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### THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

Several Reports Heard At the Morning Session of the Convention at Winston-Salem

### THE BRETHREN APPLAUD

Work of the Pastors' Conference Yesterday—Talks by Jesse B. Weatherspoon, Rev. Charles E. Maddy, Rev. F. D. King, J. C. Clifford, Dr. Poteat and Others—Meeting of the Convention Last Night—Work Mapped Out and the Body Hard at Work Today.

(C. B. Taylor.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 6.—The session of the Baptist convention began this morning with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. James Long, of Morganton. The minutes of last night's session were read and approved. The report of board of missions and Sunday schools was read by Rev. Livingston Johnson. The brethren could not refrain from a slight applause when announcement was made that the mission board is out of debt.

The Sunday school report was read by Rev. C. H. Durham. Diplomas for the completion of the teachers training course were awarded by B. W. Spillman. Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., made a strong plea for the B. Y. P. U., making an unusually strong plea that teachers should stand in close touch with God.

Dr. W. R. Cullom read the report of the board of education. After a song, Dr. W. B. L. Smith, presented the home mission report. A very forceful address was made by Dr. A. E. Brown on missions in the mountains, one of the strongest yet delivered, followed by Dr. Victor Masters, of Atlanta.

Meetings in Detail.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 6.—The pastors' conference began yesterday morning at 9:30. Dr. W. R. Cullom, of the chair of Bible at Wake Forest, presiding. There were many of the pastors present, something like two hundred, and each took a decided interest in the discussions and joined in the general discussions wholeheartedly.

The morning session began with a strong talk on "Exposition of Hebrews 6:4-6," by Rev. Jesse B. Weatherspoon, pastor of the church at Oxford. He went into a discussion of the impossibilities of man and the possibilities of God. "Yea, all things are possible with God," he declared. It was a talk full of gospel meat and was thoroughly enjoyed. At its close a motion was made and carried asking Mr. Weatherspoon to furnish a copy of it to the Biblical Recorder, and that they be requested to publish it.

The old-time Baptist hymn "How Firm a Foundation," was sung, the voices of the preachers resounding against the walls that made one think of the time when church services were held without the aid of any organ or piano. It was good to

### DELEGATES AT RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Five North Carolina delegates were registered at the headquarters of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today. They are Russell Bellamy, representing the city of Wilmington; John A. Parker, and Col. A. L. Smith, of the Southern Manufacturers Club, of Charlotte; W. B. Cooper, of the Wilmington chamber of commerce, and Wade H. Harris, of the Charlotte Chronicle.

The congress which convened at 10 o'clock today, will be in session three days.

FOUR MEN KILLED

Serious Wreck on Pennsylvania Road—Three Trains Wrecked.

Pittsburg, Dec. 6.—Four men were killed and a score injured and several seriously hurt at eight o'clock this morning in the wreck of two freight trains and an express train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Devil's Bend, half a mile east of Manor, Pa.



Miss Louvima Knollys, daughter of Lord and Lady Knollys whose engagement to Allan Mackenzie was recently announced. From the social and financial point of view, Miss Knollys is making a very poor match, as Mr. Mackenzie is a very poor man, and the Knollys family is by no means well off. She is a good looking girl but is afflicted with deafness.

listen at the men as their voices rang out in this familiar old hymn. "The Pastor and Church Finances," was then discussed very forcibly by Rev. Charles E. Maddy, of the Tabernacle church, Raleigh. "All through the years," he said, "our preachers have been interested in missionary extension. We must keep up extensive evangelization—go out

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### STATE PENALTY LAW

#### North Carolina Law Before Supreme Court

The Right of the States to Penalize Railroads for Refusing to Receive Goods for Shipment in Interstate Commerce, Argued Today Before the Supreme Court.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The right of the states to penalize railroads for refusing to receive goods for shipment in interstate commerce was argued today before the supreme court of the United States.

The question presented to the court concerned particularly the state of North Carolina. A direct attack was being made on the constitutionality of the statute, enacted in 1905, imposing a penalty of \$50 a day on a railroad for every day it refused to accept goods for transportation.

The principle involved was before the court in two different cases. One arose out of the shipment of a carload of shingles by Reid & Beam, from Rutherfordton, N. C., to Scottsville, Tenn. When they loaded the shingles onto a car and asked the station agent at Rutherfordton to ship it to Scottsville, it was declared that he replied he knew of no such place. It proved to be a flag station on the Knoxville and Augusta Railroad, to which no published rate existed. After several days delay, the goods were shipped. No damages were proven to have resulted to the shippers, but they received

\$350 as penalty, imposed by the statute for refusal to receive the goods. The second case arose out of Mrs. D. L. Reid's attempt to ship household goods from Charlotte, N. C., to Davis, W. Va. No published rate, as authorized by the interstate commerce laws, existed between Charlotte and Davis, and the shipment was delayed five days before a rate was obtained. A jury awarded Mrs. Reid \$25 damages and \$250 as penalty.

