

SIXTY PERSONS DIE IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE

Scranton, Pa., April 7.—One of the most serious mine disasters which has ever visited this section of the mining country occurred today at the little village of Throop, a short distance from this city, when the lives of between fifty and sixty men and boys were snuffed out. Among those known to have perished are: Joseph Evans, who was in charge of the United States mine rescue car; Isaac Dawe, a fore boss, and Walter Knight, a fireman. Evans' death was the result of a defective oxygen-charged armor, Charles Enzian, the noted expert, in general charge of mine rescue work for the Federal government, was also overcome and is said to be in a critical condition. As rescuers entered the mine they stumbled over three bodies. One of these was Joseph Evans. He was seen to wrench his helmet from his head. It had evidently failed to work. Evans was carried to the open air as quickly as possible, but he had inhaled so much smoke and gas from the burning coal that he died within a few hours. Enzian's experience was similar to that of Evans.

Up to a late hour tonight nearly two score of bodies had been piled at the bottom of the shaft, but it was thought advisable not to bring them to the surface until the crowd had dwindled. A temporary morgue had been erected at the opening to the mine and here were congregated hundreds of women and children, relatives of the men and boys who had been so suddenly snatched from them. Their grief was pitiful. Children of tender years clung to the skirts of their mothers while older male members of the family sought to soften the anguish of the distressed mothers and sisters of the unfortunate men and boys.

None of the bodies recovered was mutilated, death doubtless having been caused by inhaling flames and gases. The rescuers are pushing into the mine and it is thought that all of the bodies will be recovered within a few hours.

FRAUDULENT VOTING IN THE RECENT ASHEVILLE ELECTION

Asheville, April 9.—The persistent rumors of fraudulent voting in the fifth precinct of this city, which have been heard since the recent commission government election here, took definite shape today when ten reputable citizens of that precinct affixed their signatures to a document in which charges of perjury and fraud are openly made. The matter is not to rest here, however, but will be carried before the grand jury with evidence and affidavits which, these citizens claim, will convict nine men of perjury and will show that fourteen men voted fraudulently in the commission government election held March 21.

The alleged illegal votes were all cast against the commission form of government which lost by only eleven votes.

Death of D. O. Burch.

Mr. D. O. Burch died suddenly Sunday morning at Chapel Hill from a stroke of paralysis. He and Mrs. Burch moved from this town to Chapel Hill only a few weeks ago where he was connected with the University Publishing Co. For a number of years he lived here serving as a macarooner for the Burlington News. His remains were brought here on the eleven o'clock train. Funeral services conducted at the Baptist Church by Rev. Hillard of Chapel Hill. Burial at Pine Hill Cemetery. He is survived by Mrs. Burch and one daughter Mrs. K. K. Lively.

Mesdames Martha Foster and P. C. Campbell, and Miss Mary Foster left Saturday for Winston-Salem where they will spend several days with Mrs. Foster's son, Mr. T. G. Foster.

INSTRUMENTS FOUND IN THE GUILFORD JAIL

Greensboro, April 7.—Sheriff Jones yesterday received information that materials were in hiding in the cells on the lower floor, where the white prisoners are kept, instruments with which an escape might be attempted. Prompt investigation discovered an iron bar and a file, made possibly from the spring of a shoe, which were thought to have been handed to the bottom floor through a hole in the second floor made for a steam pipe. The instruments were concealed in a place where they would least have been suspected. The vigilance of the authorities was responsible for the discovery. Since the cells on the bottom floor were of case hardened steel, it would have been difficult to cut out, but no chances would be taken on this score.

The instruments are believed to have been the same used in the recent delivery and it is thought that the prisoners escaping handed them down.

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING IN ROANOKE HOTEL

Roanoke, Va., April 7.—While in a fit of temporary insanity, C. L. Blakemore, local agent for a typewriter concern, fired three shots at Jefferson Green, a promoter, of Richmond, Va. Two of the bullets struck Green and one went wild. The shooting occurred in the corridor of the hotel where the men were stopping. Blakemore was under treatment for the drug habit. He rushed out of his room and met Green, who is interested in the concern which was treating Blakemore. He used vile epithets and then opened fire on Green. Following the shooting, Blakemore became more violent and was placed in charge of a physician. Green's wounds are not serious. Blakemore is guarded by a policeman.

