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METHODISTS MEET AT SALISBURY THIS WEEK

Thirty-First Annual Conference Convened Wednesday, Bishop Darlington Presiding — Rev. E. P. Stabler Closes Four-Year Pastorate Here — All Local Churches Had Splendid Year.

Methodists of the western half of the state will have their interest centered this week on Salisbury, where the Western North Carolina Conference will convene in its thirty-first annual session on Wednesday, the 20th. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntingdon, W. Va., will preside over the conference for the third consecutive year. Conference will probably close on the Monday following. The reading of the appointments for the ensuing year, always the last business to engage the attention of conference, will very likely take place on Monday night. Gastonia will be represented at conference by Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street church; Rev. E. P. Stabler, pastor of West End and Franklin Avenue churches; Rev. W. T. Albright, pastor of East Gastonia; and Rev. P. L. Shore, pastor of Trinity and St. Paul's in South Gastonia. These pastors will carry with them to conference splendid reports for the past year. Their reports will show all financial obligations met in full. In addition they will show that there has been much activity in the matter of building and making plans for the future. During the year now closing Main Street church has commenced work on a handsome young people's building which will cost complete about \$125,000, and also on a handsome new parsonage to cost approximately \$30,000. East Gastonia has built a commodious parsonage and has made a start towards erecting a new house of worship to cost about \$15,000 or \$20,000. In South Gastonia a splendid lot has been purchased, a parsonage built and plans formulated looking towards the erection of a modern church next year. All of these points will show handsome gains in membership during the year. Main Street church now has a membership of approximately one thousand and the largest and most flourishing Sunday school it has ever had.

Main Street church inaugurated a novel method of raising its finances at the commencement of the present conference year and the result is of interest to church people of all denominations. It was decided at the very beginning of the year to rely entirely on free will offerings for the regular church budget, which amounted for the year to something over \$13,000. Public collections were done away with entirely, no assessments were made and no member of the congregation was asked to pledge any definite amount. Free-will offering boxes were placed in the church lobbies and through this channel the entire church budget was raised. The pastor goes to conference with all financial obligations paid in full. It is of interest to note that this congregation has contributed during the year, for the budget, building purposes and suburban extension right around \$100,000 in money. It is doubtful if any other congregation in the entire conference has surpassed this record as to finances. At the fourth quarterly conference held a few days ago all of the members of the board of stewards were re-elected and two new members were added in the persons of Dr. McG. Anders and Mr. J. W. Watson. The latter was for many years a member of the official board of Centenary church, New Bern. in the North Carolina Conference.

An interesting piece of conference gossip going the rounds of the press is that Rev. Charles C. Weaver, Ph. D., for the past ten years president of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., and who tendered his resignation a few days ago, will probably be appointed to the pastorate of Tryon Street church, Charlotte, or West Market Street, Greensboro, both of which will be vacant because of the four-year time limit. West End Pastor Handsomely Remembered. Rev. E. P. Stabler, pastor of Franklin

COX URGE VOTERS TO VOTE AS AMERICANS

In an Address to First Voters Governor Cox Urges Them to Disregard Partisanship and Vote as Americans.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 18.—Governor Cox today opened his second eastern campaign with an address here to first voters, urging them to disregard partisanship and to vote as Americans. "Americanization," said the democratic presidential candidate, "is but another word for construction. Americanization is not selfishness. It means that we so love this freedom of America that wherever in the whole world the name of America is mentioned it shall mean honor, loyalty, progress, humanity and peace. To shout 'America first' and then oppose making America first throughout the world is to turn our backs on progress and on the ideals which the framers of our great constitution wove into the soul of America."

"Therefore, when I talk of the league of nations, I am presenting no new spirit but am simply endeavoring to keep the faith of America."

Stating that first voters represent a new generation, Governor Cox said that civilization was like a relay race, "each generation taking the ball from the preceding and contributing its share toward world progress."

"Some people," said the governor, "are not willing to take the ball and thereby lose the race by slipping back."

"There can be nothing more reassuring than that this great army of first voters composed of millions of young men will approach the ballot box this fall with the same patriotism with which they stood in the front trenches."

