

BAPTIST TITHERS SHOW 300 PER CENT INCREASE DURING THE PAST YEAR

(By The Associated Press.) Report of Laymen's Missionary Movement Shows Rapidly Increasing Interest in Church's Financial Affairs by Business Men.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 20.—Three times as many men among southern Baptists have adopted a tenth of their income as the minimum of their contributions to religious work as were doing this a year ago, it was announced in the annual report of the laymen's missionary movement to the Southern Baptist Convention, made public here today by Dr. J. T. Henderson, of Knoxville, secretary of the movement.

The goal of the organization is a half million tithers among southern Baptists and to induce business men to take a larger part in church activities. The laymen's movement, student religious activities, Baptist city councils, women's work, the negro theological seminary and allied topics took up the greater part of today's sessions. The question of establishing a great southern Baptist university has been deferred for another year.

Enrollment messengers to the convention from the Baptist churches throughout the South, has now reached approximately 4,100, it was announced by the secretaries and the largest attendance of any session was that of last night when a crowd estimated at more than 6,000 attended the home mission board services with many seated on benches on the lawn outside the tabernacle. The fifth convention has been marked by devotional services during the luncheon recess conducted by Rev. Benjamin Cox, of Memphis, aided by evangelical singers. The services, started as an experiment, have drawn large crowds each day. Another departure has been the formation of an association by ex-service men attending the convention.

NEGRO WHO KILLED COP LYNCHED AT TEXARKANA

Hullens Owens Taken From Jail Last Night and Lynched by Mob Which Turned Deaf Ear to Judge's Plea.

TEXARKANA, Tex., May 20.—This city was quiet today following the lynching last night of Hullens Owens, negro, by a mob who took him from the Miller county jail, where he had been confined following the fatal shooting of R. C. Chaut, Arkansas policeman. Authorities have made no announcement concerning an investigation. Owens, who had been arrested Thursday night, on a charge of theft, was trying to escape after having been taken out of the jail by the officers, killed Chaut as he attempted to prevent his escape. The negro, suffering from a gunshot wound in the face, inflicted by Chief of Police Lummus, had been rescued and taken to a hospital.

The threatening attitude of a crowd that gathered about the hospital caused the removal of the negro to the jail. The doors of the jail were barred and down after sheriff Strange refused to give up the keys to the mob, which had followed him.

Municipal Judge Barney was told "this is no time for petty talk," when he appeared to the crowd to disperse. Owens was dragged from his cell with a rope and taken to a cart in the heart of the city, where he was killed with bullets. The mutilated body was then dragged to an open space near the union depot and placed on a large quantity of kerosene soaked blinding foil.

HICKORY PASTOR TO CONDUCT SERIES OF SERVICES HERE

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick to Preach for Ten Days at Main Street Methodist Church Beginning Next Thursday—Special Music.

Beginning next Thursday, May 25th, a series of evangelistic services will be held here by Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the First Methodist church at Hickory. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford, will be assisted by Mrs. C. L. Stobley, district evangelistic worker of Gastonia, who will assist with the singing and with the personal work. Provision will be made for a large chorus choir. New books have been ordered and the singing will be a special feature of the services.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is one of the best known and most successful pastor-evangelists in the West North Carolina Conference. He is a preacher of power and Main Street church is fortunate in being able to secure him for this meeting. Services will be held at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. daily. The series will continue for ten days or two weeks.

FORMER MUSICAL FAVORITE IN HOSPITAL NEARLY BLIND

CHICAGO, May 20.—Mollie Fuller, for many years a favorite in musical comedy, is in a hospital here almost blind, it was announced today. In private life she is Mrs. Kerdwick Hallen, widow of an actor who died two years ago. Miss Fuller is 55 years old and her only living relative is a half brother, living in a soldiers' home.

