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BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES CONVENTION BEST YET

DR. SPILLMAN ON "THE GOD OF WAR AND THE PRINCE OF PEACE" WAS CLIMAX

Eighth Annual Convention of B. Y. P. U. State Organization Closed Last Night With Consecration Service Conducted by Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines, Charlotte—Over Three Hundred Delegates Enrolled—Mr. R. J. Wilson, Raleigh, Chosen as President for Coming Year—Visitors Delighted With Entertainment Given Them Here.

What was unanimously conceded to have been by far the best convention of the State Baptist Young Peoples Union came to a close at the First Baptist church here last night with an earnest and touching consecration service conducted by Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church at Charlotte. There was a spiritual air pervading the assemblage at this final meeting that was a tribute to the seriousness and the effectiveness of the sessions that had preceded it. Dr. Vines made a splendid talk and a large number of the young people rededicated themselves to the Christian work which their organization is trying to do in the State.

Before Dr. Vines' address the audience heard with pleasure two addresses, one on "The Young Christian and His Bible" by Rev. J. G. Murray, of Mars Hill, and the other on "Jesus' Call to Consecration," by Rev. J. Ben Eller, pastor of the West Durham Baptist church. There was a note of earnestness and appeal about both of these addresses which left a strong impression on those who heard them.

At the beginning of the service Mr. W. E. Holcomb, of Quitman, Miss., secretary of the Mississippi Sunday School Board, made a short talk in which he said many complimentary things about the convention and expressed his great pleasure at being able to attend. Mr. Holcomb is a forceful talker and his instruction in the senior B. Y. P. U. manual each day was greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

One feature of the service last night which was unusually enjoyable was the demonstration by the junior union of the First church at Wadesboro. This union is under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Reddiss, formerly of Gastonia. About a dozen members of the Wadesboro union carried out a regular program as they do in their meetings. They exhibited a splendid knowledge of the subject, which was Paul's ministry. They talked without manuscript and showed in every way that they were masters of the situation. This union won the junior banner in competition with a large number of other unions and it was presented to them by the new president of the State union, Mr. R. J. Wilson, later in the evening. The senior banner was awarded to the West Durham union and was presented by Rev. Mr. White, pastor of the Shelby Baptist church.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. James H. Boushall, of Raleigh, president of the Raleigh city union, delivered an address on "Jesus' Call to Work." This was followed by an address by Mr. J. Elmer Van Hook, president of the Newbern city union, on "The Young People and Their Pastor." The senior union of the First church gave a demonstration of one of their regular services which was splendidly carried out and which elicited many expressions of praise from those present. This was followed by an automobile ride over the city tendered the convention by the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church. This was a most delightful event for the visitors.

Wednesday night the feature of the service was an address by Rev. A. C. Cree, corresponding secretary of the Georgia Baptist State Convention, Atlanta, on "Conserved for Conquest." Dr. Cree made a strong appeal to the young people to conserve their forces for the fight of Christianity against the evils of the world.

The climax of the convention was the address Thursday morning by Rev. Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Kingston, field secretary of the State Sunday school board, whose subject was "The God of War and the Prince of Peace." We regret that lack of space forbids our giving here a synopsis of this masterly address. The speaker reviewed the larger results of many of the great wars of history and showed that God had used these wars for the benefit of mankind and of civilization. That history will repeat itself in that the God of Wars and the Prince of Peace will, in some manner perhaps not entirely clear to us now, bring it about that the present great world war will result in chastening and bettering the world was emphasized by the speaker. Dr. Spillman has been asked to repeat this address in Gastonia and has consented to do so at an early date. It was decidedly one of the most splendid addresses ever delivered in the city.

A devotional address by Rev. Jno. A. Wray, of Monroe, closed the service yesterday morning. In the afternoon reports were heard from many unions and a conference of city unions was held. Quite a lot of miscellaneous business was transacted, including the election of officers for the ensuing year. These are as follows:

President, R. J. Wilson, of Raleigh; first vice-president, J. E. Van-

hook, of New Bern; second vice-president, O. H. Stallings, of Durham; third vice-president, Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell, of Lumberton; fourth vice-president, Charles H. White, of Winston-Salem; fifth vice-president, Miss Emily Boyd, of Charlotte; recording secretary, Miss Beulah Bowden, of Charlotte; general secretary, Rev. J. D. Moore, of Raleigh.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Gastonia for their royal entertainment of the visitors were unanimously adopted yesterday afternoon and were re-read at last night's service. These resolutions will be published in The Gazette later.

