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CONGRESS I N SESSION

SPECIAL SESSION MERGES IN REGULAR

New Session Follows Immediately on Heels of Special Session-President Wilson Delivers His Message, Discussing Mexican Crisis, Currency Bill, Sherman Law, Nomination of President by Direct Vote at Primaries and Other Matters of Importance.

Yesterday at noon a new session of Congress, the second in President Wilson's administration, began work. Vice President Marshall, as the noon hour arrived declared the old session adjourned "without day," and in the next breath announcea that Congress had assembled "in accordance with the Constitution." More formality marked the opening in the house. The chaplain, the Rev. Henry N. Couden, offered prayer, referring with particular emphasis to the "great economic and social probems which concern the welfare of the individual, the home, the government and religious life of the nation." A roll call disclosed a quorum, something that has not been had in many weeks. The Senate began the session with its first day's work already mapped out. Debate on the Hetch Hetchy bill began at once. It was expected that the revised draft of the curreacy bill would be presented late today and would be debated during intermissions in the discussion over the water bitt.

Washington, D. C.-In his message, delivered at a joint session of the houses of congress at the beginning of the second session of the Sixty-third congress, President Wilson urged immediate currency legislation, devoted considerable space to the needs of the farmers and referred to the Mexican crisis. The Sherman anti-trust law, be said, should be changed so that its exact meaning would be clearer. The president also urged the choice of presidential nominees by the direct

PRIMARY NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENCY

urge the prompt enactment of legis ation which will provide for primary cleations throughout the country at which the voters of the saveral parties may choose their commees for the presidency wit out the intervention of nominating conventions. I venture the surgestion that this legislation should provide for the retention of party conventions, but only for the purpose of declaring and accepting the verdict of the primaries and formulating the platforms of the parties, and I suggest that these conventions should consist not of delegates chosen for this single purpose, but of the nominees for congress, the nominees for vacant seats in the senate of the United States, the senators whose terms have not yet closed, the national committees and the candidates for the presidency themselves, in order that platforms may be framed by those responsible to the people for carrying them into effect.

vote of the people expressed at primaries. The message in full is as fol-

Gentlemen of the Congress-In purspance of my constitutional duty to "give to the congress information of the state of the Union" I take the liberty of addressing you on several matters which ought, as it seems to me, particularly to engage the attention of your honorable body, as of all who study the welfare and progress of the nation.

I shall ask your indulgence if I venture to depart in some degree from the usual custom of setting before you in formal review the many matters which have engaged the attention and called for the action of the several departments of the government or which look to them for early treatment in the future, because the list is long. very long, and would suffer in the abbreviation to which I should have to subject it. I shall submit to you the reports of the heads of several departments in which these subjects are set forth in careful details and beg that v may receive the thoughtful attenof your committees and of all members of the congress who may have the kisure to study them. Their obvious importance, as constituting the very substance of the business of the government, makes comment and emphasis on my part unnecessary.

WANTS TREATIES RATIFIED.

Asserts That United States Leads In

Peace Negotiations. The country. I am thankful to say, is at peace with all the world, and many happy manifestations multiply about us of a growing cordiality and sense of community of interest among the na-

tions, foreshadowing an age of settled peace and good will. More and more readily each decade do the nations manifest their willingness to bind themselves by solemn treaty to the processes of peace, the processes of frankness and fair concession. So far the United States has stood at the front of such negotiations. She will, I earnestly hope and confidently believe, give fresh proof of her sincere adherence to the cause of international friendship by ratifying the several treaties of arbitration awaiting renewal by the sen-

In addition to these it has been the privilege of the department of state to gain the assent, in principle, of no less than thirty-one nations, representing four-fifths of the population of the world, to the negotiation of treaties by which it shall be agreed that whenever differences of interest or of policy arise which cannot be resolved by the ordinary processes of diplomacy they shall be publicly analyzed, discussed and reported upon by a tribunal chosen_by the parties before either nation deter-

mines its course of action. There is only one possible standard by which to determine controversies between the United States and other nations, and that is compounded of these two elements-our own honor and our obligations to the peace of the world. A test so compended ought easily to be made to govern both the

establishment of new treaty obligations and the interpretation of those already assumed.

HUERTA MUST GO.

Predicts Downfall of "Usurper" Who "Cast Aside Even Pretense of Legal Right and Declared Himself Dicta-

Thereas but one cloud upon our horison. That has shown itself to the south of us and hangs over Mexico. There can be no certain prospect of peace in America until General Huerta has surrendered his usurped authority in Mexico. Until it is understood on all hands, indeed, such pretended governments will not be countenanced or dealt with by the government of the United States. We are the friends of constitutional government in America. We are more than its friends: we are its champions, because in no other way can our neighbors to whom we would wish in every way to make proof of our friendship work out their own development in peace and liberty.

