

MISSION BOARDS OF TWO SYNODS UNITE

THOSE OF N. C. AND UNITED SYNODS CONSOLIDATE

LAYMEN'S MEETING LAST NIGHT

Upon Recommendation of Dr. E. S. Patterson, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, the Home Mission Board of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod and the Home Mission Board of the United Lutheran Synod, are united, the vote being unanimous. — Laymen's Meeting Last Night.—Interesting Addresses Are Made.

JOHN D. BARRIER.

Afternoon Session Synod opened with prayer by Rev. N. D. Bady. Rev. R. S. Patterson being scheduled for other points was heard in advance on the topic of consolidation of the North Carolina Home Missions and United Synod Home Missions. The committee then recommended immediate consideration of this item. This issue arose from the fact that the United Synod has a Board of Home Missions and this Synod has a similar board. The United Synod recommends consolidation of the home mission work.

The Synod voted unanimously for the consolidation as recommended by the United Synod. The whole of the report of the committee was disposed of. The committee on letters and petitions was then read and disposed of.

The report of the committee on church institutions was then read and presented a very gratifying state of prosperity and proficiency. The Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, it is noted, has a student body from six different States and Mont Amoena Seminary has patronage from four different States.

The committee on the state of the church was next considered, showing progress along most lines. The finance committee next made its report.

Evening Session.

Friday evening was given for the laymen's programme. Rev. T. S. Brown and Rev. F. B. Clauson conducted the devotional part of the programme. Dr. J. H. Dreher, of Wilmington, read responses to "How to Meet the Need of Men in the Church." The speaker emphasized the fact that men find their need in the pursuit of the teachings of God's word and in the practice of Christian requirements.

The topic "Call of God to the Men of Today" was treated in happy and instructive way by Mr. C. E. Norman.

A speaker or two were not present and it fell to Prof. McAllister to fill most of the programme, which he did with splendid effect. He called upon Mr. Koch, of Wilmington, Mr. Jernman, of Raleigh, and Mr. Barrier, of Charlotte, to respond to "Upholding the Pastor: What Do You Do?"

According to programme a collection was taken to defray some minor expenses and it was announced that whatever surplus there might be would be passed to the delegate for the benefit of the new congregation, Holy Trinity, of Charlotte. The collection amounted to \$8.02.

Morning Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Crigler. President Brown called to order, and Rev. T. S. Brown led in the opening prayer.

Holl call and reading of minutes being finished the Synod proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on minutes and unfinished business.

The matter of apportionment of the budget of expenses was extensively discussed and by vote the committee on apportionment, charged with the whole matter.

The report of the committee on the report of the executive committee which referred chiefly to the missions in the Synod was considered with special thanks to the executive committee for its efficient services.

The executive committee recommended that Synod memorialize the Board of Home Missions of the United Synod to assume the fostering care of the new Holy Trinity mission in Charlotte. Should this not materialize then to provide for the support as in their judgment it deemed best. This was adopted.

WITH THE CHURCHES.

Central Methodist. The pulpit of Central Methodist Church will open to members of the Lutheran Synod now in session at St. James' Church, and the following ministers will preach: At 11 a. m., Rev. M. D. Bodie, and at 8 p. m., Rev. C. P. Fisher. All are cordially invited to these services. Sunday School at 9:45.

St. Andrew's Lutheran. Rev. B. S. Dasher, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Service at 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat, of Hartshorn, N. C. The public is cordially invited.

Calvary Lutheran. Rev. B. S. Dasher, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Service at 11:30 p. m., sermon by Rev. M. D. Bodie, of Granite Quarry, N. C. A hearty welcome to all.

St. James Lutheran. Third Sunday after Easter. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Addresses by visiting members of Synod. Chief services at 11 a. m. Rev. M. M. Kinon; Ordination sermon by Rev. O. B. Sherouse. The applicant for ordination, Mr. J. L. Morzan, of the Theological Seminary, Columbia S. C., will be ordained by the officers of the North Carolina Synod. Young Vespers at 8 p. m., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. L. D.

