

METHODISTS HOPE TO AVOID BATTLE OVER GOV. SMITH

Laymen of Church Ready to Defend Democrat in Charlotte Today.

Charlotte News, Tuesday.

Cross-currents of purely political sentiment were causing eddies in the informal discussions of the several hundred Methodist preachers and laymen who were gathered here today to attend the first business session tomorrow of the denomination's Western North Carolina conference at First Methodist church.

The prospective presentation tomorrow of the report of the board of temperance and social service was the center of much speculation that was directly connected with the current campaign of the Republican and Democratic parties, insofar as the prohibition issue is concerned. Indications continued to accumulate, however, that the leaders in the denomination's affairs will so direct the progress of the report on temperance through the conference's session that a vigorous debate on the floor will be avoided. However, the proponents of the Democratic party's stand on the prohibition question will be prepared to protect their party's interests through the presence of spokesmen within the ranks of the lay delegates, it was learned in political circles here.

Bell in Reserve.

James A. Bell, Charlotte attorney, prominent Methodist layman and delegate from North Carolina to the Democratic national convention at Houston, was spoken of today as having been chosen by the Democratic organization to act as spokesman for the party at the conference, should the occasion arise for a discussion of the party's position. Mr. Bell's policy, if he should become active on the floor, will be more of the conciliatory nature and predicated on a wish to preserve harmony and unity within the membership of the churches, it was understood. C. W. Tillett, sr., Charlotte attorney and "original Al Smith partisan," has arranged to take an aggressive but perhaps only

an indirect part in the so-called effort to keep the Methodist denomination out of secular politics.

The hallways, auditoriums, and numerous offices at First Methodist church were crowded this afternoon with incoming Methodist laymen and preachers. Housing accommodations in hotels and residences here were being assigned as each preacher or layman reported to the reception committee.

Cabinet Meeting.

In the course of the day, Rt. Rev. E. D. Mouzon, of Charlotte, bishop in charge of the Carolinas, who will preside at the sessions of the conference, continued to confer with the presiding elders of the eleven districts who compose his cabinet. A wide variety of church matters was discussed by the cabinet, including the problem of making up the list of assignments of preachers to charges. This list will be read by Bishop Mouzon next Monday during the closing session of the conference.

The chief event preliminary to the opening of the conference will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at First Methodist church, when Dr. Paul N. Garber, of the faculty of Duke university, will deliver an address before the annual meeting of the Conference Historical Society. At the conclusion of that address, Bishop Mouzon will conduct a sacramental service.

Bishop Mouzon will convene the conference at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Duke university, will conduct the devotional services and deliver a brief sermon. Thereafter the conference will enter upon the consideration of its business, with the anniversary of the board of temperance and social service set as a special order for noon. In the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Frank S. Hickman, of Duke university, will preach a sermon.

MOTHER OF ENTIRE VILLAGE IS DEAD

Ferrol, Spain.—The mother of a whole village died today. Antonia Fernandez Lopez died in San Jorge, a neighboring village, at the age of 97. She is survived by five children, the youngest of which is 50; 30 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, fifteen grandchildren-in-law and 37 other relatives. The total for the family is 135, or the complete population of the village.

Over her tomb this inscription has been placed. "Here lies the mother of a whole village."

DOUBLE SPRINGS DEACONS DIVIDED

Mrs. D. G. Washburn Remains About Same At Shelby Hospital—Personals.

(Special to The Star.)

Mrs. D. G. Washburn still remains about the same at the Shelby hospital. We hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Philbeck visited relatives in Forest City Sunday. Robert and Newland Lattimore returned to Greenwood academy after spending a few days at home.

Misses Lelia, Maude and Daisy Crowder spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dent Harris in the Union community.

Little Miss Mildred Washburn returned to her home in Shelby Sunday after spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Greene.

Misses Blanche Grigg and Evelyn Daves and Miss Helen Jones and Mr. Paul Weathers visited Miss Ray Greene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bridges visited in the community Sunday.

Misses Mabel and Maude Philbeck and Mr. Thamar Beam motored to Morganton last Sunday and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Greene visited relatives in New House Sunday.

Our Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are doing some fine work. We are always glad to have visitors with us.

GREENSBORO CHINAMAN FEARFUL OF TONG WAR

Greensboro.—News of warfare among rival Chinese factions in Chicago reaching Greensboro appeared to excite at least one member of the race in this city, namely Der Yuen, proprietor of a laundry. Der Yuen appealed to the police department for protection.

At the police department no local trouble was anticipated, although Der Yuen seemed to fear that some of the tong chiefs might extend their operations as far south as this city. He was apprehensive that some damage might be done to his place, not by local Chinese but by some of those in the strife zone in Chicago. Police are on the alert, but evidently they are not expecting trouble here.