Mr. Robert J. Wilson, of Raleigh, the newly elected president, was presented to the congregation last night and made a brief but very appropriate talk.

A few more than 300 delegates were enrolled during the session. This was perhaps the largest attendance on an annual convention since the State union was organized eight years ago. There are now in the State about 400 unions. The reports for the past year indicate an increase in membership of practically one hundred per cent.

SWINDLING MERCHANTS.

Well-Dressed, Modest Looking Woman Working a Slick Game on Merchants in This Section—Gastonia Business Men Warned.

Chief of Police J. W. Carroll is in receipt of the following letter, dated June 5th, from Mr. L. H. Nixon, of Charlotte, and The Gazette gives it space in the hope that it may be the means, should the woman mentioned therein show up here, of saving local merchants from being swindled:

"There is a swindling game going on over this State and I am using every means I can to catch the guilty parties. The game is this: A lady goes into a store to make a purchase, and usually makes it suit to make this purchase after banking hours on Saturday afternoon; and after she makes the purchase she remarks that the bank is closed and that she has a check for thirty or forty dollars, as the case might be; she gets the merchant to pay the difference in cash above what the goods cost, and always gives her residence number in the city she operates in, and when the goods are delivered they find that no such party lives there. She usually has the goods delivered about two days later in order to give her time to leave the city before they are delivered.

"She played her game here with the Wake County Savings Bank, of Raleigh, N. C., and I presume she secured a supply of checks here in Charlotte to work the next city she may happen to visit.

"Notify as many of your business men as you can and let them watch out for her.

"This woman is apparently about 26 years old, neatly dressed, and very modest. She wore glasses, and was medium build, and a medium brunette."

WOMAN ARRESTED.

Since the above was written Mr. Nixon has received the following telegram from Mayor P. Q. Moore, of Wilmington:

"We have the woman swindler arrested. Thank you for your letter."

TELLS HOW CANADA CARES FOR DEPENDENTS.

(By International News Service.) Pittsburgh, Pa., June 8.—Canada made the mistake of sending in her first contingents of troops to Europe large numbers of men with dependent families, Helen R. Y. Reid, director of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, told the National Conference of Charities and Correction here today.

Forty per cent. of the first Canadian expeditionary force were married men or had dependents relying on them for support, she added. The speaker outlined the great voluntary work which has been done to assist these dependents. She said: "Toward the end of August, 1914, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught summoned to Ottawa representative men from all parts of the Dominion, and after a lengthy conference a National Council was formed with headquarters at Ottawa. Legislation was passed by the War Parliament incorporating the Patriotic Fund.

"The ability to give varied in different communities. Some districts were rich in men, but poor in means to give. Others could give both men and a great deal of money. The national character of the fund was emphasized, and invitations were sent out to already existing societies to fall in line and to pool their interests in money as they were doing their interests in men. The fund slogan has therefore been: 'Raise what you can and draw what you need.'"

"There are now some 600 branches of the fund throughout Canada, and there are also some ten or twelve cooperating societies in the United States.

THIN GRAYLINE MARCHES

REBEL YELL ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

President and Mrs. Wilson Watch Fighters of Sixty-One as They Limp Along Historic Way in Nation's Capital—Music Stirrs Hearts of the Veterans—Soldiers of Yesterday and Today in Line—Washington Gave the Veterans a Warm Welcome.

Parker R. Anderson, in Greensboro News, 7th.

More than 15,000 Confederate veterans, their wives, and friends, marched along historic Pennsylvania avenue today and were reviewed by a crowd of enthusiastic spectators second only to President Wilson's inauguration on March 5th. Among the distinguished persons who witnessed this great parade—probably the greatest ever held in any country—were President and Mrs. Wilson and practically every member of his cabinet and their wives.

It was the concluding chapter of the first Confederate reunion ever held north of the Potomac river and it was the first time that a honorary escort of Union veterans marched with the men whom they fought 50-odd years ago. One man suggested that the story might be better told in a letter which any Confederate veteran might send to his wife back home:

"My dear: They told me I was too feeble to march with my company today. So they gave me a seat across from where President Wilson and members of his cabinet reviewed us. I saw it all from there though my heart was in the ranks.

