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GRACE CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN M. E. CON.

Bishop Hughes Will Preside—Many Noted Speakers to be in Program. Church Making Ample Preparation, People Opening Doors to Delegates and Visitors.

The Fortieth session of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will convene with the Grace M. E. church Tuesday, November 20, and will continue in session the remainder of that week, the closing service to be held Sunday night, the 25th.

Rev. B. A. Culp, the live and wide-awake pastor, is making every arrangement necessary for the comfort and convenience of the ministers and delegates who will be present. The good people of Kings Mountain have freely opened their homes for the entertainment of all visitors, and ample entertainment will be provided. Bishop Edward C. Hughes will preside over the meetings of the conference. Among the number of prominent ministers who will be present are Dr. Edw. M. Blake, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Connecticut representative; Dr. Tremery, representing the Sunday School Board; Dr. Henry Tru Wilson, of Philadelphia, Pa., representing the Temperance movement, and others. The Mission interests will be represented by returned missionaries from foreign fields. Rev. Culp is anticipating a large attendance, and is looking forward to the most successful and blessed of all his history of the Conference. A calendar for each day's meetings of the Conference will appear in the next issue of The Herald.

MRS. JANE HOWELL DEAD.

Mrs. Jane Howell died at her home on Mountain street here last Wednesday after a long illness. The funeral was held from the home Thursday afternoon and by Rev. M. M. Hoyle and the remains taken to Elmwood cemetery for burial. She was a member of the Methodist church and a most estimable woman. She was 72 years of age and the widow of the late Lawson Howell, who died about six years ago. She is survived by the following step-children: Mrs. Robert McEckan and Mrs. Jno. Purley of York County, S. C., and Grigg Howell or near Grover and Aaron Howell of Columbia, S. C. The following brothers and sisters also survive: H. P. Goforth, of Blacksburg, S. C.; Mrs. Carolina Hambrick, Kings Mountain; W. H. Goforth, Bangor, Texas; D. H. Goforth, Tolar, Texas; Frank Goforth, Kings Mountain; C. L. Goforth, Gainsville, Ga.; C. R. Goforth, Kings Mountain; and Misses Ida and Lottie Goforth, Kings Mountain.

AARON MAUNEY WILL VALID.

The full term of Cleveland county court was exceedingly short, being done up in a few days last week. The most interesting case to be settled was the contesting of the will of the late Aaron Mauney. The will was one in which Mrs. Jane Rippey, a daughter, sought to break her father's will by the grounds of mental incapacity. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant, J. B. and E. T. Cañler, executors, which means that the will holds.

Divorces were granted as follows: Mary Byers vs. Arty Byars; Gus Roberts vs. Frances Roberts; Lou Williams vs. A. C. Williams.

Ambrose Willis, larceny, bill charged to forfeit trespass, defendant plead guilty and to pay costs. State vs. John Harnick, false promise, gave \$50 bond and to appear at next term.

Robert Smith, receiving liquor, guilty and to pay costs. Walter Smith, transporting liquor, pleaded guilty, \$10 fine and costs. John McKinn, c. e. w. jury says "guilty." Judgment not yet passed.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many neighbors and friends for their kind assistance during the sickness and death of our sister, Mrs. Jane Howell.

Mrs. Carolina Hambrick, Miss Ida Goforth, Miss Lottie Goforth.

Would Make Daddy Sorry. Richard was proud of his newly acquired pouponator. One day while standing in front of the store he caught it. He suddenly turned to his mother and said, "Say, mamma, when did come home and see my pouponator, won't he be sorry he had his hair cut today?"

BRIG. GEN. F. J. KERNAN.



Brig. Gen. Francis J. Kernan is now assistant chief of staff.

MEANS CHARGED WITH KILLING

IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF MRS. MAUDE A. KING ON AUGUST 29.

Affidavit Filed by Solicitor Asking Removal is Countered by Affidavit from Defendant—Attorney General Manning Begins Argument.

