

CLEMENCEAU DISCUSSES FINANCIAL SIDE TREATY

Former Premier Georges Clemenceau Throws Light on Financial Phase Versailles Peace Pact.

(By The Associated Press) PARIS, May 26.—Light is thrown on the financial side of the Versailles treaty with Germany by an interview with Georges Clemenceau, former French premier, secured by Alfred Capus, editor of the Gaulois, and published in that newspaper today.

"Several persons know," said the former premier, "that in the peace conference discussion of a fixed indemnity lasted for three weeks. We should not forget that a fixed sum for indemnity was the Anglo-American idea from the very beginning, and that our allies never abandoned this viewpoint. They even made a most careful valuation of the sum Germany could pay, which was exactly 75,000,000,000 marks in all."

"Out of our share we would have to pay for the reconstruction of devastated regions, and I need not tell you we could not agree to such a solution. Discussion was long and arduous, because the Anglo-American idea as to Germany's power of paying was firmly rooted, but finally an agreement was effected, and that solution was embodied in the treaty of Versailles."

"Isn't that solution one that might be called an 'open account system,'" M. Clemenceau was asked, "by which it is proposed to exact from Germany everything she owes us but by successive installments as we are in a position to fix the indebtedness?"

"Quite right," the former premier responded, "and with the occupation of the Rhineland as a guarantee, both of the amount of the debt and the good faith of the debtors and with the reparations commissions and the permanent control organization. It was in complete agreement with President Poincare on this plan. When I saw him accept the presidency of the reparations commission I thought his acceptance the logical consequence of our mutual conception."

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M. Clemenceau spoke at some length on the immense difficulties of peace making, saying: "They were much greater than the most sincere detractors of treaty imagined. I said in the chamber of deputies that to preserve union among the allies I would make every sacrifice. Well, I didn't make every one. I made only some, said those principally in form, otherwise an agreement would have been impossible."

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THE "FAITHFUL FEW" BACKBONE OF THE CHURCH

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, in Strong Sermon Last Night, Gave Praise to the Loyal Minority — Revival Campaign Moving on Splendidly.

"No city or church knows how much it is indebted to the 'faithful few,'" declared Dr. W. W. Hamilton, of Atlanta, Ga., director of the evangelistic campaign that is now in progress in the thirty Baptist churches of Gaston, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, in an address delivered at the union service at the First Baptist church of Gastonia yesterday morning.

Speaking upon the subject, "How Pentecost Came," the noted divine said in part: "When we think of great revivals, we at once think of Pentecost. Not that we expect Pentecost to be repeated, but we can and do expect similar blessings from God when we meet the conditions upon which such blessings are to be had. I recall that I was coming back to America from an extended trip abroad some time ago and as we neared Boston harbor one night I was tense in expectancy at the thought of landing the next morning and hurrying on to home and loved ones, but the next morning when I arose and went out on deck, I saw we were standing still. I called to a member of the ship's crew and said, 'What does this mean? Why are we anchored here seemingly in mid-ocean?'"

"We evangelists and singers are here in this campaign at just request merely to help you in reaping of the harvest for which you have patiently been doing the sowing, nurturing and cultivating through the months and the years that are past. If you would succeed, study to know God's plans and get in with Him. Cecil Rhodes said he saw God was moving in the direction of Africa and he wanted to go with him, hence his mighty work in helping to transform that dark continent. Pentecost came through a small group of people. In our work we cannot hope to count on the multitudes of so-called Christian people who are engaged in the business affairs and pleasures of life to help win the lost to Jesus Christ. The pastor and workers always must depend on the faithful few for such wonderful service. No city or church knows how much it is indebted to the 'faithful few.' They are the bone and sinew of every community. Home life, civic life, national life and religious life would go to pieces without them."

Last night was by far the best night of the campaign so far. Every church reported a capacity house with a very perceptible deepening of interest on the part of those who are attending the meetings.

Following is the program for Thursday:

10 a. m. First Baptist church, Song leader, R. S. Steine; solo, S. J. Spencer; duet, Messrs. Steine and Biggins; selection, Campaign Male Quartet; inspirational sermon, Dr. A. F. Mahan.

Noon Hour: Cotton mills in territory contiguous to the local Baptist churches. Services by pastor, evangelist and singer.

7:45 Evangelistic services at all Baptist churches conducted by the visiting evangelists and singers.

Friday will be observed as a day of fasting and prayer from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. There will be a change of speakers each thirty minutes.

Saturday there will be a sacred concert in which all the singers of the entire campaign will participate.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES POUR INTO PERSIA

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, May 26.—Bolshevik forces continue to pour in Persia and have occupied Beshit, from which British troops have retired toward Teheran, says the Daily Sketch, which disputes the accuracy of information received yesterday regarding the situation in the middle east.