The Late Michael M. Shoffner.

In the recent death of Michael M. Shoffner is another reminder that our Comrades of the Confederate Army are rapidly crossing over the river, and that soon none of us will be left among the living in this world.

Comrade Shoffner enlisted as a private in Company C of the 13th, North Carolina Regiment in the beginning of the war and followed, with unfaltering bravery, the fortunes of that gallant body of men until he was seriously wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. In the Company, of which Comrade Shoffner was a member, seventeen men were killed and thirty-five wounded in that bloody fight, a record that makes the glorious heroism of the "Light Brigade" at Balaklava, pale by comparison. Private Shoffner's wound was in the head and he carried with him to the grave the bullet received in that battle. It would be an idle waste of words to attempt to add to the laurels of our comrade, who now reposes so peacefully, lulled by the music of the waving pines in our City Cemetery.

As to Comrade Shoffner's private life, that is known of all men. He was one of our oldest citizens, kindly in his intercourse with his friends and neighbors, rugged and strict in his personal integrity, strong and forceful in his opinions and utterly fearless and courageous in giving expression to his views on public questions.

Ruffin Camp, United Confederate Veterans, in called meeting assembled, desire to pay this affectionate, though inadequate, tribute to the memory of our departed brother and comrade and to extend to his bereaved family the assurance of our sincerest sympathy in their most grievous affliction. Jas. A. Turrentine, Commander, W. A. Hall, Act'g Adjutant.

Base Ball Harden Park, Easter Monday. Game called at 3:30. Elon College vs. Oak Ridge.

FLAGMAN KILLED BY COAST LINE FREIGHT

Benson, April 7.—Extra through freight No. 939, from Rocky Mount to Florence, Captain Stroud, conductor and Mr. Zimmerman, engineer, ran over J. W. Bridges, the flagman, on the south pass track here this morning, crushing both legs, cutting the right leg off near the thigh and the left one below the knee. Later this evening he died.

Bridges was uncoupling a car on which the chain extending from the lever to the coupling was broken. He slipped and fell between the moving cars, one of which passed over his legs. He was taken to the offices of Drs. Parker and Utley, where temporary medical aid was rendered. Accompanied by Dr. Utley, he was taken on a special train to the hospital at Fayetteville, where his limbs were amputated.

Bridges, who was a flagman, lived at Rocky Mount and had a wife and one child. He has been in the Coast Line service about two years. Several railroad men here today said that he was one of the best men in the service of the Coast Line.

The occurrence was deeply deplored by the men who worked with Bridges and who hold him in the highest esteem. A message was received by the agent here late this afternoon that Bridges died about 5 o'clock.

GOOD RACING ASSURED FOR OUR COUNTY FAIR

The present management of the Alamance Fair agrees to furnish a competent trainer at the Fair Grounds, to have him there before Tuesday August 1, 1911, the price per day that this trainer will charge for handling horses or colts will be one dollar per day. To guarantee the expense account of all colts or horses in the hands of this trainer at the date named above, and kept in training up to and including the fair, October 3rd to 6th inclusive, the present management of the Fair will add 100 per cent to the entire expense account of the colts or horses, that make up the various classes and must be entered in the various classes to which the colts or horses may be eligible on the day of starting, under the conditions of the National Trotters Association, and to first and second money winners, provided five start, the management agrees to refund training expenses.

This proposition is made so that any man in this section who thinks his colt or his horse can out trot his neighbors colt or horse may have a fair deal.

MOSES SPEAKS GETS THIRTY YEARS IN PEN

Greensboro, April 8.—Moses Speaks, the High Point dual murderer, who was yesterday convicted of murder in the second degree was sentenced to thirty years in the State prison today this being the maximum penalty for second degree murder in this State. Speaks thanked the court for rulings during the trial and voluntarily told Judge Daniel that he killed his wife because she caused him to lose \$200 in a trade. He gave no reason for the fatal assault upon Will Miller, his son-in-law.

Easter Monday.

The chief athletic event of this section of the state will be the Ball Game at Harden's Park on Easter Monday between Oak Ridge and Elon College.

We understand that there is nothing doing on this date either at Whitsett, Bingham or Orange Grove. This means that there will be a large attendance from these schools as well as the attendance of practically the entire student body of the Ridge and Elon. This will make the matter a social as well as an athletic event.

