

BAPTISTS OF SOUTH BEGIN CONVENTION IN GEORGIA CAPITAL

Annual Convention Gets Underway With Delegates Present From All of the Southern States.

THREE NOMINATED TO BE PRESIDENT

Names of Dr. Z. T. Cody, Dr. John D. Mell and Dr. George W. McDaniel Presented to Delegates.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—The Southern Baptist Convention, one of the largest and most important religious gatherings of the year, began its session in Atlanta today with an attendance of lay and clerical leaders of the denomination from many States.

Important matters to come before the present convention are the completion this year of the \$75,000,000 campaign, the projection of another plan to start with 1925, reorganization of some of the mission boards, reclaiming of Washington University at Washington as a Baptist institution, the taking over of a theological seminary at Park, Wash., the hospital policy of Baptists of the South, and a new emphasis upon evangelism.

The annual reports prepared for presentation to the convention show the affairs of the denomination to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The year just closed was one of almost unprecedented activity in educational, missionary, publication and other fields of church work.

Although 1492 churches from which no reports were received in three years have been dropped from the list, there are within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention 26,347 local Baptist churches co-operating with the convention. The number of members continues to show a steady increase.

At the close of 1923 the number of actual members was 3,454,246. During the year just closed 195,364 baptisms were reported.

Dr. McDaniel President. Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dr. George W. McDaniel, of Richmond, Va., was elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention at the opening session here today.

The following were elected vice presidents by acclamation: Dr. Chas. E. Dickson, president of Ouchita University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Dr. W. L. Pickard, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; M. Jones of St. Joseph, Mo.; and Dr. Alfred A. Murfree, president of the University of Florida, of Gainesville, Fla.

H. C. Moore, of Nashville, and Joseph Henry Burnett, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., were re-elected Secretaries; Geo. W. Norton, Louisville, Ky., treasurer; and W. P. Harvey, of Harrodsburg, Ky., auditor.

OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT CROP

This Year's Production Will Be 22 Per Cent. Less Than Last Year's, It Is Predicted.

Raleigh, May 13.—The present outlook for the wheat crop in North Carolina, based on an 87 per cent. of a full crop condition, indicates that 4,720,000 bushels will be produced.

According to Frank Parker, State agricultural statistician, in his monthly grain report for the state, this year's production will be 22 per cent. less than last year, it is estimated. The abandonment, due to the winter's damages, is three per cent., it was said, and less than any other Southern state, while the abandonment of the United States was given as 8 per cent.

THE COTTON MARKET

Firm at an Advance of 11 to 25 Points—May Sold Up to 31.40 and October to 25.10.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 14.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 11 to 25 points, on buying promoted by bullish private weekly reviews of crop progress, firmer rulings of foreign exchange rates, and expectations of bullish domestic consumption figures for April.

LAYING CORNERSTONE OF HIGH POINT COLLEGE

Many Methodist Protestants and Masons From All Parts of State Attend the Exercises.

(By the Associated Press.) High Point, May 14.—Hundreds of Methodist Protestants from all sections of the State, and many Masons including members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, are here today for the laying of the cornerstone of the two dormitories of the High Point College.

MUCH BUSINESS BEFORE MEETING OF EPISCOPALIANS

Reports of Archdeacons, Election of Standing Committees and Other Reports Heard During Morning.

(By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, May 14.—This morning's session of the Episcopal Church of North Carolina opened at 7:30 o'clock with a communion service followed by morning prayer. During the business session there were reports of the Archdeacons, election of standing committees, report of treasurer of the diocese, the missionary treasurer, the executive committee, trustees, committee on church pension funds and other committees. An inspirational service will be held tonight.

WARDEN BUSBEE LEAVES TO GET TWO PRISONERS

Warden of State Prison Goes to Roanoke to Get Otto Wood and J. H. Starnes.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, May 14.—Warden Sam J. Busbee of the North Carolina Prison, left today for Roanoke, Va., to bring back to the penitentiary Otto Wood and J. H. Starnes, who made a daring escape from the prison last Saturday, and who were captured at Roanoke Monday night. It was not known at the prison when Mr. Busbee would return with the convicts, but it was expected he would get back early Friday morning.