"I find that the young men and the mothers will insist that we become a part of the league of nations. The young men who are first voters will find themselves in distinguished company this year for the mothers of America have been given the rights to which they are entitled. I have no doubt what the mothers of America will do in the forthcoming election, nor have I a single doubt what the young men will do. Mother and son link the two generations which stand for a peace won by the sons and made permanent by the mothers of America."

Governor Cox's program today called for his speech here in the morning, an afternoon address at Rochester and a night meeting at Buffalo.

Avenue and West End churches, yesterday rounded out his four-years pastorate and, by reason of the time-limit, will not be returned to Gastonia. Mr. Stabler's pastorate has been a most successful one and he has greatly endeared himself to his people. This was made manifest yesterday. He held three services, at Franklin Avenue at 11 a. m., at Tate's Chapel at 3 p. m. and at West End at 7:30 p. m. Following the sermon at Franklin Avenue church in the morning Mr. P. L. Plyler, chairman of the board of stewards and president of the Epworth League, came forward and, with a few very appropriate remarks, presented Mr. Stabler with a check for \$175 from the Epworth League and another check for \$148 from the congregation, the latter being in the nature of an addition to his regular salary, which had been paid in full. These were presented as tangible evidences of the high esteem in which he is held by his congregation at that church. All three services were very largely attended and there was evidenced at each a feeling of genuine regret that Rev. Mr. Stabler's pastorate had come to an end. During the day he baptized four infants and received three members into the church. This charge has met every financial obligation for the year, has paid its final assessment on the new district parsonage which was not due for twelve months and has finished paying for the new parsonage purchased last year. In short, there is not a cent of indebtedness on any of the charge's property. Wherever Mr. Stabler may be sent by the bishop he will be followed by the love and prayers of his parishioners here.

GASTON FAIR WAS FAR BETTER THAN ANY RECENT MECKLENBURG COUNTY FAIR

So Thinks Charlotte Man Who Visited Gaston County Fair Last Week — Parking Arrangements For Automobiles Were Better Than Any System Ever Seen at State Fair — Commendatory Words For Secretary Allen.

That the Gaston County Fair outshone any similar event held in Mecklenburg county in recent years is the opinion of one representative of the Charlotte press, who visited the fair here last week. He further adds that Gastonia and Gaston county will some day eclipse Charlotte and Mecklenburg, if they don't look out. "B. H." in The Review, Mecklenburg county's weekly newspaper writes as follows:

Blest by fine weather which brought out an unprecedented crowd of people from throughout this section of the Carolinas, the Gaston county fair held this week in Gastonia, was the most successful in Gaston county and doubtless in this section of the two states.

Exhibits galore in all departments, a very good mid-way, suitable entertainment features and a systematic manner of handling the crowds proved satisfactory to a multitude of folks who attended from Gaston, Mecklenburg, Catawba, Cleveland, Rutherford and other counties in North Carolina as well as in South Carolina.

No fair that has been held in Mecklenburg county in several years can compare with the Gaston event, and arrangements were far more systematic and orderly than has ever been known, most likely, in the whole history of the North Carolina state fair.

The fair opened Tuesday and comes to a close tonight. Although opening nights are usually not attended by exceptionally big crowds, Tuesday night at the Gaston fair saw thousands of people jamming through the midway and the exhibits buildings. A thousand or more automobiles neatly parked under the direction of capable officials attested that many had come from a distance on opening night. The crowds were much larger Wednesday night and Thursday night, and Wednesday and Thursday were the big days for the farmers.

An arrangement which helped about appreciation for the fair on the part of visitors was the parking of cars. Although thousands of machines were driven into and out of the grounds why a systematic method of parking cars under the direction of experienced officials made it possible for one at all hours to find parking space and to get his machine into or out of the grounds with a minimum of trouble. This is something new for fairs, this business of looking after the public.

The exhibits in all departments were excellent and proved the interest of Gaston county people in progressive work. The mill communities of the county had exhibits in addition to the several farm communities. Products of Gaston county's soil were shown to advantage in the exhibition building, while the barns were very well filled with livestock.

