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"LATCH-STRING ON THE OUTSIDE"

Mayor Reynolds Gives Gracious Welcome to Disciples Convention

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Tennessee Christian Missionary Convention began Monday evening at the First Christian Church with a large number of delegates present. Numbers from all points of the State are here, and the convention is one of the largest and most interesting ever held in the State.

President J. E. Stuart, of Woodland Street Church, Nashville, a former Union City minister and a close friend of the Mayor of the city, very graciously introduced Hon. Thos. R. Reynolds, who delighted the large congregation with his forceful and clear-cut address of welcome. Every delegate felt the gracious welcome extended by the Mayor and the citizens of Union City. The splendid hospitality cannot be surpassed.

Dr. Shambart, of Rockwood, responded to the address of welcome.

Mrs. Ellie K. Payne, National Superintendent of the Young People's Department of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, of Indianapolis, Ind., delivered a masterful address, making a strong appeal in behalf of the woman's work and the place which woman occupies in the field of the Master's service.

Dr. Carey E. Morgan, of Vine Street Church, Nashville, a scholar and orator of the first rank, delivered a wonderful address upon the subject, "The Plea of the Church of Christ." Dr. Morgan's theme was "Christian Union." He pleaded for the continuance of liberty of thought on the part of the ministry and the individual church member; for a strict adherence to "The Book of Books" as the rule of faith and practice; for the union of God's people under the one name—"Christian"—and for a greater fraternalism and sweeter fellowship on the part of all communions.

Robt. M. Hopkins, National Bible School Superintendent, of Cincinnati, began the daily bible school conferences at 8:15 Tuesday morning, and this was followed by the regular session of the C. W. B. M., the State and district officers presiding.

Expel Germans from Russia.

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 30.—The American Consulate-General at Moscow which has, since the beginning of the war, been delegated by the German Government to handle German civil prisoners in Russia, is now making a determined effort to return these prisoners to Germany so that they may not suffer the hardships of another winter in the interior of Russia. Although these prisoners have not been the victims of actual cruelty on the part of Russian officials, their condition has been indescribably wretched. Hundreds of them have died from cold, starvation and disease.

A recent order issued by Prince Usupoff, the Governor of Moscow, stated explicitly that every German or Austrian of non-slavic origin, regardless of age, state of health, or any mitigating circumstances whatsoever, must leave Moscow before August 14, either for Germany or for one of the interior governments which have been chosen for the internment of civil prisoners and which already harbor over a hundred thousand men, women and children.

This order meant certain death for scores of Moscow residents whose physical condition was such that even a short journey under the best conditions would have been dangerous. John Snodgrass, the American Consul-General, who had made a special study of these cases, appealed to the Governor of Moscow for discrimination in the execution of the order of expulsion, but popular feeling has run so high against the German and Austrian subjects in Russia that it was stated that exceptions could not be made. An American correspondent sitting in the offices of the Consul-General watched the stream of foreign subjects who were suddenly confronted with expulsion from the country which they had learned to consider their own. Most of them, although German or Austrian subjects, had lived so long in Russia that they were thoroughly Russian in their sympathies, and some of the women had

even been devoting their time in sewing and making clothing for Russian soldiers. For a large percentage of them to return to Germany where all their associations had long been broken or a seclusion in the interior of Russia were alternatives offering an equally dismal prospect.

Except in extreme cases serious illness and infirmity do not interfere with the deporting of the patient. Crowded into trains commonly used for cattle, almost without food, scantily clad and in various conditions of disease and despair, these miserable persons are subjected to a railway journey which lasts for days, and in a great many cases are forced to march overland for sixty or seventy miles from the railroad station to the camp where they are to be interned.

The sanitary conditions on these trains are vile and there is every possibility for the spread of the disease. There is no assistance for the sick, and there is no protection against infection for those who are well. On the march from the railroad to the camp large numbers have frozen to death along the way. The lot of these people is one which it would be difficult to exaggerate.

Mr. Snodgrass is at present trying to convince the governors of the various provinces that their co-operation is necessary, unless the condition of German civil prisoners in Russia is to become a national scandal.

