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FIRE INTO A TRAIN

Striking Miners in Alabama Attack Load of Strike Breakers

THREE KILLED; ELEVEN HURT

Ambushing a Special Carrying Non-Union Men to Alabama Mines, Strikers Pour a Murderous Fire Into the Car Windows.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Three men were instantly killed and eleven injured, two of whom will probably die, when striking miners fired into a passenger train on the Birmingham Mineral Railroad at Blocton Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. The dead are:

- Conductor Joe T. Collins.
- Willard Howell, non-union miner. The injured:
- Major F. H. Dodge, superintendent of safety, Tennessee Coal Company, wounded in hand and leg.
- E. E. Cox, superintendent of mines, Tennessee Coal Company, slightly wounded in knee.
- A. E. Cross, chief clerk, superintendent's office, wounded in arm and knee.
- J. C. Johnson, deputy sheriff, slightly wounded in side.
- A. C. Bryant, deputy sheriff, slightly wounded in side.
- J. B. Cornett deputy sheriff wounded in back.
- W. H. McAuly, soldier, slight injuries.
- M. A. Pearson, soldier, wounded in left shoulder.
- J. C. Martin, wounded in head, back and arm.
- A. J. Myer, laborer, wounded in leg.
- Robert Sigmon, wounded in arm and breast.

The train was a special bearing non-union men to the Blocton mines under guard of soldiers and deputies. On the outskirts of the town the engineer suddenly saw a log across the track and at once a fusillade was fired into the train. The engineer did not stop, but let the coal catcher throw the log from the track and put on full speed. The place where the attack was made was in a cut, the ground being on a level with the lower part of the windows. The assailant's behind the rocks above poured down a murderous fire directly into the windows and at the engineer. Practically every window in the train was broken and shots struck all parts of the engine and cab. The train proceeded to Blocton and the dead and injured were returned to Birmingham. Dogs were hurried to the scene and took trails through the woods directly to the union quarters. Eight negroes were arrested this afternoon and other arrests are expected.

The Results in Illinois.

Chicago, Special.—Illinois Democratic ticket:

Endorsed for United States Senator, Lawrence B. Stringer.

Nominated for Governor, Adlai E. Stevenson.

Lieutenant Governor, E. A. Perry.

Secretary of State, X. F. Beidler.

Auditor, Ralph Jeffris.

Treasurer, J. B. Mount.

Attorney General, R. C. Hall.

Endorsed for United States Senator, Albert J. Hopkins, or George E. Foss.

Governor, Charles S. Deneen (returns incomplete.)

Lieutenant Governor, J. G. Oglesby or F. L. Smith.

Secretary of State, James A. Rose.

Auditor, J. S. McCullough.

Treasurer, Andrew Russell.

Attorney General, William H. Stead.

The result of Saturday's primary election as far as it is accurately known in regard to the State officers is given in the foregoing list.

A New York Sunday Tragedy.

New York, Special.—Mrs. Bertha Hood, 32 years old, was shot and instantly killed at her home in Brooklyn Sunday night by Ernest Seitz, 24 years old, of Manhattan. Seitz also shot and seriously wounded the year-and-a-half-old daughter of Mrs. Hood, and then turned the revolver on himself, inflicting a probably fatal wound.

Aeroplane Makes Good.

Lemans, France, By Cable.—Wilbur Wright, of Dayton, O., made a flight variously computed at from 21-2 to 31-2 kilometres with his aeroplane here, in one minute and 46 seconds. Throughout the flight Mr. Wright had perfect control of the machine. No attempt was made for a record, the object of the flight being to try out the aeroplane. While flying through the air Wright demonstrated or so it appeared to the spectators, that he was absolute master of the airship, first soaring, then shooting gracefully downward and then mounting again at will, until finally, after completing two circles, he came down

HE ATE ROTTEN OYSTERS

Young Man Dies at East Durham of Ptomaine Poisoning.

Durham, Special.—W. H. Jackson, a young man 22 years of age, is dead in East Durham as the result of ptomaine poisoning. He had been ill since Monday evening. On Monday the young man ate a can of oysters and soon afterwards was taken violently ill, lapsing into unconsciousness. Physicians were summoned but he remained unconscious most of the time up to his death and seemed to suffer great pain. The oysters were evidently spoiled and this set up the poison that resulted in his death.

