

# THE N. D. C. E. JUNE 9-10-11

Plans for One of the Biggest Meetings in Its History Under Way.

The Christian Endeavor societies of North Dakota, numbering about 150, will hold their annual convention for 1916 at New Rockford, on June 9-10-11. The societies are in flourishing condition this year, and the convention promises to be a very good one from every standpoint.

Associate National President, Rev. Daniel A. Poling, associate national president, has been secured as one of the principal speakers, and will be in attendance during the entire convention. Mr. Poling had charge of the "Flying Squadron," which made a tour of the United States last year in the interest of national prohibition. He is fighting in the front ranks of the largest movements in Christian activity in the United States and in the world today. The North Dakota Endeavorers are expecting a great deal from Mr. Poling.

Dr. Rottman, field secretary for North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Oregon, will take an active part in planning the work, and carrying out the convention. Mr. Rottman knows the needs and possibilities of the societies and churches in every part of the state, and will make a pre-convention trip, visiting as many of the societies as possible, encouraging the attendance of delegates.

Mr. Jackson on Program. Rev. Bruce E. Jackson of the First Baptist church, Bismarck, who is a very enthusiastic young people's worker, will be in attendance, and will contribute valuable first hand information on the handling of young people's problems. Mr. Jackson has built up very strong Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girls' organizations, and has a tennis court, basketball clubs, and other athletic attractions for the young people.

Many Other Speakers. Invitations have also been sent to a number of other speakers, and Christian Endeavor workers, among whom are: Dr. J. O. Russell of Min-

neapolis, Minn.; Dr. Gage, president of Huron college, South Dakota; President C. H. Phillips of Jamestown college, and others.

W. E. Vreaser of New Rockford, chairman of the convention committee, is sparing no effort to have the local preparations of the best, in order to avoid all possible difficulty as to transportation, entertainment of delegates and speakers, and printing and distribution of programs and like details.

Washington, March 17.—Notice was served today by Interstate Commerce Commission on an of the railroads of the United States to file as promptly as possible copies of all rules and regulations governing the distribution of cars, and copies of all embargo notices in force on this date. This is a part of the commission's plan to aid the carriers in relieving freight congestion at eastern terminals and short-ages of cars in the west.

Under the resolution adopted by the eastern railroad presidents, the committee and body of seven members are empowered to make such investigations as may in its opinion be advisable, and to stop the shipment to individuals or companies, if they find such consignees are not taking prompt shipments addressed to them and are blocking traffic unduly.

## M. L. AYERS HAS NEW APPOINTMENT

As the Representative for Western North Dakota for Northwestern Ins. Co.

Fargo, N. D., March 17.—The Northwestern Fire Insurance Society has established a special agency at Dickinson in charge of M. L. Ayers. The territory allotted to the new office is the entire western half of North Dakota, the eastern half of the state being, as heretofore, under the supervision of the Minneapolis office.

This is the first time that an old line insurance company has established an agency of this kind west of the Missouri river, most of the headquarters for this territory being either at Fargo or Minneapolis.

The opening of a special office in Dickinson is a deserved recognition of the rapid development and growing importance of the western part of the state.

AMERICAN TROOPS CLOSING IN

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to General Carranza's orders, he said.

"Would your instructions prevent the Americans from passing by Casas Grandes?" Gen. Gaviro was asked.

He answered, "No."

"Would they forbid the Americans to camp outside the city?" was asked.

"No," the general replied, "but they are not to occupy the city."

"Under those instructions," he was asked, "would it be permissible for them to march through the streets of Casas Grandes?"

"No," again replied General Gaviro.

Postoffice Burned.

Laredo, Texas, March 17.—The post-office and public baths at Monterey, Mexico, were destroyed by fire last night, according to private advices reaching here today. The loss, it was said, will run far into the hundreds of thousands. All the mail in the postoffice was destroyed. The origin

of the fire is unknown, but is believed to be accidental.

TROOPS PASS GUZMAN. Guzman, Mex., March 17.—American troops already have passed south of this point and some 25 miles east on a line with Ascension and Janos. The American column is not moving on the route via Guzman, which is about 50 miles due south of Columbus, N. M., but is evidently delaying on the garrison at Guzman to control points east of here.

PROTEST AGAINST REMOVAL OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

Nogales, Ariz., March 17.—Protests against the removal of the United States troops from Camp Stephen Little here were sent today to the United States senators from Arizona and to Major General Funston by the local chamber of commerce.

