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CONFERENCE TO RALEIGH NEXT

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION CLOSE NOTABLE SESSION AT WAYNESVILLE.

OUR OFFICERS REELECTED

Day Session Closed With Elaborate Reception.—Weather Prevented Trip to Eagle's Nest.

Waynesville.—Having re-elected the state officers whose terms expire this year and selected Raleigh as the place of next meeting, the state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution closed its two-day session here with an elaborate reception given at the home of Mrs. Mrs. Atkins.

This is second state meeting of the organization has held here, the other being on the Fourth of July, 1900. The delegates were welcomed to the city by Dr. Joe Howell Way on behalf of the local chapter, Mrs. C. W. Tillett of Charlotte reading the response which was to have been given by Mrs. B. D. Heath, who could not be here. The formal opening was with "America," sung by the conference, and an invocation by Rev. A. V. Meyer, pastor of the Baptist church, whose lecture room the sessions were held.

Finds Long Lost Ring.

Atlantic City, N. J.—A gold Masonic ring, inset with diamonds, which was lost here 16 years ago by C. A. Willis, of Columbus, Polk county, N. C., was found on the beach here several days ago.

Frank More, one of the "miners" who "pan" the sands beneath the beach in search of lost articles was the finder. The ring, inset with diamonds, with "C. A. Willis" engraved inside.

More inquired among Masons and learned Mr. Willis to Columbus, N. C., and wrote him asking if he had lost anything here.

Willis replied that all he had ever had here was a Masonic ring while he was bathing off Tennessee avenue fifteen years ago. He is coming to the ring and reward the finder.

Since 1899 the ring had shifted about in the sand for a block. It is now in the hands of the finder.

New Depot For Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem.—President L. E. Johnson of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, together with other officials, conferred with a committee from the Board of Trade here in regard to the erection and site of the proposed new union passenger station. The railroad men submitted plans which were at once adjudged by the local committee as being the most satisfactory and feasible yet presented and President Ludlow, of the Board of Trade, said that the committee would recommend the plans at the next meeting of the board.

Inherits Estate.

Asheville.—Fred Kent, one of Asheville's well-known business men, recently received a message from Washington to the effect that the will of his aunt, Louise C. Payson, which has just been filed for probate there, named him as one of the beneficiaries. Kent is named as one of the three heirs to an estate involving over \$100,000 and his share of the estate will be between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

All First Grade Teachers.

Kinston.—A county with all first-grade teachers is the dream of Prof. Joseph Kinsey, superintendent of Leitch county's schools. Not so much of a dream, either, since Professor Kinsey hopes to include in his next annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction a remark that there is not a single second-grade teacher left in the county. He will conduct an examination for second-grade teachers on October 14 when all will be given a chance to improve their certificates.

CONTRACT FOR POSTOFFICE

Treasury Department Awards Contract For Charlotte Building to Unkefer & Co. For \$192,692.

Charlotte.—The contract for the new Charlotte postoffice has just been let at \$192,692, to John G. Unkefer & Company, of Minerva, Ohio, the building to be completed within 20 months after the letting of the contract, or about 1917.

The building will be of limestone, probably furnished from the Indiana quarries and will be two stories with basement, and will contain the enlarged postal facilities on the first floor, and the federal court, and other offices on the second floor.

The main entrance will front West Trade street, eight handsome columns being placed on the front along the building line, while there will be a semicircular paved space immediately in front of the new postoffice on the West Trade street or main entrance side, with three paved walks or approaches, one from the corner of Trade and Mint, one leading directly up to the middle of the West Trade street side and one leading from a point just within what is at present the east corner of the Mint property. The handsome Shipp monument is to be removed about 25 feet northwest from its present place, and will be situated on what is now a part of the east end of the Mint lawn.

The major portion of the building material for the new postoffice structure will be supplied by the contractors, Unkefer & Company, who will probably sub-let much of the special work, but the government will supply certain inside and outside fixtures of a standard nature, to be set up or installed by the general contractors, and will have supervising officials on the grounds during the progress of the work.

Letter boxes and drops will be furnished by the government, and also the wall coverings and draperies in the federal court room, together with other smaller material. The interior lighting fixtures will be included in the contract, though the government will furnish certain standard paste for the exterior lighting about the building.

Child Denied Doctor; Manslaughter.

Asheville.—William Marion Embler and wife, Charles Plemmons and Lewis Ramson, the last a negro, were held for a trial on a charge of manslaughter following the returning of a true bill by the grand jury in which it is charged that through their refusal to allow physicians to attend 10-year-old Ezra Embler they were responsible for the child's death following a long seige of typhoid fever.

Postmasters Will Attend.