Lexico has no government. The attempt to maintain one at the City of Mexico has broken down, and a mere mili ary despotism has been set up which has hardly more than the semblance of national authority. It originated in the usurpation of Victoriano Caerta, who, after a brief attempt to play the part of constitutional president, has at last cast aside even the pretense of legal right and declared himself dictator. As a consequence a condition of affairs now exists in Mexico which has made it doubtful whether even the most elementary and fundamental rights either of her own people or of the citizens of other countries resident within her territory can long be successfully safeguarded and which threatens if long continued to imperil the interests of peace, order and tolerable life in the lands immediately to the south of us.

Even if the usurper had succeeded in his purposes, in despite of the constitution of the republic and the rights of its people, he would have set up nothing but a precarious and hateful power which could have lasted but a little while and whose eventual downfall would have left the country in a more deplorable condition than ever. But he has not succeeded. He has forfelted the respect and the moral support even of those who were at one time willing to see him succeed. Little by little he has been completely isolated. By a little every day his power and prestige are crumbling, and the collapse is not far away. We shall not. I believe, be obliged to alter our policy of watchful waiting. And then, when the end comes, we shall hope to see constitutional order restored in distressed Mexico by the concert and energy of such of her leaders as prefer the liberty of their people to their own

VIEWS ON CURRENCY BILL.

Urges Mearire That Will Prove Benefit to Farmers-Hopes For Quick Ac-

i turn to matters of domestic concern. You already have under consideration a bill for the reform of our system of banking and currency, for which the country waits with impatience, as for something fundamental to its whole business life and necessary to set credit free from arbitrary and artificial restraints. I need not say how earnestly I hope for its early enactment into law. I take leave to beg that the whole energy and attention of the senate be concentrated upon it till the matter is successfully disposed of. And yet I feel that the request is not needed-that the members of that great house need no urging in this service to the country.

I present to you in addition the urgent necessity that special provision

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RETURNS TO GASTONIA SHORT LOCAL ITEMS IN SOCIAL CIRCLES NEWS OF THE MAIN STREET'S PASTOR COMES BACK THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD LATEST FROM IOUR CORRESPONDENTS

Gastonia Methodists Delighted With

Return of Rev. J. E. Abernethy as Pastor-Mr. Williams Back at West End-Meets Next Year at Shelby-Some Appointments of Interest to Gazette Readers.

Following a day of activity, into which much business was crowded. the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church concluded its twenty-third annual session at Trinity church, Charlotte, yesterday afternoon. Shelby was chosen as the place of meeting next

The closing session of the Conference is always perhaps the one of most intense interest because it is at this session that the appointments read. So far as Gastonia Methodists are concerned the appointments were highly satisfactory. The members of Main Street church are rejoicing that Rev. J. E. Abernethy was returned to the pastorate of that church, which he has served so accepttably for the past two years. The same can be said of West End and Ozark churches, the members of both of which are highly pleased with the return of Rev. Neill C. Williams, who has filled this pastorate most satisfactorily for the past year. Following are the appointments in full for this, the Shelby district:

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder. Belwood, J. F. Moser; H. G. Stam-

ey, supernumerary.

Bessemer City, W. B. Shinn.
Cherryville, W. T. Usry; J. F. Harrelson, junior preacher.

Crouse, W. M. Boring. Gastonia-Main Street, J. E. Abernethy: Ozark and West Gastonia, N. C. Williams.

Kings Mountain and El Bethel, M. Lincolnton Station, T. J. Rogers. Lincoln Circuit, J. H. Robertson. Lowell and Dallas, N. M. Modlin. McAdenville, B. F. Fincher.

Moores and Mountain Island, D. W. Brown. Mt. Holly and Belmont, N. R.

Richardson. Polkville, J. P. Davis.

Shelby-Central, W. E. Aberne-Shelby Circuit and South Shelby,

L. F. Brothers. Lowesville, B. M. Jackson. South Fork, W. S. Cherry.

Stanley Creek, E. N. Crowder. Other appointments of special interest to Gaston countians are the following: Rev. Plato T. Durham. presiding elder Charlotte district; W. Ingle, Bethel church, Asheville: Rev. J. H. Bradley, Belmont Park, Charlotte: Rev. L. Falls, Brevard Street, Charlotte: Rev. T. F. Marr, Trinity, Charlotte, Rev. E. K. McLarty, Tryon Street, Charlotte; Rev. J. H. Weaver, Monroe; Rev. G. D. Herman, Wadesboro; Rev. J. A. Bowles, Forest City; Rev. J. F. Armstrong, Henrietta-Caroleen; Rev. Loy D. Thompson, Marion; Rev. W. R. Ware, presiding elder, Salisbury district; Rev. John W. Moore, First church, Salisbury; Rev. J. C. Harmon, Davidson; Rev. C. M.