Jackie Lee Gantt Dies At Age Of 3

Little Jackie Lee Gantt, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Gantt who live near Patterson Springs, died at the home of his grandfather, Mr. J. F. Gantt Saturday, following an illness of only two days. His passing was very sad and a great shock to his parents and friends. He was a very bright and cheerful fellow, loved by all who knew him. Everything that medical skill could do was brought into play to save his life, but all to no avail. He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, his saddened grandparents, one brother, one sister, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lee Jones of Marion and Revs. Rush Padgett and H. E. Waldrop. The little mound in Zoar cemetery was covered with beautiful flowers.

Death Of Good Citizen.

General M. Holland, a good citizen of the New House section died at the Rutherfordton hospital Monday October 8, 1928, where he had been a patient a week with kidney and brights disease. He was 64 years of age, a good man and loved by all who knew him. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Sandy Plains Baptist church by Rev. G. P. Abernethy and Z. D. Harrill. A large crowd attended the funeral, which was a testimony of the high esteem in which he was held. All was done for Mr. Holland that loving hands could do to restore his health but to no avail. God called him to leave this earthly home to a home in Heaven.

Mr. Holland is survived by his wife and the following children, Oscar, Sam, Boyce, Paul, Mrs. Perry McSwain, Mrs. Sherman Whitaker, Mrs. John Humphries, Misses Lorine and Mollie Holland, three brothers, Perry Holland, Mat Holland, and James Holland, two sisters, Mrs. B. T. Brooks and Mrs. Bud Dixon. We extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy and may the Lord comfort and sustain them and when the summons shall come may we all be prepared to meet our friends and loved ones where no farewell tears are shed and where parting is no more. We shall meet again where tears will never flow in that Eternity Land, each others face to know—the dear one that have gone—

Cotton Market

(By John F. Clark & Co.)

Spot cotton was quoted in Shelby today at 19c.

New York futures at noon: October 19.65; December 19.49. Yesterday's close: October 19.75; December 19.55.

New York, Oct. 24.—Forecast fair for all cotton states.

Moderate business in Worth street. Prices firm. No Memphis cotton review in Journal of Commerce this morning.

Garside and Fossick ginning figures expected this morning. Sales at southern spot markets 47,000 bales against 50,000 last year. The trade absorbed quite a large quantity of hedges and pre-ginning liquidation yesterday. Favorable rumors on soft spots based on probability of higher levels after the bulk of hedge selling is out of the way.

CLEVELAND.

More Encouragement Over Mrs. Washburn

Members of the immediate family and host of friends of Mrs. D. G. Washburn who has been critically ill at the Shelby hospital for the past week or ten days with her life hanging by a slender thread, are more encouraged and hopeful now. Her condition seems somewhat improved. She seems brighter and is able to manifest an interest in home and family. The many friends of Rev. D. G. Washburn are hoping that his companion might be spared.

Negro Spiritual At Casar School Sat.

A negro spiritual entertainment will be given at the Casar high school Saturday evening October 27, beginning at 7 o'clock at which 15 or 18 singers will take part, according to Mr. Cullen Mull. A small admission charge will be made, proceeds to go for the benefit of the school library. He promises a good laugh for an hour and a half.

We will meet them over there. Our joy will be complete. King Jesus will be there.

A FRIEND. (adv.)

BIGGER FEED CROPS HELP STOCK GROWERS

Increased production of feed crops this year and consequent lower costs of feed, will act as a stimulus to increased production of hogs, cattle and dairy animals, in the belief of the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture.

Livestock producers, including dairymen, cattlemen, hog and sheep raisers says the bureau are in relatively good shape with the probability that livestock prices and the prospective feed situation may stimulate increased production of animals.

Cattlemen already are beginning to enlarge their herds the bureau reports but some time will be required to produce and raise steers, and to get heifer calves grown into milk cows. Meantime there is more or less widespread complaint among consumers over the increased prices of meat, particularly beef and veal.

Card Of Thanks.

We wish to thank our kind neighbors for their many kind deeds and sympathetic things they did for us during the sickness and death of our dear little boy. We want to thank the faithful doctors, Dr. D. F. Moore and B. B. Matthews for their services. May God's richest blessings fall upon each and every one.

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CABLE SCORES NEW GAIN ON FATHER TIME

Scientists Find Way to Send Four Messages in Each Direction Simultaneously Through Magic Thread of Copper to Link Europe and America.

"Faster!" demands business and train schedules across the continent are shortened, supplementary airplane jumps are inserted in the route at strategic points, and hours, or even days are saved.

"Faster!" comes the imperative demand, and intrepid pioneers risk lives and fortunes to blaze an air trail across the seas.

