

CONVENTION WAS CONCLUDED TODAY

Country Bankers Finish the Annual Meeting

Mr. Claude Gore, of Rockingham, Was Elected President for Ensuing Year and Ex-Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, Vice President—Fine Addresses Delivered at Morning Meeting—Resolutions Adopted—Sailing Party This Afternoon—Souvenir Dance at Lumina Tonight

With splendid addresses by Mr. Harry B. Wilcox, president of the First National Bank of Baltimore, Md., and by Mr. Claude Gore, president of the Bank of Rockingham, presentation of committee reports, and the election of officers, in which Mr. Gore was unanimously chosen president, the fifth annual convention of the Country Bankers' Association of North Carolina, which has been in session since yesterday at the Oceanic Hotel, on Wrightsville Beach, came to a conclusion this morning. However, there will be social features this afternoon and this evening in the form of boat boat rides, surf parties, and the souvenir dance at Lumina given complimentary to the visitors by the Tidewater Power Company, of this city. This morning's session was equally as entertaining and beneficial as that of last evening. This convention has been the most successful from every viewpoint in the history of the organization. The delegates have been thoroughly delighted with the hospitable treatment accorded them and all were lavish in their words of thanks to the local committee on entertainment.

Election of Officers.
One of the most important matters considered at the morning meeting today was the annual election of officers. The nominating committee suggested the following names:

President, Mr. Claude Gore, of Rockingham.

Vice President, Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Lacy Williams, of Maxton.

Executive Committee, C. N. Evans, E. C. Clark, A. B. McMillan, O. C. Spalding, C. M. Brown, D. A. Houston, and T. L. Ford.

Upon motion the above slate of officers was declared unanimously elected. Mr. Gore, the newly elected president, is one of the best known young bankers of the central part of the State and he is a son of Mr. D. L. Gore, of Wilmington. His many friends will heartily congratulate him upon his election to an office which he will undoubtedly fill with credit to himself, and honor to the Association.

Meeting This Morning.
Although the time for assembling today had been set for 9:15 a. m., it was half hour later when President M. S. Blakeney called the body to order. The session was made all the more enjoyable by the presence of quite a number of ladies. The representatives of the fair sex displayed a deep interest in the proceedings. President Blakeney, in a few well chosen words, introduced Mr. Harry B. Wilcox, President of the First National Bank, of Baltimore, Md., and the latter delivered a most interesting and instructive address upon the subject "The Country Banker," as follows:

"Mr. President and Members of the Country Bankers' Association of North Carolina:
"It is indeed a great privilege to be permitted to address you this morning, and I appreciate deeply the compliment which your president paid me in inviting me to appear before you. I was told that I could select my own topic, so I have decided to use as my text "The Country Banker." If what I say is too elemental, I trust you will pardon me, for while my experience might qualify me to express an opinion as to the city banker, what I may say of the country banker is prompted more by observation.

"The Country Banker, as I understand it, is a term used by a controller of the Currency to differentiate between the banker of the reserve city and him of the smaller cities and towns. We are all however, city or country, part of the banking system of this great country, and as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, it is a duty incumbent upon all of us to see that decent competition and correct methods prevail in our several communities. The bank official in a country town often, and I believe usually, occupies a unique position. To illustrate I might use a story which is attributed to the popu-

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LABOR WINS BIG VICTORY

Govt. Ship Workers Get An 8-Hour Day

Last Naval Appropriation Bill Constructed to Mean That Men Working in Building Government Ships Must Be Worked Only Eight Hours Per Day—Heretofore Attorney General Had Construed Law Otherwise.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Organized labor won a signal victory today when the comptroller of the Treasury Trace constructed the last Naval appropriation act to mean that "every" employed in a shipyard, where Government vessels are building must be given an eight hour day. Heretofore it was construed by the Attorney General that the former appropriation acts applied the eight hours restriction only to work actually being performed on a vessel itself. Slight changes in the last appropriation act, authorizing the construction of four submarines, convinced the Comptroller that the purpose was to improve the condition of all employes engaged in shipbuilding.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Aug. 10.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 9 and 13 points. Active new crop positions sold 14 to 15 points net higher right after call on covering of shorts and bull support, encouraged by better cables than expected, and contained apprehension of crops scare, should the weather continue hot in the Southwest. Offerings increased in advance, carrying prices about thirty eight to forty points above yesterday's low level, and immediately following publication of the Western belt forecast, which, calling for showers and increasing cloudiness in Arkansas, suggested the possibility of lower temperatures. The market broke to practically the closing figures of yesterday.

