

Chamber of Commerce Officers Are Chosen

Dr. T. N. Spencer Re-elected President for Year and H. W. Blanks Is Again Named Secretary. CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS SOON Drive to Increase Membership to 400 Will Begin on Monday Morning—Other Activities Planned.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night to elect officers for the year and make plans for the membership campaign which will be inaugurated Monday. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and the directors were very optimistic concerning the year's work.

Officers chosen at the meeting were: President—Dr. T. N. Spencer. First Vice President—G. L. Patterson. Second Vice President—L. M. Richmond. Treasurer—A. B. Palmer. Secretary—H. W. Blanks.

After the election of officers discussion concerning the membership campaign was started. It was unanimously decided to start the campaign Monday and 400 members was the goal decided upon. At present there are 85 members of the chamber and officers present at the meeting expressed the opinion that Concord's chamber should be as large as those in other cities of the same size as Concord.

Every person who took part in the hotel campaign will be asked to assist in the chamber campaign. It was reported at the meeting that a number of scientists in the drive last week already had agreed to take part in the campaign beginning Monday.

Officers of the chamber decided to start the campaign Monday with the first reports to be made at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. Monday night a luncheon will be served at the Y. Tuesday at noon another luncheon will be served and the campaign will close with another luncheon Tuesday night. Salesmen in the campaign will make reports at each of the luncheons.

Britain's Premier in Action



No secret service men surrounded Premier Stanley Baldwin (center) of Great Britain as he made his way to Conservative headquarters at Palace Chambers, London, for a conference with party leaders. And very few recognized the premier as he moved along, minus overcoat and with 'dope in mouth.

STATE LUTHERAN SYNOD NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN COLUMBUS TRAGEDY County Prosecutor Works Industrially While Remains of Dead Woman Are Interred.

Columbus, O., Nov. 20.—Efforts to solve the mysterious death of Mrs. C. V. Sheatsley, wife of the minister of Christ Lutheran Church of Nexely, fashionable Columbus suburb, whose charred body was found late Monday in the furnace of the Cheatsley home, were practically suspended here today while burial of the minister's wife was being solemnized at her old home in Paris, Ohio.

While efforts to solve the mystery were relaxed here, they were being pushed by County Prosecutor John R. King and City Detective Harry Carson at the scene of the funeral and in Canton, 12 miles away where relatives of the dead woman reside. There the officials sought from Mrs. Lida Spensler, mother of Mrs. Sheatsley, and her two brothers, Charles and Harry Spensler, intimate details concerning Mrs. Sheatsley's early life and her domestic relations after her marriage to Dr. Sheatsley in the hope of throwing some light on the theory that Mrs. Sheatsley may have ended her own life.

County Coroner Joseph Murphy, who favors the suicide theory, has not yet rendered his official findings, as to the cause of the death, reported today that he probably will not do so for several days.

When Mr. King returns, he is expected to find on his desk a sealed report of my analyses of the lungs of the dead woman made by C. P. Laug, an analytical chemist. This report may aid materially in establishing whether Mrs. Sheatsley was alive when her body entered the furnace.

EGYPTIAN SITUATION IS GIVEN ATTENTION British Foreign Office Informed of the Facts in Connection With Assassination of General Saad.

London, Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The British foreign office is in communication with Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, British high commissioner in Egypt, and the Sudan, regarding the steps to be taken in connection with the assassination of Major General Sir Lae Saad.

Change in the Management of Oteen Is Hinted. Asheville, Nov. 20.—Official confirmation of the report that Major W. E. Whittledge, of Camp Kearney, Calif., will succeed Colonel James E. Miller at the United States veterans hospital at Oteen, was lacking today, but Colonel Miller, when asked about it said he had heard such a report.

MRS. HARDING DEAD AFTER ILLNESS OF PAST SEVERAL WEEKS

Death Occurred at Sanitarium Where She Had Been Under Treatment Some Time.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY

Her Body Probably Will Be Placed Temporarily in the Vault Alongside That of Her Husband.