MANY PRESBYTERIANS HAVE LEARNED THE CATECHISM

CHARLESTON, W. VA., May 20.—As rewards for the recitation of the catechisms from memory, the publication department of the Southern Presbyterian Church last year gave 1,583 copies of the Bible and 4,977 copies of the New Testament, the largest number it had awarded in a single year. This was reported to the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly here by the executive committee of Publication and Sabbath School Work. In addition to these awards, 1,504 copies of the Bible and forty copies of the New Testament were awarded in Korea and 125 copies in the Brazil mission.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN VERMONT COURT ROOM

Lincolnton Man Faces Millionaire Whose Son Married and Now Seeks to Discard Former's Daughter—Nelson Alienation Suit May Be Settled Amicably.

WINDSOR, Vermont, May 19.—One of the most dramatic incidents ever witnessed in a Vermont courtroom occurred here this morning when John R. Rudbill, of Lincolnton, N. C., father of Mrs. Nellie R. Nelson, faced Thomas S. Nelson, of West Pawlet, Vermont, millionaire state magnate and father of Romeyn Nelson, Harvard student and youthful husband of Nellie. Mr. Rudbill was testifying in behalf of his daughter in the latter's \$50,000 alienation suit against Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Nelson. He had related the sorrowful home-coming of his daughter after her alleged ejection from the Nelson mansion after she had been "thrown out" as a "homely, squawky, uncouth girl." He was describing the treatment accorded his daughter at the hands of her husband's parents, as she had related it to him, when a sudden interruption from Mr. Nelson, Sr., came.

"Please allow me to state that never in my life have I ever spoken an unkind word to this little girl," he stated, "and while I was surprised at the development of this trouble, I have been dumfounded at the testimony, which I do not challenge, that has been rendered in this honorable court. My son, it seems, has made a confidant of his mother at all times, it was something that never came to me, something that I never guessed at and I want to correct this gentleman's impression as far as I am concerned, here and now."

Both Mrs. Romeyn Nelson and her father were visibly affected by the frank statement of the boy's father and it is possible from the conference which the three later held that a settlement of the case may be reached and the trial stopped tomorrow. It has been common knowledge that the elder Nelson was not aware of the facts concerning the treatment accorded the young North Carolina bride, until the trial opened.

The young couple, who met and loved at Charlotte, where they were married, never once glanced at each other today. The almost pitiful tale told by the little southern bride yesterday surely had its effect on the jury, for today they watched her with kindly, fatherly interest.

The letter over which a bitter legal fight occurred yesterday was admitted as evidence this morning, leading a severe blow to the defense. It was written in Lincolnton, N. C., and reads in part as follows:

"My dear Husband or Mine: Again I am writing as I have written hundreds of times before. This time I'm sending two letters, one to your POWELL home one to your HARVARD address. If you don't get one, you will surely get the other. I've had some queer dreams about you lately. I have dreamed you were trying to divorce me. I have dreamed this so often that I have begun to feel it was true. Now I know it is."

"Just awhile ago a telegram came to a lawyer here asking him if he could handle a divorce case for Mr. Marlborough, of Vermont. I have since learned that Mr. Marlborough was you. You are suing me—your dear little wife—for divorce, and for desertion. Imagine it?"

"You know your mother hated me. You know she didn't want me there. You know you took me to New York and put me on the train to send me home. I wonder if you told your mother I was here?"

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THE WEATHER

North Carolina, generally fair tonight and Sunday, little change in temperature.

BABE RUTH REINSTATED, GOES BACK INTO GAME; GIVEN A BIG WELCOME

Commissioner Landis Puts Babe, Meusel and Peirce Back on the Diamond—Fandom Receives Home-Run King With Open Arms.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel, of the New York Yankees, today were reinstated by Baseball Commissioner Landis. A third telegram was sent to Umpires Chill and Owens, reading: "Ruth and Meusel reinstated effective immediately. Eligible for today's game."

The applications for reinstatement from Ruth and Meusel were identical. They read as follows: "I hereby respectfully apply for immediate reinstatement to enable me to play in the game here today, Saturday, May 20."

No application for reinstatement has been received from Bill Piercy, of the Boston Red Sox, the third of the players barred from baseball by Judge Landis for playing post-season games. Piercy, like Ruth and Meusel, was eligible to apply for reinstatement today.