In so far as The Review could learn, Mecklenburg county was not represented in the livestock department. Although several Mecklenburg dealers had planned to exhibit a carload of cattle the proposal was discouraged by leaders in the livestock industry of the county on the grounds that the exhibits would cost more in money than the exhibition would get out of it directly in money. The value of the exhibit from an advertising standpoint was overlooked. Merchants who have made fortunes, have spent thousands to get their names in a newspaper, just for the advertising.

But the fair got along without Mecklenburg county and it did credit to Gaston county. The event impressed The Review representative as demonstrative of the progressive spirit of Gastonia and Gaston county which some day, if Charlotte and Mecklenburg county do not look out—and keep looking out—will eclipse in size and importance the neighbors on the eastern side of the Catawba river.

Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the fair association, and his corps of assistants, are due a maximum of credit for the excellent results obtained from their labors. The suggestions heard from Gastonia officials who were in attendance during the week.

DR. W. W. GROVE BUYS BATTERY PARK HOTEL

Dr. W. W. Grove, of St. Louis and Asheville, has purchased from the U.S. estate the Battery Park hotel and grounds, consisting of ten acres, located in the heart of Asheville. The consideration is said to have been \$650,000. Dr. Grove owns Grove Park Inn, which was erected at a cost of \$1,000,000, and recently purchased the Manor, paying therefor, it is said, \$1,000,000. Dr. Grove's plans include extensive improvements to the Battery Park and the erection of a modern commercial hotel of 250 rooms and a large apartment house, both on the Haywood street side of the Battery Park block.

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS TO SPEAK HERE TUESDAY

A Change in the Plans of Mrs. Daniels Brings Her to Gastonia Tuesday Instead of Thursday — Will Speak in Courthouse at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels will speak in Gastonia at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced today by County Chairman Jno. G. Carpenter. Mrs. Daniels was scheduled originally for Thursday, but later plans have brought her here earlier. It is confidently expected that Mrs. Daniels will be greeted by a crowded house. The women of the county are particularly invited to be present.

THOMAS E. HOLDING, JR., HELD TO HIGHER COURT

Son of Prominent Banker Accused of Receiving Goods Stolen From Cars.

RALEIGH, Oct. 16.—Thomas E. Holding, Jr., son of a banker and former member of the general assembly, is under bond for appearance in federal court in November on the charge of receiving stolen goods taken from cars making an interstate journey.

Young Holding, who is a prominent man and a member of a leading Wake family, was arrested yesterday at Wake Forest by the federal officers who had learned that he was suspected of having received quite a lot of the same goods which recently got A. J. Honeycutt, the Neuse merchant, into trouble.

The Honeycutt haul was plenary. There was a great truckful of goods and plenty of evidence that the wagon did not drive up to the Honeycutt premises in a fit of absentmindedness, was found. When the agents called on Holding they found nothing over the storerooms in the bank building. There was no trace of the goods in the Holding drug store. Notwithstanding these circumstances, the United States commissioner held the defendant. His attorney made no statement.

The charge is that Mr. Holding received between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of goods. Tom Avery, negro truck driver, Cecil and Priestly Pierce, white men of Raleigh, are under arrest for the actual theft of the goods. The alleged robberies have occurred on freight cars, express coaches and stations. The American Express, the Southern, Norfolk Southern and the Seaboard railways are said to have been losers.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH DARTMOUTH COLLEGE STUDENT PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—Police of this city had no clue today to clear away the mystery surrounding the death of Elmer C. Drewes, the Dartmouth College student, a resident of this city, who was found dead Sunday morning on the outskirts of Philadelphia with a bullet wound in the head. No weapon was found near the body.

The police said they intend to question Charles Schalos, of New York, heir to a \$100,000 estate and friend of Drewes, in the hope that he might be able to give aid in tracing Drewes' movements. Schalos is said to have seen Drewes in Atlantic City on Saturday.

Robbery, the police say, was evidently not the motive, if Drewes was murdered, as about \$900 in cash, checks and liberty bonds were in his clothes when the body was found. Schalos, who was visited by Drewes in Atlantic City Sunday, has gone to his home in New York, it was said.

