to the great benefactor of the city, and told of the great interest Mr. Raney had in the Olivia Raney Library and how he carefully supervised its erection and furnishing. The present value of the building, said the speaker, is equal to the entire value of Mr. Raney's property at the time work was begun on the building; that he turned it over to the city absolutely and without any strings. He spoke of its value to the people, and that it, with Rex Hospital, was the city's most important institution.

A number of suggestions were made as to minor changes in the resolutions and each were discussed. It was suggested that in addition to a marble bust, that a children's department be added to the library.

During the discussion, the amendments to the resolutions, a number availed themselves of the opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Raney.

A letter from Mr. Howell Cobb was read in which he sent a check for \$255 to the Raney Memorial Fund.

A committee consisting of Mayor J. S. Wynne, Dr. H. A. Royster, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. R. H. Battle, president of the Raney Library trustees; and two others, to be appointed by the mayor, were selected to look after the memorial fund and select the officers for this fund. This committee will also select the time and place for a memorial meeting.

Among those who spoke were: R. H. Battle, Rev. Geo. W. Lay, Dr. R. H. Lewis, Chas. E. Johnson, Joseph G. Brown, J. B. Grimes, E. E. Bright, T. H. Briggs, Brown Shepherd, Charles Lee Smith, B. F. Montague, G. T. Stephenson, C. H. Poe.

After adopting the following resolution the meeting adjourned:

Whereas, Richard Beverly Raney, late of the city of Raleigh, the munificent benefactor of the city and the large-hearted friend of its citizens, has been removed from the sphere of his usefulness here by death, and it has seemed proper that the people should give public expression to their feelings in reference to their great loss and their appreciation of him as their benefactor. Therefore be it resolved by the citizens of Raleigh in mass meeting assembled:

First. That in the death of Mr. Raney the city has lost a citizen of whom it was justly proud and that in the beautiful Olivia Raney Library, a gift which at the time it was freely and unconditionally turned over by him to the city, represented much the larger part of his estate, acquired by diligent industry, they recognize a rare and judicious liberality and one of its most attractive ornaments, an institution of inestimable value to this and succeeding generations of its citizens.

Second. That they testify their affection for him and their appreciation of what he has been to and has done for the city, by requesting the mayor and aldermen and the other municipal officers to attend his funeral in a body, and by recommending to the proprietors of business houses on the principal streets that they close their doors from three-thirty to four-thirty o'clock this afternoon, the hour of the funeral.

Third. That it is eminently appropriate, now that Mr. Raney has passed away, that a marble bust of him be erected in the library, by private contributions of the citizens, and that a committee consisting of the mayor, the president of the trustees of the Olivia Raney Library, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and two other citizens, to be appointed by the mayor, are requested to take this matter in charge, to gether with some other worthy memorial, in keeping with the philanthropic ideals of Mr. Raney.

Fourth. That they tender their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow and other members of the afflicted family of Mr. Raney.

## SECOND DAY

### CONGRESS ON WATERWAYS

Banquet Hall of the New Willard Crowded With Delegates to Meeting

## SEC. NAGEL SPEAKS

Governor Harmon of Ohio Was on the Program But Because of the Strike Disorders in His Own State Could Not Attend—Frank Gates, Allen of Illinois Defended Speaker Cannon's Opposition to the Issue of \$500,000,000 in Bonds—Secretary Nagel's Address Was Practically a Reiteration of President Taft's Policy.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 9.—With the large banquet hall of the New Willard Hotel crowded to the doors with delegates the second day's session of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress was called to order by President Ransdell at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

The principal addresses were delivered by Charles Nagel, secretary of Commerce and Labor, and Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the National Waterways Commission. Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, was on the program, but sent a telegram saying that owing to the strike disorders at Bridgeport and Steubenville, in Ohio, where his presence was needed, he would be unable to attend.

After an address by Frank Gates Allen, of Illinois, who defended Speaker Cannon's opposition to the issue of \$500,000,000, of bonds for improvements of the national waterways, the speaker having been scored for his views in the address of Albert Bellinger, of Ohio, at yesterday afternoon's session, President Ransdell introduced Secretary Nagel.

Secretary Nagel's address was practically a reiteration of the policy of President Taft, announced in his address yesterday in which the president said he was in favor of a definite policy being decided on by congress before waterway bonds were issued. Mr. Nagel said:

"First, decide on a policy, and then go ahead with a plan to provide the means for carrying it out, honestly and in a business-like manner." His address was in accord with President Taft's views on the improvement of waterways.

The next speaker was Senator Burton, who reviewed the work and the appropriations of congress to improve the waterways and the harbors of the country. He went into details and described especially the improvements that have been made or are planned for the country's harbors.

Mr. Burton said that New York would soon have an entrance canal, 2,000 yards wide, with a depth of forty feet, which would make it the finest in the world.

Ex-Governor Benton McMillan, of Tennessee, told of the work that had been done and that which was planned for the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers. He advocated the broadest possible policy in improving the waterways of the country.

