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STATE CONVENTION OF RED MEN BEGINS SESSION WITH AN ADDRESS BY J. W. CHERRY

Annual Session of Great Council of North Carolina Opens With Large Number of Delegates Present — Welcomed to City by Mayor Dixon at Last Night's Session—Past Great Inchoonee J. W. Cherry, of Norfolk, Va., Speaks.

Delegates to the 21st annual session of the Great Council of Improved Order of Red Men of North Carolina, in session here yesterday, today and tomorrow, are arriving in the city on all incoming trains from every section of the State. The first session of the convention was held at the courthouse last night at which time Past Great Inchoonee of the United States John W. Cherry, of Norfolk, Va., representing the great inchoonee, spoke to a large assemblage of members of the order and the public in general.

Prefacing his address by saying that it was indeed a pleasure to come to North Carolina and particularly to this section of the State, he avowed that his love for the Old North State was each year given an added charm for its great people. He paid a high tribute to his personal friend, the late Theodore Roosevelt, who he declared was the greatest American and was made an honorary member of the Improved Order of Red Men because he was a great American.

In eloquent words the speaker told of the tenets of the order, of its achievements in the past and of its high aims for the future and particularly in the reconstruction period of the American republic. "The Improved Order of Red Men is the greatest of all fraternal orders," he declared, "because it puts freedom first," having as its mottoes, freedom, friendship and charity. He implored the members of the order to beware of those sinister outside influences that are seeking to destroy American ideals. "Remember," admonished the speaker, "that the Stars and Stripes which adorn the flag of the order stand for noble things; the white is emblematic of purity, the red tells of the blood of patriots who laid down their lives for the freedom you enjoy, and the blue is typical of the friendship secure to all Americans."

His address was closed with a stirring appeal to members to stand by the order during the critical days of reconstruction in America.

Mr. Cherry was introduced by Past Sachem John G. Carpenter in well chosen words.

Mayor A. M. Dixon made the address of welcome for the two local orders, Charrasahknoh and Catachee tribes, in an eloquent speech. He spoke in glowing words of the patriotism of the members of the Gastonia Red Men when America's honor was at stake and how quickly they answered Germany's challenge to fight. In welcoming the visitors to the city he said that each one was appointed a special policeman to arrest any and all Gastonia bluecoats encountered within the confines of the city, that the patrol wagon was in the shop for repairs and the city judge was away on a vacation.

Col. C. B. Armstrong, for Gaston county, welcomed the visitors to the best city and the best county in North Carolina.

Response to the addresses of welcome was made by Great Representative J. R. Anderson, of Charlotte.

The session was presided over by Mr. Oscar R. Carpenter, who is chairman of the entertainment committee.

Immediately following Mr. Cherry's address the members went in a body to the Moose hall on West Long avenue where a buffet luncheon was served.

All of the great county officers, consisting of the great Great Sachem R. F. Tuttle, Great Senior Sagamore E. G. West, of Greensboro; Great Junior Sagamore A. C. Garrett, of Elizabeth City; Great Prophet Henan Hughes, of Burlington; Great Chief of Records W. Ben Goodwin, of Elizabeth City; Great Sanap B. E. Dale, of Kinston; Great Mishinewa F. J. Blackwood, of Greensboro; Great Guard of the Wigwam W. A. Guthrie, of Asheville; Great Guard of the Forest F. J. K. Fuchs, of Wilmington, are attending the convention.

Visiting representatives of the order were given an auto ride around the city and county yesterday afternoon and were shown the places of interest. The delegates marvelled at the great progress Gastonia has made in commercial and textile lines during the last few years.

ENTERTAINED WITH SUMPTUOUS SEVEN O'CLOCK DINNER.

The men of the choir of the First Presbyterian church gave a 7 o'clock dinner at the Armington hotel Monday evening in honor of the women members of the choir. There were fifteen present. A delightful and enjoyable course dinner was served. Those present were Mesdames W. Y. Warren, W. T. Rankin, H. Rutter, J. Holland Morrow, J. H. Kennedy, Misses Mabel Farmer, Mary McLean, Messrs. H. H. Spencer, James Kendrick, W. Y. Warren, Will Stowe, J. Lee Robinson, J. H. Kennedy, Dr. C. J. McCombs and Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Rankin, Monday, May 6, 1919, at the Gaston Sanatorium, a son.