Forest Hill Methodist. Revival Services at 11 a. m., and 7:45 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Short. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Mr. W. R. Odell, Supt. A hearty welcome to all.

Trinity Reformed. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Church service at 11 a. m., by Rev. M. L. Ridenhour, of the Lutheran Church, Salisbury. A cordial invitation to all.

McGill Street Baptist. At 9:45 Sunday School; 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Christian Motto"; 8 p. m. "A Family Sermon. All are cordially invited to worship with us.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian. Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m. Sermon by one of the Lutheran brothers at 7:45 p. m.

First Presbyterian. At morning service, 11 a. m. preaching by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Dean Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. At the evening service, 8 p. m., by Rev. V. C. Ridenhour, of Albemarle, N. C. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Men's Bible Class and Boys' Bible Class at 10 a. m.

McKinnon Presbyterian. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "A Great Woman and Her Prevailing Prayer." Night service, 7:45 p. m. Subject, "Christ and the Sinful Woman."

First Baptist. Rev. Geo. V. Tilley, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Subject for the morning sermon, "The Lord's Will." Evening, "Satan as an Angel of Light." Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially invited.

Methodist Protestant. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., by Rev. N. G. Bethea. At both of the preaching services the doors of the church will be opened for the reception of new members. The public is invited to all these services.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY.

Rendered Last Evening at Central Graded School.

"The Land of Heart's Desire" was rendered by the Concord High School at Central Graded school last evening and was witnessed by a large audience. The play was rendered under the direction of Mrs. V. A. Means and Miss Janie Couch and the following made up the cast: Misses Nannie Lee Patterson, Betty Lilly Caldwell, Elizabeth Dick and George Ritchie, Ray Holshouser and Frank Brower.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Prices Rallied Today From An Early Setback Caused by Rains.

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, May 13.—Wheat prices rallied today from an early setback that was caused by rains in the southwest and by a forecast of additional moisture. Opening prices which ranged from 3-8 to 1-8 up with July 116 to 116 1/4 and September at 115 7-8 to 116 were followed by a moderate general decline and then a recovery in full.

Charles E. Van Loan's great story, "Backshot John," a big western feature, at The Strand today.

ROBERTSON LEADS NATIONAL BATSMEN

FORMER A. AND M. STAR TOPS SLUGGERS.

SMITH LEADS AMERICAN LEAGUE

Only 13 American League Players Who May Be Called Regulars are Batting 300 or Better.—In National League One Less in the Favored 300 Class.—Fournier, of Chicago, Leads the American in Circuit Clouts, While Williams, of the Cubs, is the Champion Four Base Walloper in the Older Organization.

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, May 13.—Only 13 American League players who may be called "regulars" are batting .300 or better, according to averages published here today, and including games of last Wednesday. Smith, of Cleveland, is leading the batters who have played in at the last half of the games, their teams have taken part in with a percentage of .388. Fournier, of Chicago, is leading in home runs with 3. Graney, Cleveland, leads in total bases with 46, and Speaker, of Cleveland, and Felsch, of Chicago, set the pace in runs scored with 17. Judge, of Washington, leads in stolen bases with 8.

Leading batters and their averages are: Smith, Cleveland .388; Burns, Detroit, .377; Speaker, Cleveland, .365; Strunk, Philadelphia, .347; Milan, Washington, .338.

Leading pitchers who have played in three or more games rank, according to earned runs, are Leonard, Boston; Cumber, Cleveland; Penneck, Boston; Klepper, Cleveland; Markle, New York.

Robertson, of New York, leads the National League batters of whom 12 are hitting 300 or better. Williams, Chicago, is leading home run hitters with four and Zimmerman, New York, is head in total bases with 44. Groh, of Cincinnati, leads in runs scored with 17 and Carew, of Pittsburg, in stolen bases with 9.

Leading hitters are Robertson, New York, .437; G. Burns, New York, .375; Hinelman, Pittsburg, .371; Zimmerman, Chicago, .344; Kenethy, Boston, .333.