Other speakers were Representative W. E. Humphrey, of Washington state; B. Cameron, president of the Farmers' National Congress, and Representative W. Rodenburg, of Illinois.

A session will be held this afternoon, at which United States Commissioner of Corporation Herbert Knox Smith will deliver the principal address. Another session will be held this evening and a morning session tomorrow, after which the congress will adjourn.

Delegates are unanimous in the opinion that this meeting is the most successful that the congress has held.

## UNDER ORDERS TO SEIZE THE PORTS

Colon, Dec. 9.—Under orders to seize Nicaraguan ports without hesitation if necessary, the American warships are today assembling off the Nicaraguan coast, according to advices received here. He base of operations has apparently been changed from Port Limon, Costa Rica, to Bluefields, where the Des Moines is now lying. It is believed that this move is the result of President Zelaya's attempt to stir up an anti-American demonstration, which failed.

## BEATS HIS LADY LOVE

### Toby Slick Goes Out on the War Path

Negro Sallies Forth and Gets Into a Wrangle With a Lady Friend Which Lands Him in the Police Court—Over Thirty Witnesses Introduced in One Case Where Man is Charged With Being Drunk.

Albert Davis, otherwise known as Toby Slick, thrust a pint of booze in the capacious depths of his trousers pocket a few nights ago and wended his way to the home of his paramour, Uzelia Dunn. After he and Uzelia had partaken of the delights of the same pint bottle, they waxed "fussy." The slippery Toby desired to go forth and view the moving pictures, but his dusky partner refused to accompany him and when the cloud of war had blown over Uzelia was reclining on the floor with an edematous eyelid and a severely bruised body. Toby, who acquired his strong right arm on the baseball diamond, was fined \$5.00 for his display of ill temper and prowess in the pugilistic art. Judge Stronach advised the couple to separate and live away from the society of each other.

C. B. Wall, who lives in the country, near the city, was tried this morning on a charge of drunkenness and fined \$2.00 and costs.

W. J. Beddingfield, an old offender, was again before Judge Stronach for being too familiar with the bottle. He was fined \$10.00 and his Honor informed him that this was the last time he would be allowed to pay out and that the next time he would be put to work for the county.

A case of peculiar interest was begun in the police court this morning before Judge Stronach. Ordinarily, a man arrested for being drunk, submits and pays the fine, but in this case there were over thirty witnesses who swore the defendant, A. E. Beddingfield, was perfectly sober. Mr. Beddingfield employed as counsel W. B. Jones and the officer who made the arrest retained Mr. Charles U. Harris, on account of certain accusations having been made against him charging him with false arrest.

The case was continued until tomorrow morning when the matter will be threshed out.

## WOMAN BEING TRIED FOR INFANTICIDE

Durham, Dec. 9.—The jury started this morning at nine o'clock upon the case of Dixie Johnson, colored, for the crime of infanticide.

The woman is charged with giving the baby carbolic acid. It caused death in a few hours, though the child was but a few days old and was not supposed to have swallowed the drug. Its lips were burned considerably and there was no way to conceal the inhuman act.

It is expected that the case can be finished today, as the few witnesses and but little reason for speech-making exists. Fifty men were called to make out the special venire.

The conviction of Van Ray, the little nigger woman murderer yesterday afternoon, was compassed in less than a day.

The degree of murder found by the jury is secondary. There was evidence that the large Bumpass woman had threatened the girl pretty roughly, though there had been no repetition of it when they again met and the little Roy girl was armed with a weapon. She courted the quarrel then, and there was where she lost her liberty.

The jury was selected, all the witnesses examined, the speeches made and the charge delivered within five hours of actual work. It was a very speedy piece of work.

Judge Biggs has not yet passed sentence, but is expected to do so today. The matter of punishment is all that is left to him.

The Solomon Shepherd burglary case may come up, but the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt, the crime that Solomon confesses, will not be tried this court, it appears now.

## SENATOR MONEY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Washington, Dec. 9.—The senate in caucus this afternoon elected Senator Money, of Mississippi, chairman, a position which carries with it the floor leadership. In place of Senator Guiberson, of Texas, who resigned because of ill health, Senator Shively, of Indiana, was chosen vice chairman. Party policies were not discussed, but went over to the next meeting.

## WELL KNOWN WRITER DEAD

### Paris, Dec. 9—Lamar Middleton, one of the best known newspaper correspondents in Europe and a nephew of Lucius Q. C. Lamar, died today suddenly at his home here, at the age of 57. He had a wide acquaintance with statesmen and was recognized as an authority on international politics.

The French Government and all the important press organizations of Europe will be represented at his funeral. Mr. Middleton who was a Harvard Graduate, class of '35, leaves a wife and three children. His parents live in Chicago.

## DEATH TO THE AMERICANS

(By Cable to The Times)

Panama, Dec. 9.—Death to Americans is the order issued to the Nicaraguan government by President Zelaya. Positive information was received here today that more than a month ago Zelaya issued instructions to his military commanders to shoot every American caught fighting in the army of the revolutionists.