Marion, O., Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Florence King Harding, widow of Warren G. Harding, twenty-ninth chief executive of the United States, died here today.

The end came at 8:55 at the White Oaks Sanitarium at Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, where she had been fighting for life for the last few weeks. Mrs. Harding's death was due directly to a kidney ailment, from which she has suffered for years, and which nearly resulted fatally while she was mistress of the White House. She died peacefully, Dr. Sawyer said.

While no definite announcement has been made, it is expected that Mrs. Harding's body will be placed temporarily in the receiving vault in Marion cemetery alongside the body of her husband.

Funeral services will be held at Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Harding was born in Marion, O., in 1890, of a sturdy stock of pioneers, her father, Amos King, being one of the town's first settlers. She married Mr. Harding in 1901 when things did not look too bright for him. He had just taken over the ownership of the Marion Star, and it was loaded down with mortgages and still had to make a place for itself in the community. She never had been used to extravagance, however, and she immediately turned to the task of helping out the newspaper on a sound basis.

Of slight build and medium height, Mrs. Harding carried herself strongly erect and with charming dignity. Though her hair was silvering before she came to the White House, her eyes were as bright, her manner as vivacious, and her glances and smiles as radiant as when she was a girl.

She was always well gowned, but never cared for extremes in dress. Her costume particularly was said to be the mystery and envy of many Washington society leaders. She had an interesting collection of lace and some rare and handsome piece, usually helped to complete her gown. She did not affect jewelry and usually wore only a diamond solitaire or diamond clasp on a piece of black velvet about the throat.

The life story of Florence King Harding, life an epic of sturdy American womanhood, was a chronicle of continual struggle against great odds, and of continual accomplishments.

THE COTTON MARKET

Was Nervous and Irregular Preceding the Publication of Government Report—January Off to 24.10.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 21.—The cotton market was nervous and irregular preceding the publication of the government report today. Scattered liquidation and some hedge selling from the southwest appeared, but after opening steady at a decline of five points to an advance of five points, prices advanced slightly on covered and trade buying. January sold off to 24.10 at the start and later rallied to 24.25, at five points net higher, and other months showed similar gains with prices holding fairly steady at the end of the first half hour. The rally was promoted by reports of a good opening tone in the stock market, and rumors that there were trade buying orders in the market for execution on the dip.

Cotton futures opened steady: December 24.05; January 24.13; March 24.32; May 24.81; July 24.75.

A. F. OF L. MUST BE KEPT FREE FROM POLITICS

Executive Council Reports to This Effect at 44th Annual Convention—Ballot Reforms Should Be Sought.

El Paso, Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—A special report on the political policy to the American Federation of Labor's 44th annual convention today by its executive council asserted that the organization must be kept free from political domination and that the non-partisan political campaign committee created during the recent national campaign must be maintained permanently.

HULL USED AS A TARGET

Still Floating Today Demonstrations Prove That Hull Will Stand Much Punishment.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 21.—Battered by shells from the big guns of the United States Ship Texas, the hull of what was to have been the giant super-dreadnought Washington, continued today to demonstrate that she can take plenty of punishment. After being subjected to a barrage of shells yesterday, the hull was still afloat on the drill grounds off the Virginia Capes this morning and was giving indications that the damage inflicted by the firing yesterday was far from mortal.

NATIONAL GRANGE IS COMING OUT IN OPEN AGAINST CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Comes Out in Open Against Child Labor Amendment to Constitution.

Atlanta City, N. J., Nov. 21.—By an overwhelming vote the National Grange today put itself squarely on record against the child labor amendment to the federal constitution. The organization pledged its most vigorous efforts to prevent ratification of the amendment.

Hickory May Expend Hotel Building Plan

Hickory, Nov. 20.—Plans are being considered for the reorganization of the hotel program started in Hickory some time ago, the new plan calling for a larger building than was originally planned, although no definite outline for financing or building has been announced by the committee. The directors of the hotel company have secured the services of the Hockenbury System, Inc., of Harrisburg, Pa., well known hotel financialists and counselors, and it is understood that the plan to be followed here will be similar to that used by the Hockenbury system in the successful financing and organization of sixty odd hotels throughout the country.