"The day dawned gloomily and low clouds threatened, but just before the bands began to play and the men stood at attention the sun came through and brightened the spirits and the uniforms of those who marched. Last night there was a terrific thunder storm—like the one that preceded our retreat from Gettysburg.

"Lee Looked Down in Benediction." "Somehow I felt that Lee looked down in benediction upon the scene in the streets of the national capital today. I felt that the spirit of the magnanimous Grant was there in the reviewing stand; that Sheridan and his horse stood near the court of honor, and that the ghosts of Jackson, Forrest, Stuart, and Pickett were with their old commands.

"For this reunion is different, my dear. We have no north and south today. The nation—a united nation—is at war again, and the old men who trod Pennsylvania avenue were followed by young men in khaki who soon will go to European battlefields to offer sacrificial blood for the liberties that are ours.

"And so it was well that veterans of the blue marched with veterans of the gray, and that behind them came their sons and grandsons of the army of 1917.

"If reunions are held it is to revive memories, to strengthen comradeship, to answer roll calls that grow shorter each year.

"It was a strange and thrilling contrast—this mingling of the generations in the line of march this morning. Enfeebled men, some of them on their last march; the maids and matrons of honor, representative of the aristocracy and the beauty of the south; veterans of the G. A. R., who had no hate for the Stars and Bars; United States cavalrymen, reflecting the spirit of modern warfare; the cadets of high schools and military institutions of the age that some were when they went to war in the sixties; civic associations formed to do honor to the old soldiers within the gates; national guardsmen, the country's second line of defense; 'regulars' from Fort Myer, and finally, 2,500 student officers, stepping briskly with the increased cadence of modern marches; and bands, many bands with music that set jaded nerves tingling and made one's heart beat faster.

Music Stirrs the Veterans. "They played the old tunes and the new—these bands, led by the most noted of them all, the Marine Band, with its members in red crescent coats and silver instruments reflecting the glory of the day.

"How the music stirred me and those about me! How it quickened the footsteps of aged men who passed in review! How memories crowded one upon the other and marched us out of the present into the long ago. Again I saw Pickett charge at Gettysburg; I pictured Stonewall Jackson, called the 'right arm of Lee', as he fell at Chancellorsville, Lee's farewell address to his broken army, with its face turned toward the desolated south, echoed once more in reddening ears.

"One might see Stuart and Forrest as they led their courageous cavalrymen into charges that no latter-day warriors will ever excel. Longstreet, Gordon, Bee and Barlow, Albert Sidney Johnston, Hill and Garnett—they all marched before us as though they were in life today.

"About a hundred of Forrest's old cavalrymen were here. Far down the street one caught the colors of yellow trimmings upon the familiar uniforms. Some were bent over, with eyes toward the ground. Others stood erect, looking ahead at the flags that waved over the line of parade which stretched toward the west and the coming sunset."

Fighters of Today and Yesterday. Thus did the bystander and the

PERSHING IS IN ENGLAND

ARRIVAL OF U. S. GENERAL ANNOUNCED

General John J. Pershing, Who is to Command the First American Troops in France, Has Arrived Safely "at a British Port"—He Will Proceed to France at Once and Will be Followed by American Soldiers from Every Branch of Service.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, June 8.—General Pershing has arrived in England. Cable advices announcing his arrival "at a British Port" were received today.

With a sense of gratification at the safe arrival came the realization of the fact that the United States is now actually in the war.

From now on units of every branch of the service will proceed to France. Pershing's initial command will be made up of regulars and the marines. More regulars and national guard troops will take their place on the firing line from time to time. Later on they will be followed by the new drafted army. Sailing will all be kept secret.

Pershing will cross to France at once, confer with French generals and select American camps. General Joffre has been assigned to aid the Americans in getting settled.

The ship which carried General Pershing to England was escorted through the danger zone by American destroyers. With Pershing were his staff and detachments of engineers and Red Cross nurses.

General Pershing expressed pleasure that his departure had been kept so secret.

MONDAY Bluebird Day at the Broadway: "The Devil's Pay-Day," "The Toll of Vengeance."