William Belsha, head of the "murder squad" of the Philadelphia detective force, believes Drewes' body was carried to the lot where it was found after the collegian was slain elsewhere.

Drewes left his home here late Saturday, telling his parents he intended to go to Reading, Pa., to purchase a motor car. From Reading he intended to motor to Hanover, N. H., in order to be at college today.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE BROADWAY BANK MESSENGER BAFFLES N. Y. POLICE

CAMDEN, N. J., Oct. 18.—Police authorities of Camden and Burlington counties have so far been unable to find a trace of the yellow roadster with a rebuilt underbody they have been seeking in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Paul Schalos, a messenger of the Broadway Bank, who was last seen in Camden on the evening of Oct. 15. The roadster was seen in Camden on the evening of Oct. 15, and was last seen in Camden on the evening of Oct. 15. The roadster was seen in Camden on the evening of Oct. 15, and was last seen in Camden on the evening of Oct. 15.

KING ALEXANDER IMPELORED

ATHENS, Oct. 17.—The king of Greece, King Alexander, is being urged to resign his throne as a result of infection arising from the bite of a monkey, and the bulletin issued today noon stated there was less pessimism regarding his prospects of recovery. The spot where it was buried. A resident of Vincetown raced with the yellow car. When the roadster passed him Friday on the road from Tabernacle to Vincetown, the man told detectives, he thought the occupants wanted a test of speed.

PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS ON HARDING FOR EXPLANATION

BIG TEXTILE EXPOSITION OPENS IN GREENVILLE

GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 18.—New England and Dixie met and rubbed shoulders again when, with the thunder of machinery, blare of bands and shrilling of whistles swelling into a triumphant chorus, the fourth and greatest textile exposition in the history of the south opened here today with a message of good cheer, faith and co-operation spoken by leading manufacturers from all parts of the nation.

This exposition is in every way a success. Such was the opinion of many of the hundreds of men who know who came here from the New England states, Ohio valley, Kentucky and from all parts of the south as far west as Texas, to take part in the enterprise. In spite of unfavorable conditions caused, they said, by the federal reserve board's curtailment of loans, exhibitors appeared optimistic over the prospects of renewed trading soon.

More than 200 manufacturers have comprehensive exhibits here, valued at approximately \$2,000,000. Here are displayed all the instrumentalities of wood and wire and steel that go to make of cotton the cloth that the world demands. Every branch of the cotton mill industry is represented.

Cotton mill presidents and other executives from South Carolina and adjoining states arrived today to attend the meeting of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of South Carolina tomorrow. The program includes an address by Albert Green Duncan, of Boston, treasurer of the Harmony Mills, on the subject of "The Tariff Question," and a speech by R. F. McLeod, representing the American Cotton Association. The associations also will discuss financial and trade conditions, and the closing of cotton mills on account of lack of orders.

The Southern Textile Association, embracing every branch of the cotton mill industry, will convene Thursday and Friday.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Gastonia Cotton 19 1/2 Cents
Receipts at the cotton platform today up to noon were 7 bales of cotton. Only 19 bales were sold Saturday. The price today is 19 1/2 cents.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—The English labor situation was responsible for liberal offerings on the opening of the cotton market today and before trading had gone very far, prices were 30 to 57 points under the close of Saturday, with all months making new low levels for the season. December fell off to 17.55 and May to 17.23. At the decline a good character of buying was felt and many traders who have been on the short side appeared to have evened up and taken to the long side on the theory that cotton had reached an investment basis. At the end of the first hour of business prices were 30 to 40 points up from the lowest.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—Opening: October, 17.83; December, 17.88a90; January, 17.61a63; March 17.60 bid; May, 17.45 bid; market steady.

BRITISH SPINDLES IDLE

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The cotton market was extremely nervous and unsettled during today's early trading. There was a good deal of covering, with trade buying, and probably buying for a reaction after the severe break of last week. On the other hand the south continued selling while there was liquidation on rep's that British trade had been brought to almost a standstill by the coal strike and the weakness of the Liverpool market. The opening was 13 points higher and, notwithstanding, sold about 20 to 40 points below Saturday's closing during the early trading with December at 17.55 and March at 17.23. The market was very unsettled and the price of the cotton futures was very low.

