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STATE FIREMEN COME HERE NEXT YEAR

Annual Convention of North Carolina Firemen's Association Ended at Fayetteville Wednesday — J. D. McNeill and A. H. Boyden Accorded Signal Honors.

Special to The Gazette. FAYETTEVILLE, Aug. 11.-The State Firemen's convention will be held in Gastonia in 1921.

The above telegram was received yesterday afternoon from City Manager W. J. Alexander, who with Chief of Police Joe Orr went to Fayetteville to invite the firemen of North Carolina to come here for their meeting next year.

At the closing session of the North Carolina Firemen's Association at Fayetteville yesterday James D. McNeill, who has headed the association for many years, was elected president emeritus for life and A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, was elected vice president emeritus for life. James H. Wood, of Asheville, was elected president, John L. Focir, of Chapel Hill, was elected first vice president; H. L. Farmer, of Raleigh, second vice president, and E. E. Bain, of Greensboro, third vice president. John L. Miller, of Concord. was elected to his thirteenth term as secretary with an increased salary.

Mayor R. G. Cherry, who accompanied Messrs. Alexander and Orr, returned to the city this morning. The others will weach home tomorrow. The date for next year's convention has not been set but at will be some time in August. It laste four days and includes many races and contests of various kinds. The attendance is usually between five and six hundred .

N. C. SOLONS WILL TACKLE SUFFRAGE SATURDAY

Suffrage Advocates Still Hopeful of Overcoming Majority in Lower House.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 12 - The North Carolina Legislature, called into special session to consider taxation times, including national guard activities. questions and ratification of the federa. woman suffrage amendment, probably TO SELECT HARDING'S will not tackle suffrage until tomorrow and perhaps not until Saturday.

Governor Bickett, who had planned to send a message on suffrage to the legis lature today, announced that it had no been completed. He said the message probably would be delivered tomorrow although it might be telayed until Satur day. Introduction of a resolution providing for ratification of the federal amendment is expected immediately after both houses hear the governor's message.

Suffragists were spurred to greater ac tivity today in their efforts to secure pledges of support from senators and representatives by the action of 63 of the 120 members of the house in sending a telegram to the Tennessee legislature as suring that body that North Carolina would not ratify the federal suffrage amendment and asking Tennessee not to force the amendment on the people of North Carolina. If the sixthy-three signers of the telegram which was sent to Nashville last night vote in accordance with their expressed views, the amendment will be defeated in the house by six votes. Suffragists were optimis tic, however, and declared they expect

ed the amendment to be ratified Representative Grier and Senator War ren, anti-leaders in the house and sen ate, declared their faction had gained four additional votes in the house. They said they were certain the resolution would be defeated.

DANIELS COMING.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12-Secretary Daniels will leave tomorrow for his home city to urge ratification of the Susan B. Anthony amendment before the North Carolina General Assembly.

ENGLAND COMMUNICATES WITH FRANCE RE-GARDING DIFFERENCES

PARIS, Aug. 12-Great Britain has communicated officially with France with regard to the differences between the two governments it develops from a statement made by the semi-official Havas

agency today. The statement says: "The British charge d'affaires this morning brought to the general secretary of the ministry of foreign affairs, a communication from the British government. From the conversation engaged in between the charge and M. Paleologue, (Maurice Paleologue, general secretary of the French foreign office) it developed that both governments are examining in the most friendly spirit the divergencies in views which have occurred between them, but which will not prevent them from continuing their friendly collaboration . .

"Premier Millerand, who arrived at Montdidier for luncheon today (on a trip he is making to the liberated region) was immediately informed of the conversation. "

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 .- Cotton futures opened easy. October, 31.55; De-30.25; January, 29.05; March, 28.75; May, 28.30.

LINWOOD CONFERENCE IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Dr. Paul Kanamori and Dr. W R. Dobyns Will be on Program Remainder of Week.

The A. R. P. Conference at Linwood College is continuing to attract large crowds every day. Dr. Paul Kanamori, the Japanese "Billy Sunday" is one of the most popular speakers on the program. Dr. W. R. Dobyns who speaks every day from 10 to 11 o'clock in the morning is attracting many.

Others on the program are Fred Mc Millan, Rev. Fred McGill, Miss A. L. Williams, Dr. F. Y. Pressley. Owing to the fact that the conference has no printed program outlining the events day by day The Gazette is unable to give to night's or tomorrow's schedule. Friday's paper will carry the program for the remainder of the conference.