Concord, N. C.—The Cabarrus county grand jury announced that they had found a true bill for murder against Gaston B. Means in connection with the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy Chicago lady, which occurred near here August 29.

After presentation of the bill by the grand jury, Means was formally arraigned in court and made his plea of not guilty.

Solicitor Hayden Clement then, on behalf of the state, presented to the court an affidavit, asking that the case be moved to an adjoining county in this judicial district for trial.

Counsel for the defense announced themselves as ready, and E. T. Cañler presented an affidavit from Gaston B. Means in reply to that of the solicitor.

L. T. Bartlett, counsel for the defense, then presented affidavits from 15 representative men of Concord, saying that in their opinion a fair trial for the state could be had here. The men signing these affidavits were the postmaster, merchants, manufacturers, salesmen, bank officials, county officers and others.

J. L. Crowell, defendant's counsel, read affidavits from several other officers and prominent persons of this place.

Solicitor Clement presented affidavits from Detective William Jones and Capt. William T. Jones, from the attorney general, and a certificate from the clerk of superior court, showing that since April, 1914, three bills for murder had been presented in this county, in each of which cases the defendants were acquitted. No other bills for murder had been presented during that time.

At the conclusion of these, Attorney General James S. Manning, for Judge E. B. Cline to argue the case the state began its argument before moved another county. "He was followed by J. L. Crowell, L. T. Bartlett, Frank Arnsfeld, Frank I. Osborn and E. T. Cañler for the defendant.

NEARLY ONE-HALF KAISERS' U-BOATS HAVE BEEN LOST

London.—Between 40 and 50 per cent of the German submarines operating in the North Sea, the Arctic and Atlantic since the beginning of the war have been sunk, said Sir Eric Gaddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons.

"We must have plans for a long war," continued Sir Eric. "I see no signs of its being a short one."

"During the last quarter the Germans lost as many submarines as they lost in 1916," said Sir Eric.

The output of merchant shipping in the first six months of this year, he said, was 123 per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year. The admiralty had decided that four new shipbuilding yards would be necessary.

ALLIED ARMIES ARE RAIDING THE ITALIANS

TROOPS OF ALLIES HAVE JOINED CADORNA'S MEN AGAINST THE ENEMY.

AUSTRO-GERMANS HELD BACK

Reinforcements Arrive and Western Front Extends From North Sea to Adriatic—War Department's Weekly Review Is Issued.

Washington, England, France and Italy stand firmly united to oppose any further advance of the enemy in the Italian sector, says the war department's weekly review of military operations. The statement suggests that the Austro-Germans probably thought Italy would be left to her fate, or that the allies would be unable to dispatch the necessary forces in time, but declares that England and France already have sent large reinforcements and the western front today stretches from the North sea to the Adriatic.

Only bare mention of the American troops in France is made by the department. In pointing out that momentous events in Italy must not "lead us to forget that the principal battle front of the war remains" in France and Flanders, the statement says, "here our forces are fighting."

"Our attention during the past week has been centered on the gigantic struggle now going on in the Friulian plain," says the review.

"The Austro-German forces, breaking through the Italian defenses along the upper reaches of the Isonzo, have encircled near the lowlands and carried forward a series of rapidly coordinated operations, which have resulted in the conquest of much territory."

"French warfare has, for the time being, been abandoned. Great troop masses are maneuvering in open country."

"Under the direction of General Cadorna, the Italian armies have withdrawn to the west bank of the Tagliamento river. . . .

"The momentous events in Italy should not lead us to forget that the principal battle front of the war remains, as it has been since the beginning, the important sectors of the western front, in France and Flanders."

"Here the overwhelming bulk of enemy strength is concentrated. Here our forces are fighting."

"Steadily the Franco-British forces are pushing forward."

BERLIN REPORTS FIRST CAPTURE OF AMERICANS

Berlin, via London.—The capture of American soldiers by a German reconnoitering party is announced by the war office.

