# PATHETIC SCENES AT BIRMINGHAM DISASTER

# HAVOC WITH HEROES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala: Nov. 23 .- Eightyer bodies, twenty those of white men sur bodies, twenty those of white man-ind 64 those of negroes, lay tonight in indertaking establishments here and in busemer, the death toil of a coal dust explosion yesterday in the Dolomite hite number three, of the Woodward gon Company, 16 miles west of Bir-ningham. Eighty-two bodies were taken rom the mine early today, and of the 50 jured two succumbed. The report of leals indicated that while several of the remaining in hospitals were seri-sly hurt, possibly they would recover.

Bodies of 11 white men and 64 negroes were in one undertaking catablishment in Bessemer, and while a large crew of morticians worked feverishly all day preparing them for burial, hundreds of parsons congregated in the street about the place anxiously seeking news of rela-tives and friends.

### Many Unidentified

One white man and 15 negroes had not been positively identified tonight. The explosion was declared by mining experts to have been a "freak" and so fur as local records show only a third of its kind that ever occurred in this

A stream of dump-cars broke loose on the incline and literally dropped 800 feet to the yard, sending up a great cloud of coal dust. The crash broke a high tension electric cable and this ignited the dust. It is believed about 40 of the men who lost their lives were in the yard at the foot of the slope, and were killed by the concussion. Of these six were foremen, the blast wiping out all of the mine forces. The deadly after damp formed immediately, and accounted for the remainder of the vic-

Work Until Unconscious. Disable the fact that he was already feeling the effects of the dread block dame. Dr. Ed Wright, physician for the American Steel and Wire Company, a football tragedy, The annual pigrimage member of the first volunteer rescue had been made so many consecutive haft, battled desperate throughout the hours, of the night and did not couse ministering to the dying until he himetf had fallen unconscious by their side.

Dr. Wright arrived shortly after the blast. Entering the mine without any oxygen mask with members of the T. C. Mine rescue team, Dr. Wright did not leave until be was carried out on a stretcher and token to an emergency

Scenes of pathos about the mine mouth during the night and early morning hours continued as relatives and ilies of miners known to have been in the mine when the blast occurred writed expectantly for news of their loved ones. Many of these men, it was belleyed, had reached the surface through the runsway connecting the mine with mine number two, and had reentered the working pit to belp in rescompany officials of relatives."

The invious relatives, however, kept their watch all night long refusing to beave until they learned definitely of husbands, fathers, brothers or loved heat year, and we are going to beat their watch all night long refusing to

Joyous reunions occasionally relieved the sorrowful scenes. One small girl gave a cry of delight as a grimy miner morged, his face smoke-blackened and his clothing bearing mute signs of his strugg'e to reach the surface in sufety. As the man came out the child threw herself into his arms and the pair hurried off before the man's name could be

An aged woman collapsed as she greeted two sons after several hours of anxious waiting. The boys, meeting the resquers in the mine as they were making their way out and learning that the workings were safe again from poisonous gases, bad instantly turned back to aid in the search for other men, thus keeping their mother in suspense until they finally reached the surface ex-

## Many Heroes.

Stories of heroism, countron in coal mine disaster, began to trinkle to the outside world as begrimmed men came all Succeed Justice W. R. Day to the surface after long hours of work.

One rescuer told of an unidentified mine foreman who assembled about him thirty workers and soon after the blast look place, ordered all to remain with him working or fixing up brattices with stopes and canvas to shut off the dreaded after-damp gas that he felt sure was to follow the explosion. While this work was going on, according to the rescue worker, one miner objected to remaining with the rest of the men. He negued with the foreman, and finally saving he was determined to try for the at 6) au (Continued on page 8)

### ENATOR SIMMONS MAY BE NEXT DEMOCRATIC LEADER

peared the honor would lie between

be a candidate for the leadership

A conference of Democratic senstors was lield to discuss the mutter, but further consideration was postponed until the arrival here next week of Senator Robinson, His friends were not advised whether he desired to be considered for the

A Team of Great Stars But With No Punters Or Passers Or Backs Like Mayre

FOOTBALL TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST DECADE

(By LEARY WARREN ADAMS)