COX AND ROOSEVELT OFF ON CAMPAIGN

(By the Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 12.-With Governor Cox en route to Camp Perry, Ohio, to deliver his first address since his notifieation and with his running mate, Franklin D. Roosevelt, on a western trip, the democratic plan of carrying their cause to the people today was under way.

Leaving here this morning for Toledo. Governor Cox was to motor from there to Camp Perry, an hour's ride, and speak about 5:30 p. m., returning here tonight via Toledo. His next speaking engagement is at Wheeling, Va., on Saturday, when he will address the democratic state convention and later a public gathering.

At Camp Perry the democratic standard bearer was to close the day's rifle competition program by awarding trophies, including the Ohio executive's cup, open in the rifle meet to regular soldiers, national guard and civilian sharpshooters.

In his address today the governor did not plan to delve deep into the major issues of the campaign, but to give his views on preparation and training of war-

SPEAKING DATES WITH GREAT CARE

MARION, O., Aug. 12 .- The dates and places for the limited number of campaign 'speeches to be made by Senator Harding away from Marion will be selected with great deliberation by republican party leaders after a minute canvass of to which he has been invited to come.

It was said today at Harding headquar ters that the task of sorting over these in vitations now was under way, and that although no definite speaking engagemen's in other cities had been arranged. one or more might be determined upon shortly. It was understood that the subject was one of those to be discussed to day and tomorrow in Chicago by National Chairman Hays, Harry M. Daugherty and other party leaders.

The plan to be followed for the front speeches will be devoted to separate issues, may also be extended to such addresses as the candidate makes away frohhome. It has been suggested that one of the most important of these addresses be delivered in an agricultural section of the country and be devoted to questions of special interest to farmers.

Many invitations to speak at county as many requests that the nominee address meetings of various farm organizations. Among those who have bid for a visit from the candidate are the Minnesota state fair and the Iowa state fair. both of which meet within the coming month.

ROOSEVELT OFF ON LONG TOUR OF 15 STATES

CHICAGO, Aug. 12,-Franklin D Roosevelt, democratic candidate for vice president, left today on a speaking trip that will take him through fifteen states and related the salient facts as to its and as far west as the Pacific coast.

Three speeches are on today's program, opening with brief addresses at Kenosha tury. and Racine, Wis., and closing with a night meeting at Milwaukee. From Milwaukee. Mr. Roosevelt will go Friday to St. Paul and Minneapolis for two meetings in the twin cities.

Mr. Roosevelt and James Hamilton Lewis, former United States senator and now candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Illinois, opened the campaign here last night.

The vice presidential candidate ad dressed a large part of his speeche to former progressives; eulogized ex-President Roosevelt, and invited his former followers into the democratic fold.

LOWDEN WILL TAKE

STUMP FOR HARDING CHICAGO, Aug. 12 .- Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, one of the defeated candidates for the republican nomination for the presidency, will be one of the speakers in Senator Harding's campaign, the wounds. The knife, believed to have it was announced at republican headquarters today.

ROTARIANS TO FOSTER LOCAL BOYS WORK

Will Raise \$3,000 and Employ
Expert to Manage Activities
Among the City's Boys —
Japanese "Billy Sunday" Gives Assurance That There Will be no War Between Ja-pan and the United States — Other Addresses.

Unanimously adopting a resolution calling for the prompt inauguration of some active and constructive boys' work, the Gastonia Rotary Club, at its regular meeting Wednesday, decided to raise at once not less than \$3,000 and to employ an expert in this line to direct the activities. A committee composed of J. L. Beal, chairman of the club's boys' work committee, J. H. Henderlite and J. H. Kennedy, was apopinted to have charge of raising this money and of directing the entire campaign.

Following is the resolution adopted: "Resolved. That the Gastonia Rotary Club cordially endorses the movement toward a better oversight and care of our boys, and that we undertake at once to raise a fund of not less than \$3,000 among the men of the city to secure the services of a suitable man to put in charge of this work among the boys. That this be hereby referred to a committee of three who shall at once secure pledges for the above amount and take all other necessary preliminary steps, reporting progress at the next meeting.

JOHN BEAL, Chairman. JIM HENDERLITE. JIM KENNEDY.

This resolution was presented by J. L. Beal following a short address by Rogers W. Davis, of Charlotte, chairman of the boys work committee of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, and one by J. H. Henderlite, of Gastonia, along the same line. It was adopted without a dissenting vote. The speakers expressed the hope and the confidence that this would prove but the beginning of a great and growing work in the interest of Gastonia's boys.

