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Disastrous Mine Explosion This Morning At Bryceville, Tennessee

Fearful Disaster Occurred Two Miles Under The Ground located near Briceville of the morning of May 19, 1902. In Staccident 164 miners and help lost their

tombed in the Mine of The Result of Dust Explosion.

Spot - Scenes at Mouth of sible Mine Beggar Description-

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9 .- Between

the work of their rescue is thwartroceeded into the mine a disof about one mile.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9 .- A "dust" miosion in the main mine of the lle, early today, entombed a large mber of workers who had just enter- been entered. of for the day's toil. The mine is usy manned by 200 men but whether had entered the mine shaft prior fust blast had not been deter-

Rescue preparations were ey under way and at 10 o'clock age of miners from other works in district had gone into the main es Mountain chaft by three enss Mountain shaft by three ne-

parties had reported

ed on and no report came from any mong the throng that had congregatd at the mine entrance.

me from the openings of the ill fated mine. This effectually checked the work of rescue, the parties that had eviously entered the mine being iven back. Such fire fighting apparatus as was available was put into play the openings.

The special train conveying the offind Federal rescuers is scheduled to we here about i o'clock. Other Mines Close Down.

it became known throughout the class condition. oal Creek region that the Cross

each the entombed men. Scene at Mouth of Mine. at they were in excess of 100.

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Dr. Wiley May Be Still

brought to the front again in a pure food law.

Further Unfettered In His

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Wiley-on the pure food board which he was

McCabe contreversy in the depart- the committee will recommend other the committee will recommend unfetter

tated by that accident intensified the Two Hundred Men Were En- fears and anxieties of the impatient

vatchers at the entries. Officials of the company minimized out warning. the extent of the disaster and express-Knoxville Iron Company as ed confidence that it would not be as serious as was feared by many. They declared that they believed many if not report as a "class B., drifted mine." all the men in the mine would be rescued alive. They stated that nothing the sea, and in the Cumberland convene again until next Tuesday and Rescue Crews Rush to The would be left undone to bring about the mens' rescue as speedily as pos-

A train with officials of the company, physicians and mine rescue workers of the Federal government was expect-Number of Dead Not Known ed to arrive from Knowville about noon.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.-A dust explosion imprisoned about two hunand 200 men are entombed and dred men in the coal mine of the fans with 300 revolutions and diam- resulted in a plan to take the McNabably dead in the Cross Mountain Knoxville Iron Company at Bryce- eter of seven feet, and is distributed maras to the state penitentiary either the of the Knoxville Iron Company, ville, 34 miles north of Knoxville this by the "split" system. Haulage of today or tomorrow. Briceville, near here, as the result morning at 7:30 o'clock. The explo-coal mined is conducted from roms | Scores of witnesses appeared what is thought to have been a dust sion is about two miles from the enion far underground at 7:30 trance to the mines. The Federal 2200 feet by mules, and from side of which there were 128 issued, within day and a half to present their openmine rescue crew has been summoned. It is not yet possible to ascertain by a cave-in encountered by a party the number killed but it is feared the motors. loss of life will be very heavy. Great Crowds Attracted.

explosion The rumble of the ficials made immediate preparations to organize rescue operations but at 8:30 o'clock the mine had not

Briceville is in the grip of confusion and it is expected another half hour or even more will pass before a crew will be able to attempt the rescue of the entombed

President to Scene.

T. I. Stephenson, president of the Knoxville Iron Company, which owns and operates the Cross Moun-Railway for the scene of the explo- in Briceville. sion. Accompanying President Stealtely determined that at least 100 phenson were George W. Chandler before noon rescuing parties who boys had entered the mine and W. H. Stores and E. B. Sutton, had entered the Cross Mountain for to the blast. Mine officials were in charge of the local mine rescue mine earlier in the day emerged peful of rescuing the majority of station; and E. M. Owens, helmet from two entrances and reported that operator. The party expected to they had gone in a distance of about Both District Attorney Fredericks do and no report came from any the rescue parties, doubt grew about noon. The rescue workers have four helmets, a resuscitating apparatus, three oxygen bottles, lamps and other apparatus. This is Mr.