About next Friday the alumni of the university will be returning from Charlottsville rejoicing, thinking they have overturned the world, for according to our belief the Tar Heels will beat Virginia by at least two touch-downs, and end the greatest season the university has known since the late '90's. Undoubtedly, they will think

the Carolina eleven 60 to 0 in 1912, ith the annual promise of "next-time", and with always the same result-a Vir-Carolina victory: It was indeed, in the repeatedly stereotyped phrase of the late Ben Dixon MacNeill, a far ery from the days of Fouse and the last Carolina Big men like Bossheimer had gone to Richmond so many times with the professed intention of "killing half a dozen Virginians," and had come back with "narry-one" stretched on the gridiron; the alumni so many times had held 'pep" meetings, addressed by the faculty, then gone to Richmond to love all their pep before the mad righ of Buck Mayer who heat Yale and who was reputed to bave never been downed in an open field, and before the rush of other great stars, that Carplina was regarded as a sort of loke in Richond. Nevertheless year after year the crowded specials headed for Rich-

## mond with its boasting crowd and its

their football hopes died many deaths. Unremembered Stars. would break through the Virginia line Raleigh, fireman, both of the passenger and tackle the heart out of the Old caew.

caused ft is said, by the incident.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.-The

nomination of Pierce Butler, of

Minnesota, to be Associate Justice

of the United States Supreme Court

to succeed William R. Day, of Ohio,

resigned, was sent by President

Harding today to the senate, Mr.

Butler is a practicing attorney of St.

Paul, 66 years of age and a Demo-

crat. He was admitted to practic

before the Supreme Court on May

26, 1894, and since then has fre-quently hippeared before that beach

Butler Is Nominated to

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 .- Considration by Senate Democrats of the election of a leader to succeed Senator Underwood of Alabama, in the next session of congress was begun seriously today at several private conferences at which it ap-Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, and Senator Robinson, of Ar-

contract attracted thousands of tobacco growers to the court house at Nashville last month has now been cited for con-tempt of court by Judge Frank Daniels Senator Underwood, who returned here today, announced recently that because of ill health he would not to appear on December 4th, at Nashvilfe, to show cause why he should not be punished for further delivery of tobacco when the 68th congress assembled fellowing the continuance of the injunc-

## fees have been made by members of the association this week.

spite Count Order, He So Mare Tobucco and Daniek Cites Him For Contempt

RALEIGH, Nov. 23,-W, T. Jones, at

Clinching the legal victory of the asso-

iation in its first suit, this action of

Officers and members of the association

WANT TO SETTLE CASE

FAMOUS MIKE RHODES

ion and restraining order.

tion in Raleigh this week in resulting in large deliveries, according, to reports from warehouse managers of the asso-ciation. First cash advances in the case of many growers range from \$15 to \$18 per hundred on loads of tobacco brought in last week in both Virginia and North Carolina. Last Friday E. L. Keith at Fuquay Springs received \$2,095.80 for

large cash advances being made upon first deliveries by the dark tobacco growers of Virginia are delighting the

## Get More Than Teasate.

Growers from various points in South Carolina report larger receipts from ginla victory-a lot of people began to their first two advances, by the associaonder if there would ever be another tion than their tenants received from the sale of their entire crop at auction, a case in point being that of Tom Purvis Timmonsville, route 6, whose first two advances of more than \$800 exceeded victory to their next victory in 1916, the total receipts of his tenant from the same tobacco which brought slightly over \$700 on the auction floors. Among the many growers of the three

states who have now offered to settle their cases out of court is Mike Rhodes. (Continued on Page Two.)

## EIGHT MURT IN TRAIN

WRECK NEAR NORLINA of Those Injured Were' Members of Train Crew-One Woman, Mrs. Ennls of New York, a Casualty

RALEIGH, Nov. 23 .- Eight | persons were injured alightly early today when the Scaboard Air Line passenger train number one and extra Treight number 325 collided fifteen miles north of Norlina, N. C. The injured were brought them or die, and they did die. That is to a hospital for medical attention.