Leading pitchers are: Ames, St. Louis; Dell, Brooklyn; Kantiener, Pittsburg; Pfeffer, Brooklyn and McConnell, Chicago.

CHARLOTTE BUSINESS MEN VISITING NEARBY CITIES.

Gastonia Was Yesterday Visited and Concord Will Be Visited Next Month.

To increase business interest, and to become better acquainted Charlotte business men are visiting their neighboring cities, Gastonia was visited yesterday. Today's Charlotte Observer has the following concerning the trip to Concord:

The fact should not be forgotten that the next neighboring city to be visited will be Concord early next month. This is also to be a friendly visit, simply to get the folks in the two cities better acquainted. The making of these visits is to get the other city's viewpoint and to pull together on propositions that will be of mutual advantage. Thus for instance with Concord, will be the extension of the Interurban to that thriving city, the building of a Charlotte-Pinehurst-Raleigh highway through the Cabarrus Capital in order to get the two cities tied together by closer bonds of sympathy, etc. It is expected that there will be 250 business and professional men who will make the trip to Concord.

"KEEP QUIET" RULE TO BE ENFORCED.

Southern Railway Trying to Make Things Comfortable for Sleepers. Washington, D. C., May 13.—The campaign begun a year ago by the Southern Railway Company for the suppression of unnecessary noises, likely to disturb passengers in sleeping cars placed at stations for occupancy during the early hours of the night, is to be extended and the "Keep Quiet" rule is to be enforced around all passenger trains, standing at stations or while running, day or night.

Signals to engineers by word of mouth, unnecessary whistling, ringing of bells, and escape of steam near sleeping cars, loud talking by crews in and about cars and on platforms, slamming of vestibule trap doors, will be eliminated as far as possible.

The superintendents of each division are giving personal attention to this problem in the hope of contributing further to the comfort of passengers on Southern Railway trains.

Billy Sunday's Challenge to His Critics. I'll pay your carefree to any city I ever lived in, and if I don't practice what I preach I'll leave this platform tomorrow.

FLIGHT OF BIPLANE CHECKED AT ROWLAND

WAS FLYING FROM AUGUSTA TO LONG ISLAND.

HAD AVERAGED 50 MILES AN HOUR

Howard Rinehardt, on a Non-Stop Run From Augusta, Ga., to Hempstead, L. I., is Forced to Descend Near the Carolina State Line, Owing to Engine Trouble. — Machine Slightly Damaged But Rinehardt Escaped Uninjured.—Was Following the Track of the Atlantic Coast Line And Operators Made Note of His Progress.

(By The Associated Press) Rocky Mount, N. C., May 13.—Howard Rinehardt, who left Augusta, Ga., early today in a biplane, in an effort to make a non-stop flight to Hempstead, Long Island, was forced to abandon his trip near Rowland, North Carolina, 2 1/2 miles north of the South Carolina State line, just before 9 o'clock. In descending, the cause of engine trouble, the landing gear and one plane of the machine was damaged. Rinehardt, who was unhurt, walked to a farm house and reported the accident by telephone.

The biplane, flying low, was following the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and telegraph operators was reporting its progress. At 8:37 the operator at Hamar, a flag station, near Rowland, reported that the machine was then in sight and apparently in trouble. A few minutes later Rinehardt descended. He had been flying 50 miles an hour ever since he left Augusta.

WAR SUMMARY.

Germans Take Up Drive Stopped In February.

(By The Associated Press) The Douaumont region on the Verdun front, where Germans for more than two months passed have held fairly close to the line of their original advance in the February drive is again the scene of desperate fighting.

Violent bombardment of French positions in that sector yesterday was followed by strong attacks, but, according to the afternoon bulletin, the Germans suffered heavy losses and were forced to retire.

Across the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, no infantry encounters are reported but the artillery is being kept busy, firing on both sides continuously without cessation. MORE

Vienna today reports continually increasing activity in the vicinity of the Volhynian fortress triangle on the Russian front. The moves of the opposing commanders, have not yet resulted in decisive results for either side nor have there been important shifts in the line along the Austro-Italian fronts.