Dr. Paul Kanamori, widely known as the "Billy Sunday of Japan," was present as a guest of the club and made a most interesting talk, largely along the lines of the relationship between the two countries. He paid a glowing tribute to America, saying that Japan's entry into derful development of the past century were due very largely to the influence of the United States. He said that everywhere he went in this country he was asked the question, "Will Japan fight America?" He, answered "No," and gave but one explanation, that a military one. He said the United States was too big and powerful for Japan to hope to local conditions in all the various sections I conquer, were she disposed to try it. He also emphasized the loyalty of the Japanese themselves by stating that in order for the United States to conquer Japan she would have to kill every one of Japan's sixty million men, women and children. "And after that," he said, "perhaps our cats and dogs would fight you." Dr. Kanamori is a very forceful speaker and won loud applause by his statements. He is delivering a series of talks at the Linwood Conference this week. Accompanyling him as guests of the club were Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood porch campaign, under which separate College; Rev. S. W. Reid, of Atlanta. Ga., and Rev. R. C. Grier, of Columbia,

Another very forceful speaker present as a guest of the club was Dr. Isaac M. Yonan, representing the Near East Relief Committee, of New York, Dr. Yonan paid Gaston county a glowing tribute when he stated that last year Gaston was the only county in the entire United and state fairs have been received, as well | States which doubled its quota for Near East Relief. This statement was greeted with applause. He made a stirring plea for the small nations of the earth and advocated the acceptance by the United States of the mandate over Armenia. As a big and powerful country, he said, the United States should lend its assistance to the smaller and weaker countries of the

earth. J. H. Separk, of Gastonia, extended a welcome to the club's guests and gave them some interesting facts regarding Gaston's supremacy in the textile world marvelous growth as a manufacturing center during the past quarter of a cen-

Among others who spoke briefly were Rev. S. W. Reid, Rev. R. C. Grier, Rogers W. Davis, Leland Hume, of Nashville, Tenn., J. M. B. Hoxey, of Atlanta, and J. H. Henderlite, of Gastonia.

There was quite a large number guests present and the meeting was a most enjoyable one. President A. G. Myers presided and the program was directed by J. W. Atkins.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS INTURY SPARTANBURG YOUNG NAN

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 12 .- Ed Alexander, Spartanburg, S. C., man who was found in an unconscious condition here yesterday with his throat and wrists cut and a hole in the back of his head, made with a pick axe, was still in an unconscious condition today.

Police are trying to solve the problem of how he himself could have inflicted all been the one used, was found under his body.

GASTON COUNTY'S POPULATION 51.242

Shows An Increase of 14,179 or 38.3 Per Cent Over 1910 Fig-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 -Census of Gaston county is 51,242 an increase of 14,179 or 38.3 per

FAMOUS FIRST DIVISION BAND TO BE AT FAIR

28th Infantry Regimental Band to Furnish Music at Gaston County Fair.

One of the premier attractions at the Gaston County Fair will be the famous 28th Infantry, First Division, band from Camp Taylor, Kentucky. The 28th infantry is one of the famous fighting outfits of the First Division. It was one of the first outfits of the A. E. F. to see action in France. At Cantigny, the first big offensive of the Americans, it got its baptism of fire.

By the new process of allocation of troops of the War Department, all North Carolina recruits in the infantry branch are assigned to the 28th Infantry.

Secretary Allen has virtually secured assurances that the regimental band of this outfit will furnish the music for the five days of the fair.

VOTE ON SUFFRAGE TOMORROW IN NASHVILLE

Suffrage Cause in Sister State Takes Ascendancy — Advocates are Hopeful.

(By The Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 12 - A vote tomorrow on ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment in both

houses of the Tennessee legislature appeared certain today.

Chairman Riddick, of the house con mittee to which joint ratification resolution was referred, has announced that the house will vote on it tomorrow. The senate also will take final action on the reso lution then, according to announcement of Speaker Todd Party leaders were said to be agreed that nothing could be gained by postponing action until next

Preparations were being made today for the joint hearing tonight on the suf frage resolution. The opposing factions also continued feverish attempts to cor ral the support of senators and repre senatives who had not yet definitely an nounced their stand on the question.

After the house vesterday voted down a proposal to delay action on ratification until after August 24 so that mass meetings might be held throughout the state to ascertain, supporters of the plan said the sentiment of the public on ratification. Representative Story introduced a joint resolution which would prevent ac tion for or against passage or rejection of the ratification resolution. Efforts to secure immediate action on suspension of the rules failed and the proposal went over until today. The Story resolution declared that "great doubt exists as re gards legality of action by this legisla ture," and predicted that ratification if accomplished, would be held up by court action .