"VETS" INSPECT EMBRYO OFFICERS.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, June 7.—Five thousand Confederate veterans, after marching in review before the President today, stood at attention and viewed 2,500 embryo officers from Fort Myer as they marched by the white house. Altogether there were twenty thousand in line. Washington seemed to greet the Confederate veterans with more spontaneous enthusiasm than was given the Union veterans.

GERMAN ATTACKS REFUSED.

(By International News Service.) PARIS, June 8.—The Germans again drove against the French lines last night. In attacks between St. Quentin and LaFare they were repulsed.

—Mr. John A. McRae, of Charlotte, was a Gastonia visitor today.

marcher find the contrast the eventful day through—fighters of the '60's parading slowly to the western end of life's highway, fighters of today falling briskly in behind to take vacant places in the battle of tomorrow.

No southern city could have given the survivors of the Confederate armies a more touching greeting than they received today. Uncounted thousands stood along the streets of the country's capital and cheered men who fought bravely for what they believed to be a just cause. The tragedy—for then it was regarded as a tragedy—that they lost was forgotten today by veterans and spectators alike as the flag of the United States fluttered beside the stars and bars and told the story of what was and what is.

No camp came by without its plaudits; no commander rode past without being compelled to doff his hat as men and women of this and other generations acclaimed valor as they saw it and had heard of it; no maid or matron of honor can go home without the recollection of great outbursts of applause that attested the hospitality and the sympathy of Washington and its visitors. It is probable that no parade of united Confederate veterans has been more colorful than this. From the windows and the roofs of practically every building, from the peace monument to the White House there hung the flags of a common country. The very lamp-posts along the street were entwined with the colors. Automobiles and floats beaded slowly in parade formation or darted to the right and left of the lines.

Except for the standard bearers of the Confederacy, most of the venerable men who marched carried the flag of his country.

Tonight the celebration was brought to an end with a grand reception and ball given by the North Carolina Society of Washington. At this great gathering Governor Thomas Bickett, of Raleigh, whom many people say will go down in history as the greatest governor since Aycock, delivered a masterly address. On the stage with Governor Bickett were Senator Overman and members of Congress from the State; General Julian S. Carr, Major Chas. M. Stedman and many other notable figures in the history of North Carolina.

WAR BULLETINS

KERENSKY GROWS

IN RUSSIAN FAVOR

(By International News Service.) COPENHAGEN, June 8.—War Minister Kernsky's strength in Russia is growing daily and signs for Russia's continuation in the war are more promising, says a Petrograd dispatch today.

Well defined reports state that Von Hindenburg has sent a wireless to the Workmens and Soldiers delegates saying that Germany is in sympathy with "peace without annexation and indemnity" and is ready to enter into peace negotiations.

100 U. S. AVIATORS

NOW IN FRANCE

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, June 8.—The first regular American fighting force is now on French soil. It comprises one hundred expert and prospective naval aviators who are to co-operate with the French aviators in combatting submarines, and help the American section of the French flying corps. All of the Americans are naval officers, many of whom have already made their mark in the United States service.

PLEASED WITH NEW OFFICERS

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, June 8.—Officers and officials are enthusiastic over the showing that is being made by reserve officers in training at Fort Myer who marched in the veterans parade yesterday. It is declared on all sides that America can turn out first-class troops in a very short time and have an efficient army in France for a Fall campaign. Reserve officers, scarce three weeks out of offices, stores, shops, marched and looked like seasoned troops.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

(By International News Service.) PARIS, June 8.—An unknown American ship has been sunk in the English channel by a German submarine. Boats containing survivors were also shelled and sunk. The news was brought here by survivors of a French ship which had previously been torpedoed by a U-boat, who were too far away to distinguish the name of the American ship.

ONE MORE WEEK TO BUY BONDS.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, June 8.—One week from today America's second reply to German aggression will be made. On that day subscriptions to the Liberty Loan bond issue will close and the Government is frankly trying to have the issue as largely over-subscribed as possible because of the moral effect it will have on Germany. This week will be devoted largely to getting subscriptions from people who can buy only small bonds.

MONDAY Bluebird Day at the Broadway: "The Devil's Pay-Day," "The Toll of Vengeance."

Tomato Plants Free.