The resignation of Clemens Delbake, the German vice chancellor, and minister of the interior, is announced from Berlin. His health is given as the reason for his withdrawal from official life.

Dissatisfaction has been widely expressed in Germany recently with the ministerial handling of the food situation as an outgrowth of which riots have been reported and there have been hints recently that the resignation of Dr. Delbake has been imminent.

THE COTTON MARKET

Market Was Comparatively Quiet at the Opening Today.

(By The Associated Press) New York, May 13.—With many brokers preparing to take part in the preparedness parade this afternoon trading in the cotton market was comparatively quiet this morning and after opening steady to an advance of 4 to 9 points, prices sagged of under scattered Wall Street liquidation. The opening advanced to 13.01 for July and 13.15 for October and was encouraged by relatively firm cables and there was some Liverpool buying.

Cotton futures opened steady: May 11.99, January 11.01, October 11.15, December 13.29, January 13.34. The close was steady: May 12.84, July 12.93, October 13.10, December 13.26, January 13.32.

FAYETTEVILLE BLOOK THREATENED BY FIRE

Timely Discovery of Flames on Hay Street Prevents Bad Fire Loss.

Fayetteville, May 12.—Fire which threatened one of the principal business blocks of Fayetteville last night damaged upper floors of the Saleby buildings on Hay street and the occupants of the building to an extent that cannot be estimated at this time but will probably run from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The damage from water was greater than that caused by the flames, and the most serious aspect of closely built block of the town today the fire was it potentialities.

An Exception. What did Restus get married for? Lord only knows, chills. He keeps right on workin'.

COTTON STATISTICS GIVEN BY BUREAU

CENSUS BUREAU MAKES A REPORT TODAY.

SHOWS COTTON USED DURING APRIL

Also Makes Comparisons With the Amounts Used During April a Year Ago.—Number of Bales Used Last Month Amounted to 531,716, Exclusive of Linters, The Census Bureau Announced Today.—Cotton on Hand April 30 in Consuming Establishments Was 2,008,512 Bales and in Public Storage and at Compresses, 2,814,897 Bales.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 13.—Cotton used during April amounted to 531,716 running bales, exclusive of linters and for the nine months, 4,760,706 bales the census bureau announced today. Last year 514,009 bales were used during April, and 4,092,063 bales during the first nine months of the season.

Cotton on hand April 30, in consuming establishments was 2,008,512 bales compared with 1,830,979 a year ago and in public storage and at compresses, 2,814,897 bales compared with 2,848,092 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active during April number 32,113,841, compared with 30,903,509 a year ago.

MANY HUNDREDS IN PREPAREDNESS PARADE

Marchers Walked 20 Breast, Filling Streets From Curb to Curb.

(By The Associated Press) New York, May 13.—New York's belief that the nation should prepare for war was expressed today by nearly 145,000 men and women marching in one of the greatest processions ever assembled for the promotion of an idea.

Twenty abreast, filling the streets from curb to curb, keeping step to the patriotic tunes of 200 bands, the parade which began early today was to continue for 12 hours or longer.

Many business houses are closed while the city gives itself up to celebration of preparedness day. It is estimated that nearly 1,000,000 people saw the demonstration.

Demands for a place in the parade so greatly exceeded the time and place that the promoters were compelled to reject 60,000 applicants.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT HAS BEEN KILLED

By the Methodist General Conference, 447 Votes to 280 Votes.

(By The Associated Press) Saratoga, N. Y., May 13.—By a vote of 447 to 280 the Methodist General Conference today eliminated that part of the report of the commission on social service which declared that a preference should be given union labor in all matters affecting employment "in so far as its methods are just and in so far as unorganized men are not infringed upon."

AGREE ON NUMBER IN REGULAR ARMY

To Be 200,000 in Five of Peace and 254,000 in War.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 13.—A regular army of 200,000 men at peace strength capable of expansion to 254,000 men in time of war, was agreed upon today by house and senate conferees on the army re-organization bill.