The three were suspended last fall when they violated major league rules by playing post-season games. Piercy's application was received a few minutes later and he also was reinstated.

The telegram from Ruth and Meusel was received at the commissioner's office about 8:50 a. m., the judge was not there, but his secretary, Leslie O'Connor, had received his instructions last night and promptly sent telegrams to Ruth and Meusel reading as follows: "Your reinstatement application granted effective immediately. Kennesaw M. Landis."

NEW YORK, May 20.—Babe Ruth, his nightgown fur club polished for a belated home-run drive, was ready today to come back into the fold with a welcome such as fandom gives only to its chosen.

An early rush for the turnstiles that rivaled world's series days and a sell-out of reserved seats gave further proof, if it was needed, that the Polo grounds would be thronged to the limit.

But even the presence of the Babe could not dim the lustre of other attractions for the occasion—the St. Louis Browns, generally considered the Yankee's most dangerous rivals, and their slugging sensation, Ken Williams. Williams, with an early start on Ruth, has 11 home runs to his credit, a substantial margin even in a race with so formidable an opponent as the Bambino. The Yank star has not given up his ambition to beat the record of 50 he set last season.

The Yankee's six weeks without the services of two of their heaviest sluggers in the machine that carried them to the league championship last year, have kept at the top of the heap throughout the early campaigning. Manager Miller Huggins decided in the shift that Chick Fawcett and Elmer Miller must give way to the prodigals, "Whitey" Witt shifting to center from right field, with Ruth in left and Meusel in right.

Ruth, incidentally, was to resume his duties as captain for the first time in a championship game, his appointment having been made during the spring training trip.

Sam Jones was slated as Huggins' mound choice for the opening ballgame with Urban Shocker, erstwhile Yankee and Nemesis of his former team mates, as the probable hurling selection of Manager Lee Fohl for the Browns. Just one other feature among many and it promised to play a big part for Ruth. Advertisers in his home city of Baltimore planned to present him a large loving cup, filled with dirt taken from around the home plate of the ball grounds at St. Mary's industrial school, where Babe learned to play ball. The dirt was gathered by Brother Matthias, the man who discovered Ruth when as a youth he displayed the fence-busting ability that has carried him to baseball glory.

METHODISTS CONSECRATE NEW BISHOPS SUNDAY; ADJOURNMENT MONDAY

General Conference Adopts Legislation Providing That Pastors May Retain Pastorate Longer Than Four Years—Protest Against Removal of Scarritt Bible School.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 20.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here since May 3, today began its final business meetings.

Tomorrow the delegates will witness consecration ceremonies for the five newly elected bishops and attend a memorial service for deceased bishops. Adjournment is set for early Monday.

Paving the way to adjournment was completed last night when the conference approved its finance commission's estimates of \$2,070,000 for current expenses during the next four years and adopted legislation which provides that pastors may retain assignments at the end of four years provided a majority of the presiding elders of the district concur. Under the rules of the last four years it has been necessary for the quarterly session of the church to recommend retaining of the incumbent pastor, with the recommendation subject to the approval of the presiding elders. The finance commission's estimates are an increase of \$414,500 over those approved at the last general conference in Atlanta.

One question expected to reach the floor late today is that of relocating the Scarritt Bible and training school now at Kansas City, Mo. A recommendation to remove the school to some other point has been presented and is waiting action. The conference today was presented with a memorial signed by 647 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Kansas City, protesting against the proposed removal. The list of names was headed by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, senior bishop of the church, who was retired at this conference.

CAMPAIN FOR OLD CLOTHING TO BE HELD

To Alleviate Suffering Among Armenian Children and Refugees, People Are Asked to Contribute Clothing.

A campaign for old clothing will be held in Gastonia county the last week in May, to alleviate suffering now winter among the Armenian children and refugees, it was announced today by Rev. George R. Gillespie, of the town, chairman of the Near East Relief.

June 1st will be Bundle Day and on that date everyone in the county is asked to clean out his or her old clothes closets and send them to Mr. Sammers or one of the local subcommittee.