Wilmington.—Postmaster H. McLaughlin, president of the North Carolina Postmasters' Association, stated recently that he expected a large delegation of first and second class postmasters from this state to attend the annual convention of the national association which will be held October 20, 21 and 22 in Washington, D. C. There will be no meeting of the state association this year in North Carolina, though it is probable that there will be a meeting of the state branch in Washington when the national organization meets.

WEATHER FORECAST.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States.—Generally fair weather is indicated throughout the week. It will be cooler for two days and somewhat warmer thereafter.

NORTH CAROLINA MARKET.

Prices of Cotton, Corn, Oats, Peas, Butter, Eggs, Etc., on North Carolina Markets During Past Week.

Ahoscie—Cotton, 10½-10¾c; corn, 92c; but, 52c; Irish potatoes, \$1.50; Western butter, 32c; N. C. butter, 31c; eggs, 20-24c doz.
Asheville—Corn, 93c; but, 54c; Irish potatoes, \$1.50; apples, \$3; Western butter, 30c; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 26-31c doz.
Charlotte—Cotton, 12c; corn, 95c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$2; Western butter, 30c; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 25c doz.
Durham—Cotton, 9¾c; corn, 95c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$1.75; Western butter, 30c; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 22½-25c doz.
Fayetteville—Cotton, 10¾c; Irish potatoes, \$1.50; apples, \$2.75; Western butter, 30c; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 20-25c doz.
Greensboro—Corn, 1 bu; oats, 55c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$1.75; apples, \$3.50; Western butter, 31c; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 25-26c doz.
Greenville—Cotton, 11c; corn, 90c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$1.50; apples, \$3; Hamlet—Cotton, 10¾c; corn, \$1; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$2; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 26c doz.
Hickory—N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 23-27c doz.
Lumberton—Cotton, 11c; Western butter, 30c; eggs, 25c doz.
Marion—Cotton, 10¾c; eggs, 25c; N. C. butter, 30c; corn, 95c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$2; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 26c doz.
Newton—Cotton, 10¾c; corn, 95c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$2; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 23-24c doz.
Raleigh—Cotton, 9¾-10¾c; corn, 94c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$1.50; apples, \$3; N. C. butter, 31c; eggs, 27c doz.
Rocky Mount—Cotton, 11c; corn, 95c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$2; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 30-35c doz.
Salisbury—Cotton, 11¾c; corn, 98c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$2.10; apples, 50c; but, 50c; Irish potatoes, \$2.10; apples, 50c;

DEATH LIST IS GROWING

TROPICAL HURRICANE CAUSES LOSS OF 200 OR PROBABLY MORE LIVES.

Reported Dead 106; Missing 103.—Great Property Loss in Sections of Mississippi and Louisiana.

New Orleans.—New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf coast were swept by a tropical hurricane that demoralized communication, caused a loss of probably 200 lives and much property. The Mississippi river levees below New Orleans broke and houses were washed away.

Reports from scattered sections of the storm swept area in Louisiana and along the Mississippi Gulf coast placed the number of known dead at 149; reported dead 106, and missing 103. The property damage will run into millions.

The known dead in Louisiana included:

- New Orleans and environs 24.
- Rigolets 21.
- Lake Catherine 22.
- Near Frenier 25.
- Eight drowned in sinking packet Hazel, near Grand Isle.
- Reported dead and missing in Louisiana:
- Shell Beach, St. Bernard Parish 16.
- Island de la Croix 22.
- Yolosky 15 (negroes).

Couriers by boat and train as well as mail advices brought in reports of tremendous property loss and rumors of many drowned along both sides of the Mississippi River south of here.

Boat passengers arriving from Empire, about 50 miles down the Mississippi, reported that only four large houses still stood at Empire and that about 200 persons were marooned in them. The state conservation commission here started a rescue vessel for that point. Many inhabitants elsewhere were reported marooned and some were said to be clinging to tree tops. Relief vessels were sent to rescue them.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, reported one dead and property loss heavy. Houma, La., and Burwood, the most southerly point on the Gulf coast, reported no loss of life.

Twenty-one were known to be dead at Rigolets and 22 at Lake Catherine, both small places a few miles west of the Mississippi-Louisiana state line, according to W. O. Powell, one of 12 survivors who arrived here. Fifteen negroes and one white man were reported dead at Shell Beach and 22 white persons at de LaCroix Island, both small settlements in St. Bernard Parish, south of here.

NOTE FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

Says She is Not Prospering at the Expense of United States.

Washington.—Great Britain's answer to reports widely circulated in this country that she has been interfering with legitimate trade of the United States with neutral European nations for the benefit of her own exporters is given in a note handed to Ambassador Page at London by Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Minister, and made public here by the state department.