COCA COLA COMPANY WINS THEIR FIGHT

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 7.—The case of the government against "forty barrels and twenty kegs of coca-cola" was decided in favor of the Atlanta beverage in the federal court here yesterday afternoon. In ruling on a motion for peremptory instructions Judge Sanford held that caffeine is not an added or deleterious ingredient of the beverage. He overruled the motion on points relating to the misbranding feature of the allegations, but counsel for the government moved to dismiss without prejudice, the case on these points. A verdict was returned in favor of the defense. Federal counsel entered a motion of appeal to the United States circuit court at Cincinnati.

The coca-cola case has been one of the most important ever tried in the federal court in the south, and the cost of the litigation has been enormous. It is said that \$200,000 will not cover the expenses. Both sides have had experts from all sections of the country, the most eminent scientists, principally chemists and physicians. The government has spared no expense in the effort to prove its contentions, and the coca-cola people have been equally liberal in securing expert testimony.

POLLS STEEPED IN SLUSH, VOTES SOLD

Charlotte, April 9.—In a scathing arraignment of the leaders of the local Democratic party from his pulpit tonight, Rev. Dr. Herman H. Hullen, pastor of the First Baptist church, declared that money and liquor had been freely used "to prostitute manhood and foster anarchy" in the recent municipal primary, not sparing members of his own congregation.

He declared that the polls were steeped in slush; that voters were openly bought and he had the evidence; that liquor was used to debauch even a part of his congregation, and that one of his deacons had boasted of "voting a man." Drug stores, he said, took the place of the open saloon here in prohibition Charlotte, and he urged the grand jury to do its duty. Even in the ward meetings classes had been arrayed against masses, and anarchy encouraged.

The congregation that heard his terrific arraignment pecked the big edifice to the doors.

Their Business Growing.

The business of the Burlington Grocery Co. is growing to such an extent that they have had to procure more room, and have leased the first floor of the old brick depot. This is an ideal place for bananas, potatoes and all kinds of produce. This enterprising firm is determined to build a home market for the benefit of our home merchants, and it is the duty of our business firms to patronize them. They handle everything in solid car lots and pay cash upon arrival of goods, this enables them to meet any and all competition. It is something new to see car loads of bananas, cabbage, flour, meal, shipstuff, oats and corn, besides the many other items that they handle right here within our midst. They are not competitors of the other two wholesale houses, but carry a different line, and cater to the wants and needs of those who handle heavy groceries fruits and produce. We are glad these people are meeting with such success, and we again ask our home merchants to give them their business.

Don't Read This.

Dr. N. Rosenstein the eye specialist of Durham will be at Burlington Tuesday April 18th, at the Burlington Drug Company and Wednesday April 19th, at Mebane, stopping at the White house to examine eyes and fitting glasses.

REACHED THE FIGHTING STAGE IN ROANOKE VA.

Roanoke, Va., April 5.—Angered at editorials in the Evening World directed at his father-in-law, Joel H. Cutchin, mayor of Roanoke, severely criticising him in connection with charges brought by the special grand jury, Americus A. Johnson, a well-known Roanoker, attacked the editor of the World, James M. Williams, in his office this afternoon. He climbed to the third floor, where Williams works, accompanied a part of the way by A. Dooley, proprietor of the World, who sought to pacify him. Reaching Mr. Williams, Johnson is said to have used some strong language, whereupon Williams threw a whetstone at him and leaping over a table, struck at Johnson.

Johnson caught Williams by the hands and threw one arm around him, and this was the position of the two men when others arrived and separated them. Neither of them was hurt to any extent. The World has been outspoken in its denunciation of the mayor, demanding his resignation pending the result of the investigation.

FIRE DESTROYS AN OLD VIRGINIA COURT HOUSE

Williamsburg, Va., April 9.—Fire that completely destroyed the historic Court House in Williamsburg broke out in the basement of the building early this morning and was first discovered by Mr. English, a student, who was crossing the green at 1:15 o'clock. By two o'clock nothing was left but the four walls, two chimneys, and the fireproof vault in the east wing, which is intact.