This clothing will alleviate suffering next winter in the eradle of Christianity, Mr. Gillespie pointed out. The Turks have begun their massacre again with the Great Powers of the world, anxious for the Mohammedan caliphate, calmly looking on.

Last winter many children and refugees were found who had dragged themselves for miles to a Near East Relief hospital suffering from acute rheumatism and pneumonia, simply for lack of clothing. Others just froze to death, and their bones, in the high ways of stricken Armenia.

To clean out clothes closets and send the contents to the Near East Relief will pay a dividend in human lives," Mr. Gillespie declared, "and it will also help exterminate the germs in North Carolina. Many people have had swollen clothes put away for several seasons serving as breeding ground for germs."

The Near East Relief is especially desirous of obtaining as many as possible of coats, sweaters, dresses, wool shirts, blankets, heavy dresses, wool gloves, mittens, boots and shoes (not to be tied in pairs), slippers, garments, sheets (for bandages), new cloth or garments, and any heavy warm clothing in which there is still some wear. Articles which cannot be used by these unfortunate people are hats, silks, chiffons, vests, evening clothes, satin slippers, muffs, neckwear, high-heeled shoes, straw or frame hats or silk stockings. If anyone desires to give any of these clothes to the Near East Relief, it is suggested that community sales or auctions be held and the proceeds sent to Mr. Gillespie of Gastonia.

MEMORABLE WELCOME AWAITS LLOYD GEORGE ON HIS RETURN FROM THE GENOA CONFERENCE

It Will Be a Partisan Rather Than a National Welcome, However—Some English Papers Praise While Others Condemn Him For His Farewell Address and His Other Actions at Genoa Conference—Looking to Hague Meeting For Success.

LONDON, May 20.—There is every prospect that the public welcome organized for Prime Minister Lloyd George on his arrival from Genoa tonight will be memorable. It will, however, apparently be a partisan and not a national welcome, for it is not a case of a universally popular statesman returning laden with the achievements which the whole nation was yearning to see garnered from the economic conference.

The days of solid national support for Mr. Lloyd George vanished soon after the war, and he has long since reverted to the position of a political leader. Today's editorials on the break-up of the conference are significant as bearing upon the Prime Minister's position. On one hand he is adversely criticized for his far-seeing address at Genoa and for the greater part of his public conduct there, and on the other hand he is praised for his courage and resourcefulness in the face of immense difficulties and for what his admirers term his considerable achievements, even though they fell short of his aims.

For the conference itself, even its strongest apologists do not claim that it has been a success, but look to the coming meeting at The Hague for a sequel of real value. Its enemies hardly a single good word for it, especially those who from the first opposed admission of the Soviet delegates to the council table. These pronounce it a dismal failure and welcome its end.

CITY SCHOOL FINALS BEGIN WITH SERMON SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite to Preach Sermon to Graduates at Central School Auditorium—Full Program of Exercises for Next Week—Twenty-Four in Graduating Class.

Beginning with the Jacobean sermon by Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in Central school auditorium the finals of the Gastonia city schools for the scholastic year 1921-22 will be concluded with the graduation exercises on Wednesday evening when twenty-four young people leaving young ladies and twelve young men will be awarded certificates of graduation. The class is composed of the following:

Annie Blair Anders, R. B. Babington, Jr., Evelyn Boyd, Violet Chester, Nellie Dixon, Leonard Early, Ralph Fells, Candace Gumble, Sam Garnise, Rachel Henderlite, Willie Johnson, Frank Jordan, Ethel Kendrick, Charles Marshall, Jr., Wanda McComb, Frank McLaughlin, Blanche Pugh, George Ragan, Jr., Ben Ratchford, Dora Schneider, Etta Shannon, Willie Spencer, Marie McLean Taylor, Carl Underwood.

The class officers are: Carl Underwood, president; Evelyn Boyd, vice president; Willis Johnson, treasurer; Dora Schneider, secretary; Mary Glenn, mascot.