Mrs. Annie Ennis, Sodas Point, York, was the only passenger injured. But they did get a team afterwhile The others hurst are N. Newsom, Elm team that could stop even Thurman City, flagman; J. G. Hunter, Raleigh, whom Virginia sent to France to get conductor; E. D. Boney, Raleigh, eno come back and beat Carolina. That geneer; S. P. Harris, Raleigh, brakeman, was in 1916. Buck Mayer was gone and W. D. Bule, negro, Raleigh, fireman, and Thurman had no great running all of the freight train crew; J. M. Lowe, mate, and on every play the Tar Heels Raleigh, engineer, and C. H. Holloway,

Dominion's great star. It was said jest- "Officials of the railroad here unngly after the game that he didn't gain nounced a formal investigation will be hree yeards. So, next spring at Greens- made of the wreck, with indications now pore he got in a fight with Bill Folger that the crew of the freight had overat first base, during a baseball game, looked the passenger, which was en route from New York to Jacksonville,

on the argument of important

cases, including the Minnesota rate

cases, in 1912, decided by Justice

Hughes. The apointment will re-

store to the beach the political

equation which existed when Justice

Clark resigned. He, a Democrat,

was succeeded by Justice Suther-

land, a Republican. But by selecting a Democrat to succeed Justice

Day, a Republican, the court will

# WINSTON-SALEM MAN

P. Shelton, Who Was Briver of Puted Automobile, Held on Charge of Buckins Driving

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 23 saries Hanes, 36, who sustained actured skulf when an automobile an fractured skull when an automobile and afrect car collided on South Main street carly Wednesday morning, died at a local hospital at noon today. C. P. Shelton, who was arrested, charged with the reckless driving, gave a \$1,500 bond for his apearance at trial.

## Judge Daniels in upholding the legality of the contract effects a hundred or more growers in three states, against SACRED whom the association is now filing suits. TAIN AUDIENCE

are watching for similar evasions of the law at many points throughout the to-bacco best and are eagerly reporting all cases of contract breaking. Many set-tlements of liquidated damages for 5 cents a pound in addition to attorneys'

Large Deliveries Being Made.

The announcement of a second payment to the organized growers of eastern North Carolina as made at the recent directors' meeting of the association.

In addition to the meeting which will be of an educational nature, Mr. Beaman in making arrangements for sacred music to entertain the audience. Mayor cent directors' meeting of the association.

Young Yonan is a unique figure in North Carolina. He has only been in America three years and has not only mastered the English language in that time but, in competition with every high school boy and girl in North Carolina, last year won both the high school easay and dec'amatory prizes of the state.

12,000 pounds of tobacco raised on his first advance. At Mebane, the association has recently paid close to \$20 s hundred as first advance on some loads according to J. E. Bowling, district warehouse manager for the old belt of North Carolina.

According to reports from co-operative floors at Roxboro, averages of more than \$18 per hundred were made by several growers last week, among whom were J. M. Brewer, George Lee and H. S. Lang.

in Raleigh last Sunday brought tears to the eyes of many of his hearers by his recital of what he saw with his own

Handred Children for This County. Wayne county is asked this year to \$6,000 or enough to feed, clothe and shelter the 100 children assigned to this county. These are a part of the 3,334 now in North Carolina orphanages in the Near East which in truth are the Tarheel quota of the 110,000 which the American people are building into the future Armenian nation, the Turks haying all but exterminated this brave race. It only requires \$60 a year-\$5 a

month-17 cents a day, to fred one of (Continued on page 8)

Wife of Pastor Intercedes and Electrician Who Got 30 Days Goes Way Rejoicing

## DANCE NO MORE IN

atand the tears of Mrs. L. M. Omer, wife of the pastor of the Christian church who was interested in Gutherie Sunday school.

She called Judge Bland up over the phone and sold him how this young man was doing his heat to lead a better life, and she plead with him to give him a chance, and the judge's hearts just melted away. He admitted that he would have promised anything at that time that she might have asked then shipping bill was commended even if it had meant turning every man in the county jail out.