Bull support seemed withdrawn on the break following the western belt forecast and with selling aggressive, prices broke to a net loss of about 9 to 13 points. October and December contracts eased off to 11.22, about 24 points under the high level of the earlier morning. While there was covering enough to close the rally of 8 to 10 points from this level the undertone showed little improvement. Fewer crop damage reports were in circulation.

Taft Wires Congratulations.

Washington, Aug. 10.—President Taft today sent a message of congratulations to the President of Ecuador, upon the one hundred and second anniversary of the country's independence.

A new revelation for smokers. Hoffman House Cigar, formerly 10c. value now 5c., at Gerken Tobacco Co. 6t.



London, Aug. 10.—Great public interest has been aroused by the announcement that the postmaster general has arranged with Claude Grahame-White, the aviator, for an experimental aeroplane postal service between London and Windsor.

PERKINS GOT HOT IN COLLAR

Branded Charge as False Before the Committee

Director Perkins, of the Steel Corporation, Declares Panic of 1907 Was Not a Scheme to Ruin Certain Banks—Thinks Something Should Be Done To Present Conditions So Corporations Can Exist.

Washington, Aug. 10.—George W. Perkins, director of the United States Steel Corporation, in testifying before the House steel trust investigating committee today created a stir, when he jumped to his feet and branded as false a charge that the panic of 1907 was started to ruin certain banks. Representative Bartlett asked Perkins whether such was not the case. The financier was on his feet in a second, saying: "Such a charge is absolutely false. There is not a scintilla of truth in it."

The Government's separation of the Standard Oil Company into thirty-three parts, Perkins declared, was certainly a warning to corporations. He suggested that something should be done to relieve present conditions under which he contended corporations could not continue to exist.

Thrilling Attack on Stage Coach.
Will be an Incident of Today's Big Grand Performance. 1t

Pet Monkey on a Tear.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—Owen Wister, the author, owns a pet monkey which ran amuck. It opened the combination catch on its cage, attacked its keeper, the Wister butler, who had to go to the hospital for repairs, and then cavorted down the old York road till it met a group of girls waiting for a trolley car. The girls ran, but Billy, the monkey, covered the ground faster than they and proceeded to tear the dresses of the young women. After several of them had become hysterical the monkey spent two hours dodging trolley cars.

By this time Billy's keeper had been treated and had started in pursuit. Billy spied him first and climbed to the top of a forty-foot walnut tree. The keeper pleaded, but Billy saw the stick in his hand and there was nothing doing. Then a dainty meal was set upon a window ledge. After four hours Billy's hunger overcame his caution and the monkey hopped up to it and in the arms of the keeper.

Mr. Wister has about decided to ship Billy back to Africa, whence he was sent by a friend.

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SUSPECTED CHOLERA CASES IN HAMBURG

Hamburg, Germany, Aug. 10.—The captain of the Russian steamer, Cordelia, and his wife have been placed in the hospital as suspected cholera cases.

"The Struggle For Life."
Latest Moving Picture Thriller,
Grand Theatre Today. 1t

Wealthy Man's Son Weds Domestic.
Lynn, Mass., Aug. 10.—Joseph W. Pinkham, a wealthy young bachelor and popular society man, whose father is Dr. Joseph G. Pinkham, medical examiner of the Lynn district, has eloped with and married Miss Anna Peterson, one of the domestics in his father's home.

Dr. Pinkham owns valuable property and the son has been in charge of his father's real estate interests. Six months ago Miss Peterson, unusually pretty, came to this country from Stockholm and secured employment in Dr. Pinkham's household. She has a pink and white complexion, smiling blue eyes and a slender graceful figure.

Joseph W. Pinkham fell in love. He wooed the girl so discreetly that the family did not suspect. They eloped to Kennebunkport, Me., where they were married. Then they went to Boston and embarked for a honeymoon trip to Stockholm, whence the news came by cable today.

It is understood that Dr. Pinkham is not displeased at his son's choice of a bride.

Souvenir Dance at Lumina Tonight.



POLICE WATCHING FOR RIOTERS

Brooklyn, Aug. 10.—After days of disorderly demonstration along the Smith street and Franklin avenue lines, the Brooklyn and Coney Island Railroad Company has been able to resume in part the interrupted traffic. Despite the vigilance of the police, however, a few riots are taking place, and obstructions have been placed on the tracks by some of the striking employes. In the illustration is shown a wagon which, filled with coal, was dragged on to the tracks in Smith street and hit by a trolley.