The statement says that on the Rhine-Marne canal as a result of a reconnoitering thrust, North American soldiers were brought in. The portion of the official statement making this announcement reads:

"At the Rhine-Marne canal, as the result of a reconnoitering thrust, North American soldiers were brought in as prisoners."

GERMANS DISPLAY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AGAINST AMERICANS

When the American army in France is notified that the rainy weather the German batteries displayed more activity than normal on the part of the French the occupied by the American troops. German shells were distributed, especially among the trenches. The American batteries replied in the same fashion.

COL. E. M. HOUSE.



New photograph of Col. E. M. House, who is studying for the president data and information gathered by diplomatic agents and others being especially important. It will be necessary for this government to take that it may be fortified with facts and figures to deal with the trade war that is sure to follow a cessation of hostilities.

120,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

VAST AMOUNT OF ITALIAN TERRITORY TAKEN BY AUSTRO-GERMANS.

Ally's Rush Preparations to Come to Italy's Aid—America Welves Export Restrictions in Order to Hurry Supplies.

Virtually one thousand square miles of Italian territory have been overrun, more than 20,000 Italians have been made prisoners and in excess of 1,000 guns have been captured by the allies in their eight days' drive from the Tagliamento plain while the Austro-Germans and Carle allies fronts of the Austro-Italian war theater.

From the east the enemy invasion on the center of the battle front now is well within gun range of the Tagliamento river, where it has been presumed that General Cadorna would turn and make a stand. The Italian commander-in-chief, however, has not yet brought his troops about to face the enemy, but is continuing his retreat with the rear guards harassing the advance. Just where Cadorna plans to give battle has not become apparent. Neither is it known how well the northern and southern flanks of his army are keeping pace with the retirement in the center.

According to the latest Berlin official communication announcing the heavy losses of the Italians in men and guns, engagements successful for the Austro-Germans have taken place on the Tagliamento plain while the Home communication announces that there has been fighting on the hills of St. Daniele Del Friuli, along the Ledra canal, at points northwest of Udine, and from four to five miles east of the Tagliamento.

Meanwhile preparations to aid the Italians in the hour of extremity are being rushed by the allies. Jules Cambon, general secretary of the French ministry of foreign affairs, in a statement has expressed the conviction that the Italians will be able to meet the tide of the invasion with the aid of the French and British troops to reinforce them. The American government is to waive all export restrictions in favor of Italy.

RELIEF FROM COAL SHORTAGE PROMISED

Washington.—Immediate relief from the coal shortage in the east was promised by the fuel administration, which will issue an order modifying the arrangement under which shipments to the northwest have been given preference over all other movements.

Priority orders will be suspended in a number of mining districts, particularly in Pennsylvania, to release both bituminous and anthracite coal for maritime and domestic consumers in the larger cities along the Atlantic seaboard. This, it is said, will assure an ample supply of fuel to the big steel-producing and ship-building plants.

At present foot of the coal mined in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana is going to markets in the north and west, to the northwest and to Canada. This movement has been in no great that the northwest is in a position to have its supply cut down.

GERMAN TORPEDOES COST EIGHT LIVES

VICE ADMIRAL SIMS REPORTS TO NAVY DEPARTMENT TORPEDO DOING OF TRANSPORT.

TWO OF NAVAL GUARDS DEAD

Casualty List Made Public Includes Two Enlisted Men and Four of Shore Crew, Also a Third Naval Seaman Is Missing.

Washington.—The torpedoing of the homeward bound army transport Finland in the war zone resulted in the death of two members of the naval armed guard, two army enlisted men and four of the ship's civilian crew. A third naval seaman is missing.

Vice Admiral Sims' report of casualties to the navy department is today added no details to the announcement yesterday that the Finland had been torpedoed, but had been able to reach a European port under her own steam.

The casualty list as made public followed:

Members of the naval gun crew: James W. Henry, seaman, second class; dead. Next of kin, Rose Henry, 13 Reynolds street, Harrison, N. J.

Newton R. Head, seaman; dead. Next of kin, none given. Home address, Cleveland, Ohio.