CONFEREES DISCUSSING TAX REDUCTION BILL

Forty Senate Amendments to Bill as Passed by the House Must Be Considered.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—The tax reduction bill was in the hands of the Senate and House conferees today for adjustment of differences with the most important provisions in dispute. About 40 amendments made by the Senate to the bill as it passed the house must be considered.

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Call the Sanitary Grocery Co. for choice meats. Phone 680. Electric fixtures of character are furnished by W. J. Hettrick. Chicken dinner for only 45 cents at the Ideal Lunch Room.

Robinson's has a very special offering of silk drapery marquisette at half price. Pure pork sausage, 20 cents at the Piggly Wiggly.

Rescued From Tunnel



First-aid treatment being given victim of carbon monoxide fumes, overcome in Pittsburgh's new Liberty tunnel. Two-score of persons were threatened with death as the result of a traffic jam in the tubes due to a street car strike. Carbon monoxide fumes left two dozen in a state of collapse.

METHODISTS OF NORTH THROWN INTO UPROAR

When It Was Charged That the Church Has Been Supporting Communism in This Country.

(By the Associated Press.) Springfield, Mass., May 14.—A charge that the Methodist Church has been brought into ill repute as a supporter of communism, and the third International threw the Methodist General Conference here into an uproar here today. It was finally voted that Harry F. Ward, chairman of the Civil Liberties Union, and editor of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, was beyond the jurisdiction of the conference.

Circulation of the Civil Liberties Union of bulletins of the Federation in Michigan about two years ago was the basis of a report by a standing committee which was adopted as the conference's final action.

DAUGHERTY COMMITTEE WILL HEAR CONVICT

Prisoner in Atlanta Prison Alleged to Know About Whiskey Operations in Ohio.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—The Senate Daugherty committee today instructed the warden of the Atlanta penitentiary to wire to produce George Remus, an Ohio bootlegger, now a convict there, to testify before it.

PRESIDENT CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST THE BILL

Still Trying to Keep Japanese Exclusion Bill From Becoming Effective July First.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—Further steps were taken by the administration today to obtain postponement of Japanese exclusion.

Fuss Over Closing of a Window Results in Three Dead

Chicago, May 13.—Angered because other employes opened a window, John C. Gardner, 60 years old, an inspector for the Illinois Malleable Iron company, today shot and killed two foremen and then pursued by other employes, placed one of three pistols with which he was armed, against his temple and committed suicide.

Presents Picture of Gen. Pershing.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, May 14.—John Motley Morehead, formerly of this city but now of New York, has presented the city library with a picture of General Pershing, which will be placed among the collected records of the soldiers and sailors and nurses of Guilford county who served in the World War, as it may occupy the place of their leader, it has been announced at the city library.

PRESIDENT OF SOUTH CHINA GOVERNMENT IS VICTIM OF FEVER

Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Death Is Officially Confirmed in Advices From China, Following Many Rumors.

GREAT LEADER AMONG PEOPLE

Often Called "Father of His Country" and "George Washington"—Had Very Varied Life For Years.

Hong Kong, China, May 14 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, President of the South China government, is dead.

Few if any statesmen, past or present, have known more ups and downs, more victories and defeats, more loyalty or more treachery than Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, frequently called "the Father of the Republic" and often referred to as the "George Washington of the Far East."

The name of Dr. Sun first began to appear in newspapers of the western world back in the late 80's, when his vigorous pronouncements against his arch enemies, the dynastic Manchus, attracted some slight attention.

He was then living in the Hawaiian Islands with his widowed mother, who had migrated to Honolulu with her husband, an agent of a Christian mission, when Sun Yat Sen was an infant. Since 1895, however, when he essayed the first of his many revolutions, his name has become almost as well known to the Occident as it is to the 400 million Chinese nationals on behalf of whom he spent a lifetime of unrelenting hardship and constant danger.

Dr. Sun was twice named to the highest constitutional office in China—the first time in the Fall of 1911, when he was proclaimed the first provisional president of the Chinese Republic, and again in May, 1921, when he was elected President of all China.

Preceding his first election the Chinese people, rising in their wrath against centuries of bad government under the monarchial Manchus and previous dynasties, overthrew the existing government and set up a republic, naming as president Dr. Sun, who was understood to have engineered the uprising. All of South China and most of the Yangtze provinces were thus brought under a single banner emblazoned with the principles of republicanism.