Campbell, Granite Falls; Rev. D. H.

Reinhardt, Bryson City; Rev. E. L. Bain, Centenary, Winston-Salem. Friday afternoon the work electing six clerical and six lay delegates to the General Conference which meets next May in Oklahoma City was taken up. This was not completed until Saturday, numerous ballots being required. The delegates chosen were as follows: Clerical-Rev. Plato T. Durham, Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, Rev. J. H. Weaver. Rev. H. K. Boyer, Rev. L. T. Mann and Rev. T. F. Marr; alternates -H. M. Blair, E. L. Bain and C. W. Byrd; lay-C. H. Ireland, of Greensboro; G. L. Hackney, of Lexington; Dorman S. Thompson, of Statesville; E. A. Cole, of Charlotte; R. M. Odell, of Concord, and F. M. Weaver, of Asheville. The balloting for the two classes of representation is done separately by the two sections of the

Conference. The elections are made

without nominations and presumably

without organization of any kind.

Every member is interested, however, in having the Conference ably represented and to be elected is considered a high distinction. Rev. Dr. William R. Ware presented to the Conference Friday a resolution endorsing in the stronges: terms the Southern Assembly at Lake Junaluska. It declared that Western North Carolina is peculiarly fortunate in having been chosen for the locating of such a settlement which ought to be a Mecca for Methodists. Reference was made to a great missionary conference held there recently at which a collection of \$152,000 was taken and to the Epworth League and Sunday school conferences held there. It was recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability

of paying the expenses of undergraduate members and such others as should be recommended, to attend these sessions. In view of the urgent need for more teachers in the Sunday schools it was suggested that each school send two or more teachers annually to these gatherings. The resolution closed with a sug-

gestion that a committee be asked to consider the advisability of having a building erected there to be known as the headquarters of the Western North Carolina Conference, provided that the committee was not to be empowered to place any financial burden on the Conference.

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Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends — Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Read-

-Shop early.

-Read Efird's page ad in today s

-Christmas is only twenty-three

-Mr. J. W. Dellinger, of Stanley, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday. -Mr. C. F. Etters, of Lowell, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

-Dr. Frank Robinson, of Lowell, was in the city on business yester-

-Mr. B. F. Leonhardt, of Lowell, was in the city on business Satur-

-Attendance at Sunday school is looking up, as usual at a certain period in the year.

-Cord wood has recently advanced from \$3 to \$3.50 per cord on the local market. It's scarce at that.

-Mr. A. E. Moore left on No. 38 Saturday night for Philadelphia and other Northern cities. -Mr. J. Brownlee Hall, of Bel-

mont, was a business visitor in the city yesterday. -Mr. W. V. Ramseur, of Bessemer City, route two, was in Gastonia

on business yesterday. -Mr. L. W. Sydnor, of Spartanburg, S. C., was the guest Sunday of

Mr. C. C. Armstrong. -Mrs. W. B. Knight has returned

from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. Hengeveld, of Rockingham. -Mr. J. R. Carson, of the Pisgan

neighborhood on route one, was in the city on business Saturday. -Mr. W. T. Rankin, president and treasurer of the Riverside Farm,

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counting on selling a goodly number of marriage licenses between now and January 1st. -Miss Mabel Little, music teach-

Thanksgiving holidays with homefolks in Hickory. -Mr. Frost Torrence, president the hostess and her guests. and treasurer of the Avon Mills, left Saturday night on a business trip to

the East. -Prof. and Mrs. Will Grier spent the Thanksgiving holidays with reiatives in Mecklenburg, returning to the city Sunday afternoon.

-Time is up for paying taxes for the year 1913. Better step lively or the tax collector 'll get you it you don't watch out.

-Mr. E. G. McLurd, who has been confined to the City Hospital for a week or more suffering from grip, is able to be out again.

-Rock Hill Herald, 1st: Miss Genvieve Beckham, who is teaching in Bessemer City, N. C., was a guest this week of Mrs. B. C. Barnes.

-Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rankin returned Sunday from their honeymoon trip to Florida and are at home for the present at Mr. John O. Rankin's on South Broad street.

Miss Nell McLean will leave Thursday for Chapel Hill to attend the Thankgiving dances at the University Thursday and Friday nights. She will return to Gastonia Saturday.