MOB RULE PREVAILS

Dock Workers' Strike in London Now Very Grave and Troops May Have to Be Called Out—Violence Being Indulged in and Food Stuff Rotting.

London, Aug. 10.—The neighborhood of the docks is practically under mob rule, with the result that there was much diminishing of food supplies. The metropolis has experienced great inconvenience. Unless progress is made in negotiations looking to a settlement of the strike of dock workers, calling out of the troops seems inevitable. Hundreds of railroad carmen quit work this morning. Strike pickets are preventing all attempts to handle goods. The strikers threaten to tie up street traffic unless their demands are granted within a short time. Thousands of tons of fruit, vegetables and provisions are rotting on the wharves and in the railway depots. Prices have advanced alarmingly. Scenes of violence are increasing. Throughout the city wagons are being overturned and their loads emptied into the gutters.

"For those who know a good cigar," Hoffman House, formerly 10c. value now 5c., at Gerken Tobacco Co. 6t.

Unfilled Steel Tonnage.

New York, Aug. 10.—Announcement is made by the United States Steel Corporation, that the unfilled tonnage on the company's books July 31, was 3,584,085 against 3,361,059 tons June 30th.

ASSOCIATE CHEMIST RELUCTANT WITNESS

Washington, Aug. 10.—Dr. F. L. Dunlap, associate chemist of the Department of Agriculture, who prepared the memorandum upon which Dr. Wiley was charged with illegally employing an expert chemist, was a reluctant witness before the House Investigating Committee today. He explained the Rusby case, but denied he made the formal charges against Dr. Wiley.

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Pope Better Today.

Rome, Aug. 10.—Pope Pius' condition was improved this morning. The improvement is attributed to the patient's removal to a more spacious bedroom, in the open air.

In headquarters the prisoner said he was Solomon Smith, twenty-four, of No. 308 East Ninth street. He was locked up.

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LIES IN STATE

Body of Dead Confederate Chieftain Now Lies in State Under Military Guard of Honor—Funeral Arrangements Have Not as Yet Been Completed.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 10.—The death yesterday of General George W. Gordon, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans and member of Congress, from the Tenth District, has brought forth many messages of condolence. The body will lie in state with a military guard of honor until the time of the funeral, arrangements for which have not yet been announced.

LIGHTNING KILLS AT CHURCH FUNERAL

West End, Wis., Aug. 10.—Mourning for Philip Brissel, whose body lay in a coffin before the altar of St. John's Evangelical Church at Kohlville. Mrs. Henry Conrad was struck dead and four other women rendered unconscious when a bolt of lightning pierced the crowded church.

Hymns had been sung, prayer offered and amid the solemn hush usually marking the pronouncement of the last words over the departed, the Rev. John Frank was just opening his mouth to begin his sermon when a vivid flare of flames and deafening crash seemed to paralyze for a second the entire congregation.

Pastor Frank's words of compassion for the sorrowing family were never uttered. Mrs. Conrad and several other women lay prostrate on the floor, while near them writhed a dozen others, their shrieks of terror precipitating a panic which only cool-headed men, hardly yet comprehending the situation, prevented.

A MUSCULAR CHRISTIAN.

Pastor's Left Hand Knows What Thief's Right Hand Does.

New York, Aug. 10.—The Rev. H. D. Garland, of Union Hill, N. J., when riding on an Avenue A car in Manhattan yesterday afternoon, gained the impression that a strange hand was making its way into his hip pocket, wherein lay a pocketbook containing the ministerial cash.

Mr. Garland quickly reached his own hand around to the pocket and closed it upon an unfamiliar wrist. He held on. The owner of the wrist tried to break away, but the clergyman, a disciple of muscular Christianity, struck him twice in the face, subdued him, jerked him from the car at Fifth street and turned him over to Detectives Liebers and Palaster.

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CONGRESS' END NOT IN SIGHT

Standpatters Show Fight to Uphold Veto

Both Sides Determined and Calls Go Out for Absent Members—Cotton Bill Reported Adversely—All Wool Conferees to Get Together Tomorrow—Senator Cummins Rips Monetary Commission Up the Back—Statehood Bill Up to Congress.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Apparently convinced that there is no prospect of an adjournment of Congress in the near future, President Taft has made plans to leave late today for the second week-end trip to Beverly, Mass., where he hopes to spend most of the summer. Following his recent return from a flying trip to Mountain Lake Park, Md., the President intended to remain in Washington until the close of the session, as it was thought Congress would adjourn between August 12th and 15th. The tariff situation in the Senate is so complicated that the President is determined to take a little vacation trip, visit his family, play golf, and motor along the North Shore.