The action was caused by the departure of Company B, Twelfth Infantry, which left today for Yuma, Ariz. It was pointed out that all of the 1,500 troops stationed here are needed to protect this community.

CARRANZA SOLDIERS KILLED.

Laredo, Texas, March 17.—Fourteen Carranza soldiers and ten civilians were killed in an explosion of a carload of grenades and artillery ammunition in the yard of the National Railway Line of Mexico last Tuesday, according to passengers reaching here today from Monterey.

The news was suppressed by the Carranza authorities because of the tension existing between Mexico and the United States. All the dead and injured were Mexicans.

ALBERT UNDERDAHL DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Mandan, N. D., March 17.—Albert Underdahl, a young man well known in this city, and a native of Morton county, died of pneumonia, after a short illness. Mr. Underdahl was born at Siles, Nov. 21, 1889, and has spent the greater part of his life in this county.

The remains were shipped to Hebron today, where services will be held Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. He leaves surviving him his mother and two sisters and a brother.

The very volume of these circulars is what usually results in their detection.

When a quantity is received at New York or some other port of mail entry the post office officials usually suspect their real nature, and across the face of each letter they stamp a notice to the postmaster at the letter's destination that it is supposed to contain unobtainable matter.

This means that when the postmaster at Chicago, for instance, or one of his employees comes across the letter it is held and the addressee required to come to the office and open the letter in the presence of a post office official.

In this way the department of officials learn the contents, and in case the letter was mailed by a lottery concern abroad the department issues a fraud order against it.

It is impossible, of course, to stop all mail matter coming into the United States from these firms. In fact a great deal may slip in after the passing of the fraud order, because the lottery concern is usually wise enough to keep its name off the outside of the envelope. But no matter how it may flood the country with literature it is altogether another matter for the recipient on this side to answer.

Notice of the fraud order has been issued meanwhile to the postmaster at New York and to all other points of foreign mail entry and egress. The department will not permit the dispatching of letters or mail of any kind to the concern or individuals who have been "posted." A prosecution, however, cannot follow on evidence contained in the letter addressed to the lottery concern. The American may be mailing money for a lottery ticket and thereby violating the law, but the department cannot open the letter. It is properly stamped and returned to the sender, with a notice that no mail is carried by the government for the individual or corporation to which it is addressed. And that usually ends the efforts of the American to get a ticket, unless he happens to have a friend abroad, or unless he cares to use the cables, which is a very expensive proposition.

In this country the law is so generally known that few persons try to put across an actual lottery. They usually try to rig up a virtual lottery so disguised as to escape the detection of the department. It speaks well for American ingenuity, however, to say that the variety and number of these "home made" schemes defy enumeration.

Many of them masquerade as contests of skill, and some are so skillfully rigged up from a legal point of view that it requires the closest analysis and study to arrive at their real nature. These include so-called investment schemes, home-buying propositions, endless-chain ideas and the like. Newspapers are frequent offenders in their efforts to increase circulation. A warning, however, from the post office officials is usually sufficient to cause an abandonment of the scheme.

One newspaper, however, appealed to the courts from the decision of the post office department not to permit copies of the paper to go through the mails so long as it published a scheme, which the department said was a lottery. The court refused to hold for the publisher.

Forty Miles for a Bath.

Oatman, Ariz.—How would you like to walk forty miles every time you took a bath? That's what the citizens of this place have to do. The mining boom is making the town grow at the rate of about 100 persons a day. The local water supply has to be teamed from Needles, Cal., forty miles away.

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Many State That Show Will Definitely Fix Their Future Actions.

The crowds are still anxiously awaiting an opportunity to see "The Battle Cry of Peace," which shows at the Bismarck and Orpheum theatres this evening. Last night many had to be turned away on account of the seat sale having been so great that the seating capacity of the two houses was taxed to the utmost.

Interesting Lesson Effective.

Everywhere, Friday, the subject matter of "The Battle Cry of Peace" was discussed. People who had not given the picture and its mission any thought previously to the time it was shown, openly stated that the screen story and the many scenes depicted had made a very definite impression upon their lives.

Story of Preparedness.

The story of preparedness as it appeared at the theatres, is a story that will mold the lives and shape the future of the many who gave careful attention to the statements of the author of "Defenseless America," Hudson Maxim.

Matinee This Afternoon.

There will be a matinee this afternoon and the final show will be put on tonight when the last opportunity for the people of Bismarck to see this great picture will be given. The management of the theatres have worked hard to please the crowds and have succeeded in their efforts. And every thing connected with the picture play has been done for the educational benefit of the people.

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