Notwithstanding denials the newspaper declares Indian reinforcements have been landed at Batum, to be followed by other troops as soon as transport is available.

In the season recently ended Natal produced about 185,500 tons of manufactured sugar, a record amount.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS THURSDAY

Reports of Standing Committees Heard — Inter-Church World Movement Causes Discussion — Three Cities Bidding For 1921 Session.

(By Rev. G. R. Gillespie.)

CHARLOTTE, May 26.—The Southern Presbyterian Assembly opened Wednesday morning with prayer by Rev. H. C. Ostrom, of Japan, followed by the reading of the minutes of Tuesday's session. The minutes were approved and reports of standing committees were called for. The standing committee on Bible cause was granted the privilege through its chairman to present its report at the morning hour of the fourth morning. Report of the standing committee on Christian education was read, received and adopted in its entirety. Many overtures were revised and others recommended in the report of the committee on bills and overtures. The report as made by Dr. A. M. Fraser, chairman, caused a spirited discussion. An important recommendation of this report was that ruling elders of churches having no pastor shall continue the work of the church, conduct the services, take collections and see that the church functions the same as if they had a pastor. They are not, however, to grant the privilege of administering the sacraments of the church. This recommendation was adopted.

The recommendation that \$30,000 be raised to translate Dr. Orr's dictionary into the Chinese language provoked considerable discussion, owing to the fact that this dictionary contains much favorable to the doctrine of evolution and as it is the mission of this church to combat materialistic evolution. Many arguments were heard against this work as heretical, notwithstanding the fact that an author's footnote states that the author is not responsible for the article on Evolution. Dr. Price, of China, was very much opposed to any other book for China other than accredited orthodox encyclopaedias, commentaries, and digests. At 9:50 the reports of the committee on bills and overtures was still before the assembly and the unfinished business of Tuesday relative to the Interchurch World Movement, which is expected to bring about much discussion pro and con by eminent leaders on both sides, was still unfinished.

Rev. Plato Durham, D. D., of Atlanta, Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., of Columbia, S. C. and Rev. B. C. Anderson, all well known in Gastonia, were heard Tuesday on the questions of "Inter-racial Religion," "Relations of Associate Reformed Church" and the "Montreat Conference," respectively. Rev. Dr. Homer McMillan and Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., of Atlanta, both well known and loved by Gastonia Presbyterians, were heard Tuesday night on home missions. Discussions of the majority and minority reports on the Interchurch World Movement, from the committee on bills and overtures, the former commending and the latter declining to further cooperate in the movement, held the attention of the commissioners and took the entire time of the afternoon session Tuesday. At night Rev. Dr. Homer McMillan, superintendent of home missions, a personal friend of Dr. J. H. Henderlite and heard many times in the Gastonia Presbyterian church, and Dr. S. L. Morris, author of the Southern church's best and most authentic books on home mission work, addressed the assembly.

Wednesday night will be foreign mission night and a most interesting meeting with notable missionaries as speakers is anticipated.

After one week of harmonious fellowship, transacting much important business, voting for federalization of all branches of the church, hearing sermons and addresses from men of national and world-wide reputations, enjoying the old-time Dixie hospitality of North Carolina, visiting many points of interest in the State, the sixtieth annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian church will adjourn Thursday. The next place of meeting will be determined upon Wednesday afternoon, St. Louis, Charleston, W. Va., and Staunton, Va., are the cities bidding for the honor of entertaining the sixty-first General Assembly in 1921.

A recommendation which should arrest the attention of all Christians as well as Presbyterians is that of Tuesday's meeting, namely, "That all Southern Presbyterians engage in five minutes daily prayer during the month of June for relief of the country from unrest."

The question of joining the Interchurch World Movement is the burning question of the hour at the time this is written. More than an hour was consumed this morning in motions, amendments and discussion. Dr. James I. Vance of Nashville, Tenn., prominent as the originator and leader of the Inter-Church World Movement, was granted the floor to give "information only" concerning the movement.

Dr. Vance, in beginning his speech said that it was a difficult task for an man to speak from a standpoint of "information only" when he has been praying over the matter and has it on his heart. He then told of the origin of the movement in his study in Nashville when Dr. Pratt, of New York, and he decided

TO GOVERN PALESTINE



The right Hon. Herbert L. Samuel, former Sec. of State for Home Affairs will according to rumor current in London, be appointed High Commissioner for Palestine.