At 10:20 o'clock flames began to is. At 10:30 o'clock flames began to is Sutton's first call to an explosion rescuers as to indicate that the exsince he has been in charge of the plosion was caused by dust ignition. local station. President Talks.

morning President Stephenson said the accident must have originated just before leaving: "I know little from a dust explosion. about the explosion. I received a telephone message this morning about lateral shafts at the time of the exals of the Knoxville Iron Company 8 o'clock to the effect that there plosion escaped safely and without was a slight explosion of the Cross injury. These men were John Lang, Mountain mine. I have not the Sam Farmer and Bert Hatmaker. slightest idea of the cause of the They came out almost simultaneously Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—As soon explosion as everything was in first with the concussion that was felt

untain mine of the Knoxville Iron phone message that the explosion discovered by them in the interior meny has been the scene of an occurred back in the mines some before they left the works this distance but how far he did not morning.

The first that any one knew The exact location of the explosion der forces of men to Briceville, Severof the explosion he said was from a is thought toh ave been about two
slight concussion and smoke was miles in the interior and about 800
seen coming out of an air shaft. I feet beneath the forest of the mounthree entrances to the mine. On think there were very few men in tain. think there were very late.

the mine at the time of the explosion from the plosion. A large number of the employes, who totalled about 200, come the ployes, who totalled about 200, come the ployes are ployed to the ployes. il to ascertain the exact point at from other sections around Brice- lieved to have a knowledge of the which the disaster occurred. Conse-quently approaches were undertaken the work trains that bring them in this morning gave it as his opinion were late this morning. I don't be-that had been beard from the records. had been heard from the rescuers lieve the explosion was serious from 140. Were industriously working to the fact that there was no dis- Hopes were entertained that the The scene at the mouth of the mine very serious the mouth of the mine ned to enter the mine as soon as would have been shaken up. About possible and push the rescue work. the was thought, would be posthe men known to have entered the and I think that the reports to the sible when the mine rescue helmets this morning, were congregated, effect that from 150 to 200 men were and other Federal ressucitating apeffy and appealicely and earnestly in the mine are exaggera-paratus arrived soon after noon.

The foreman who talked to On account of the cave in and the tions. The foreman who talked to me this morning did not know exmoke and heat it was imposible member of morning did not know extensive and heat it was imposible member of morning did not know extensive and heat it was imposible number of men and boys who actly how many men were in the for the rescuing party to proceed to work though it is certain mine at the time of the explosion further without the aid of the resbut he seemed to think there were cue apparatus. the horrors of the Fraterville disas- very few. The mine extends about

there was one, had been upon the

Another suction fan was taken to the Briceville mine with the mine rescue apparatus.

A Similar Catastrophe. similar death dealing tastro-occurred at Fratervilles ne of lives and it was seven days before the mine channel cleared and it was possible to move all the dead. This disary was attributed and it came withto a dust explosi

The explosion occured in the main Cross-Mountain mine, which is recorded in the state mine inspectors' mountain range four miles from Coal the bottom is of fire clay. It is de-fessed a week ago. veloped on the entry and airway The emphatic declaration that they double room and pillar system. The would not divulge what they knew of ventilation is produced by electric the alleged conspiracy is said to have

Stephenson, of Knoxville, is presinot been given out, but it is undered and of this six have been passed by brought great crowds of townspeople dent; Otis A. Brown, of Knoxville, stood that among them are Olaf Tveitto the mine opening. Company of Secretary; T. P. Lynch, of Briceville, moe, organizer of the same organizasuperintendent; George Bulmer, of tion with headquarters in San Fran-Briceville, inside foreman, and J. F. cisco; Andrew Gallagher, secretary of Hatmaker, of Briceville, gas boss. Location of Briceville.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 9.-Briceville, the scene of this morning's Bridge and Structural Iron Workers at explosion became a place of note Salt Lake City; H. S. Hockin, a memin Tenessee during the mining troubles in the early nineties when the miners generally rebelled on account of the convict lease system troops were sent to that vicinity. which The town is located in Anderson county near Coal Creek, which was ces. At that hour none of the restain mines at Briceville, in one of the scene of the terrible Fraterville which the explosions occurred early explosion May 19, 1902, when somethis morning, left Knoxville for thing like 200 men lost their lives. he mine is owned and operated by Briceville at 10:30 aboard a special According to the Tennessee mine in-Knowlile for Company and is train operated over the Southern speciors office there are six mines