-Messrs R. L. Craig, C. M. Glenn and Robert Brandon, of route three, and Mr. John M. Smith, of Clover, attended the Davidson-Wake Forest football game in Charlotte Thursday afternoon, making the trip in Mr. Smith's car.

-Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clark and little child, of Bessemer City, route one, passed through the city this morning en route home from Clover, where they had been since last Friday on a visit to Mr. Clark's sister, Mrs. J. L. Gordon.

-Court was to have convened yesterday morning for a two-weeks ivil term but Judge Harding, who was to preside, was detained in Charlotte by court business and postponement was taken until morrow morning at nine o'clock.

-Rev. J. C. Harmon, an old Gaston boy, was shaking hands with Gastonia friends Friday. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and returns to the pastorate this year after spending a year in the theological department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Harmon and child are visiting relatives at Apex, Wake county.

Mr. W. W. Faires and family are moving today to their farm near Rock Hill, S. C., which Mr. Faires purchased some months ago. Mr. Faires sold his farm on route three to Mr. J. R. Withers, superintendent of the Flint Mill, the price being \$12,000 for the 180 acres. Mr. Withers sold to Mr. Faires a house and lot on West Airline avenue for \$3,000.

Rev. John R. Stewart, of Nashannuate Endowment Fund of Southern Methodist Church, has been the guest for the past few days, of his cousin, Mrs. James W. Atkins. He has been attending the South Carolina Conference at Rock Hill and the Western North Carolina Conference at Charlotte and left this morning for Oxford to attend the sessions of the North Carolina Cou-

MISS EVANS' PUPILS TO GIVE RECITAL.

On Saturday evening of this week, December 6th, beginning at eight o'clock, the pupils of Miss Pearl Evans' music class will give a recital in the graded school auditorium at Lowell. The public is cordially invited to attend this recital. Miss Evans has a large and flourishing class and the occasion will be one of pleasure to all who attend.

MEETING OF BETTERMENT FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association to be held Friday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock in the Central school auditorium, although the regular meeting of the association for December, will be of special importance and interest to all members by reason of the fact that it is the time for the annual election of officers. It is hoped that every member who can possibly do so will be present.

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BAZAAR AT BELMONT FRIDAY NIGHT.

On Friday of this week, December 5th, beginning at 10 a. m., the Ladies Aid Society of the Belmont Presbyterian church will give a bazaar in the lodge hall at Belmont. From 12 to 2 o'clock dinner will be served. There will be an appetizing menu, including old-time chicken pie and for supper there will be oysters as well as ice cream and cake and other toothsome delicacies. Many articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be on sale.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT MRS. M. P. CRAIG'S.

At her home on route three on Thanksgiving day Mrs. M. P. Craig gave a most delightful turkey dinner. at which all her children and grandchildren were present. The list included Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smith and children, of Clover, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Robinson and little daughter, Messrs. E.M. Craig, R. L. Craig and M. Glenn. The table was laden er at the Central school, spent the with all the good things appropriate to such an occasion and the day was one of unalloyed pleasure to both

MISS BOYCE RETURNS

FROM VISIT.

Saturday's Charlotte Observer Miss Lucy Boyce returned to says: her home in Gastonia yesterday after spending several days here as the attractive guest of Miss Mary Carson at her home on East Morehead street. Miss Boyce was a guest at the Charlotte Cotillion Club dance Tuesday evening at the Southern Manufacturers' Club and remained over for the Wake Forest-Davidson College football game and reception at Queen's College Thanksgiving Day.

ORIGINAL THIRTEEN CLUB WITH MISS ARMSTRONG.

At her beautiful home on South York street last Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 Miss Clara Armstrong was hostess to the Original Thirteen Club in honor of her house-guest, Miss Nellie Graves, of Carthage. The affair was entirely informal, the guests being asked to bring their sewing and spend an hour or so in pleasant social conversation. A delicious salad course was served, followed by amprosia and cake. The next meeting of the club will be with Miss Ann McLean at her home on South Broad street next Tuesday, December 9th.

MASONIC BANQUET,

Whetstone Lodge at Bessemer City to Entertain at Hotel Carroll To-

A number of Gastonia Masons are planning to go to Bessemer City toright to attend a banquet to be given by Whetstone Lodge No. 515 A. F. and A. M. at the Hotel Carroll. The entire membership of Gastonia Lodge No. 363 gas been invited. In addition to the banquet there will be work in the third degree.

Following is the menu. Grape Fruit. Turkey and Dressing. Cranberry Sauce.

Fried Oysters. Olives. Celery. Pickles. Bread. Quail on Toast.

Salted Nuts. Cigarettes.