Making Much Brandy.

Raleigh, Special.—Internal revenue officers here say that there has not been for twenty years so much apple brandy distilling in North Carolina as at the present time. Throughout the apple-growing sections of the State, distilleries are in operation and others are being bonded. In Wilkes county alone there are 115 apple bonded distilleries. There are forty in Surry and large numbers of them in other apple counties. The officers say there seems to be a general desire among all who have ever in the past operated brandy stills, to have one more pass at the undertaking before State prohibition goes into effect next January. There can be no more bonded brandy distilleries in the State after this season as long as the prohibition law is in force.

The Golden Weed at Wilson.

Wilson, Special.—The Wilson tobacco market re-opened for the season of 1908-1909 this week and the golden weed is selling well for the quality offered. Only the lowest grades are now being marketed, and the prices are over a dollar a hundred higher than last year's. The Wilson tobacco board of trade held its annual meeting for the election of officers and the following were elected: Mr. W. J. Boykin, president; Capt. J. G. Roney, vice president, and Mr. R. M. McFarland, supervisor of sales. This market has a strong and large corps of buyers and the crops of this section are good.

Acquires Real Estate at Franklin.

Franklin, Special.—The United Land Company, a corporation of Georgia, has recently acquired a large and valuable tract of land here, and is spending a large amount of money in the work of development. It is proposed to make this one of the most desirable residence sections of the town. A force of more than fifty hands has been at work for some time, and a public sale of lots will be had on the 27th of this month. The company offered a reward of \$10 to the person suggesting the best name for the property, which was won by Miss Mary Siler, "Bonny Crest" being the name suggested and selected.

Tar Heel Notes.

Reports coming to Washington from farmers in the county state that the damage done the crops by the recent storm that swept this section is not as bad as first thought and if weather conditions are favorable a good crop will be realized yet.

The outlook for forming a stock company of \$100,000 for a cotton mill at High Point is good. The Messrs. Millis who have the matter in charge have \$65,000 of the amount in hand. It is felt that such a diversion in the industries is needed there.

Crops in Surry county have never been better than the present and the yield of corn from present indications will be the largest that has been raised in this country for many years.

Whole Family Killed by Lightning.

Sparta, N. C., Special.—Frank Murphy, a respected farmer living at Edmonds, Sparta, Mrs. Murphy and their little child were struck by lightning and instantly killed Wednesday. The three were in the field stacking rye when a violent storm came up and were stricken down while they were seeking shelter.

Charged With Abduction.

Durham, Special.—Charged with abducting little Bennie Ashby, of Greensboro, four white people, Ken Surratt, Walter Ashby, Beck Roberson and Jennie Taylor are under arrest here. An officer will take them to Greensboro. The men and woman claim to be married and deny the kidnapping, saying that the boy, a brother of Ashby under arrest, followed them from Greensboro. The party tramped all the way here. The boy is being held and says he came of his own accord.

GOLD MINE WRECKED

Two Large Boilers Explode at the Haile Plant

HEAVY DAMAGE TO MACHINERY

Fearful Catastrophe Early Monday Morning at the Haile Gold Mine, Near Kershaw, S. C.—Two Mammoth Boilers Explode Injuring Four Men.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—One of the most fearful boiler explosions that ever occurred in South Carolina took place Monday morning at 9:07 o'clock at the Haile gold mine in Lancaster county, two and one-half miles from Kershaw, when the two 100-horse power boilers blew up demolishing the engine house and mammoth stamp mill and seriously injuring four men, one of whom was a son of Capt. and Mrs. A. Thies, of this city.

Other than that the water is supposed to have been allowed to get too low in one of the boilers nothing of a definite nature is known as to the cause of the accident. Boiler No. 1 blew up and one of the flying fragments of iron knocked off the dome of boiler No. 2, which also then exploded. The shock was terrific, its force being very perceptible, even in Kershaw, more than two miles away. It simply demolished everything about the place, some of the parts of the boilers being hurled far upon the sides of the adjacent hills. Mr. O. C. Gardner, who happened to be standing behind a post but ten feet away from the boilers, when the catastrophe occurred, was thrown through the side of the engine house and into the stamp mill hard by, and was practically unharmed. The injured are:

- Mr. Ernest A. Thies, superintendent of the mine, seriously burned about head and body and face and neck cut by falling debris.
- Mr. B. M. Truesdel, badly burned.
- Mr. J. P. Pittman, engineer, burned and stunned by falling pieces of wood and brick. Not seriously hurt.
- Mr. E. M. Ogburn, burned and cut by falling timbers.