Standpatters Will Fight.

Standpat Republican leaders of the Senate and House flocked to the White House today to inform the President that they would fight to the last ditch before allowing either the Senate or House to pass any measure over the President's veto. "We do not propose to let any attempt at making laws over the head of the President go through without a fight," said Republican whip Dewight. Senator Crane backed up this statement.

Dewight showed plainly he intended to fight. "This statehood matter," said he, "is not political in itself, but this overriding of the President is intended to make politics against him and humiliate him before the country. Under these circumstances his friends inside and outside the party will rally to him." It was plainly indicated that not only the Republican forces, but the Democrats, were using every means to gather into Washington all the members of both House and Senate, who have been out campaigning in their States, or have slipped away for a short vacation. It was freely predicted that a lining up of the forces meant an early adjournment of Congress was impossible, and presaged a bitter fight, in which the standpat Republicans would seek to prevent any measure that was vetoed by President Taft being passed over that veto.

Reports Cotton Bill.

The House bill for revision of the cotton schedule of the tariff law was reported adversely to the Senate from the Finance Committee today. Objection was made by Senator Overman of North Carolina, to Smoot's request that the bill be made unfinished business. Smoot will repeat his request later.

Wool Conference Tomorrow.

The sub-conference committee in charge of the wool tariff revision bill has failed to reach an agreement. All the conferees meet tomorrow to again consider the entire tariff situation.

Up to the President.

The bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood passed its last legislative stage when the House today agreed to minor Senate amendments. The bill now goes to the President, who, it is stated, will veto it.

Cummins Swats Monetary Commission.

The alleged extravagance of the National Monetary Commission was arraigned in the Senate today by Senator Cummins, of Iowa. "The commission," he charged, "becomes a place for men who lose favor with their constituents and have been defeated at the polls."

TO HONOR EXPECTED HEIR

Indianapolis, Aug. 10.—To announce to expected arrival of a male heir, Pantelisk L. Cafeures, a Greek, has been granted permission by the board of safety to fire a salute of twenty-one cannon. The permission was granted after the prospective father had appeared and informed the board it was a Grecian custom to fire twenty-one guns when the first male heir arrives. The salute will not be fired if it is a girl.

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TOGO TODAY IN PHILADELPHIA

Guest of the City of Brotherly Love

Officially Calls on the Mayor and, Then the Mayor Calls on Him—Pays Interesting Visit to Navy Yard—Also Goes to the Ship Yards.

Philadelphia, Pa. Aug. 10.—Admiral Count Togo, who arrived last night made a formal call upon Mayor Heyburn this morning. The Mayor returned the call half an hour later. Admiral Togo later inspected the Philadelphia Navy yard, being the guest of Captain Grant, the Commandant. This afternoon he visited the yards of Cramps and the New York Ship Building Company, on the Delaware river.

Stocks Today.

New York, Aug. 10.—Prices again declined sharply, at the opening, losses extending from three points in Rock Island Preferred to one and a half in general electric and Wisconsin Central, and a point each in Reading, St. Paul, Canadian Pacific, Wabash, Preferred, Atlantic Coast Line and American Smelting. Trading was active.

The unfavorable crop report was one of the many reasons advanced in explanation of the market's increased weakness. Offerings in the first hour exceeded 400,000 shares and an average of 2,000,000 for the session. Trading fell off slightly in the second hour, but at a further cost to quoted values, the list crumbled all round. One point rallies were registered at midday by Union Pacific, St. Paul, Atchison, Reading, and Canadian Pacific. The market's tone was not reassured.

Spirits Today.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 10.—Turpentine, firm, 49 3/4 to 50; rosin firm, type F, 6.55; G, 6.35.

Today Danford Will Sing

"I Loved the Girl My Father Loved and Her Name Was 'Mother,'" Grand Theatre Today. 1t



SHATTERED STEM OF COLUMBIA

New York, Aug. 10.—The Anchor liner Columbia, whose encounter with an iceberg off Cape Race gave her skipper, Captain George Mitchell, opportunity to display remarkable prowess in seamanship, has been taken into dry dock, where the rip in her bow will be repaired. Passengers are loud in their praise of officers and crew of the vessel, who, after the latter crashed into the huge mass of ice, went about reassuring the passengers of the absence of immediate danger and inspired confidence by their own courageous conduct. The Columbia will be seaworthy in a few weeks.