"Speed, and more speed!" rounds the cry, as man presses upon the very heels of Father Time himself, in the effort to project his person, his goods and his words through space in less time than was required yesterday.

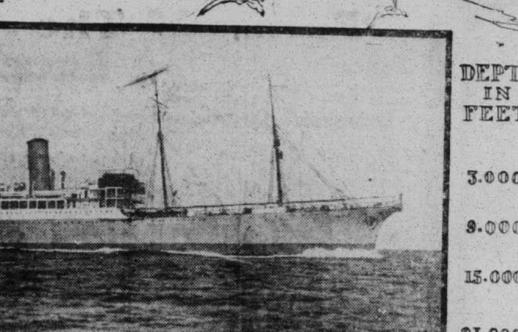
Probably in no other field has this demand for more speed been met more effectively than by the trans-Atlantic cables. Within the space of four years science has waved its magic wand over these small threads of copper and has increased cable efficiency fourfold. And recently a great cable ship started from Bay Roberts, Newfoundland for the Azores, trailing behind it a black strand much smaller than a man's wrist, through which four separate messages can be sent simultaneously in each direction—eight messages in all—over the single copper core of which is wrapped a special alloy wire originated in the laboratories of the Western Electric Company.

Another European Tie

The explanation of how eight messages may move over one wire at the same time is puzzling to the layman. But world business is less interested in the method than in the accomplishment. Business wanted speed. The scientist and the cable engineer provided it. And because business continues to compress more and more of achievement into a minute, another bond has been created between America and Europe which will have a direct and immediate effect upon commerce, upon social relationship and upon international amity.

Since Cyrus W. Field first spanned the Atlantic with a cable, in 1858, there has centered around cable communication a world of romantic interest that not even the marvel of radio has dimmed. Cables have improved, equipment has progressed in amazing fashion, the bed of the ocean has become an open book for all to read. But

the laying of cables is still attended by high adventure and human and financial hazard which



Cable Steamer "Dominia," largest vessel of her type, which laid the world's newest submarine cable between Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, and Horta, in the Azores. This vessel can carry a total of 3,000 miles of modern type cable. Her length, 509 feet, and gross tonnage of 9,250, indicate the elaborateness of the equipment required for present-day cable construction and maintenance.

will never be entirely removed. The world's slowest and fastest duplex cable, just laid by the Western Union Telegraph Company between Newfoundland and the Azores for connection with other cables to Germany, Italy, Spain and Africa, represents an investment of \$1,500,000 for the cable alone, exclusive of the enormous expenditures which will be necessary for the operating equipment especially designed for it. Made at a time when radio is very much in the public eye, it is entirely natural that questions should be asked about the necessity for such an expenditure. The surprising answer is that cable traffic has more than doubled since the World War, and that over the cables of the Western Union alone, 92,375,000 words were transmitted in 1927, as compared with only 37,972,000 words in 1918!