Sunday, May 21st. Song, "Ancient of Days," Invocation. Song, "Love Divine." Anthem, "Oh, Lord, Most Holy." Franz Aid, Three Glee Clubs. Quartet, "Sweet Is Thy Mercy." Joseph Baring, Messes Lucius Wilson, R. B. Babington, Carl Underwood, Frank Jordan.

Sermon, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D. Hymn, "All Hail The Power." Benediction by the pastor.

Monday Night, May 22. Undergraduate Night. March, Miss Mabel Eddle. Invocation, Rev. J. C. Price. Glee, "Morning, March Song." Watkins, Seventh Grade.

Reading of U. S. Pledge Paper. Invocation, "Reverend." Entertainers, Margaret McConnell. Presentation of Prizes to Leader of Seventh Grade, Miss Margaret Tiddy.

Presentation of Sweepstakes Prize, Principal Rex Armstrong. Pledge Duty, "Salute to the Colors." Anthony, Margaret Scott and Miriam Gately.

Presentation of Certificates. Chorus, "June Song," King, Seventh Grade. Benediction, Seventh Grade.

Tuesday Night, May 23. Senior Class Exercises. Travels With Venice; Scene 1, Proposing a Lesson in Virginia; Scene 2, A Visit to the Seaside; Scene 3, In Plato's Republic; Scene 4, Home Again.

Class Song. Characters: Venice, Joe Ratchford; Schoonberg, Frank Jordan; Charon, Will Johnson; Duke, Blanche Pugh; Glycer, C. K. Marshall; Jack, Sigel, Violet Chester; Moses, Rachel Henderlite; Carrie McLean Taylor; Boris, Schneider; Wanda McComb; Annie Blair Anders; Etta Shannon; Nellie Dixon; Evelyn Boyd; Candace Gumble; Spirits of Studies—English, Leonard Early; Selma; Sam Garnise; Mathematics, Ethel Kendrick; History, Frank McLaughlin; Will Spencer; Pledge, Carl Underwood; Attendants, to be named.

George W. Edgar, Jr., Annies, Rachel Fells; Starlin, Wanda McComb; History, Rachel Henderlite; Poem, Carl McLean Taylor; Will, C. K. Marshall, Jr.; Tragedy, Blanche Pugh; Prophecy, Violet Chester.

The exercises will be commenced at 8 o'clock at the Central school auditorium. The program for the graduating exercises to be held on Wednesday. Invocation, Rev. J. W. C. Johnson. Chorus, "Spring Time," Girls' Glee Club. Salutational, Evelyn Boyd. Introduction of Speaker, Carl Underwood, D. D. 1922-1923. Conference of Address, Dr. W. W. Orr, Charlotte. A Greeting, Linders, Boyd, etc. Presentation of the R. B. Babington

MURDER AND ARSON RUN RIOT IN IRELAND RESULT OF RELIGIOUS WARFARE

Atrocities Continue to Terrify Ulster—Several Deaths and Big Property Damage Yesterday in Belfast—Avowing Themselves Protestants Three Men Are Murdered.

BELFAST, May 20.—Terrorism in Belfast and its environs is again assuming such proportions that Premier Sir James Craig and his cabinet met this afternoon presumably to discuss measures for dealing with the renewed outbreak of secular strife. At least half a dozen persons have met death at the hands of murder gangs within the last 24 hours and dozens of others have been wounded.

Reports of the number of deaths in yesterday's shootings in Belfast vary from five to eight, while a dozen more persons were wounded. The damage caused by the series of incendiary fires aggregated many thousands of pounds.

Three men who were shot upon avowing themselves Protestants died during the night. Two men today entered the saw mills in the York street area, inquired the religion of the various workers, and shot dead a Catholic, John Connolly, apparently in reprisal for a similar shooting in the case of a Protestant yesterday.

Shanes Castle, the county Antrim, home of Lord O'Neill, whose son is speaker of the Ulster house of commons, was burned today by forty men said to be from Tyrone. The caretaker was wounded while defending the castle. The rebels retired after setting the fire. Lord O'Neill, who is 83 years old, and Lady O'Neill, was rescued by neighbors. The Bellemeane station in county Antrim, near Port Glunogue, was badly damaged by rebels last night. The Martinsdown station on the Cushenduff line, and also the police barracks there, have been destroyed.