The strongest man in North China at that time was Yuan Shih-kai, governor of Chi-li Province. Determined that the country should be united under one leader, Dr. Sun, after establishing what he termed an experimental government in the South, resigned in favor of Yuan Shih-kai. This marked the beginning of the end as far as Sun's ideal republic was concerned, for while Yuan Shih-kai was strong enough to guide the ship of state, he likewise had personal ambitions centered in a new dynasty.

Dr. Sun, although few of his associates knew it, was a Christian. He was born in Honolulu in 1862 and received his medical education in the Hong Kong College. He was married quite early in life and was the father of two children, a son and a daughter.

UNDERWOOD TAKES KLAN COMBAT TO CONVENTION

Democratic Presidential Aspirant Will Carry Fight to Floor at New York.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Plans to carry the fight against the Ku Klux Klan to the floor of the Democratic national convention, were announced here today by supporters of Senator Oscar Underwood in his campaign for the Presidential nomination.

RESIST VACCINATION, JAILED

Harford Parents Refuse to Permit the Inoculation of Children.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUGHES ISSUES DENIAL

That He Had Anything to Do With the Sale of Steamship Martha Washington.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., May 14.—Secretary Hughes today declared to be "absolutely false" the statement that he "had anything to do with the sale of the steamship Martha Washington" to its former owners by the Shipping Board.

In a formal statement prompted by the reading of correspondence before the House shipping board investigating committee, in which Secretary Hughes was said to have appeared for the former owners before becoming Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes declared he had nothing to do with the subject, since he entered the cabinet.

Representative Davis, democrat, of Tennessee, yesterday read the correspondence as well as records of hearings by the House merchant marine committee to show that Mr. Hughes in December, 1920, three months before he became Secretary of State, was active as counsel for a Trieste corporation to have the title to the ship which was seized from Austria during the war, transferred back to the company.

He also produced a resolution of the shipping board two years later, under which the ship was sold for \$60,000 to the corporation, after the board had been advised by the State department that the Trieste company was then Italian-owned through the annexation of Trieste.

The correspondence read by Mr. Davis included that between Win. Phillips, under secretary of State, A. A. Adee, second assistant secretary and Chairman Lasker, of the shipping board. It involved the forwarding of representations on the part of the Italian ambassador, and other interested persons, as well as information as to the national status of the company claiming the ship.

Mr. Hughes said he had refused to have anything to do with the case after becoming Secretary, and that the matter was handled by Mr. Phillips without any reference to him.

FARM LABOR SHORTAGE

Still Prevails Over State—Unskilled Labor in Demand.

Raleigh, May 14.—The shortage of farm labor still prevails over the state and unskilled labor is in demand for various kinds of work, according to reports made by the branch offices of the State-Federal Employment Service to Director M. L. Shipman. Domestic help is being placed more easily now than it was a few weeks ago, the reports say, and the spring projects offer a bright outlook for jobs.

During the week ended Saturday, May 10th, the service had 855 registrations, received 813 of these to the 915 requests for help and placed 732 in positions, the report states. There were 631 men and 224 women who registered; 650 men and 163 women who were referred; and 606 men and 125 women who were placed with the requests for 766 men and 150 women.

The department classified the placements as follows: Unskilled 472, skilled 103, domestic 96, clerical and professional 49, and industrial 12. The cities and their replacements were stated to be: Asheville, men 78, women 35, total 113; Charlotte, men 151, women 13, total 164; Greensboro, men 71, women 25, total 96; Raleigh, men 55, women 13, total 68; Winston-Salem, men 134, women 5, total 139; and Winston-Salem, men 117, women 20, total 137.

DEMOCRATS DEMAND ACTION AT PRESENT

Want to Vote at This Session on Development of the Muscle Shoals Property.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—Demand was made on the floor of the Senate today by Senators Shields, democrat, of Tennessee, and Hefflin, democrat, of Alabama, for a vote on a measure to develop Muscle Shoals at this session of Congress.

Chairman Norris, of the agriculture committee, which has the question under consideration, replied that he favored a vote at this session, and said no effort was being made to prevent one.

ANOTHER REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION OF COTTON LAST MONTH

During Appeal, According to Census Bureau Report, 480,010 Bales of Lint Were Consumed in the Country.