Mr. J. W. Titman, a prosperous and public-spirited farmer living on the New Hope road, this morning presented to the Chamber of Commerce between 500 and 1,000 tomato plants on condition that the chamber would distribute them free of charge to people who will plant and cultivate them. Miss Ferguson, the secretary, requests The Gazette to ask all Gastonians who want some of these plants to phone her at once, as soon as they read this, and state how many they want. The plants will be at the office of the chamber Monday morning and can be had any time after 10 o'clock on that date. Mr. Titman's splendid exhibition of interest in the work the chamber is doing to promote the growing of foodstuffs is most commendable and his example is worthy of emulation by others.

Gave Name to Church.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was the name chosen at a congregational meeting of the Gastonia Lutheran church Sunday morning which was held for the purpose of deciding on a name in order that the church might be easily designated. Since the church was erected in this city no official name has been selected by the congregation as there was no other Lutheran church in Gastonia or vicinity.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

DELLINGER-SELLARS NUPTIALS WEDNESDAY.

Mr. J. Clarence Dellinger and Miss Dona Sellars, of Cherryville, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Deitz, pastor of the Lutheran church, at his residence on South Chester street. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sellars, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dellinger. Mr. Dellinger is a young merchant of Cherryville and has a wide circle of friends who will be interested in his marriage.

HENRY-OAKLEY WEDDING SOLEMNIZED WEDNESDAY.

A wedding of interest to the many friends of the contracting parties was solemnized Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on the Linwood road, when Mr. Leonard O. Henry and Miss Lucy Oakley were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the First A. R. P. church. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left on a night train for Raleigh and Durham where they will spend several days. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Oakley and is popularly known here. Mr. Henry is a son of Mrs. M. B. Henry, of this city, and is a likeable young man of excellent demeanor. He has a responsible position with the Southern Bell Telephone Co., with headquarters at Spartanburg, S. C., where the young couple will make their home.

GRIER-NOLEN WEDDING.

In a simple but pretty and quiet home wedding at 7 o'clock last evening at the home of Capt. C. M. Nolen on Air Line avenue his daughter, Miss Della Nolen, became the bride of Mr. William Windfield Grier, a well-known young business man of Charlotte. The ceremony was witnessed only by members of the immediate family and a very few friends. Rev. John W. Moore, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, and the bride's pastor, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. H. H. Jordan, of Gastonia.

Mrs. John H. Williams, of Opelika, Ala., the bride's sister, was the only attendant. She was damed of honor and was handsomely attired in a gown of white embroidered net with a corsage bouquet of sweet peas. Just before the party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march Miss Jane Morris sang "Love's Old Sweet Song," the accompaniment being played by Miss Carrie Morris. During the ceremony Miss Morris played softly "To a Wild Rose." Entering the parlor together, preceded by the dame of honor, the couple stood before a background of ivy and white roses, the room being lighted softly by candles. The bride was most attractively attired in a going-away gown of blue faille with pearl gray trimmings, grey hat, shoes and gloves and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas and maiden hair ferns.

Mr. and Mrs. Grier left on No. 38 for New York, Atlantic City and other Northern points. After July first they will be at home in their pretty new home on East avenue, Charlotte.

The bride has spent her entire life in Gastonia and has a wide circle of friends here. During the past year she taught in the Charlotte city schools. Before that she taught here for several years. She is a young woman of many splendid qualities of person, mind and heart and is held in very high esteem by all who know her. The groom is a prominent young business man of Charlotte, being a member of the firm of Charles Moody Company.

After the ceremony the bridal party was tendered an informal reception at the handsome new home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kirby on the New Hope road near the city.

While regretting to lose her from Gastonia the bride's many friends will wish her abundant happiness and prosperity in her new home.

In Colored Society.

An event of unusual interest in high colored society will be the marriage of Willie Eugene Biggers to William Thomas Hall on June 14th. Engraved invitations reading as follows have been sent out for this wedding:

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy W. Biggers request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Willie Eugene

to Mr. William Thomas Hall on Thursday evening, June the fourteenth

nineteen hundred and seventeen at eight-thirty o'clock York Street M. E. Church Gastonia, N. C.

At Home after June eighteenth Philadelphia, Pa.

Reception immediately after the ceremony, 210 W. Page avenue, Gastonia, N. C.

EXPECTS MORE U. S. SHIPS. PARIS, June 8.—The Matin states that another flotilla of American destroyers is expected in European waters shortly.

If you can't fight, buy a Liberty Loan Bond.

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