DUBLIN, May 20.—Dispatches from northern Ireland say that inn Fein forces have captured the police barracks at Glenarr, Martinsdown, Carnlough and Cushenduff, all in county Antrim. The garrison of the Martinsdown barracks put up a stiff fight, and held off the raiders until its last cartridge was expended. The bank at Glenarr was captured in addition to the barracks.

ROSCREA, TIPPERARY, May 20.—Fifty men attacked a mansion here today, and after blind and blindfolding the servants sprinkled oil about, set fire to the place and departed, firing shots through the windows. The servants succeeded in freeing themselves and after a long struggle extinguished the fire saving the mansion.

MONEYED MEN FINANCING MOONSHINE LIQUOR BUSINESS. WASHINGTON, May 20.—Moonshine financiers are now being sought by the dry enforcement agents in the south, it was said today at prohibition headquarters.

In Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, officials said, it has been discovered that men with money are setting up illicit stills and paying moonshiners regular wages to operate them. When the operators are caught, it was declared, they either escape jail sentences as first offenders or receive \$5 a day from their employers while in prison to protect their backers.

Efforts are being made to round up the men behind the scenes.

SOLID CAR-LOAD DIAMOND TIRES RECEIVED HERE BY GASTONIA HARDWARE CO.

A solid car load of Diamond tires has just been received by the Gastonia Hardware Company and were placed on sale today. The shipment consisted of 1,200 casings and 45 dozen inner tubes. The order for this car was placed by phone Monday morning and was shipped out of Atlanta that day, reaching here Thursday.

Eschwege in today's Gazette will be found an advertisement of this well-known tire which is one of the leaders in the automobile world. The Gastonia Hardware Company is local agent for the Diamond, handling them both wholesale and retail. This is the largest shipment of tires received in Gastonia in many months.

KU KLUX KLAN INDICTED BY CALIFORNIA JURY

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., May 20.—In its first report since it began inquiring into the recent activities of masked night riders in the central California oil fields, the Kern county grand jury delivers a presentment against the Ku Klux Klan. Members of this body are accused of taking the law into their own hands, the organization itself is termed "insidious" and the assertion is made that "domestic troubles, jealousies and other evidence of malice and hate" are at the bottom of "its assumptions of governmental authority."

The report declares that the Klan gave its "victims no chance to defend himself, a wholly one-sided affair was heard."

It calls on public officials who are members of the Klan to renounce it openly or suffer removal from office, and it makes a special charge that the Klan is a threat to the character of

WEEKS TRADING IN WALL STREET ENLIVENED BY LOW MONEY RATES

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 20.—Trading in the stock market this week was enlivened by the lowest money rates in five years and rumors which dealt more or less circumstantially with mergers of consolidations of various industrial interests, especially steels and coppers.

Buying of those shares, mostly at material gains, was out of all proportion to the demand for other issues, although sugars and related specialties later were heavily traded in. Rails and shippings, aside from coppers, were comparatively neglected at nominal changes. Speculative enthusiasm in steel and coppers was roused at times as the pitch was thrown of Federal State intervention and regard for intrinsic values were ignored. Upward revision of price schedules accompanied the buying of steels, the base metals and raw and refined sugars.

Advices respecting general business conditions were not wholly satisfactory and reduced car loadings forecasted smaller railroad earnings. Nevertheless, the recent high rate of production in the steel and motor trades was maintained, with increased inquiries for textiles, leathers and the more essential merchandise.

The investment demand for bonds continued brisk, new underwriting being readily absorbed. International currencies were unsettled by the sequency of latest developments in Europe, the British rate, however, being strong.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET (By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 20.—Cotton futures closed barely stable as follows: May 21:20; July 19:97; October 19:81; December 19:82; January 19:67; March 19:52; Spots 21.45.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 20c Cotton Seed 49 1/2c

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 20.—The case of F. M. Jeffords, Ira Harrison and Glenn Trece, charged with the murder of J. C. Amette, being station commander, will go to the jury after