The Circus

Now on what is termed their twenty-fifth Jubilee Year and Tour, the Sun Brothers' World's Progressive Shows are coming back to Union City and will give two performances on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

It is hardly necessary to state here that this show is all right, for the reason that our citizens know, that it is all right and besides it is simon pure, all clean and respectable.

The advance printing matter states that the programme for presentation is absolutely all new for this season, not one old feature being retained. The success of this noted tented aggregation has been realized by presenting the American people a tented show entirely free from every form of graft; by keeping every promise made in the matter of exhibitions, and by treating those who visit these exhibitions with the utmost courtesy and respect. It is this manner of treatment which often causes one to feel more guest than patron when he visits the Sun Brothers' Show.

Many of their rival showmen who countenanced the old time confidence man, the shell worker, the fortune teller, the short changer and other forms of graft, made the assertion, that the show could not live without adjuncts of that kind, and also sneeringly referred to the Sun Brothers' Shows as "that Sunday School Show."

Ever since its inception twenty-five years ago, the Sun Brothers have been deadly foes to anything of a demoralizing character and have kept their shows intact and free from it, and to-day it is the only show of its size in America that can successfully "repeat" each season town for town. The amusement going people have confidence in the show, because of the new and original performances each succeeding season, and always of the very best. Its great cleanliness and the honest, courtesy and fair treatment given to all who visit their shows or do business with them.

The show will arrive in Union City Oct. 6 by special train service early a. m. At noon-time preceding the afternoon performance, a number of highly original free outside shows will be presented to the public, all taking place on the show grounds and absolutely free to the public.

School Opening.

The Memphis Conference Female Institute, located at Jackson, Tenn., and one of the oldest colleges for young ladies in the world, opened its seventy-third annual session September 15, 1915, with a large enrollment of pupils.

There has been introduced as a feature of each session two educational trips, one for the fall and one for the spring. This session the fall trip will consist of a visit to the city of St. Louis October 12-13-14, with a group of the students under the guidance of the president and his wife.

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Anglo-French Forces Capture Twenty Miles of Trenches.

London, Sept. 26.—Heavy continuous attacks by the British and French have cost the Germans more than twenty thousand unwounded men taken prisoners and twenty miles of trenches in the west.

Souchez has been stormed and captured and an advance is reported north of Arras. The assaults began Saturday morning and at last accounts battles were raging furiously.

A German official statement forwarded from Berlin admits German reverses.

While the allies were advancing into German entrenchments, British battleships were battering away at German positions between Zeebrugge and Nieuport.

For several weeks there had been an almost incessant bombardment with big guns, which increased late last week in intensity, particularly in the sectors where infantry attacks took place. This prepared the way for the general assault.

The French, who have the most important gain to their credit, made their chief onset around Perthes, Beaunejour and Suppes, in Champagne, where in December they made a considerable gain. This attack, backed by a tremendous artillery fire, gave them possession of more territory than they had retaken from the Germans since the latter dug themselves in after the battle of the Marne.

According to the French, the Germans were driven out of their trenches over a front of fifteen miles, varying in depth from two-thirds of a mile to two and a half miles. The French in the engagement captured twelve thousand prisoners.

The importance of this gain lies in the fact that every yard of ground taken in this region weakens the German position around Verdun, from which the Germans might be compelled to retire should the French make a further advance.

The French have regained trenches east of the "labyrinth" in the Arras district, which was the scene of much heavy fighting earlier in the year. There the Germans had built what they considered almost impregnable fortifications.

In Memory of Seid Waddell, Jr.

Yet once more, O ye laurels, and once more,

Ye myrtles brown, with ivy never sere,

I come to pluck your berries harsh and crude,

And with forced fingers rude

Shatter your leaves before the mellowing year.

Bitter constraint and sad occasion dear

Compels me to disturb your season due;

For Lycidas is dead, dead ere his prime,

Young Lycidas, and hath not left his peer.