The county records are all secure, the fire having had no effect on the interior of the vault. Many valuable papers dating back to 1775 of a purely historical nature were kept in another part of the building and these together with everything outside the vault were destroyed. The loss is about \$15,000 with \$5,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but many believe it was started by an incendiary. There had been no fire in the furnace for more than a week and no one had entered that part of the basement where the fire was first discovered for a long time.

The fire was gotten under control for a few minutes by the use of chemicals but before a stream of water could be gotten on the smouldering embers the blaze started again and with the inadequate water supply burned fiercely until nothing was left to burn. Plans of rebuilding are already being considered and it is thought the old structure will be restored with the present walls which appear to be intact. Court will be held next week in the old Williamsburg hotel building which will be the temporary courthouse until a new one is built.

The destroyed building was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the most famous architect of his day and was erected in 1769. It stood in the heart of this ancient city, on Duke of Gloucester street almost opposite the old Powder Horn, and in the rear is the site of Governor Dunmore's place and historic Palace Green. Some of the documents destroyed were of great historic and sentimental value.

Closing of Sylvan Graded School.

The graded department of the Sylvan High School will close April 15th with an entertainment. The exercises will begin at 10:30 a. m. and continue until 3:30 p. m.

Exercises will begin again at 8:00 p. m. and continue until 10. The exercises will consist of music, recitations, plays, drills, and pantomimes. A literary address is to be delivered in the afternoon.

Everybody is cordially invited to come, bring dinner, spend the day and evening and have a general good time.

SERIOUS SHOOTING AT CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, April 6.—As the result of a wound received from the pistol of Ernest Ray this afternoon, Henry Jones, of Venable is in a serious condition tonight. Jones is wounded in the right breast, and it is not known whether or not the bullet penetrated his left lung.

Jones is a powerful man of forty-five years. Ray is a young man of much smaller size. It is said that as a result of ill-feeling begun in a quarrel earlier in the day, Jones had made three threats against Ray, and that Ray had armed himself in anticipation of the trouble.

The trouble occurred in Hurdon's hardware store in Venable, which is the west end of Chapel Hill, only recently given a separate charter. From all accounts, Jones drove up to the store and in going in, came face to face with Ray. It is said that he struck Ray, knocking off his cap, and had drawn back to strike again, when the latter drew his pistol and shot him.

Ray immediately surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Mac Williams, who had heard the shot, and come into the store on the run. Jones was taken to his home, where he was examined by Dr. Abernathy, who considers Jones' death probable unless it turns out that he is not suffering from internal injuries.

The sentiment of the citizens of the town is that Ray shot in self-defence and in order to save off a bad beating which he was sure to receive from Jones. It is said that the trouble began over a dispute about two dogs that the men owned. Jones is a much larger man than Ray, and it is said has never been worsted in a fight, although he has engaged in more than one. Among the witnesses are W. T. Mann and Paul Brewer.

GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE IN MOORE COUNTY DEFEATED

Southern Pines, April 6.—The election Tuesday for \$100,000 road bonds defeated the project in the county. Sandhills and McNeills townships voted for township bonds, and these two townships, which constitute the east side of the county, will be able by their bonds to increase their good roads. Sandhills voted to issue \$10,000 of bonds, which will probably be taken by Aberdeen bank and by Aberdeen private capital. In these two townships the vote for bonds was almost unanimous. Road work will be commenced as soon as the organization can be effected.

Death of Mrs. Caroline Shaw.

Mrs. Caroline Shaw who was dangerously burned at her home near Brick Church April 5th died on the following day. Her clothes became ignited from a heater and before help could reach her she was badly burned. She was seventy-four years of age and for a number of years had been an invalid. She was a conservative Christian and faithful Church member being a member of the M. P. Church for a number of years.

It may truly be said that Mrs. Shaw was a good woman and loved by all who knew her. Her husband and two daughters preceded her to their heavenly reward she being survived by two sons, Prof. P. E. Shaw, Teachers N. C. and Jno. M. Shaw of Marian Ala. Witnessed by the presence of a large concourse of friends and loved ones she was buried at Lows Lutheran Church April 8th.

Easter Service at Lutheran Church

Sermon and preparatory service Friday 7:45 p. m. by Rev. G. D. Lenker. Sermon and Holy Communion on Sunday at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. Brown Cox. Sermon and Holy Communion on Sunday night, by Rev. G. D. Lenker. Offerings for Synodical appointment.