The report will be submitted to Congress for ratification next week.

Nation's Manufacturers to Talk On Exports.

New York, May 13.—The National Association of Manufacturers will hold a three-day convention, opening on Monday. With "Conservation of Industry" the keynote, unusual interest attaches to the special features that are being arranged. Representatives of the different state associations will be heard and representatives of the different lines of industry will also speak. Export trade will be the topic on Tuesday. The annual banquet will be held on Wednesday evening.

"Next Step" Will Be Delayed. Washington, May 12.—America's next step in the negotiations with the entente allies regarding treatment of neutral commerce will be delayed on account of the implied threat May 5, in which the Imperial government expressed confidence that in view of the new orders issued for submarine warfare the United States would insist upon Great Britain observing the rules of international law in dealing with trade, and reserving to itself "complete liberty of decision" unless this end was accomplished.

NEW TEXTILE PLANT TO BE ERECTED HERE

BUSINESS CHANGE.

Blackwelder & Douglass Sell to J. C. McCanless.

A business deal was consummated yesterday whereby Mr. J. C. McCanless purchased the garage of Blackwelder & Douglass on East Corbin street.

Mr. McCanless has taken charge of the business and will continue it at the present location. He also assumes the agencies held by Blackwelder & Douglass, including the Maxwell and Hupmobile.

Mr. McCanless is no stranger to the automobile business of the city, being one of the first to open a garage here. He also was one of the organizers of the Cabarrus Motor Company, disposing of his stock in that concern last year.

Mr. Douglass, who has been the active manager of Blackwelder & Douglass, has not decided where he will locate. However, he expects to again enter the automobile business at an early date.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Secretary Reports a Number of Contributions.

The donations from the various cotton mills in the State this week have been large and very generous. We have had donations from the following:

Fifty yards shirting from Mr. Norris of the Salisbury Cotton Mills; 50 yards shirting from Mr. C. A. Hunt, Jr., Daecur Mills, at Lexington, N. C.; 50 yards shirting from C. A. Hunt, Sr., of Narconim Mills, Lexington, N. C.; generous donations from Mr. Ed. Pugh, of The Erwin Cotton Mills, Durham, N. C. A donation of unbleached sheeting from Mr. Lawrence Neal Rae, of Inverness Mills, Winston, N. C.; a large bundle of sheeting from W. E. Holt, Jr., of Wenona Cotton Mills, at Lexington, N. C. and 50 yards shirting from The Erlanger Mills, Lexington, N. C.

TWO PERSONS KILLED BY PTOMAINE POISON

And Two Others are Seriously Ill, in Greensboro.—Poison From Canned Fruit.

(By The Associated Press) Greensboro, May 13.—Walter Wray, aged five years, and his uncle, Julian Wray, 45 years old, are dead here as a result of ptomaine poison, supposed to be caused by eating canned fruit Friday. The boy died this morning after several hours of intense suffering. Julian Wray died yesterday. A man named Vaughn, who also ate some of the fruit, will recover, according to physicians. Eugene Wray, a fourth person who ate the fruit and whose condition was regarded for some time as serious, is reported out of danger.

Mother's Day.

Sunday next will be Mother's Day, and the beautiful custom has arisen of men and boys wearing flowers upon the lapel of the coat on that day in mother's honor. It is an excellent expression to the world of the fine sentiment which lives in the hearts of men.

Mother! No other word in the language expresses more sacred sentiments, more holy memories, nor richer blessings.

Wear a flower in honor of mother, but do not forget that the flower is but a symbol of the rich love, gratitude and appreciation that must dwell within if the symbol is to be of greatest worth. And, young man, remember that the most appropriate flower that you may wear at all times, and the one which mother will most esteem, is the "white flower of a blameless life."

Centennial of Bible Society in Same Room.

