

GAINS IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SHOWN BY REPORTS

Also in Collections for All Purposes, New Pastors and New Churches Shown in Annual Report.

STATE CONVENTION IS NOW IN SESSION

A Gain of 13 Churches and 12,708 Members.—Average Membership of Individual Churches is 150.

(By the Associated Press.) Gastonia, Dec. 12.—Gains in church membership, collections for all purposes, new pastors and new churches were shown in the annual report of statistical Secretary E. L. Middleton, of the North Carolina Baptist Convention prepared for presentation to the convention today.

The report covers the period since the last convention a year ago. The report shows total collections of \$4,086,306.43 during the last four years for the \$75,000,000 campaign.

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During the year, the report says, there were 17,787 baptisms in the State and during the last four years 74,844. Six hundred and twenty-two churches failed to report any baptisms.

During the year churches reported \$602,506.73 collected for the \$75,000,000 campaign; \$70,061.24 for missions; \$187,527.20 for benevolences; \$33,852.93 for education, and \$2,600,915.48 for home expenses.

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There were 1,306 Baptist Young People's Unions in the State at the end of the year, a gain 281 over the previous year. The membership is 48,402.

There are four colleges and four schools under State convention control, the report says. These have 182 teachers and an enrollment of 2,733.

There are three other institutions owned and controlled by Baptists with thirty teachers, 286 pupils and property worth \$138,500.

Work of Tuesday's Sessions. Gastonia, Dec. 11.—Enrollment and organization, presentation of reports for the past year, committee appointments and the keynote address by Charles E. Greaves, of Raleigh, were the chief matters of importance on the program for the opening session of the 93rd annual convention of the Baptist Church in North Carolina here today.

Many matters of importance to the Baptists of the State are on the program for the meeting which will continue through Thursday evening.

Missions, education and social service will be among the matters of chief interest to come before the convention, according to leaders.

Gastonia churches of all denominations are co-operating with the local Baptists in entertaining delegates.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE FOX SLAYING CASE

Solicitor General of Georgia States That Mrs. Margaret Weaver and Several Others Have Been Indicted.

NAMES OF OTHERS NOT GIVEN OUT

Mrs. Weaver Indicated as Accessory Before the Fact in the Slaying in Atlanta of Capt. W. S. Coburn.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver has been indicted as an accessory before the fact in the slaying of Capt. W. S. Coburn by Philip E. Fox, Solicitor General Boykin's office announced today.

According to the solicitor's office, the Weaver woman is alleged to have been in company with Fox on Saturday preceding the shooting until a few minutes before he entered Coburn's office.

Preparing for Fox Trial. Atlanta, Dec. 12.—Preliminaries to placing Philip E. Fox on trial started here early today.

Klan leaders from all sections of the country were said to be seated in the court room. Members of the Imperial forces of the Ku Klux Klan were present when court convened.

DAVID THACKERSON IS CHARGED WITH MURDER Held at Shelby For the Shooting Tuesday Night of Lorant Cook.

(By the Associated Press.) Shelby, N. C., Dec. 12.—David Thackerston, 18 years old, of Double Shoals, is in jail here today charged with murder in connection with the killing last night of Lorant Cook, nine years old, also of Double Shoals.

SHERMAN A. CUNEO DIED DURING NIGHT Dead Body Found in Apartment at Washington—Former Newspaper Man.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—Sherman A. Cuneo, director of publicity for the prohibition unit and a personal friend of the late President Harding, was found dead today in his apartment here.

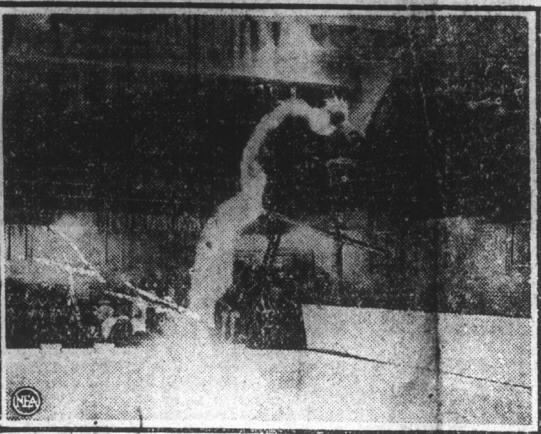
Sax Rohmer has not in the literature of today an equal as a teller of stories of the mysterious, the weird, the bizarre.

Dr. Fu Manchu, The Romance of Sorcery, The Devil Doctor, Brood of the Witch Queen, Dope, The Green Eyes of East, The Dream Detectives, Batwing—these names of his past novels speak for themselves.

Show of Silver Foxes. Boston, Mass., Dec. 12.—Between two and three hundred of the best silver foxes in the world were placed on display in Mechanics Building today at the opening of the third live fox show of the American Fox Breeders' Association.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Increasing cloudiness and warmer to night, probably rain in west Thursday rain and warmer.

A Human Torch



The physics department of the University of Iowa was doing a bit of experimenting. It was necessary for someone to submit to the test. And that wasn't easy. His clothes had to be soaked in gasoline and then ignited with a match. Then the subject was to jump into a tank of water. Captain McCullough of the university swimming team volunteered. Here he is—his jacket a mass of flames—accomplishing the leap. He suffered no ill effects.

MIGRATION OF NEGROES FROM STATE NOT EXTENSIVE

Although a Number of Cotton Growers Did Feel the Effects For a Time.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 12.—The migration of colored labor never did reach an acute stage in this State although a number of the larger cotton growers did feel the effect for a time.