In both cases the defendant was the Southern Railway Company. The law is attacked largely on the ground that it was interference by the state with interstate commerce. The supreme court of North Carolina sustained the law as constitutional. The court took the position that congress had not legislated in reference to railroads receiving goods for shipment and therefore that the subject was open to regulation by the states, until congress exercises such a right. A dissenting

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### L. M. SANDLIN GETS RESPITE

Wilmington Wife-Murderer; Not to Be Executed Friday Morning

L. M. Sandlin, the New Hanover wife-murderer, will not be electrocuted Friday, Governor Kitchin today having granted the prisoner a respite until Friday, Dec. 29, in order that his attorneys may present a petition for commutation. They claim that they have some newly-discovered evidence and ask for time to present it.

The governor issued the following statement today:

"It having been made to appear to me that reputable attorneys have newly-discovered evidence as to the insanity of the prisoner, which they wish to present to me as a ground for commutation of prisoner's sentence, and that they cannot properly do so before the day fixed for the electrocution, I hereby relieve prisoner until Friday, December 29, 1911."

ROCKEFELLER INVITED.

To Appear Before the Stanley Steel Trust Committee.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—John D. Rockefeller and Rev. Fred D. Gates, manager of Rockefeller's charities, were invited by Chairman Stanley, of the house steel trust investigating committee, to appear before the committee next Monday, if they care to do so, to reply to charges by the Merritt brothers, of Minnesota, concerning the \$20,000,000 Mesaba ore properties in Minnesota.

### ALLEGED BLOCKADERS ARE SENT TO JAIL

Allison and Hardy Baker, two white men, were bound over to the next term of federal court today by Col. John Nichols, United States commissioner, on the charge of operating an illicit distillery. They could not furnish \$300 each and were committed to jail. The men were arrested yesterday a few miles south of Fuquay Springs by Deputy Collector K. W. Merritt and Deputy Marshal F. W. Knight. Four men were at the still, and all ran, but the officers got one each. The still had a capacity of sixty gallons. A jug of liquor and 600 gallons of beer were destroyed.

Three Negroes Killed.

Clifton, Tenn., Dec. 6.—The reported mob violence by which three negroes it is said were lynched near here yesterday, it is believed originated in the killing of a negro, Ben Pettigrew, and his two children in this county last Friday. Pettigrew was killed by highwaymen. There was no suggestion of mob violence. It is said several persons suspected of triple murder are under surveillance.

### REGENT OF CHINA HAS ABDICATED

Peking, Dec. 6.—Prince Chun, regent, abdicated today. His place as guardian of the throne is taken jointly by Shih Hsu, a Manchu prince, and former president of the national assembly and Hsu Shih Chang, vice-president of the privy council.

THE PASSPORT QUESTION

Great Mass Meeting in New York Tonight and Others to Be Held.

New York, Dec. 6.—A great mass meeting here tonight will be the first of a series in the principal cities during the next thirty days, to protest against Russia's discrimination regarding passports held by American citizens on account of their religious belief. The movement was started by New York's leading Jews.

Reject Commission Government. Vancouver, Washington, Dec. 6.—Commission form of government was defeated yesterday by a vote of more than two to one.

### THE STATE FARES WELL

In Appropriation Estimates For the Year Ending June 30, 1913

### THE RALEIGH POSTOFFICE

Sum Called for for the Extension and Completion of Raleigh's Postoffice is \$185,000, \$210,000 for Charlotte and \$200,000 for Winston-Salem—Other Postoffice Estimates and Rivers and Harbors Estimates—Estimates for Light House Service—The Frying Pan Shoals Light.

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—North Carolina fares well in the estimates of the secretary of the treasury for the year ending June 30, 1913. Copies of the estimates, which are today in the hands of the congressmen, indicate that there will be progress in the work of the federal government in North Carolina, the estimates for public buildings being notable items. Additionally there are large amounts set against the names of North Carolina's waterways.

For the completion and extension of Raleigh's postoffice and court house under the present limit the secretary estimated that \$185,000 should be appropriated for the fiscal year 1912-1913. He estimated \$210,000 for the completion of the extension and remodeling of the court house and postoffice at Charlotte. (Continued on Page Two.)

### ANOTHER MAN DID KILLING?

And Pardons Are Granted Two Mecklenburg Men Convicted of Crime

Charley Houston and Will Boyd, convicted in Mecklenburg county in 1910 of manslaughter and sentenced to four years on the roads, were granted conditional pardons today by Governor Kitchin. The solicitor and attorney believe that a third party did the killing. The governor gives his reasons as follows:

"After considering this matter and the petitions, upon the strong recommendation of the solicitor and attorney who aided him, who after thorough investigation, think that a third person did the killing, and that Will Boyd should be promptly pardoned, I pardon him on condition that he remain of good behavior and law abiding. Upon same petition and recommendations, I commute Charles Houston's term to twelve months on condition that he thereafter remain of good behavior. The attorney making the solicitor's report says that these men were certainly convicted. Many of the jurors in asking for clemency for them say there is considerable doubt as to whether they participated in the fight which resulted in the homicides."

Two Aviators Killed.

London, Dec. 6.—A double aviation fatality occurred at Eley, near Scarborough, Yorkshire, Hubert Osley was killed instantly and his passenger, Robert Weiss, sustained injuries from which he died afterwards.