Some of Zelaya's military officers protested against this order and warned him that trouble with the United States would follow. "To hell with the gringos," Zelaya replied, "shoot every one you can capture."

The gunboat Vicksburg, which has been stationed at Corinto ever since the Nicaraguan trouble assumed an acute stage, has been reinforced and there are four American warships in the Corinto harbor. The Vicksburg needs coal and now that reinforcements have reached Corinto she will probably come to Panama to replenish her fuel supplies.

## SOUTHERN CASES BEFORE COMMISSION

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 9.—The argument of three southern cases affecting railroad rate discrimination occupied the attention of the inter-state commerce commission today. The New Orleans board of trade has made the railroads entering that city defendants in charges affecting rates on lumber and cotton, which the board alleges are exorbitant.

The second case was that of the railroad commission of Tennessee with 127 railroads as defendants. It is charged that the cotton and freight rates from many Tennessee points to Boston are discriminatory.

The Asparagus Growers' Association of Charleston, S. C., has brought action against the Atlantic Coast lines for discriminations on asparagus shipments.

## CANAL FROM GULF TO THE GREAT LAKES

Washington, Dec. 9.—To urge President Taft to help the plan of a ship canal from the Great Lakes to the Gulf a committee called at the white house today. Later they will see Vice-President Sherman, Speaker Cannon, Secretary of War Dickinson, and the chairmen of the congressional committees having to do with waterways improvement.

The committee included Governor Deneen, of Illinois; Governor Sanders, of Louisiana; Governor Hadley, of Missouri; ex-Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri, and Lyman E. Dooley, engineer of the Chicago Drainage Canal. The committee wants the government to spend \$10,000,000 annually for ten years on the canal plan.

## SUFFRAGETTES MUST EAT

(By Cable to The Times)

London, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Mary Leigh, a suffragette, this afternoon lost her suit against Home Secretary Gladstone, Governor Green and Dr. Kelly, of the Birmingham jail. She sued for damages because she was forcibly fed while in jail after a suffragette agitation.

This decision is one of the most important rendered on the suffragette methods.

## DISPUTE OVER CLAIMS OF DR. COOK AGAIN

### Waxed Hotter Today Than It Has Since Commander Peary Appeared on Scene

Two Men Make Affidavit That They Prepared Dr. Cook's Observations For \$2,000 Apiece—These Are a Broker Who Arranged the Transaction and Captain Loose, Who Made the Observations—Charles Wade of the Equitable Life Comes to the Aid of the Explorer—Says He Was With Him When He Prepared His Papers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 9.—The dispute over the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to the discovery of the north pole waxed hotter today than it has been since Commander Peary came upon the field. Friends of Dr. Cook rallied to his support after the publication of affidavits by Captain August Wedel Loose and Broker George H. Dunkle, in which they declared that Loose prepared Cook's "observations" for \$2,000. Dunkle alleges that he was to get a like amount for arranging the transaction; and a \$500 bonus was to be paid should the University of Copenhagen accept the proofs furnished.

The first of the friends of the explorer to go to his aid was Charles Wade, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

During the time that the explorer was preparing his report at the Gramatan Inn, Mr. Wade was constantly with him, spending most of the night and the greater part of the day there.

Mr. Wade aided Dr. Cook in securing himself from the public and finally compelled him, following the completing of the report to seek an isolated section of the country where he could await the report of the University of Copenhagen on his data of his trip to the pole.

When Mr. Wade was seen at his home, 16 East Sixtieth street today, he said:

"I don't believe in the published statements of either Dunkle or Captain Loose. From what I have seen the statements of these men concerning Dr. Cook seem grossly distorted and absolutely without semblance of the truth. These men have put themselves outside of the law and it only the word of these men against that of Dr. Cook. The affidavits of these men are so adroitly worded that Dr. Cook is powerless to proceed against them for perjury.

"These men, I believe, have made these affidavits to the best of our knowledge and belief."

"I was with Dr. Cook during the week or ten days that he was preparing his report at Gramatan Inn. I was with him every night and most of the day during that time. He had no assistants during that time, so far as I know. Most of his work on the report was done while I was with him."

"I recall on one occasion that a man named Dunkle called at the inn and asked for Dr. Cook. The doctor sent down word that he was too busy to see him and the man went away in bad humor.

"On another occasion a sailor, a sea captain, I believe, called. He came to see me, he said, and wanted me to introduce him to Dr. Cook. I sent him away.

"Shortly after this occurrence Dr. Cook told me that he wanted to hurry his report and suggested that he secure some one to help him. He might have engaged an expert, and if he did he would probably have selected a Norwegian because of his knowledge of that northern region. But if he did I knew nothing about it. If he did engage anyone to aid him it was only to act in a clerical capacity."

Steamer on the Rocks. (By Leased Wire to The Times)

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The steamer W. C. Richardson went on the rocks about three miles out of Buffalo this morning. Five men were drowned and rescuers brought fourteen men into the local harbor. The fourteen men were taken off the sinking boat by the steamer Ibis. The stern of the Richardson is under fifteen feet of water.