S. B. McMASTER GETS \$49,999 AGAINST FORD MOTOR CO.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 18.—A verdict of forty nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety nine dollars against the Ford Motor Company and one dollar against the Union Automobile Company of Charlotte, N. C., was announced today in the case brought by S. B. McMaster, Columbia automobile dealer, against Ford company for a half million dollars. Mr. McMaster alleged damages by reason of an order of the Ford organization against the sale by Ford dealers of a wide gauge attachment. The jury had the case more than thirty hours.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—President Wilson today addressed a letter to Senator Harding relative to the republican nominee's statement of Saturday that he had been approached "informally" by a representative of the French government relative to a new association of nations.

Quoting from a dispatch dated St. Louis, October 16, purporting to report the statement of Senator Harding, the president said:

"I need not point out to you the grave and extraordinary inference to be drawn from such a statement, namely, that the government of France, which is a member of the league of nations, approached a private citizen of a nation which is not a member of the league with a request 'that the United States lead the way to a world fraternity.'"

Declaring that the state department "had always found the government of France most honorably mindful of its international obligations and punctiliously careful to observe all the proprieties of international intercourse," the president wrote that he hesitated "to draw the inference to which I have referred unless I am assured by you that you actually made the statement."

HARDING ALSO PLEADS FOR AMERICA FIRST

MARION, O., Oct. 18.—First voters days at Senator Harding's front porch brought to Marion today many delegations of young men and women to hear the republican nominee make a plea for "America first" as the motto of those about to cast their ballots for the first time.

Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio sent the largest representation, although citizens from many other states were present. Several special trains brought delegations from outside Ohio, and many from the cities nearby came by motor. A bicycle division also was one of the features of the parade which preceded the senator's speech.

Also in the crowd were delegations from several Ohio counties, including a consolidated group from the eighth Ohio congressional district. The Ohio contingents were to have been received tomorrow, but the two meetings were combined in order to give the nominee one day of rest before he leaves Wednesday for his last spiking trip of the campaign.

SENATE COMMITTEE PROBES INTO MISSOURI CAMPAIGN

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18.—The senate committee investigating campaign expenditures today resumed its inquiry into the democratic pre-convention campaign in Missouri.

The committee planned to delve further into the activities in behalf of Attorney General Palmer and summoned Edward Coltra of St. Louis, national committeeman. Payment of expenses of delegates to the democratic state convention at Joplin and the national convention at San Francisco was under investigation.

According to testimony at a previous hearing, Coltra distributed about \$3,000 among delegates to the Joplin convention to help defray expenses. He had formally denied, however, that any financial assistance was given to the San Francisco delegation.

The campaigns of Senator Spencer, republican, who is a member of the committee and his democratic opponent, Breckinridge Long, also will come within the scope of the inquiry, according to Senator Reed, Missouri, who is a member of the investigating body.

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TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS, WOMEN AND MEN OF GASTON COUNTY

You are respectfully urged to Register for the Election to be held on Nov. 2nd. The coming election is a most important one.

REGISTER AT ONCE, DO NOT DELAY

The Registration Books close on Oct. 23rd, you MUST Register on or before Oct. 23rd.

Special attention is called to the new precinct in Gastonia known as Gastonia No. 4. The territory which formerly belonged to Gastonia No. 1, West of South Street and West of North York Street, in the city of Gastonia has been placed in the new precinct Gastonia No. 4. The territory West of the C. & N.-W. Ry., beyond the trestle south of the city limits, which was formerly in Gastonia No. 1, has also been placed in this new precinct. An out-and-out New Registration has been ordered for this new precinct, and ALL WOMEN AND MEN WHO LIVE IN THIS NEW PRECINCT KNOWN AS GASTONIA NO. 4, MUST REGISTER FOR THIS ELECTION. The voting place for this new precinct is at the COURTHOUSE. Mr. E. B. Denny, the Registrar, will be at the Courthouse for the next two Saturdays, to Register the voters. DO NOT OVERLOOK THIS NEW REGISTRATION. All men in this new precinct who have been voting at the City Hall must Register and vote at the COURTHOUSE.