VERDICT IS RENDERED IN CASE OF A. L. ROOK

Coroner's Jury Takes Evidence in Rook Case and Issues Verdict—No Recommendations Made—Case Will Probably Go to Grand Jury at Next Term of Court.

Evidence at the coroner's inquest over the body of A. L. Rook, who died at the City Hospital shortly past midnight Monday, having been fatally wounded by a shot from the pistol of city police officers who were chasing him and three companions wanted on a charge of breaking into and robbing Frohman's store last week, was completed Tuesday morning. The coroner's jury in the case in its verdict found that young Rook came to his death from a bullet fired by one of the two officers who were pursuing him.

Following is the jury's verdict: "That the deceased, A. L. Rook, came to his death from a bullet fired by one of the officers, A. B. Hord or Carl E. Wright, in attempting to make an arrest for a felony, namely, in breaking in a store in Gastonia. From the evidence the jury was unable to determine which officer fired the shot."

No recommendations were made by the jury in the case.

When the jury's findings are filed with the clerk of the court they become a matter of court record and it is stated that the evidence in the case will be investigated by the grand jury at the next term of superior court which convenes here on May 19th.

Rook's body was shipped to Greenville, S. C., Monday night for burial.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Exercises in celebration of Confederate Memorial Day will be held at the county courthouse next Saturday morning, May 10th, under the auspices of Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the J. D. Moore Chapter, Children of the Confederacy. The members of these two organizations have gone to great effort to make this year's celebration the best they have ever held, and they extend an especially cordial invitation to all the Confederate veterans of the county, as well as to the public at large, to be present. Very great local interest will doubtless mark this year's celebration by reason of the fact that Captain R. Gregg Cherry, recently in command of Company A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, and who was today elected mayor of the City of Gastonia, will be the speaker of the occasion.

Following is the program of exercises: 10 to 10:30 a. m. Concert at Monument by the Flint Mill Band.

10:30 a. m. Hymn, American.

Invocation, by Rev. George A. Sparrow, pastor of Olney and Union Presbyterian churches.

Hymn, How Firm a Foundation.

Roll Call of Veterans, by W. Meek Adams, Esq.

Bestowal of Crosses of Honor, by Mrs. A. J. Smith.

Our Last Roll, by Mrs. Frank L. Wilson.

Quartet, by Messrs. Morris and Smith and Messrs. Watson and Atkins.

Introduction of Speaker, by Prin. W. P. Grier.

Address, by Captain R. Gregg Cherry, Dixie, by the Flint Mill Band.

Presentation of Portrait, by Mrs. J. F. Thomson.

Acceptance, by Miss Sara Warren.

Song, The Star Spangled Banner.

AT THE MONUMENT.

Prayer, by Rev. A. L. Stanford.

Music, by the choir.

Decoration of the monument, by J. D. Moore Chapter, Children of the Confederacy.

The line of march to Oakwood cemetery will be as follows: Drum Corps, Boy Scouts, Band, Veterans, Ministers, Speakers, J. D. Moore Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, school children, Daughters of the Confederacy and the public.

Following is the program of exercises at the cemetery: Prayer by Rev. George R. Gillespie; Tenting Tonight, by the band; decoration of graves by the Children of the Confederacy and school children; benediction.

D. A. R. TO MEET WITH MRS. J. M. HOLLAND.

William Gaston Chapter D. A. R. will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. J. M. Holland at her home on West Main avenue.

—Miss Irene Barringer and Mrs. Fred A. Cathey are visiting in Charlotte today.

—Misses Mary Fronberger and Bonnie Botts, of Bessemer City, are the guests of Misses Lanie and Hermine McLaughlin this week.

VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN GETS AWAY TO GOOD START

Good progress was made by the campaign of the Victory loan campaign in Gastonia yesterday. Gastonia's allotment of the county's \$667,000 is \$17,500, of this amount \$290,000 has been subscribed. Chairman C. B. Armstrong has had reports today from the following towns in the county: Mr. Holly has oversubscribed its quota of \$10,000 by \$2,000; Dallas has gone over with a full subscription of \$10,000; Cherryville reports \$55,000 subscribed and the indications are good for the full amount being reached soon.