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Shortly It is stated that the mine has always been free from gas and was also Concerning the explosion of this dry, and this leads to the belief that

class condition.

"My foreman stated in his tele-that no untoward conditions were

turbance whatever at the mouth of men will escape alise, or at least the mine. Had the explosion been many of them, as the rescuers plan-

two miles back into Cross Moun-he catastrophe of this morning, and tain. I understand that the suction pittsburg, Dec. 9.—J. J. Rutledge, mining engineer attached to the arsenal station of the bureau of mines here, received word of the explosion at Briceville, Tenn., soon after it happened, with an order that he leave by the first train to take charge of rescue operations at the

Rutledge is familiar with the Briceville region and the mine in which Work For Pure Food ville region and the mine in which the explosion occurred. Federal rescue car No. 7 in charge of William cue car No. 7 in charge of William Burke, is in eastern Kentucky and has been removed from his position it was also ordered in Briceville.

press the case is being argued. The the committee will recommend other today of the Miami union No. 993. beef packers who are on trial in school board Belmont school patrons that will further unfetter today of the Miami union No. 993. Labor Unions Act. today of Agriculture, which furnished changes that will further unterted United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Dr. Wiley in his administration of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Dr. Wiley in his administration of the Johnson the following resolution was Joiners, the following resolution was

for days when the house committee on expenditures in the agricultural department makes its report.

Although President Taft has exontaited Chief Chemist Wiley, the pure food champion, and Solicitor McCabe

The days when the house committee will ask for the abolition of the Remsen referee board, which has blocked Dr. Wiley's activities along b

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—The Mc-Namara brothers probably never will to be field judge. testify before the federal grand jury. It was announced to day that the grand jury which is inquiring into Selecting Jury To It is 1,006 feet above the level of the dynamite conspiracies would not it was said to be certain that by that Creek, which is on the main line of the Southern and the Louisville & time James B. and John J. McNamara Nashville Railroads. The Coal Creek will have begur at the San Quentin Coal seam, having an average width state prison their sentences of life of forty-six inches, is worked in imprisonment and 15 years respectivethis mine. The roof is of slate and ly for the crimes to which they con-

ers will be asked to appear before the this The mine is operated by the Knox-grand jury here.
ville Iron Company, of which T. l. The names of those summoned have

the Central Labor Council of San Francisco; J. E. Munsey, business agent of the International Association of ber of the executive board of the same organization, and H. J. Smith, business agent of the same union at Cleveland. Though Ortic E. McManigal for two days has been before the grand jury, the probabilities are that he has not finished his testimony

tion, is the case of Bert H. Franklin, physicians were summoned. He grew charged with having bribed a prospective juror for the McNamara trial.

and Assistant District Attorney Ford ed him to be absent a day or two from

-Savannah automobile races and Dubuque motor boat races at the Princess today. Good pictures—see



BEEF MEN ON TRIAL.

Chicago before the federal court to answer a criminal charge of a violation of the Sherman arti-trust law: J. Ogden Armour, president of the Armour Company; Charles H. Swift, director Swift & Company, and Louis F. Swift, president of Swift & Company.

Senool board Belmont school patrons and others who are interested greatly in the outcome.

The complaint and answers occupied almost an hour in the reading. Both contained the allegations and denials, with some additions to the complaints, that have previously been published.

BATON ROUGE IS FOOTBALL MAD.