Porter, Hilton, seaman, second class; missing. Mother, Mrs. Lizale Hilton, Toconca, Ga.

Army: Private Lester Hickey, infantry; drowned. Father, Thomas Hickey, 145 North Duane avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Charles H. Maxwell, colored, transport workers' battalion; drowned. Brother, Thomas E. Maxwell, Box 278, Concord, N. C.

Members of Finland's crew: M. Cardozo, fireman; drowned. No emergency address.

J. Haneslo, barber; drowned. No emergency address.

W. E. Phillips, waiter; drowned. Brother, A. Phillips, Jackson barracks, New Orleans.

Jose Cuevas, mess boy; probably died from injuries.

GERMAN TROOPS RETREAT FROM CHEMIN-DES-DAMES

Full Extent of Retrograde Movement Not Yet Fully Known.

PATHFINDER PASS FRIDAY ABOUT NOON

Big Delegation Met Washington Party at Gastonia Senator Bankhead Much Impressed With Our People and Roads.

The pathfinders for the proposed Bankhead National Highway passed through Kings Mountain Friday afternoon. They tarried here just long enough to take light lunch at the Floral Fair and passed on toward Shelby. H. T. Fulton, chairman of the county commissioners, called for order in the Floral Fair hall and presented Secretary Roundtree of the Bankhead National Highway Association who in turn introduced Senator Bankhead. As the party was already two hours behind their schedule and were slated for dinner at Gaffney there was no time for an informal meeting with speculating.

Quite a big delegation of Kings Mountain people met the pathfinders at Gastonia and conducted them over the Linwood route to this town and then to the light of the party's route prospected our claims for the great highway which Congressmen Webb says will outlive the Appian Way of the Roman Empire.

Senator Bankhead, while not one of the pathfinders himself, is author of the bill now pending in Congress which, if passed, will provide for the highway from Washington to Los Angeles and to accompany the party over the proposed route and no doubt his wishes in the selection of the route will have great weight with the committee. In the light of this we get great satisfaction from the fact that he told Mr. Dilling that he had the people and the roads and he saw no reason why he should not get the route of the highway.

The pathfinders proper consist of the following gentlemen: C. F. Planchman; Mr. LeGans, a magazine writer of Washington; Morris O. Eddinger, civil engineer of "International Roadway Association"; A. C. Bachelor and the president of the National Automobile Association.

They on the route were: Senator Bankhead of Alabama and Congressman E. Y. Webb of Shelby. Secretary Roundtree of the Bankhead Highway Association.

SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT

A very serious automobile accident occurred near the residence of S. S. Webb, when the car, driven by the late Klombo ad Sever, ran over between last Thursday evening and after six o'clock when C. A. Hamilton's big automobile passed by the body of Chris Haines breaking his legs in three places, breaking his collarbone and badly bruising his shoulder. Mr. Hamilton, who is a resident of the town, is in a hospital in town after work hours of a bicycle. The bicycle and automobile collided on the wrong side of the road, but it is said, while Mr. Hamilton says the bicycle approaching on his side he could not see it to turn far enough out to miss it and it turned so far that his machine was turned on its side in the ditch. It is said that Mr. Hamilton was very much shocked and that he is getting along very well.

STREET SURVEY PASSED.

The engineering firm of Bete & Tull of Spartanburg has closed a contract with the city council to survey the streets of Kings Mountain for the purpose of the paving to be done here shortly. They had engineers here last week going over the grounds.

DR. SHELLEN MOVES HERE.

Dr. O. W. Shelton, of Anson, Ga., has moved to Kings Mountain, N. C., to open an office in the Moore Drug Store. Dr. Shelton has a wife and two children which he will move here in two or three weeks. We wish this new family to town and trust they will find here all the congeniality sufficient to keep them here.

ADDING TO THE PAULINE.

Mr. C. F. Nelson, proprietor of the Pauline Mills is building another very fine room measuring 100 by 50 feet. He expects to have this addition in operation by April or May. Something doing here all the time.