The accident took place shortly after 9 o'clock. The engines at the time were running smoothly, apparently performing their accustomed duties in their accustomed way. There was nothing slack so far as any of those about the place could tell to indicate that there was anything wrong. If the water was low in one of the boilers no one was aware of it. Mr. Thies, who happened to be passing through, observed to Mr. Pittman, the engineer, that his clock was four minutes slow and suggested that he move it forward a little. This Mr. Pittman proceeded to do. He stepped up on a box to get at the clock and had just accomplished his mission and was climbing down when the explosion occurred. Mr. Thies was buried beneath the debris, his face being cut by flying bricks and falling timbers and his head and body seriously burned. Messrs. Pittman, Truesdel and Ogburn, the three other men in the building, were also hurled to the floor and almost if not altogether covered by the loose material which fell all about them.

Fortunately Mr. Pittman was not badly stunned though severely burned and he was able to crawl from beneath the wreckage without assistance. Mr. Thies fared much worse, however, for he was rendered unconscious and some time was required to extricate him, 15 minutes at least. Neither Mr. Truesdel nor Mr. Ogburn were seriously injured although their cuts and burns were most painful. Mr. Pittman escaped by a hair's breadth, his call being an exceedingly close one. Mr. Thies suffered the most serious injuries.

Cardinal Gibbons Has Relapse.

Rome, By Cable.—Cardinal Gibbons suffered a slight relapse due to over-exertion in attending the audience granted by the Pope on Saturday. Sunday's services at the Vatican and Monday's congregation. As a result the cardinal may have to cancel all present plans and remove to the country for a season of complete rest.

They Must Be Tried Again.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—W. E. Breese, W. H. Penland and J. E. Dickerson, the three former officials of the defunct First National Bank of Asheville, must again stand trial on a criminal charge. This was the effect of Judge Newman's decision in United States District Court in holding that the original bill of indictment found at Greensboro in 1897 and charging conspiracy was not defective. The motion of counsel for the defense to quash the bill was therefore over-ruled and the noted case will again be aired in a court of justice.

PENITENTIARY PROSPERS

The Directors Adopt Resolutions of Regret at the Death of W. E. Crossland and Elect Capt. W. I. Everett in His Stead.

Raleigh, Special.—The penitentiary directors adopted resolutions expressive of their deep regret at the death of one of their number, W. E. Crossland, Capt. W. I. Everett, of Richmond county, who becomes director in his stead was sworn in. The directors stated that the penitentiary was in very fine shape financially, having a balance in its treasury of about \$45,000, and having no debts. Everything at the penitentiary farm on the Roanoke river is as fine as can be. At this farm there are about 1,400 acres in corn; 2,000 in cotton and 800 in peanuts. The crops there were never better. No brick-making is now going on at the penitentiary, because no sales can be made. There are almost a million brick on hand. Of the State convicts 75 are at work on the Elkin Railway; 75 on the Washington & Vandemere and 75 on the railway in Hyde county; another 75 being employed on another road, making a total of 300 under contract for this year. Very rapid work is being done on the road in Hyde county and over half of its 70 miles has been graded. The length of this road depends upon whether its terminus is Washington or Belhaven. About 45 miles of it have been graded and it will be finished next year. The work on the road in the mountains is, of course, heavy and is much slower.

Progress of Inland Waterways.

Raleigh, Special.—That progress is being made in the preliminary work for the inland water way along the North Carolina coast is evidenced by orders just made by Judge Thomas R. Purnell, in the Federal Court here for the assessment of damages on property along the North Carolina sounds for the right of way, Norfolk & Beaufort. The orders were on motion of Col. Harry Skinner, United States district attorney, on whom the duty of looking after these legal interests for the government devolves. There were also orders naming guardians for a number of minors interested in these swamp and sound lands thus condemned by the government under the right of eminent domain. United States District Attorney Harry Skinner said in speaking of the progress of the work preliminary to the construction of the waterway, that seven orders for condemnation of lands and assessment of damages complete the right of way from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort harbor, a distance of sixteen miles and that work will begin on this section within a few weeks. In fact that the contracts for the construction of this section of the waterway has already been awarded and the contractors are all ready to start up the work.