MANY ATTENDED FARM DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY

Several hundred residents of Gastonia and the Union, Pleasant Ridge and South Point communities of Gaston county enjoyed the modern farming demonstration at the farm of Mr. John C. Robinson yesterday afternoon. This is one of the series of three conducted in the county by the educational department of the International Harvester Company under the auspices of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. The demonstrations are purely educational in their character and are in no wise a selling proposition.

Mr. Mobley and Mrs. Howie gave splendid addresses on modern methods and held the close interest of their auditors.

In the morning a demonstration of disc plowing, harrowing, pulverizing and manure spreading was watched by a good sized crowd. A demonstration of grain grinding machinery was given in the afternoon before the lectures. Excellent moving pictures were given at night.

Tomorrow's demonstration at Cherryville will conclude the series.

LIGHT VOTE IS POLLED IN YESTERDAY'S ELECTION

Following is the tabulated vote of the city election held yesterday: For City Councilors: W. D. Anderson, 135; R. G. Cherry, 135; W. J. Clifford, 135; F. L. Smyre, 135; A. K. Winget, 135; For school commissioners: G. R. Spencer, 132; E. J. Rankin, 135; C. M. Boyd, 134; J. W. Eury, 134; A. A. McLean, 135; C. B. Armstrong, 135; R. C. Patrick, 134.

Three members of the City Council held their first meeting at the city hall this morning and were administered the oath of office. A meeting was called for Friday night at which time other members of the council will be sworn in and the mayor elected. It is the consensus of opinion that Captain Robert G. Cherry will be chosen as the city's chief executive. Those present at this morning's meeting were R. G. Cherry, F. L. Smyre and W. J. Clifford. The other two members were out of the city.

CHERRYVILLE WEAVERS STRIKE FOR HIGHER PAY.

Action Follows First Shipment of Cloth in Six Months, Is Report—Church Has Big Day.

Cherryville, May 5.—The weave departments of the Gaston Mills are at a standstill this week as the result of a strike for higher wages. The indications are that about 25 families will be forced to seek work elsewhere, as there is apparently no hope of getting the increase asked for. The mill has sold no cloth for six months, it is reported, until last week and following the first shipment, since the full, this demand was made. The mill is apparently well stocked and the stand will mean no loss. This is the first experience among the mill people here with strikes.

J. S. P. Carpenter, of Philadelphia, treasurer of the Maney Steele Co., home office Cherryville, is spending some days here in the interest of the corporation. This is a half-million dollar concern handling southern mill products.

Last Sunday was a red letter day for Concord Methodist church. An all-day service was held in the interest of the centenary movement. A special sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Kirk, of Gastonia, presiding elder. Talks were also made by George W. Wilson and S. J. Durham, of the Gastonia bar. A picnic dinner was served on the grounds. The attendance was good and the church was filled to overflowing at both the morning and afternoon exercises.

Officers of Mill Named.

A meeting of the Victory Yarn Mills Company was held Monday afternoon and the following officers elected: C. B. Armstrong, president; C. C. Armstrong, vice-president; A. K. Winget, secretary; treasurer. These officers together with the following are the directors: D. M. Jones, A. G. Myers, W. L. Wetsell and H. G. Winget.

—Mrs. J. Holland Morrow and son, J. Holland, Jr., are spending the day in Charlotte.

CULPEPPER MEETINGS NOW HELD IN TENT

Despite a heavy downpour of rain which came shortly before 8 o'clock last night, several hundred people gathered in the big tent opposite Main Street Methodist church to hear Rev. Burke Culpepper. This was the first service held in the tent, which was secured because of the fact that the church auditorium was too small to hold the crowds. In erecting the tent a chair loft was erected large enough to hold 200 or more singers. There are two pianos and an orchestra and the music is a most attractive feature of the services. Singers of all denominations are cordially invited to help in the singing.

Beginning today services will be held each afternoon at 3 o'clock and at 8 p. m.

Christ a Hiding Place.

The evangelist took as his text last night Isaiah 42:22: "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a high dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Christ is a hiding place from the description of the text. All the great men of earth are as naught beside him.

Christ is a hiding place from the consequences of an infraction of law. Law don't forgive. A man once convicted under the law, the record of his conviction remains, though he may be pardoned.