Anyway, judgment is suspended in the case of one William Gutherie, and he is free to go his way rejoicing, but Judge Bland warned him about trying to pull up the race track, knock all the windshields out of Fords, and strewing hot dogs about the fair grounds while the venders danced about in an epifepsys of fear Sant

Mrs. Jerman, Head of Women's Clubs Legislative Committee, Gives Aims

### MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN EXEMPTED

RALEIGH, Nov. 28 -Announcement that the North Carolina Legislative Council of Women's Organizations, composed of the leeding women's clubs of the State, a few days after Christman will hold another meeting at which its legislative program to be submitted to the General Assembly next January will the General Assembly next January will he completed, was made here stonight by Mrs. T. Palmer Jerman, chairman.

Mrs. Jerman, who also is president of the Wake County League of Women Voters and chairman of the committee on legislation of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, in making this announcement gave out a statement explaining the program adopted to date by the council. by the council.

One of its chief features is a reiter-Armenian win that been through the Hell of Turkish persecution, will speak at the miss mouting in the court house at Goldsbore Sunday, it was announced las night by the Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, chairman of the Wayne county committee, Near East Belief.

The New Bern football team will arise at 11:30 eclock this merning, while forta of the National Woman's Party the Rocky Mount team will come by autopassing the Rocky Mount, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The Rocky Mount team will arise at 11:50 eclock this merning, while the Rocky Mount team will arise at 11:50 eclock this merning, while the Rocky Mount team will arise at 11:50 eclock this merning, while the Rocky Mount team will arise at 11:50 eclock this morning. The Rocky Mount team will arise at 11:50 eclock this morning that the Rocky Mount team

Equal Guardianship Urged

"With the enfranchiaement of women," said Mrs. Jerman," many of their disqualifications were removed. But there still remains in the statutes of every State some qualities that should be changed at the earliest time possible. The three most important in our State have, been grouped in one section by the council.

"All the afternoon of the wayne of the local high school in charge of the "one A.D. We commissioner."

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parents of the persons and property of their children. Eligibility of women their children. Eligibility of women for jury service with exemption for mothers of young children in addition to usual exemptions allowed men. Roman to testify in her own behalf on an interest for abduction of seduction unless her testimony is correspond to arrange all the details. Postball enthusiasts of this city want to see Goldsburg become the ball battleground of Eastern Care and thus focus the interest and at the focus the fo "Changing the feee in this group,

act of elemental justice.

as to the age of consent. In adcourt law, the women seek to abolish given up, however, the New Bern paper that part of the present law requiring say that many more automobiles wi

"Third: Modification of the present election law so as to secure privacy in voting. Many think the Australian ballot system clumsy in operation and the women's council believes that the changing of the word "may" to "shall" secure the results they wish.

"Fourth: Revision of the State hibition law to conform with the federal

## Oppose Blanket Amends

work for the 'blanket amendment,' but North Carolina women appreciate the fact that many laws now existing in our State protect women and that these would be jeopardized by such an act. Therefore the council is opposed to it and will continue to work for specific mesaures to strengthen the good laws EPILEPSY OF FEAR already existing.

"Strengthening of the primary law John Henry Gutherie, electrician, who and enlargement of the public welfare pulled up all the posts at the fair department will have the women's grounds and attempted to run all the wholehearted support. One or two fortune telling gypsies out of the fair other matters will come before the grounds, and all the race horses of council's next meeting for final action, near George West at the time. The case the race track, and whom Judge D. H. but it is our carnest desire to pre- was tried once before but the jury was Bland gaye thirty days for all of his sent a short and vital program that unable to agree. multitudinous exploits is now out of need take but a small portion of the Defense attorney gave notice of ap jail because the judge could not with. General Assembly's time," she stated. | peal.

## CHIEF JUSTICE IDAHO

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 23 .- Wil liam Lee, son of Reuben Lee, former sheriff of Buncombe county, North Carolina, has been elected chief justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho, necording to word received here today by his nephew, Claude F. Lee, manager of a motion picture house.

The new chief justice was born Asheville in 1879.

se, Dortch, and Coach Shep ard to Officiate For Two

# EAST ON GOLDSBORO

The New Bern football team will ar

Special arrangements have been made or the accommodation of both teams.

Ans young Young himself went for six days once without food.