State News Items.

The Winston-Salem Athletic Association is chartered to take in hand the Carolina League ball team of the Twin City, the capital stock being \$25,000 authorized and \$950 paid in by W. L. O'Brien, T. W. Watson, H. Y. Shelton and others.

The "Push Rockingham Forward Club" is chartered without capitol stock for promoting the social interest of members and the advancement of the industrial interests of Rockingham, Richmond county. A. S. Dockery, W. H. Everett, W. B. Cole, are among the incorporators.

There is also a charter for the Quinn Furniture Company, of Elizabeth City, capital \$10,000, by C. W. Quinn and others.

Cashier R. B. Roberts of Internal Revenue Collector Brown's office, at Statesville, reports that the total collections for July, 1908, amounted to \$188,340.48, an increase over the collections for July, 1907, of \$6,009.29.

The postoffice receipts for the Wilson office for the month of July amounted to \$1,215.81. The receipts for July last year amounted to \$1,147.99. The site for the public building for which an appropriation was made at the last session of Congress, has not yet been decided upon. Several sites have been offered the government, and there is a great difference of opinion among the people here as to the proper one.

Fayetteville Negro Shoots His Girl.

Fayetteville, Special.—Frank Council, a young negro of bad reputation, last week shot his sweetheart, Hattie Newell, though not seriously, because she chose the escort of another man in preference to himself. After a negro performance, Council offered to take his girl home, when she refused and walked off with another man. Council followed until they reached the vicinity of the Confederate monument on St. James Square, when he fired two shots at the woman, one taking effect in the right knee and one in the left thigh.

PRESIDENT TAKES BLAME

Announces That He is Responsible For the Discharge of the Negro Troops at Brownsville Taft Had Nothing to do With the Matter.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Special.—President Roosevelt in a statement issued late Friday made it clear that the entire responsibility was his for the issuance of the original order discharging the battalion of negro soldiers for alleged participation in the Brownsville, Tex., rioting and the refusal to permit a suspension of that order.

The President was shown an interview which was had in Washington with General Corbin, U. S. A., retired, in which General Corbin stated that no credit or blame in the matter rested with Mr. Taft. After reading the interview the President through his assistant private secretary, Rudolph Foster, gave out the following: "General Corbin's statement is absolutely correct, and it was entirely proper that he should make it. The substance of the message from the President which he quoted was made public long ago. In the Brownsville matter the entire responsibility for issuing the original order and for declining to allow its suspension was the President's."

In his interview General Corbin stated in substance that Mr. Taft was in no way responsible for the order discharging the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, and that in doing so the then Secretary of War had obeyed the direct order of the President. General Corbin then recounted the circumstances as they occurred and were published following the Brownsville affair.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Chairman Henry Watterson Announces Members of the Democratic Press Committee.

New York, Special.—Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, who is chairman of the newspaper committee of the Democratic national campaign committee, made public the names of the Democratic press committee of advisement, among them being the following Southern men:

Alabama—Birmingham Age Herald, E. W. Barrett; Montgomery, Advertiser, W. W. Serews, F. P. Glass.

Arkansas—Little Rock Democrat, Clio Harper.

Georgia—Atlanta Constitution, Clark Howell.

Kentucky—Lexington Herald, Desha Breckenridge.

Louisiana—New Orleans Picayune, Thomas E. Davis; New Orleans Times-Democrat, Page H. Parker.

Mississippi—Jackson Clarion-Ledger, H. R. Henry.

North Carolina—Charlotte Observer, J. P. Caldwell.

South Carolina—Columbia State W. E. Gonzales; Charleston News and Courier, J. C. Hemphill.

Tennessee—Chattanooga News, J. C. Rice; Knoxville Sentinel, G. F. Milton; Nashville American, Charles H. Slack.