LIST OF CANDIDATES IN JUNE PRIMARY

Chairman Jno. G. Carpenter Announces Date of Primary and Issues Notice — List of State and County Candidates to Be Voted on June 5th.

Chairman John G. Carpenter, of the Gaston County Democratic Executive committee makes announcement in today's Gazette of the primary to be held June 5. Mr. E. E. Warren, of the county board of elections announces that all registers and judges have been named and that the printed list of tickets has been received by him.

The State ballot is as follows: For United States Senator: Aubrey L. Brooks Lee S. Overman.

For Governor: Cameron Morrison Robert N. Page O. Max Gardner.

For Lieutenant Governor: W. B. Cooper F. C. Harding.

For State Auditor: William T. Woodley Baxter Durham D. A. McDonald D. L. Boyd James P. Cook.

For State Treasurer: B. F. Renfrow B. R. Lacy.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: H. E. Thompson W. A. Graham.

For Commissioner of Labor and Printing: David P. Dellinger M. L. Shipman.

For Commissioner of Insurance: John Underwood Stacey W. Wade C. T. McClunghan.

For Associate Justices of Supreme Court: W. P. Stacey W. A. Hoke Needham Y. Gulley O. H. Guion Noah James Rouse B. F. Long W. J. Adams.

It will be noted that the names of candidates for Secretary of State and Public Instruction are omitted, since only one candidate for each office has filed.

The Congressional ballot is as follows: For Representative in the Sixty-Seventh Congress of the United States For the Ninth District:

A. L. Bulwinkle A. L. Quickel Marvin L. Rith W. B. Council J. M. Peterson.

The ticket for the Republican National primary in North Carolina is: Leonard Wood Hiram Johnson.

The county ticket is complete with the exception of the offices of coroner and county surveyor. No one has announced for these positions. Only three county commissioners will be voted on at this time, Messrs. Davenport, Rankin and Sumner having two more years to serve. The county ticket is as follows:

Sheriff: J. W. Carroll.

Register of Deeds: R. C. Bell H. R. Thompson.

Treasurer: C. C. Craig.

House of Representatives: A. E. Wolts Dr. S. A. Wilkins M. A. Stroup.

County Commissioners: B. L. Stowe, South Point D. B. Mauney, Cherryville E. L. Froschberger, Crowders Mountain.

Senators: Carl E. Carpenter.

FORMAL INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE OF DETAILS OF CARRANZA'S DEATH

Generals Obregon and Gonzales Name Commission to Inquire Into Circumstances Surrounding Mysterious Death of Carranza — Many Divergent Stories Told By Witnesses.

(By The Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, May 26.—Formal investigation, for the purpose of clarifying the part taken in the death of President Carranza, both by Colonel Rodolfo Herrero and members of the Carranza party, is recommended by the commission of four named by Generals Obregon and Gonzales to inquire into the tragedy at Tlaxcalantongo. The commission submitted its report last night and cited ten points which the members had agreed had been proven from stories of witnesses, it was added that in a number of points many other stories purporting to tell the actual circumstances should not be confirmed and were unworthy of credence.

The commission's report, which is the first authoritative story of the death of Carranza, may be summarized as follows:

Colonel Herrero joined the Carranza party at Putla, state of Puebla, on May 20, following a conference with General Francisco de P. Mariel, to whom he surrendered last March. Herrero pledged allegiance anew, and promised to defend Carranza, which promise was accepted by General Mariel, who told the fugitive president that Herrero was willing to fight for him. General Mariel then left the Carranza party and did not go to Tlaxcalantongo.

When Carranza reached Tlaxcalantongo he was carried by Herrero to the hut where he was to sleep. Herrero was with Carranza when he was in this shelter were assigned to the president, Manuel Aguirre Berlanga, minister of the interior; Mario Mendez, chief of telegraphs; Gil Farias, the president's private secretary, and Captains Amador and Suarez, his aides. General Murguio and other members of the party were taken to different houses in the village. Before retiring Carranza ordered Captain Suarez to assist in placing sentinels, all of whom were Herrero's men.

Herrero later told Carranza that a messenger had informed him his brother was injured, whereupon Herrero left the village, promising to return. At 3 o'clock on the morning of May 21, three of Herrero's men entered the president's hut, stating they had been ordered to report to him what the situation was, adding that nothing new had occurred. Carranza listened to the report, and then told the men to leave.

The report says this move was probably for the purpose of ascertaining if all in the hut were in bed and whether Carranza had changed his position.

Half an hour later the hut was attacked from all sides. President Carranza was heard to cry: "I can't get up; my leg is broken." He then begged for a carbine so that he could defend himself, but was answered by a volley which ended his life instantly.