### ANOTHER FEDERAL JURY INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—A federal grand jury investigation has been begun here into the alleged nationwide dynamite conspiracy. Among the reasons necessitating investigation here, the federal authorities believe are the following: The presence of Otto McManis, who by his own assertion, was a participant in many dynamite plots.

The presence of the McNamara brothers, pending their departure for San Quentin penitentiary, to serve life and three years' imprisonment, respectively, and the amazing quantity and completeness of the evidence gathered against the McNamaras, which led their counsel to seek eagerly for terms upon which his clients might plead guilty. McManis' reminiscences already given out by him, include both transportation of dynamite from state to state and conspiracy to blow up various buildings in the country. He said he did many jobs of this sort and enumerated them.

All sorts of data has been gathered by District Attorney Fredericks through his aides.

### HARMONY OBTAINS IN GUILFORD COUNTY

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, Dec. 6.—County Attorney John Wilson today expressed the belief that Judge Peebles ruling in the McCullers case, of Wake county, would in no way effect the action of the Guilford county board of health in electing Dr. Floyd Ross as its superintendent. Mr. Wilson explained that in the event Judge Peebles ruling was sustained by the supreme court, all that would be necessary would be a ratification of the action of the board of health by the board of county commissioners, and happily, he added, there is no conflict in this county between the two boards. Should the supreme court hold with Judge Peebles that the board of health is an unconstitutional body the commissioners here will reenact the regulations of that board and the work it has begun would not be interrupted for a day. In this county Superintendent of Health Ross has the support of both the boards of health and commissioners.

SOCIALISM DEFEATED

Los Angeles Defeats Socialist Candidate by Big Majority.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Socialism as enunciated by Job Harriman and Alexander Irvine was defeated here yesterday by an overwhelming majority. Mayor George Alexander, leading the good movement forces, was re-elected by forty thousand majority over Harriman.

When a hard working man remains poor, his wife says he is too conscientious.



Mrs. Carrie Cope, who has brought suit for \$50,000 against Mrs. George O. Robinson, president of the National Home Missionary Society for libel. Governor Stedley has been appealed to to take a hand in the row in the missionary society of the Methodist church in order to get the libel suit settled as quickly as possible. The action arose over the fighting of two rival missionary societies, both of whom claimed a legacy left to the Methodist church for the furthering of missionary work. Mrs. Cope also filed a libel suit against Bishop David H. Moore, of Cincinnati, in connection with the controversy.

### READS REPORT INTO HIS BOARD

Commissioner of Agriculture Graham Reviews the Work of His Department For Past Year

### COOPERATION IS URGED

Desires That Commissioner, Elected By People; and Board Work in Harmony—Knows His Authority Under Law and Will Hew to Line—Consideration of Measures Necessary—Demonstration Work Increases—Other Matters Set Forth.

Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, declares in his annual report, which was read today before the state board of agriculture, that notwithstanding that the longest drought in the history of the state prevailed in many sections, the yield of cotton, corn and wheat was the largest in the state's history. From the Blue Ridge mountains to Tennessee, he says, the corn crop has never been so good; but from Raleigh to Morganton the cotton crop will not average over sixty per cent. Wheat has been fine, generally weighing more than 60 pounds to the bushel.

Farmers have purchased little or no corn, but have bought more hay than formerly. Farmers generally have raised their own supplies, however, and many of them have been able to hold cotton for better prices. Speaking of the department's work, Major Graham says it is recognized as the most efficient in the southern states.

In his financial report the commissioner shows that \$102,035.76 has been expended since June 1st, last. The receipts of the department from December 1, 1910, to December 1, 1911, were \$209,697.60, and the disbursements for the same period were \$211,651.74. Major Graham says an annual rather than a semi-annual settlement of the finances would promote the work of the department.

Speaking of the work of the A. and M. College and the department, the commissioner thinks both departments should preserve their identity, the college teaching the young men and boys and the department showing the mature farmers how to get the most out of his efforts. In this connection he shows how cotton and corn, under the instruction of state and federal demonstrators, have increased in production per acre.

Major Graham quotes a resolution adopted by the college and department boards recommending co-operation in experimental work. This action will be approved by the trustees and the board of agriculture.

The commissioner devotes considerable space to fairs, which he finds have been an improvement over their predecessors.

The commissioner devotes space to the various exhibits at the state and county fairs, especially the apple exhibits, which attracted so much attention last week. The de-

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### FIVE THOUSAND DELEGATES PRESENT

Washington, Dec. 6.—With five thousand delegates attending from all sections of the country, the national rivers and harbors congress began its eighth annual convention. Secretary of War Stimson delivered the address of welcome.

Representative Sparkman, of Florida, chairman of the house rivers and harbors committee, was among the prominent speakers. Congress will be urged to establish a definite waterways policy, instead of considering each project separately. This afternoon addresses of the association presidents were heard.

New Postoffices.

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Ayden and Newton postoffices were today designated as postal savings depositories, effective January 4.

The postoffice department today announced the establishment of postoffices as follows: Doss, Yancey county, and Samarcand, Moore county.

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