The note, which is in response to the British Ambassador's report of a reference at the state department to the unfavorable impression created here by reports of increases in British trade with northern European countries since the war began, suggests also that statements concerning Great Britain's policy have been inspired by German agents.

New Orleans Needs \$500,000.

New Orleans.—Mayor Behrman announced that he will ask the city council for authority to borrow \$500,000 as an emergency fund with which to clear streets and repair municipal property. It was announced all schools would be closed this week because of the damage to the public buildings. Governor Hall has ordered the adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard to issue all tents in the state's arsenal to relief parties going into the stricken districts below here.

Synod Meets in Gastonia.

Gastonia.—The annual meeting of the Synod of North Carolina will be held in the First Presbyterian church of this city beginning October 26 at 11 a. m. The meeting will last four days or a little less, adjourning some time Friday, October 29. The sessions will be opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. R. P. Smith, a former pastor of this church. Sessions will be held morning, afternoon and night, and these will be open to the general public.

FIGHT FOR SECOND LINE

FRENCH MAKE DESPERATE EFFORT TO SECURE IMPORTANT POSITION.

French Have Taken Hill 191, Which Has Been Very Important to the Argonne Army, Cuts off Supply.

London.—While the Anglo-French troops in Artois apparently are merely engaged in consolidating the ground ground won and opposing the German counter-attacks, the battle for the German second line of defense in Champagne—the collapse of which would acutely menace the greater part of the German position in the West—is proceeding with the greatest stubbornness.

At several points the French troops have gained a footing in the second line and some of them even went right through, but encountering German reserves, were unable to maintain their progress. According to the German account these latter troops were captured or exterminated.

The Germans, however, admit the loss of hill 191, to the north of Massiges, where the French are not far from the railway triangle, the possession of which has been of the greatest advantage to the Germans, as one of the lines has been used for supplying the Argonne army.

It is believed here that besides the gain of ground in both Artois and Champagne and the improved position of the Allies generally, the recent successful operations must soon relieve the pressure on Russia and perhaps prevent the Austro-Germans from sending any large force against Serbia.

Already large reinforcements for the Germans are arriving on the Western front and their presence has already had the effect of slackening somewhat the Allies' offensive. But there is a possibility of the offensive breaking out on some other sector of this front. In fact, the correspondent of The Koenigsche Zeitung a German headquarters announce that an attack was made east of Bourville, which he says was repulsed.

PRESIDENT GREET VETERANS.

General Reception Had Not Been Planned, But Thousands Gathered.

Washington.—What had been planned as a brief reception at the White House for members of organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, in annual reunion here, developed into a rush during which nearly 5,000 old soldiers and their wives shook hands with President Wilson. For two hours they filed through the historic East Room, each receiving a smile and a hand clasp from the President.

Arrangements had been made for the President to greet members of the Loyal Legion, the association of ex-prisoners of war, officers of the Union Army, and members of the Women's Relief Corps. A report gained circulation, however, that all G. A. R. visitors were invited, and to add to the confusion, many of those in the crowd that appeared when the hour for the reception arrived wore badges which they said had been sold them at 25 cents with the understanding that they would admit the wearer to the White House. Excited men and women clamored for admission at all the gates, where the policemen had instructions to admit only those wearing certain kinds of badges. When the trouble was at its height Secretary Tumulty hurried out and restored quiet by giving an order that every body be permitted to enter.

Kansas City was selected as the place for the 1916 reunion.

Canal Blocked to November 1.

Washington.—The war department announced that there was little prospect of reopening the Panama Canal before November 1. Since the channel was blocked by a slide from the east bank north of Gold Hill September 20, the movement has continued steadily, pouring earth and rock into the waterway while the dredges worked away in a vain effort to keep it open. Hundreds of vessels will be held up by the closing of the canal for 40 days or more, causing the first very serious interruption of traffic.

Land Sale

The Southern Land and Auction Co. will have a big land sale at Landrum next Tuesday. The Earle tract has been divided into resident lots and will be sold to the highest bidder. This property is very desirable being so favorably located and no doubt will sell like hot cakes.

Daily Thought.

I count life just a stuff to try the soul's strength on.—Browning

PRESIDENT TO MARRY

Mrs Norman Galt a Virginian to be First Lady of The Land

Washington, Oct. 6.—Woodrow Wilson, the president of the United States, announced tonight his engagement to Mrs. Norman Galt, of Washington. The date for the wedding has not been fixed, but it probably will take place in December, at the home of the bride-elect.

The brief announcement from the White House made by Secretary Tumulty came as a surprise to official Washington, but to a number of intimate friends it has long been expected. From this circle came tonight the story of friendship whose culmination was viewed as a happy turn in the troubled and lonely life of the nation's chief executive.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2

Cotton picking is the order of the day in this section at present with most of the farmers, while some are hauling apples and other produce to the market.