WOMEN AND OLD MEN ARE

PRESSED INTO SERVICE WARSAW, Aug. 11.-Hundreds of conveyances of all descriptions loaded with barbed wire and driven by boys and old men, are streaming through the Polish capital toward the battle front. Mingled with them along the roads are endless trains of supply wagons which are guarded by elderly civilians armed with rifles. All able bodied men are being relieved from other duties so that they may be made available in the fight for the defense of Warsaw.

Women soldiers are hurrying from place to place, acting as couriers, and French military mission officers are showing extreme activity, racing around the city in automobiles.

As the fighting front draws nearer Warsaw squads of citizens wearing their ordinary civilian clothing and straw hats. but armed with rifles, are drilling in many parts of the city. As the determined looking groups pass through the streets many boys in knickerboekers, elderly men and well to do merchants are to be seen side by side with the more usual type of fighter in the ranks. Class distinctions are being forgotten or brushed aside.

Newspaper accounts of the preparations declare that the spirit of the people is to defend Warsaw, repel the invaders and not to count the cost in blood.

The government while it will not concede that a date has been set for the evacuation of the city, is gradually moving away the important state documents, the packing of which began several days ago.

WOMEN HEAR OF IDOL WORSHIP IN INDIA

Mrs. Cannaday Tells Lutheran Women of Idolatrous Practices in Far East - Interesting Talks on Various Phases of Women's Work.

DALLAS, Aug. 12-"Idol Worship," was the subject used by Mrs. Isaac Cannaday at the devotionals opening the af ternoon session of the Lutheran convention Wednesday. She read Acts 17:24-25; Ps. 115; Jer. 10:1-5; and Isa. 14:12.

"No one knows more about the idol worship than I do for I was born in the idol country, my parents being missionaries there. It is very sad to see them and to know they have absolutely no hope for the future. Many, including numbers of priests, do not believe in the idols but like men and women of our country with the drink habit and other evil habits they are bound and are not strong enough to emancipate themselves. Also they keep up the manufacture of these idols for the money in it.

"They are very costly; and one immense temple built to an idol in India covers 13 acres. The priests bathe and care for the idols and the water used is run into a basin where the worshippers dip their finger and place on the lips. thereby obtaining spiritual power from the god. One would be surprised upon investigation to find many idol temples throughout our own Christian country. '

Interesting reports and live discussions were made on the thank offering, mission study, life membership and memorial. Rev. O. W. Adderholdt, of Statesville, was introduced and made a strong plea for home missions. Strengthen and mantain the home base where we get our supplies of teachers and preachers and train them for the foreign field as well, he said. Mr. Adderholdt commended the women for their consecration to their work and for the concrete and definite objects chosen toward which to work, stating why the Lutheran church in Statesville should be one of their objective points.

Mrs. Cannaday in her address on "India" stated briefly the changes that had come over India in the past few years, of the missionaries there, of their different works and of the great need for more workers. Think of a mission ary traveling 70 or more miles from one point to another and with very poo transportation.

The British have set the standard for the schools and our mission schools must not fall below hence the very rigid examinations. Sunday schools number as high as 1,000 at one time and the little cards our children east aside lightly or destroy, the children of India gladly keep and use for memorizing Scripture texts. Young men missionaries are wanted. India is fast coming to the front and those musically talented, gifted in fine art or any other course can be used for good.

Mrs. John M. Cook's talk on ap propriations and budgets revealed some interesting figures. She told of the special work for women and children. The hand-crocheted India lace on display at the church is very wonderful. This was explained by Mrs. Little. The work is done in the schools by those who are un able to do other work. The thread is furnished from America and the work sent back to the lace industry in Phil adelphia where it is assigned to one person in each synod to be sold. A certain per cent goes to the worker and a part to the support of the school.

The afternoon session closed with prayer by Rev. Isaac Cannaday.

PROMINENT COTTON BREEDER IN GASTONIA

Mr. D. R. Coker, Long Staple Cotton and Seed Expert, Visitor in Gastonia.