By Associated Press.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 9.—Baton Rouge is football mad today and has everal thousand visitors who arrived on four special trains this morning for the game between Tulane and the ate northeast and east winds. he game between Tulane and the Louisiana State University. Because of the intense feeling between the tudents an imported set of referees one of the most notable ever to handle a game in this section—will have charge. Masker, of Northwestern University, will referee, Streit, of Auburn, will umpire and Tichenor of Auburn, is

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—A short session oday of the United States district cort in which a jury is being sought to try the indicted Chicago packers on Reyes has crossed the Mexican bor- ments in the future. charges of violating the Sherman antitrust law was expected to see the panel nearly filled and the case well along toward the presentation of its witnesses by the government.

Attorneys for the packers have anto the side tracks, a distance of town today in response to summonses, nounced they would require nearly a tracks to outside, a distance of 6,- the last few days. It is known that ing statement and the government's 600 feet, the haulage is by electric most of the San Francisco labor lead-statement will be nearly as long as

Ten veniremen were tentatively accepted by the defense when court open

Valued Citizen of Seversville Dead

Mr. L. L. Todd, a prominent and righly esteemed resident of Seversville died suddenly yesterday afternoon at o'clock at his home in Seversville. Mr. Todd was employed at Mr. Will

Sever's store in Seversville. He went rapidly worse and died at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Todd was subject to attacks with his kidneys, which now and then causbusiness. He had not had an attack in some time, and was in his usual health when he went to work yesterday morning. He was taken with an acute attack about 8 o'clock and never rallied. Deceased was a native of Paw Creek

township, this county. He was 32 years By Associated Press. of age. He was a man of irreproachable | ◆ honor—as all the Todds are; a man of sterling worth and exemplary life. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Seversville, and an earnest consecrated Christian. He gave Monday. liberally to the cause of the church. The entire community esteemed him. Surviving him are his wife and two children; his mother, Mrs. A. E. Todd; four brothers, Messrs. E. C., and G. W. of Maxton, Cecil and Ralph Todd of Charlotte, and three sisters, Mrs. H.W. Severs, of Charlotte, Mrs. J. E. Reaman, of Tampa, Fla., and Miss Bessie Todd, of Charlotte. Funeral.

The funeral services will be condducted tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock at the residence by Rev. Mr. West, pastor, of More's Chapel.

At the conclusion of the sessions By Associated Press. of criminal court today at noon Judge W. J. Adams announced to the attorneys for the city school board and the Belmont-North Char- South Carolina were yesterday inform-, Several hundred members of the Bay's lotte school patrons that he was ed by telephone of the coming South Corn Club of the states will attend on ready to hear the prayer for an in Atlantic State Corn Exposition which Friday of next week, when an address junction by the school patrons nam- is to be held here December 11 to 15, will be delivered by Bradford Knapp, ed, who, it will be remembered, some when \$10,000 in prizes will be given head of the United States farm demon-time started proceedings to restrain for the best corn exhibit. This, it is stration work. the school board from erecting a \$2,000 school building upon a site donated by the Pegram-Wadsworth and Company. Messrs. Heriot Clarkson, E. R.

Preston and Col. W. C. Maxwell represent the school patrons, while Judge Lurwell, City Attorney Bre-nizer and Mr. C. W. Tillett represent the school board.

The hearing began shortly after 12 o'clock. At the hour of going to press the case is being argued. The

Closing Session The Baptist State Convention

THE WEATHER

Rain late tonight or on Sun-

Whereabouts Of Reyes Unknown

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 9.-Whether Try Meat Packers General Bernardo Reyes is in Mexico or in Washington, D. C., was not definitely known here early today. His family said that they believed be would arrive at Washington today and offered a telegram bearing a St. Louis proof that he is in the United States ple's union. and on his way East. A telegram from Camargo yesterday was offered'in sup-

> Both telegrams bear General Reyes' surrection which daily threatens to de-Mexican troops are scouring the bor-

Since his disappearance almost a week ago rumors have given his where- will continue the wholesome educaabouts as San Antonio, Laredo, Brownville, St. Louis and Carargo, Mexico. An automobile declared to be his was

found in Kansas City several days ago.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—The revenue With the trial of A. B. Maple, Bert Conners and P. Ira Bender, charged with attempting to blow up the Hall of Record. In Jugust, 1970, postponed until Jamuary with, the only thing remaining to the McNamara containing to the McNamara containing to the McNamara.