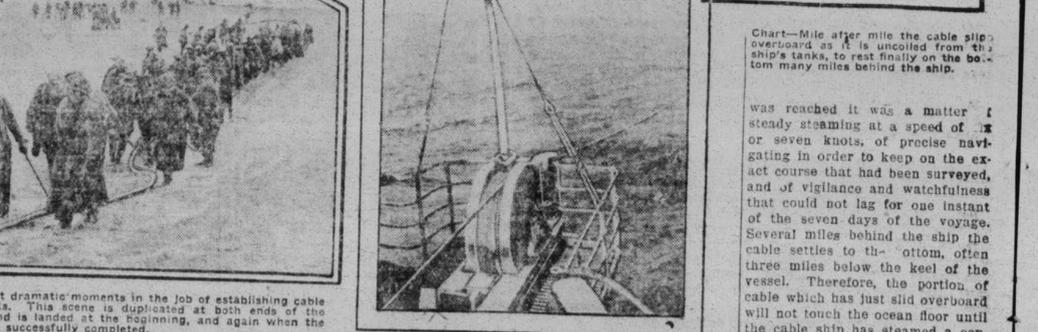
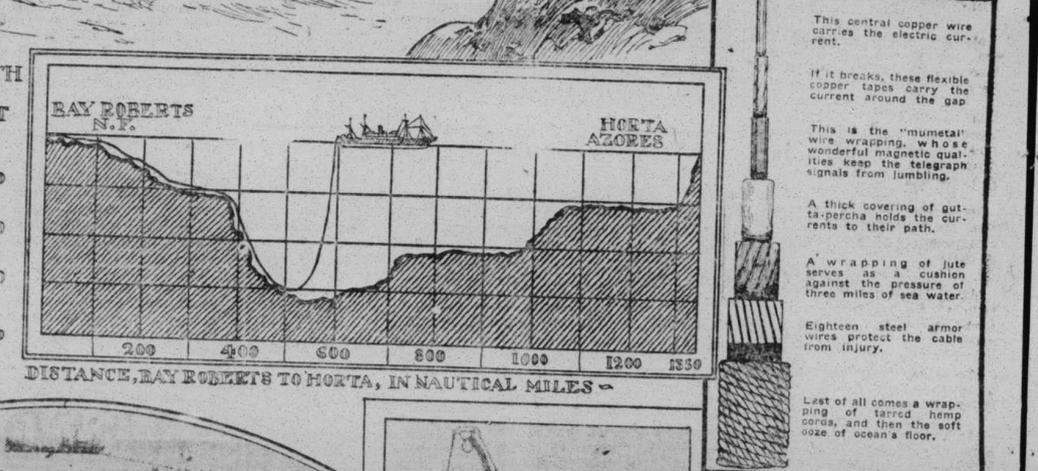
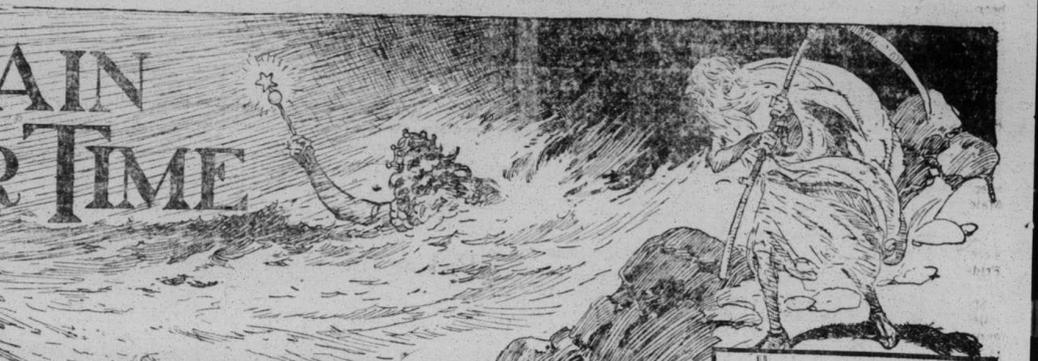
Another Sea Epic

When the cable ship *Dominia* lauded this new cable at Horta, on the island of Fayal in the Azores group recently, another epic chapter was written in the history of those who go down to the sea in ships. For just as Cyrus Field was the wildest kind of a gauleiter, fraught with danger at every mile, and schedules something not to be thought of, the *Dominia's* task was one that moved like clockwork. The ocean path had been charted by the ship en route from the Azores to Newfoundland, so that on the return trip skilled navigators knew constantly the contours of the sea floor beneath them. The *Dominia* started from Newfoundland on an exact schedule, steamed in an almost direct line for the Azores for seven days with the cable rolling overboard behind it, landed the shore end at Horta, and communication was established almost immediately!

Such a statement that a cable can be laid on a schedule as exact as that of a trans-Atlantic steamer would suggest that all the glamour of high adventure has gone out of the business. Nothing could be farther from the facts. Back of that marvellously maintained schedule lie months of planning and engineering and millions in investment and research.

Pioneering Route Selected

In the case of the world's newest cable, a route was selected which was a complete departure from all previous cable routes. It was an unknown bottom, comparatively the



Chart—Mile after mile the cable slips overboard as it is uncoiled from the ship's tanks, to rest finally on the bottom many miles behind the ship.

was reached it was a matter of steady steaming at a speed of six or seven knots, of precise navigating in order to keep on the exact course that had been surveyed, and of vigilance and watchfulness that could not lag for one instant of the seven days of the voyage. Several miles behind the ship the cable settles to the bottom, often three miles below the keel of the vessel. Therefore, the portion of cable which has just slid overboard will not touch the ocean floor until the cable ship has steamed a considerable distance.

The final ingredient of cable-laying success is the human element—intrepid seamen, officers and engineers whose lives have been devoted to the task. Most of them are the fair-skinned, big-boned, keen-eyed type that manned the Viking ships—men to whom, fear of the sea is a thing unknown, and whose prized reward is a port safely made, a perfect cable perfectly laid.

As the world's newest cable passed over the stern of the "Dominia," it came to rest on the hills and valleys of the black and cold ocean depths, where at three miles the pressure is 10,000 pounds to the square inch.

the form of an echo. A hydrophone catches the echo and electrically conducts it to the navigator's bridge, where measurement of the interval between the sound and the echo are recorded in terms of fathoms on the indicator. Thus the ship is enabled to take continuous soundings while travelling at full speed.

Arriving at Newfoundland, after surveying the route, the *Dominia* spliced on to the "shore end," which had been laid out to deep water by a smaller vessel, the *Cyrus Field*. From then until Horta