New York, May 13.—In the same room at New York City Hall, where the American Bible Society was formally organized a century ago, the present officers of the society and prominent churchmen are gathered today to observe the centennial of the event. On May 13, 1816, when the little band of workers launched their project of spreading the Bible, Mayor Radcliff presided. Mayor Mitchell will today preside at the ceremonies. During its first quarter century, the society distributed three millions of bibles; during its entire hundred years of work, it has circulated a total of 115,000,000 copies of the scriptures.

Meeting at Methodist Protestant Church.

One of the best services yet held, perhaps, was the one last night at the Methodist Protestant Church, when Rev. Mr. Bethea preached another one of his forceful sermons, at the close of which several persons presented themselves for prayer, and there were two conversions. The services for tomorrow will close the series of meetings, which have been conducted for two weeks. The regular service will be held tonight at 7:45 o'clock, to which the public is most cordially invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY ORGANIZERS TODAY.

PLAN TO MANUFACTURE HOUSERY

Announcement Made This Morning By A Jones York, J. F. Goodman and A. B. Hoover That a New Knitting Mill Will Be Erected Here.—The Name, Location and Officers of the Plant Will Be Announced Later.—It Will Be Located Within the Corporate Limits of the City. However.—Other Details to Be Announced Shortly.

Concord is to have a new textile plant. Announcement of this new addition to the great list of textile manufacturing concerns here is made by Messrs. A. Jones York, J. F. Goodman, Aubrey R. Hoover, who are the prime movers in the organization and the active solicitors in securing the stock.

The new plant will be a knitting mill and its name, location and officers will be announced later. It will be located, however, within the corporate limits of Concord and the construction work on the building will begin in a short time. Its capacity will be 300 dozen hose daily at the beginning and this output may be increased from time to time. The authorized capital stock is \$100,000 with \$20,000 paid, according to the provisions of the charter, which the stockholders will request from the Secretary of State.

The plan to start the mill was begun only three days ago and met with such ready response that today many of the plans are so nearly perfected that the operation of the plant in a remarkably short time is assured. In fact one of the prime movers in the organization stated that in all his business career he had never known a proposition to meet with such marked favor and with such a ready response.

This he took to indicate not only a progressive spirit on the part of the business men behind the new mill but also a general state of prosperity in the town.

Announcement of the location, the officers and other facts pertaining to the new plant will be made in a short time.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Yesterday's Upward Movement Resumed at Today's Opening of Market.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Wall Street, May 13.—Yesterday's upward movement in the more active stocks was resumed at today's opening, but trading was moderate, operations being somewhat curtailed by Wall Street's interest in the preparedness parade. War issues particularly Baldwin Locomotive and Crucible Steel were appreciably higher, together with the motor group, those issues rising 1 to 2 points. The Mexican situation was viewed with more hopefulness and rails were again conspicuous, notably New Haven and Canadian Pacific.

WEATHER FORECAST

For the Week Beginning Sunday.—Cool and Cloudy Over Atlantic States.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 13.—Cool and cloudy weather will prevail over the Atlantic States during the week beginning tomorrow, according to weather bureau's weekly forecast issued today.

In the Gulf States the weather will be generally fair with a normal temperature.

Kentucky Distillers Fight Taxes.

Louisville, Ky., May 13.—A test suit, the first instance wherein a distiller compelled to pay the assessment of the government on whiskey alleged to have been evaded for a period of years, has resisted the action of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has been filed in the United States District Court by counsel for the Kentucky Distillers and Warehouse Company. If the plaintiffs should win, other distilling concerns will seek redress in the courts. A sum amounting to over \$40,000, is involved in the test suit, representing the money paid over, under protest, when the internal revenue department assessed against the distilling concern for alleged untaxed whiskey removals.

Indiana's Centennial.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 13.—Indiana's statehood centennial celebration began today at Corydon. It was a century ago that the constitutional election was held, and Corydon was then the capital of the territory. The festivities of today will be followed by a big observance in this city, probably in the early fall, in which a century and official documents will be featured. December 15, the centennial of the admission of Indiana into the Union, will be a general holiday.