The other occupants of the hut fled, as did those in the other shelters and there was great confusion in the village. Herrero, at the head of his men, captured many of the party, who were taken 12 miles away while others were left in Tlaxcalantongo. Four or five of these prisoners were forced to sign a statement that Carranza had committed suicide. This statement was dictated by Manuel Aguirre Berlanga, and written by Paulino Fontes, director of Mexican national railways.

These facts are alleged to "prove a conspiracy was prepared in advance by Herrero, which inspired confidence in him by Carranza and ended in the president's betrayal."

The report recommends that a formal investigation be ordered to clear up the other points of the incident which relate to the part taken by Herrero's men and members of the president's party. It was signed by Roque Estrada and Commodore Hilario Rodriguez, named by Obregon, and Aquiles Elorduy and General Fortunato Zuazua, appointed by General Gonzales.

Among the mass of statements taken by the commissioners and attached to the report were found those made by Generals Bruno Neyra, Pilar Sanchez and Rodolfo Perez, Captain Getario Amador and Jupiter Ramirez. The preamble to the report gives as reasons for the recommendation for an investigation the facts that Herrero fled, that his evidence was not available and that statements made by Carranza's companions conflicted in many particulars.

whom escaped. The rest were released, he declared, when Paulino Fontes paid one thousand pesos to Herrero's men by check. General Pilar Sanchez asserted the men making the attack shouted "Viva La Palaca."

General Neyra and General Sanchez both testified that Herrero told General Perres that the "men he was looking for" were Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury, Ygnacio Bonillas, former Mexican ambassador at Washington, and General Francisco Murguio and that "unfortunately Carranza fell." Captain Amador declared that when Herrero liberated his prisoners he blamed Colonel Marquez Ceron for shooting the president.

TWO GASTON MEN ARE LICENSED TO PREACH

Mr. Raymond Ratchford and Mr. H. M. Wilson Received by Kings Mountain Presbytery — One Goes to Virginia, the Other to Alabama — Presbytery Transacts Considerable Business.

After preaching two splendid sermons before the members of Kings Mountain Presbytery yesterday at the New Hope Presbyterian church and passing satisfactory examinations, Mr. Raymond Ratchford, son of Mr. Joe Ratchford, of the New Hope section, and Mr. H. M. Wilson, son of Mr. S. M. Wilson, former county commissioner of the Olney neighborhood, were licensed to preach the Gospel, and were granted transfers to the Lexington (Va.) and Albemarle (N. C.) Presbyteries, their chosen fields of future labor. Mr. Wilson goes to Virginia and Mr. Ratchford remains in North Carolina. Both young men are this year's graduates of Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va., and both acquitted themselves with honors there and in the examinations of Presbyteries.

Rev. A. S. Anderson, formerly pastor of the Loray church, was received into the Presbytery from the Muehlenburg Presbytery of Kentucky and a call from the Lowell Presbyterian church placed in his hands, which he accepted for half his time.

A petition bearing the names of 32 Presbyterians of Mayworth, requesting the organization of a Presbyterian church, was favorably acted upon and a commission, consisting of Revs. J. H. Henderlite, D. D., A. S. Anderson, W. J. Roach, G. R. Gillespie and Elder J. H. Kennedy, was appointed to organize the church, if the way be clear, and ordain the officers the third Sunday night in June.

Revs. J. T. Denny, W. S. Hamiter and J. H. Henderlite were appointed on a commission to install Rev. A. S. Anderson as pastor of the Lowell church.

The resignation of Rev. W. J. Roach as presbyterial manager of systematic benevolences was accepted and Rev. F. H. Hay, of Kings Mountain, was elected to succeed him. The resignation of Rev. W. J. Roach as pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church, the congregation concurring, was accepted and pastoral relations ordered dissolved. Mr. Roach will continue, however, to serve the Loray church until the arrival of Rev. R. C. Long, who comes from West Virginia in July, to devote his full time to that field. After a rising and most hearty vote of thanks to the ladies of the New Hope church for their lavish hospitality in serving an excellent dinner to the preachers and visitors, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the fall at Saluda Presbyterian church.

NEW HOPE CHURCH CALLS FORMER PASTOR

At a congregational meeting last Sunday afternoon, presided over by Rev. W. J. Roach, the officers and members of the New Hope Presbyterian church voted unanimously to call Rev. R. S. Burwell as their pastor. Mr. Burwell is now pastor of the Hopewell church, Mecklenburg county, and the members of the New Hope church hope that he will accept their call. Mr. Burwell was pastor of the New Hope church for two years and enjoys the fellowship and love of the entire community. This church is a fine field for service, offers a splendid living and home to its pastor, and is unopposed in the community. People with the