Texas—Galveston, John R. Hedges; Virginia—Richmond Times Dispatch, Joseph Bryan.

Governor Smith Urges Action on Important Bills.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Governor Hoke Smith sent a special message to the Legislature urging action on several measures which he considers of vital importance and stating his readiness to call an extra session of the legislature if necessary, at which the convict question can be disposed of. The measures which Governor Smith mentions as being of primary importance are the anti-lobbying bill, a law fixing the time for holding State primaries not earlier than 60 days before the date of election, a new registration law and provision of a fund for the maintenance of the State agricultural schools.

Work Train Wrecked.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The work train on a narrow gauge road running from Roanoke, left the rails and rolled down a high embankment on the mountainside. A number of men riding on the train were caught under the engine and cars. Three were killed and several more seriously injured.

Contracts For Army Clothing.

Chicago, Special.—Manufacturers in the West are severely criticizing the methods employed in the War Department in awarding contracts for army clothing. In constituting a special board to pass on all bids it was ordered that special sample of twenty yards of cloth be used for uniforms be furnished. Manufacturers in an informal protest declare that this virtually creates a monopoly as the cost to manufacture a special sample is prohibitive for small dealers.

DIED BY EXPLOSION

Many Killed and Injured When Boiler Blew Up

THE DEATH LIST TOTALS EIGHT

Boiler of Large Rolling Mill, Located in the Centre of the Plank, Explodes Without a Moment's Warning.

York, Pa., Special.—Eight men were killed, nearly a score of others more or less seriously injured, and thousands of dollars worth of property damaged by the explosion of a boiler in the York Rolling Mill late Monday afternoon.

The dead:
John Clency, York.
Benjamin Bremer.
Harry Zaehriet.
Pola Pucci.
John Slossman.
Harry Fager, all of Columbia, Pa.
Edward Fittler, Marietta, Pa.

The boiler which was located in the centre of the mill exploded without a moment's warning.

A rescue party was quickly organized and search for the bodies was instituted.

Ambulances from the York Hospital were hurried to the scene, but owing to the number of dead and injured, delivery wagons and other conveyances were pressed into service in order that the injured might be rushed to the hospital.

While the injured were being looked after, the bodies of the dead were being carried from the ruins of the building. A majority of those killed had their heads and limbs torn from their bodies and were so badly mangled that identity was almost an impossibility.

The mill had been closed down for about a week and two score of men were engaged in making repairs to an engine. The men were working close to the boiler and when the explosion occurred not one of them was able to make his escape.

Texas Files Complaint.

Washington, Special.—The railroad commission of Texas filed a formal complaint with the inter-State commerce commission against sixty-seven railroads and other common carriers alleging a conspiracy on the part of the defendants through the Southwestern Traffic Association for the suppression of competition and restraint of trade in the recent action increasing freight rates to common points in Texas. The commission will forward notice of this complaint to all the carriers involved and will give them fifteen days to reply, the usual period allowed for answering a complaint being twenty days. The commission will expedite this case as much as possible on account of its widespread importance. The complaint is signed by Allison Mavfield, chairman of the Texas railroad commission, with W. R. Davidson, Attorney General, and Claude Pollard, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas, countersigning the paper. The complaint undertakes to compare the alleged cost of maintenance and operation of the railroads with the actual cost, and the claimed indebtedness which is supposed to justify the increase. The railroad commission of Texas, it appears, has appraised the cost of construction and operation of the roads, as well as the actual indebtedness upon which the rates may be fairly based.

President's Daughter Weds.

Paris, By Cable.—Mlle. Fallieres, daughter of the President of France, Monday became the bride of M. Jean Lanes, her father's private secretary. The wedding was a quiet affair and was wholly unaccompanied by the enthusiasm and publicity which attended the marriage of President Roosevelt's daughter. The bride received many handsome presents.

Dutch Vessel Catches Fire.

London, By Cable.—Only the timely arrival of the British steamship Imogene prevented a terrible loss of life among the passengers on the Dutch steamship Amstell, which caught fire off the coast of South America on August 6th, according to a message received here. The fire created a fearful panic among the passengers, and they rushed to the rails and leaped overboard in droves. Scores, it is said, would have been drowned in the scramble in the ocean had not the Imogene put out to the rescue.