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THE COTTON MARKET The Better Tone Developed Yesterday in Evidence Again Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 12.—The better tone which had developed in the cotton market yesterday was in evidence again this morning.

PROSECUTION THROUGH IN THE GARRETT CASE Defense Ready to Begin Its Evidence.—Case to July by Friday.

(By the Associated Press.) Cumberland Court House, Va., Dec. 12.—The prosecution had rested and the defense was ready to begin its side when court recessed for dinner today in the second day of the second trial of Larkin C. Garrett, charged with first degree murder for his part in the fatal shooting last June of Rev. E. S. Pierce.

LABOR PARTY READY TO FORM CABINET If Asked to Do So It Will Not Form Coalition Cabinet of Any Kind.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 12.—The executive board of the labor party issued a communique this afternoon by saying it had decided in the event of labor being invited to form a government, that the Parliamentary party should immediately accept the full responsibility of the government of the country without compromising itself with any form of coalition.

Insect Cause Millions Loss. Washington, Dec. 12.—Tree-killing insects do damage estimated at \$100,000,000 annually in the United States, and damage forest products to the extent of an additional \$45,000,000 each year, according to experts of the bureau of entomology.

Diamonds Indicted. New York, Dec. 12.—Morris Diamond, his brother Joseph, and Anthony Pantano, were indicted today by a Kings county grand jury, charged with murder in the first degree in the slaying and robbery of two messengers of the West End Bank in Brooklyn on November 14th.

ALLOW INCREASE IN DELEGATES TO THE G. O. P. CONVENTION

National Executive Committee by Changes Will Increase Number of Delegates From 984 to 1,000.

SOUTH IS GIVEN MORE DELEGATES

States That Voted for Harding Also Given Increase—National Convention Will Be Held in Cleveland.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—There will be nearly 1,100 delegates in the 1924 republican convention, compared to 984 in 1920, under a resolution today adopted by the republican national committee, virtually restoring the old representation of Southern States.

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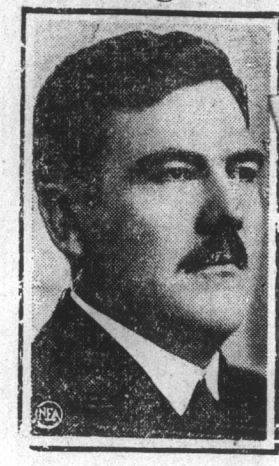
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Resigns



General P. Elias Calles has resigned the candidacy for president of Mexico to take the field against the rebels, according to wire reports.

DOROTHY ARNOLD GONE FROM HOME 12 YEARS

No Trace of Her Whatever Has Been Found.—Given Up as Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 12.—The recent clearing up of the mystery surrounding the disappearance of little Jimmie Glass from his home in Pennsylvania eight years ago has renewed speculation over the possibility that sooner or later there may come a solution of the case of Dorothy Arnold, who dropped from sight in this city thirteen years ago today.

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VICTORIES CLAIMED BY REBEL LEADERS IN MEXICAN REVOLT

Gen. Gargia is Reported to Have Met and Defeated Body of Loyal Troops in Command of Sanchez.

STATE OF COLIMA TAKEN BY REBELS

Woh Report That All Troops in Sonora and Sinaloa Have Joined Their Forces—The President Has Left Capital

(By the Associated Press.) Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—Revolutionary headquarters here announces that rebel forces under command of Gen. Silvano Garcia have defeated and dispersed the loyal troops defending Centotalpan. Jose Maria Sanchez former Governor of Puebla, who is at the head of the Obregon forces, is being pursued by the rebels.

Revolution Spreading. Nogales, Arizona, Dec. 12.—The revolutionary movement on the west coast of Mexico has attained great proportions, according to advice received here today and has spread to Mazatlan, Sinaloa, where the garrison has divided.

CHIHUAHUA QUIET. Washington, Dec. 12.—Vice Consul McEnelly telegraphed the State Department under date of yesterday that "peaceful conditions continued" in Chihuahua district of Mexico.

RUMORS AT EL PASO. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Interest along the Mexican border incident to the uprising against the government of President Obregon centers about news from Nogales, Arizona, that more than 2,000 armed insurgents are marching from Tepic to take the states of Sinaloa and Sonora.

JAPAN ERECTING ONLY TEMPORARY BUILDINGS Neither Money Nor Material to Begin Construction on Big Scale.

(By the Associated Press.) Tokyo, Dec. 12.—Officials place the toll of death resulting from Japan's earthquake and fire of September 1st at approximately 150,000. The material losses are estimated at anywhere from four billion to ten billion yen.

FOUR CHILDREN DIE WHEN HOME BURNS Victims of Fire Were Members of Family of William Fuhrman.

(By the Associated Press.) Loogootee, Ind., Dec. 12.—Four children of the family of Wm. Fuhrman, a farmer living ten miles south of here, were burned to death last night when their home was destroyed by fire.

DICKENS' LANDMARKS FAST DISAPPEARING. New York, Dec. 12.—Those who wish to see Dickens' literary landmarks in London should hurry, says A. A. Hopkins in The Mentor for December.

STILL DEADLOCKED. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—Three more ballots for election of a chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee were taken today by the Senate without breaking the three day deadlock.

MEXICO IS NOW THE THIRD LARGEST IMPORTER OF BOOTS AND SHOES FROM THE UNITED STATES.