A good school has just closed at Silver Creek taught by Mrs. J. W. Jack. A teacher is wanted at the same place for this winter.

Capt Sharpe of Tryon visited Glenn Arledge one day last week.

Mrs M J Higgins is visiting her daughter, Mrs J W Edwards at Henrietta.

A large crowd of our Mill Spring boys attended a singing at Tuxedo last Sunday.

M. P. Arledge is visiting his son in Spartanburg this week.

FISH TOP

Lewis Pace has a couple of very nice horses from the sale at Tryon.

Thaddeus Laughter is hauling apples from E J Bradleys place to Spartanburg.

Miss Flora Bradleys health is improving very rapidly.

Mrs Martha Jones visited her son C C Jones last week end.

S. S. McMurray and daughter Cora of Chesnee, came up last week to gather apples from his mountain place.

J. B. Bradley and Thomas Price went to the singing at Friendship, Sunday evening.

E. J. Bradley went to Tuxedo Saturday last on business and attended services at Friendship, Sunday.

E. Jones and family visited C. C. Jones Sunday last.

J B Arledge preached at Mountain Valley church, Saturday last.

Meritz McCraw was a visitor in this section Saturday and Sunday.

The Coveites are hauling their surplus old corn to Saluda these days.

We had a good season Thursday and Tuesday last.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

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W. F. LITTLE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September, 1915.

Notary Public.
My commission expires April 20th, 1915.

BIG DECLINE SHOWN BY SECOND REPORT

GINNERS' REPORT SHOWS 2,900,000 BALES GINNED PREVIOUS TO SEPTEMBER 25TH.

CONDITION IS ONLY 60.8

Total Cotton Crop For Year is Estimated at 10,950,000 Bales by the Government Officials.

Washington. — The second cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt announced that 2,900,000 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 has been ginned prior to September 25. This compared with 3,392,752 bales, 21.3 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to September 25 last year, 3,246,655 bales, or 23.2 per cent in 1912 and 3,007,271 bales, or 22.3 per cent in 1911.

Included in the ginnings were 32,263 round bales, compared with 3,394 last year, 26,983 in 1913 and 19,574 in 1912.

Sea Island cotton included numbered 19,094 bales, compared with 13,297 bales to September 25 last year, 10,570 in 1913 and 3,051 bales in 1912.

Ginnings prior to September 25 are as follows for the states named:

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| Alabama | 309,676 |
| Georgia | 715,927 |
| North Carolina | 82,918 |
| South Carolina | 259,070 |
| Texas | 1,143,486 |

In announcing the condition report and production estimate, the crop reporting board made this statement:

"The cotton crop condition declined 8.4 points during the month August 25 to September 25, which compared with an average decline in the same period in the past ten years of 4.5 points. The estimated condition of 60.8 per cent of normal on September 25 forecasts a yield per acre of about 168 pounds and a total production (allowing a reduction of one per cent from planted area for abandonment) of about 10,950,000 bales. Last year's production was 16,156,000. A crop less than 11,000,000 bales would be smaller than any crop since 1909.

The next ginning report of the census bureau will be issued at 10 a. m., October 25, and will show the quantity of cotton ginned prior to October 18.

BATTLE CRUISERS INCLUDED.

Navy Wants Cruisers Bigger and Faster Than Any Thing Afloat.

Washington.—Super-battle cruisers, bigger, faster and more heavily armed than any war craft afloat or building and which will cost \$18,000,000 each, will be recommended to congress as a part of the navy building program for next year. Decision on this step was reached at a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Daniels and Representative Padgett, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Plans for such a vessel as is contemplated already have been prepared under the direction of Rear Admiral Taylor, chief constructor of the navy, and are being considered by the secretary and members of the General Board.

Just how many of the new type ships will be asked for this winter has not been determined Secretary Daniels said after the conference. Cost of construction of navy craft has risen since the outbreak of the European war with the consequent enormous demand upon American resources, some recent steel contracts for the navy showing an increase of 30 per cent. Dreadnoughts which also will be recommended for construction this winter will cost \$18,000,000 each, it is estimated, as against \$15,000,000 for ships now building. Part of this increase however, is due to new hull construction to provide greater protection against torpedo attack.

The number of ships of each class to be urged probably will be agreed upon within a few days.

Want Canal Closed.

Washington.—Lieut. Col. Harding, engineer in charge of the Panama Canal, has sent a message to the secretary of war at Washington, recommending that President Wilson issue an executive order closing the canal until November 1. Colonel Harding explains that it will be impossible to clear the channel before that date and perhaps not then. He favors refunding the tolls to those ships which have paid them and are awaiting passage, and also that arrangements be made to tranship the cargoes of the vessels.