

5,000 WERE PRESENT AT THE OPENING SERVICE OF THE HAGGARD CAMPAIGN

Noted Evangelist Begins Five Weeks Preaching Campaign in City.

TENT IN WEST GASTONIA

Seventy Automobiles From Gaffney Accompany the Evangelist Here.

Last night witnessed the beginning of the Haggard evangelistic campaign in Gastonia. Possibly the largest crowd gathered for this that has gathered for any occasion in the city.

Mayor R. G. Cherry was present and made a thrilling address of welcome. This address struck our people very forcibly.

The singing for the campaign will be conducted by Prof. L. G. Sumner. He is an artist in his line.

One of the most striking things noticed last night was the large crowd from Gaffney.

The preacher gave a good old time gospel message, one that showed he was in real earnest about what he was doing.

Services will continue for five weeks. The services will be held at eight o'clock each evening.

It is hoped to have the street cars to accommodate the folks during the campaign.

TEXAS COMPANY WILL SUPPLY NAVY GASOLINE WASHINGTON, June 26.—The Texas company, producers of Texaco petroleum products, has just been awarded by the navy department the contract for furnishing motor and aviation gasoline to the United States navy for all naval vessels and navy yards at all points along the Atlantic and gulf coast seaboard.

THE WEATHER North Carolina, fair tonight and Tuesday, except possibly showers on the coast.

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A. Bruce Bielaski, Prominent Citizen of United States, and President of Extensive Oil Holding Interests in Mexico, Stopped and Held By Bandits.

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Mr. Bielaski, together with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Barceña, of Mexicalca, was on the way to view some Aztec ruins near the town.

When news reached this city, the American charge d'affaires, George T. Sumnerlin, immediately communicated with the federal government and Secretary of War Serrano, ordered the Federal troops in the vicinity to start after the bandits.

R. T. HOWERTON DIES WHILE TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prominent Baptist Layman Succumbs To Attack Sunday Morning in Bible Class at First Baptist Church.

DURHAM, June 25.—R. T. Howerton, one of the state's prominent Baptist laymen, dropped dead this morning about 10:30 o'clock while lecturing before the Barceña class of the First Baptist church Sunday school in this city.

Mr. Howerton's sudden death created considerable excitement and great sorrow among the several hundred Baptists gathered for Sunday school services.

Mr. Howerton's body was removed to his home at the corner of Cleveland and Wyatt streets.

Since the oldest local Baptist can recall Mr. Howerton has been a "pillar" in the First Baptist church.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

MT. EVEREST AGAIN BAFFLES EFFORTS OF MAN

Himalaya Peak Has Never Been Scaled and Never Will Be In the Opinion of Prominent Scientists.

LONDON, June 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Mount Everest has again baffled the best efforts of man.

The Calcutta correspondent of The Daily Telegraph today confirms previous reports that Brigadier General C. G. Bruce, head of the present expedition has been forced to the conclusion that persistence in the effort to scale the peak would only result in useless tragedy.

Major H. T. Morshead, was the worst sufferer from frost bite.

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From the moment of Mrs. Small's collapse, physicians offered no encouragement.

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