BIG DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR

During the Month 320,774 Bales of Cotton Were Exported While Only 40,336 Bales Were Imported.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—Cotton consumed during April amounted to 480,010 bales of lint, and 42,289 of linters, compared with 483,928 of lint and 41,030 of linters consumed during March this year; and 576,514 of lint and 32,595 of linters in April last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand April 30th was held as follows: In consuming establishments 1,328,273 bales of lint and 130,245 of linters. In public storage and at compresses, 1,512,086 bales of lint and 83,344 of linters. Imports during April totaled 40,336 bales. Exports during April totaled 320,774 bales, including 9,561 bales of linters. Cotton spindles active during April numbered 31,871,605.

Statistics for the cotton growing states follow: Cotton consumed during April 327,031 bales. Cotton on hand April 30 in consuming establishments, 748,045; in public storage and at compresses 1,328,550 bales. Cotton spindles active during April numbered 16,113,421.

ASTRONOMER THINKS MARS UNINHABITED

Professor Dugan, of Princeton, Questions Evidence of Canal's Existence.

Princeton, N. J., May 13.—Prof. R. S. Dugan, of the department of astronomy of Princeton University, says that he believes the planet of Mars is uninhabited. Concerning the two reasons given by some for the belief that there are living beings on Mars—first, the periodic appearance of so-called "canals" and second, the existence of canals—Professor Dugan will admit the first, but not the second.

"The so-called canals on Mars are what first suggested the possibility that there was an intelligent life on the planet," said Professor Dugan. "Now, a striking thing about those canals is that while some observers see them clearly, others are unable to distinguish them, but I have not observed this body carefully. Of course, such markings would be far too small to be perceived through our most powerful telescopes, but they would represent the strip of country supposedly irrigated by them, piece of inferior glasses. Photographs, own pole.

"In addition to the objection that some observers are unable to locate these canals, it has been noticed that they are served by no less powerful instruments, while on our largest and best telescopes they resolve themselves into hazy blues. Hence it has been argued that they may be nothing more than defects in the eyepiece of inferior glasses. Photographs, moreover, do not show these markings at all. Now it is a well known fact that the human eye has a tendency to see straight lines, the causes of which are, in reality, merely numbers of disconnected and irregular objects.

"Again as the canals appear on the maps drawn by astronomers that have seen them, large numbers of them cross the equator, a fact which in view of the bulging of the planet at that point would make them run uphill. As there is water at each pole, it would seem unnecessary to have the canals connect with each other. It is more reasonable to suppose that each hemisphere would be served by the water supply from its own pole.

"A final objection to the canals is the necessity for such extensive level territory through which they would have to run. On the earth no such distance as the canals would cover would be so even, and there is no reason to believe that Mars is any less mountainous. The moon certainly is not."

Meeting of Music Clubs.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, N. C., May 14.—The annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs opened here today. Mrs. J. Norman Wills, of Greensboro, presided.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

One quarter of the entire population of the world dies before reaching the age of six years.

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Old Man of Mountains Was Scout in Custer's Army.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Matt Dunham, "the old man of the mountains," 72 years old, is the picturesque night watchman of the Glacier Park mammoth log hotel which stands in the shadows of the Rocky Mountains. He was born in northeastern Indiana and went west a young man, serving 12 years as a United States government scout. He was detached to General Custer's army. During the battle of Little Big Horn in which Custer was killed, Scout Dunham was on detached duty 30 miles away, scouting on the Tongue River in an endeavor to locate the main band of Sioux.

Dunham is a typical hermit, living in a log cabin in the forest near the hotel the year round. In the summer months he breaks the monotony of his winter's loneliness by confabbing with the tourists. He has been in the Rocky Mountains since 1872 and has many stirring tales of adventures with the Indians and wild animal life of that region. His cabin is a veritable curiosity shop and it is the center of great interest to the tourists. Dunham had a kodak ever since the "little picture taking boxes" arrived on the frontier and he develops his own prints. It is estimated he has 5,000 interesting western snapshots shot away in piles in his cabin.

Five Girls Escape From Lindley Home, Asheville, May 14.—Five young women have escaped from the Lindley Home here, it was reported to city police the other day. The police were notified that the women escaped about midnight and were reported to have come in the direction of the city. No trace of them has been found.

New York City's first newspaper, the New York Gazette, was established October 18, 1725.

Showers tonight, Thursday partly cloudy, probably showers on the coast; moderate temperatures.