Christ is a hiding place from the lashings of one's own conscience. Though our lives may change our consciences, with the aid of memory, don't forgive us.

Christ is a hiding place from false friends. Society never forgives a man for offences committed against it.

Christ is a hiding place from old age. The hand of man is powerless to stay the coming of old age. In Christ alone can one find a refuge from the sorrows and sufferings which come with advancing years.

This was one of the strongest sermons yet preached by the evangelist and he was heard with intense interest by the large congregation. There were present last night ministers from all over the Shelby district who were here yesterday to attend a called meeting of the Shelby district conference.

Endorsed by Presbyterians.

Rev. A. L. Stanford this morning received the letter reprinted below from Rev. Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Greensboro, where Mr. Culpepper held a most successful meeting just before coming to Gastonia. Mr. Culpepper, by invitation of Dr. Myers, spoke to the latter's Men's Bible Class of over 200 members on one Sunday during his stay there.

Following is the letter:

Dear Mr. Stanford:

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that Mr. Culpepper made a most favorable impression on Greensboro. Personally, he is a gentleman, and a very attractive and likable man. His preaching at first blush may seem a little sensational, but he does not say anything objectionable in the least. He gets the crowds and gets the results. He preaches the Gospel, too, and that's the main thing. Our people all liked him and I know yours will. You are very fortunate in getting him. Please give him my best regards and I hope he will have as much success in Gastonia as he did in Greensboro.

Cordially yours,

CHAS. E. MYERS.

Speaks at the Mills.

During the remainder of his stay here Mr. Culpepper will speak at noon each day to the operatives of some mill. His schedule for these services is now being made up. The first service of this kind was held at noon today at the Pinkney Mill, south of the city. Tomorrow's noon service will be held at the Hanover Mill. Tonight the operatives of the Pinkney Mill, of which Mr. E. J. Rankin is the head, will attend the tent service in a body. Mr. Rankin will provide automobiles to bring them to the service and take them home. The mill will be closed for the service but the mill management will pay the operatives for full time.

Spoke to Officials.

Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Robinson, the members of the official board of Main Street Methodist church, the pastors of the other churches of the town and a few visiting ministers were guests at a sumptuous dinner served in the league room of the church at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the members of the ladies' circles of the church. Following the repast Mr. Culpepper addressed the gathering and made a strong plea for the co-operation of the business men in making the meeting a success.

Brickwedel-Hoffman.

Mr. Frederick Brickwedel, of New York, and Mrs. Corrie Hoffman, of Gastonia, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. C. Dietz, pastor of the Lutheran church, at his residence, 611 South Chester street. Mrs. Brickwedel is a daughter of Mrs. W. S. Lay.

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GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES HEAR TREATY TERMS

Impressive Scene in Famous Trianon Palace at Versailles as German Representatives Hear Fate of Their Country—No Sympathy in Evidence.

(By International News Service.)

VERSAILLES, May 7.—Germany heard her fate this afternoon. The scene was a most impressive one. The Italian delegates were present. The Germans, headed by the junker leader, Count Brockdorff-Drantzen, were seated at the foot of the tables which run through the main dining room of the Trianon palace. Premier Clemenceau sat at the head of the table with President Wilson on his left and Premier Lloyd George on his right. All the participants were in civilian attire except the generals who wore the uniforms of the various armies. The German envoys watched nervously through the 20-minute program conducted by the men who held in their hands the future of the German nation. Ninety-eight delegates and secretaries were present. President Wilson showed in the deep lines on his face the tremendous strain under which he has been. The Big Three plainly dominated everything. One of the most impressive features was the absence of any feeling of sympathy for the Germans, who were the last to enter the room. They were introduced with cold, formal diplomatic politeness. The American news services and the great newspapers of the world were represented. Premier Clemenceau addressed the Germans in his preliminary speech, Rantzen replying on behalf of the Germans.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)

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EXTRA SESSION CONGRESS CALLED FOR MAY 19TH

President Wilson Will Not Be Present at the Opening Session.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 7.—President Wilson today called an extraordinary session of Congress to meet May 19th, a cablegram having been received this morning ordering the call. This means that the President will not be in Washington to address the joint session at its opening. While there is no information as to the definite date of Mr. Wilson's return, it is assumed that he will remain in Paris until Germany signs the peace treaty.

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