Recent events in the Near East, and particularly at Smyrna, have given the people a glimpse of what has been garding on in Armonia for years, and just what has prevented these people re-habilitating thermselves. Bishep Cannon and the first some other perhabilitating thermselves. Bishep Cannon are corresponded by the fury, even though they have been game here and the winner of the State on this city, are action of the State on this city. publicity it will give their cities if for no other reason, but Goldsbore was selected because of its convenience and because of the extremeliance therein "Second: Revision of the present law that saw the Wake Forest-Carolina inches

to asking that the age be raised to The special train which New Bern sixteen to conform with the juvenile had been planning to run has been proof of the innocence of the aggrieved make the trip, and make up to a great extent for the lack of the special train

## New Bern Confident

New Bern Highs, in 'the best gondition of the season, leave tomorro-morning headed by Coach Ishuam Hard and Cupt, Redmond Dill for Golds in section 5976 of the present law will where in the afternoon they will meet Bocky Mount in the semi-final castern championship contest:
The week has brought the locals som

law, it is hoped, will make for better fine opportunities for "strengthening enforcement by local officers." Practice has gone on daily with up." Practice has gone on daily with (Continued on page 8)

## BOGUS K. C. OATH, of Col. Watts follower "We know that representatives of the READ BOGUS K. C. OATH, National Woman's Party will be here

# Trouble For His Remarks To His Easter Sunday Congregation

BEEVILLE, Tex., Nov. 23 .- A jury in the county court at George West, Live closer to me than any other pur Oak county, yesterday found W. J. Bugg, in the state, and at that time ! Itinerant preacher, guilty of criminal libel and fined him \$1,000 in connection with reading an alleged bogus oath of the Knights of Columbus to a congrega-

tion last Easter Sunday. Bugg was conducting a tent revival

# he cause he was an attendant at their Shipping Bill Commended And Condemmed In House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 .- Brought up in the House, the administraand condemned during five hours of debate today in which leaders on both sides of the battle toook part. All told five speeches, three for and two against the measure, were

Two full days of debate remain before the bill will be laid before the House for amendment, and to satisfy all eager to speak the meet-

hour, Chairman Benny Gee, of the merchant marine committee, which framed it, and Representative Edmunds of Pennsylvania, ranking Repalai arguments for the bill. Representative Nelson, Rep

can, Wisconsin, selected by Demo-crats to take charge of the oppo-sition, was the first at but to urge its defeat. Representative Bank-head, Democratic member of the morchant marine committee.

RALEIGH, Nov. 28 .- "The issue is the rehabilitation of the tax office, not the rehabilitation of Mr. Watte," J. W. Bailey declared early Thursday merning in announcing that he would make a formal reply in Charlette later in the day to Governor Morrison's Wednesday night statement.

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"The governor is undertaking to purp public letter on the piane of the habilitation of Mr. Watts," Mr. Readded. "I named some things the leature ought to do, but I do not remly think the legislature can rehability. Watts."

Mr. Walts.

The statement from the gave called by the Bailey broadside day, printed Wednesday me which the former callector at revenue recommended four at forms for the coming general

"I stand by my letter he understands. It spec In it, I spoke of Mr. Wat at if the Lord had

swer to the governor, Mr. would be made to The Asso correspondent at Charlotte inight for publication in the. papers Friday.

"I herewith hand the public a le which Mr. J. W. Bailey wrote me use the appointment of Col. A. D. Watte tax commissioner. At the time this ter was written, and when I'm Col. Watts, Mr. Bailey was p in the state, and at that time I re him as one of my most valuable and devoted friends.

"When Mr. Bailey wrote this he knew Col. Watts well; they thoroughly familiar with the polimethods of each other, and for a time had been as closestagether policy as any two men in North Care He assails Col. Watts, most marelle now

"If I erred in the ap-Watts, Mr. Bailey is the last man-carth who ought to attempt to prejudice against my administrat account of that error.

Satisfied of Watt's Home. just as honest man as Myc Be me he was in his letter Sares

"It is true that Col, Watta has power to value railroad pro taxation under the revenue bill' stated at the time he discovered this power. this power was in him, that it our not to be so, and that he would earne ly seek to have the law amended so the full responsibility would not be him. However, this much is true he so exercised this power that a principle railroads in the state are ing valuations fixed by him in the and are resisting paying the Whatever power he has seems to (Continued on page 8)

# Martin Santan