Dr. D. A. Garrison is to be toastmaster. Mr. S. J. Durbam will deliver the address of welcome and Mr. A. G. Mangum, of Gastonia, will respond, Grand Master F. M. Winchester, of Charlotte, will be present and deliver an address.

-The "baby show" last night at Lumina Theatre was a complete success and many words of commendation have been heard of the beautiful baby pictures as well as of the beautiful babies. This unique show w.il continue Tuesday afternoon and night which will give all the morners an opportunity to see their ba-

Gastonia Cotton.

Cotton Seed 45c be obtained.

Newsy Letters from Gazette Corres pondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston-What Out Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People Kon Know and Some You Don't Knowe

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, Dec. 1 .- Mrs. Walter Long has been very sck but

is improving. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Black moved last Saturday to Raeford.

Miss Maud Rudisill |visited her niece in Lincolnton last Saturday

and Sunday. Misses Mayme and Ina Hainsley and Miss Annie Rudisill spent fast Sunday with Miss Sallie Stroupe. Mrs. Will Farris spent Thursday

with Mrs. Walter Long. Miss Sallie Stroupe spent last Wednesday with Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter.

Miss Texanna Halmesley spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. John Stroup.

Mrs. John S. Stroup and little daughter spent last Wednesday with Mrs. John T. Carpenter. Mr. W. R. Carpenter spent Sun-

day with homefolks. Mr. John S. Stroup will move this week into Mr. T. J. Black's residence. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carpenter and daughter, Miss Maggle Lee, attended communion services at St. Mark's last Sunday.

Miss Eunice Carpenter spent Sunday with her grand mother. Messrs. W. E. Gardner, of Hoffman, and Hamp Holmesley, of this

place, had 200 sheep shipped here

to Cherryville for mutton. They supply several towns. The average killed per day is from eight to ten. Messrs. Hunter and Ray . Carroll spent Monday with Mr. Lum Har-

Mr. Will Farris is at Indian Creek this week doing carpenter work.

LUCIA LOCALS. Correspondence of The Gazette. LUCIA, Dec. 1 .- A brilliant event in Lucia society occurred Saturday

night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cline, whose doors were thrown open at 7:30 o'clock to the young people of this place. The reception room was beautiful-

and charmingly decorated in ferns. Among those receiving and welcoming were: Mr. and Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Typer McIntosh, Misses Lula Bell and Edna Black, guests of honor.

After many pleasant games the party assembled in the dining room where delicious refreshments were served.

guests were Misses Luia The Bell, Edna Black, Lola May McIntosh, Bertie Huitt, Effie and Chara Beatty, Aurie Beatty, Ora Davis, Velma and Lucile McIntosh, Messrs. Carl and Erson Beatty, Claude and Henderson Allen, Charlie Cloninger, Clarence Stroupe, Edward Rogers, Guilford Huitt, Ivey Fischer, Torrence Beatty, of Lowesville, Earl Sigmon, of Stanley, and Dewitte

Beatty, of Charlotte. A most delightful time was re-

perted by all present. KILLS HIS PARAMOUR.

George Byrd Shoots and Kills Clem Watts, Both Colored-A Sunday Tragedy-Slayer Held Without Bail.

As the result perhaps of jealousy or anger George Byrd, shot and instantly killed his paramour. Clementine Watts, alias Daisy White, Sunday evening. Only one shot was fired, the ball penetrating the heart and causing instant death. tragedy occurred at a house on Mr. Jonas Dickson's farm a short distance South of the city limits.

Byrd did not attempt to escape. Shortly after the killing he reported it to some neighbors, the officers were notified and he was promptty arrested and placed behind the pars. He claims that the killing was accidental. According to his story he reached up to take the pistol from the mantel when it was accidentally discharged and killed the woman.

e we a no eye witnesses to the hom: 'e 'nt Byrd's "accident" story lited by several wit-.esses, ..earby nelghbors, whose testimony, though circumstantial, strongly indicates that the murder was premeditated. Shortly before the killing the Watts woman was seen to leave the house on a run. Byrd followed her and got ner back in the house. It was not long after-

wards that a shot was heard. It is stated that Byrd is a bad character. He has been involved in several serious shooting and cutting

scrapes. At a preliminary hearing before a magistrate this morning he was committed to jail without bond to awat trial at the next term of court.

-In front of the court house door tomorrow at noon there will be a re-sale of the Missouri Burt property on North Marietta street by Mr. W. Timberlake, commissioner. This is a valuable piece of property and the bidding promises to be lively. It has been advertised in the columns of The Gazette, by rerer-Good Middling13 1-4c ence to which a full description may