Severs store in Severs s reached secret agents of the govern-

The supposed expedition is said to man race." be aimed at the Mexican government.

TODAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.

Not in session. Meets 2 p. m. •

HOUSE.

Met at noon. committee.

trust" is disposing of some that we appear to the conscience and hearts of the people of North beet and cane factory holdings.

Raw material doctrine at tacked in speech by Representative Burgess, of Texas.

Must be Always Alert.

N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, said that the prohibition forces of North

Interest of Baptist Young People's Union Considered - Report of Committee on Temperance Considered and Adopted at Arternoon Session.

Urges Abolition of Social Clubs And Enforcement of Will of The People as Expressed by Tremendous Majority on Liquor Question.

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, Dec. 9.—The closing session of the Baptist state convention was held last evening and considered date and received several days ago as the interest of the Baptist young per-

Announcement was made at the session that the Winston-Salem Jourport of the contention that General nal will not carry whiskey advertise-

The report of the committee on temperance was considered and adopted signature. A tireless search is being at the afternoon session. The latter part of the report was expressed as

"We recommend our faithful preachers, our press and Sunday school workers for their work in temperance reform and we feel assured that they tion of our people in practical temperance.

"We commend these newspapers in North Carolina that refuse to carry iquor advertisements.

We favor a strong national law protecting prohibition territory from the interstae commerce in liquor.

'We must emphatically disapprove the policy of our national government in granting liquor license in prohibi-tion territory and declare it to be an unholy alliance with anarchy and bold disregard of the plain rights of a sovereign people. "We commend the North Carolina

anti-saloon league as worthy of our continued moral and financial support. 'We commend to our people co-operative work, local and general, to secure

tion we may go one to the final overthrow of this arch enemy of the hu-Amendment to Report. S. F. Conrad offered the following

resolution as an amendment to the report on temperance and with this amendment the report was adopted. "Resolved that it is a sense of this convention that the will of the people of North Carolina by more than 44,000 majority against the sale of liquor be carried out; that the opposition through the near-beer saloon defined the will of the people and our last legislature to their great credit passed a law which eliminated this from the state. There was another bill in the More witnesses for the de ◆ last legislature to destroy the system fense heard at Lorimer inquiry. • of clubs now being run under cover ◆ and in opposition, as we believe, to

hallot box. "This convention hereby calls upon all lovers of home and their native Controller Bay charges final- land to use their utmost endeavor to ly dismissed by investigating > see to it that these clubs be put out of existence when run illegally, and we Sugar 'Trust' inquiry contin- have not law sufficient to destroy this ued with evidence that the evil, that we appeal to the conscience

the law and the spirit of the law and

• the will of the people expressed at the

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Big Plans for South Atlantic States Corn Exposition To Be Held At Columbia, S. C.

expected, will be the largest agricultural exposition to be held in the South Columbia, S. C., Dec. 9.—One hun- and will be distinctly educational in its dred thousand farmers and business nature. A corn judging school will be men of North Carolina, Georgia and conducted in connection with the show.

Public Schools Of Chicago May Be Thrown Open To Gentle Art of Dancing

By Associated Press.

of Chicago may be thrown open to and city ordinances.

dances will be conducted without Chicago, Dec. 9.—The public schools charge and without restriction in so

dancing is a plan proposed at the Eleven schools will be opened meeting of the building and ground next week as "social centers." In committee of the board of educa- these the boys and girls of the city, tion yesterday is carried into effect. if the plan is carried out, will be The idea is a part of a battle allowed to hold dances whether they against the dance hall evil. The are in school or out.

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