Who would not sing for Lycidas? he knew

Himself to sing, and build the lofty rhyme.

He must not float upon his water bier

Unwept and welter to the parching wind,

Without the meed of some melodious tear.

Lycidas.

The above words of Milton as he bewails a learned friend, express my thoughts as I think of the death of my dear friend and former schoolmate, Seid Waddell, Jr. This particular poem was a favorite of his when we were students together in the Union City Training School, and could well be applied to the life of one so talented as Seid.

I never associated with a nobler man, always the same fellow, ever quiet and unassuming, as modest as a lady, he had high ideals and definite principles which he lived up to. We were in college together for two years and there his literary work, which had its beginning in the Training School paper, "The Lanterne," began to show great promise. He was compared to the immortal Riley by a number of the Vanderbilt University critics. Both his poetry and prose work showed deep thought and marked ability.

He was a great lover of nature and could describe her beauties in a way peculiarly his own. His work showed the inspirational qualities of the true poet. He was prone to seek a

quiet place where his muse would not be disturbed. He often said that the rattling of the typewriter keys frightened his muse away. Seid desired to be a Journalist and entered the Columbia School of Journalism. He was a member of the Tennessee and American staff for several months, leaving this paper to become the editor of a smaller paper. Seid was a very successful journalist and death came when he was young in the work.

We could not better close this little tribute than to offer the closing words of Lycidas as the consolation to those near and dear to him.

Weep no more, weoful shepherds, weep no more,

For Lycidas your sorrow, is not dead,

Sunk though he be beneath the watery floor.

So sinks the day-star in the ocean bed,

And yet anon repairs his drooping head,

And tricks his beams, and with new-spangled ore

Flames in the forehead of the morning sky;

So Lycidas sunk low, but mounted high,

Through the dear might of him that

walked the waves,

Where, other groves and other streams along,

With nectar pure his oozy locks he laves,

And hears the unexpressive nuptial song,

In the blest kingdoms meek of joy and love.

Debreau Cast.

NEWS NOTES.

German Field Marshal von Hindenburg is making steady progress in his drive on the Russian city of Dvinsk, and it is thought that the capture of Riga before winter is the object of the Teuton forces. The Russian Gen. Ivanoff has scored successes against Field Marshal von Mackensen, and the latter has been forced to withdraw his line somewhat, as it was in danger of being encircled. Petrograd reports that 4,000 prisoners were taken when the town of Lutsk was captured, and that the Austrians were driven back across the Sty.

A band of Mexican raiders who attacked the general store at Progresso, Tex., looted and set fire to it, killed an American soldier and wounded Capt. A. V. Anderson, were protected by rifle fire from entrenched comrades as they made their escape across the border pursued by American cavalry. The outbreak is regarded as the most serious since raiding parties began to cross the Rio Grande.

The State Department was notified that the British Embassy was prepared to issue permits for the release of goods owned by American importers and held in neutral ports under the Order-in-Council. Goods of German and Austrian origin paid for prior to March 1, 1915, or for which American importers had rendered themselves liable prior to that date will be freed.

Greece has ordered the mobilization of her naval and military forces, calling it a "measure of elementary prudence." Thus the action of Bulgaria in making military preparations has brought the last Balkan State under arms. What plans Bulgaria has in mind and what Greece and Rumania will do when these plans mature are still matters for speculation.

Official statements have been given out saying that Bulgaria plans no aggressive action, and the Bulgarian Premier has been quoted as saying that no steps are contemplated against Greece and Rumania. The fact that he omitted Serbia leads to the belief that the Bulgars are planning an attack on that nation in an effort to regain Macedonia.

Peter Lee Atherton, selected permanent president of the Jackson Highway Association at Nashville, predicted that the route from the Lakes to the Gulf by way of Louisville would be completed in three years.

The new German war loan is declared a success. A total of \$3,000,000,000 is reported to have been subscribed, and the Secretary of the Imperial Treasury asserts the nation is able to continue the war indefinitely.

The American loan to the British and French Governments may not be a full half billion, according to reports in New York financial circles.

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