A prominent visitor in the city this week was Mr. D. R. Coker, of Hartsville, S. C., head of the Coker Cotton Sales Co., and of the Pedigreed Seed Company. This latter organization makes a specialty of breeding long staple cotton seed and improved varie ties of corn, rye, oats, asparagus, watermelons, etc. The business has grown to such proportions that trained seed experts and horticulturists from Cornell University are now employed by Mr. Coker. Dr. Webber, formerly with the U. S. Department of Agriculture is at the head of the breeding work of the

Mr. Coker is widely known throughout the South for his experiments in the growth and breeding of long staple cotton and improved varieties. He is a brother of Dr. W. C. Coker, of 'plant'' fame at the University of North Carolina.

EXPRESS COMPANIES ASK FOR BIG RATE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.-Permission to increase express rates to absorb the wage award of the railroad labor board at Chicago, estimated at \$43,800,805, was asked from the interstate commerce commission today by the American Railway

The express company also asked author-

ALL EUROPE WILL BE BOLSHEVIK IN A YEAR SAYS LEON TROTSKY

Russian Bolshevik Minister of War Sets up Headquarters Behind Soviet Lines.

(By the Associated Press.) WARSAW, Aug. 11 .- Leon Trotzky, Russian bolshevik minister of war, has arrived at Bialystok, just behind the soviet front, and has set up headquarters there, according to news from the other side of the battle line. Speaking in Vilna, the capital of Lithuania, recently, he announced soviet Russia had been officially recognized by the western powers and that MM. Krassin and Kameneff, heads of the bolshevik commercial mission to Great Britain, had been received at London with the ceremonials usually accorded

tries," "In a year," he continued, "all Eu-

foreign ambassadors. He asserted bol-

shevism was "more powerful than ever

and would soon spread to other coun-

rope will be bolshevik." Warsaw newspapers publish interviews with soldiers, who declare the bolsheviki advance upon this city claim they have come to exterminate the bourgeoisie, and distribute the land among peasants. It is asserted they impartially pillage man; sions, farms and cottages and either forcibly enlist the men in the country or send

them to the rear. In the Bialystok district the bolsheviki took a number of hostages, threatening to shoot them if food supplies are not delivered to the soviet army within a specified time. It is said the country behind the bolshevik lines is suffering from famine, as all grain has been requisitioned and sent eastward by the bolshevik authori-

Bolshevik prisoners say that the high command of the soviet armies fear a reverse before Warsaw, and is hastily preparing positions on the line of Gredno, Slonim and Sarny, to which it can withdraw in case of defeat.

SOVIETS OUTNUMBER POLES TWO TO ONE

Soviet Army Numbers 350,000 While Poles Can Muster Only 140,000.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 - Polish forces defending Warsaw are outnumbered about two and a half to one. Comprehensive details as to the bolshevik military organization, received today in official circles here, place the ration strength of the soviet army on the Polish front at 350,000 men. The strength of the Poles has been estimated at 140,000.

The details as to the bolshevik strength, which confirm in a large part information already in the possession of American military authorities, estimate that in rifle and saber strength alone, the saviet forces composing the northern army or that north of the Pripet river consist of 46,000 men. Bolshevist rifle and saber strength south of the Prinet river in the southern army is placed at

Soviet infantry divisions to the number of 26, the official details assert; have been identified as facing the Polish army in the front line with 13 divisions in reserve. In addition 10 cavalry divisions have been noted in active operation at the front with two such divisions in reserve.

Resides the 39 infantry divisions reported on he Polish front the botsheviki are estimated to have scattered in other parts of Phissia 25 others as well as two cavalry divisions

PONZI SAYS HE

MUST REST A WHILE BOSTON, Aug. 12-A ereditor's petition asking for the appointment of a receiver for Charles Ponzi was filed in

the federal court today. Ponzi halted in the midst of his sensational financial career today to rest and recover from the nervous strain caused by events of the last few days. The man whose "50 per cent in 45 days'' investment proposition has been under investigation by federal and state officials and whose principal known depository, the Hanover Trust Company, was closed yesterday by Bank Commissioner Joseph A. Allen, retired to his home at Lexington and denied himself

to callers. "My nerves can't last forever," Ponzi said. "I've got to rest. I am not going to give out any more statements for a while. I am going to keep away from people-not go down town. 2.1

Guards were posted around Ponzi's home to insure that people kept away from him

Investigating officials forecast further developments today to follow the disclosures made yesterday when Ponzi admitted that he had served terms of imprisonment in Montreal and Atlanta some years ago.

ity to increase by 20 per cent its rates on milk and cream to meet the increases granted the railroads on the same commodities.

In its petition the express con stated that the increase in operating ex-penses resulting from the labor board's lecision would make its estima deficit \$78,375,650.