While details of the present undertaking have not been made public, it is understood that they will be a continuation of the original project and that the citizens who formerly subscribed to stock will be a part of the new plan on exactly the same basis as they were originally.

Secretary Wilbur, Does Not Plan to Resign

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 21.—Secretary Wilbur has no present intention of retiring from the cabinet. There have been widely published reports that he would retire early next year to accept a federal judgeship in California. The Secretary has received offers of support for appointment to that vacancy, but has replied that he was not a candidate in any sense of the word.

Called to Succeed Dr. George Alexander.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 21.—Dr. J. C. D. Ewing, lecturer on missions at the Princeton Theological Seminary, has been elected to succeed Dr. George Alexander, as President of the foreign mission board of the Presbyterian Church, according to announcement today by the Presbyterian General Assembly offices here.

Continue "Dry" Drive in Richmond.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Nov. 21.—Prohibition enforcement activities had settled down today to what agents termed a "systematic drive" against bootleggers and other dry law violators. Thirty persons were arrested yesterday.

ANOTHER RISE IN COTTON YIELD IS FORECAST NOW

Latest Government Forecast Just Made Public Calls for Crop This Year of 12,992,000 Bales.

11,147,524 BALES ALREADY GINNED

540,595 Bales Have Already Been Ginned in the State.—Report Had Little on the Cotton Market.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 21.—The cotton crop was estimated today at 12,992,000 equivalent 500-pound bales by the Department of Agriculture. A crop of 12,816,000 bales was forecast a fortnight ago. Last year's crop was 10,139,671 bales.

Of the total crop, 11,147,524 running bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned prior to November 14th, compared with 9,363,458 bales for 1923, and 8,869,978 for 1922 to that date, the census bureau announced.

The preliminary estimate of production by states includes, North Carolina 760,000 bales. The ginnings in running bales, counting round as half bales for North Carolina were 692,187.

The revised total of cotton ginned this season to November 1st was announced as 9,719,332 bales.

Not Much Effect on Cotton Market. New York, Nov. 21.—Suspension of trading on the New York Cotton Exchange for 20 minutes today while the government's report on the cotton crop was being received successfully averted confusion in trading, which heretofore has followed publication of these estimates.

A moderate and orderly advance of 9 to 20 points in prices, which took place after trading was resumed at 11:15 o'clock, contrasted with the erratic fluctuations which previously had followed the government's crop forecasts throughout the summer. The scramble of traders to take advantage of the latest figures on these occasions frequently led to changes of 20 and 30 points between sales, with fluctuations sometimes running the extreme limit of 200 points allowed in one day's trading. Today's estimate of 12,992,000 bales was fairly close to recent estimates, but the ginning figures were considerably higher and subsequently led to a slight reaction in price.

The Liverpool cotton market followed the lead of the New York and New Orleans exchanges in suspending trading for 20 minutes.

PERFECT MAN CAN BE PRODUCED IS THOUGHT

Regulation of Glands Will Produce Perfect Specimen of Man, Dr. Rodney Fiske Predicts.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 21.—The production of the perfect man by regulation of glands is predicted by Dr. E. Rodney Fiske, of New York. Speaking yesterday at the convention of the Eastern Homoeopathic Medical Association, he said that recent discoveries concerning the functions of glands of the human body had paved the way for production of the perfect man.

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Many Killed in Pennsylvania Accidents.

(By the Associated Press.) Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 21.—Three hundred and ninety-three persons were killed and 9,228 injured in automobile accidents in Pennsylvania in the six months ending November 1, the Department of Highways announced today. These figures do not cover fatal accidents in injuries occurring in the boroughs.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Unsettled tonight, rain in west portion, slightly warmer in north and extreme west portions; Saturday partly cloudy in extreme west portion.

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