

WOMEN RESUME AT THE SCENE OF THE CHERRY DISASTER, THEIR LONG VIGIL

There Have Been Hints of a Demonstration Against Mine Officials, Hence the State Troops.

SOLDIERS WERE ON GUARD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

Tons of Water Is Being Forced Down Mine Shaft, but an Explosion Is Now Feared.

Cherry, Ills., Nov. 17.—With state troops stationed on the ground, Cherry, the scene of Saturday's disaster in the St. Paul mine, where 300 miners are still entombed, began the day with expectancy.

The delay in recovering the bodies has driven scores of women to desperation. Hints of a possible demonstration against the mine officials and state officers caused the call for troops, who did sentinel duty throughout the night.

The relief work is so thorough that physical suffering is improbable. Bishop Dunn of the Roman Catholic diocese of Peoria, Father Skull of LaSalle, and 40 Sisters of Charity are among those active in giving relief.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The American Red Cross headquarters this morning received a telegram from National Director Bicknell, at Cherry: "Permanent relief work organized. The governor has issued an appeal for contributions. We have a hard task ahead. Situation is most serious."

To Open Air Shaft. The air shaft is to be opened later in the day. A big fan has been started, in the effort to rid the mine of gas, and upon the success of this action depends the plans of the men in trying to bring the interior fire under control and effect entrances.

The inquest over the death of the rescuers who perished Saturday was not concluded today. Threats are made against Rosenjack, the cager, who is alleged to have deserted his post.

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES ARE GETTING TOGETHER

It is Admitted the Postal is the Largest Stockholder in American T. and T. Company.

New York, Nov. 17.—The report that the controlling interest in the Western Union Telegraph company, obtained by the American Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, would lead to a closer community of interests between these companies and the Postal Telegraph, with probably the ultimate merger of the three companies, was given color today when officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company frankly admitted the Postal company is the largest single stockholder in their company.

SEVERAL INDICTMENTS FOUND, SO REPORT SAYS

In Connection With Weighing Frauds of the Sugar Refining Company.

New York, Nov. 17.—Although official confirmation is lacking, reports are persistent that indictments have been found against a number of government weighers, connected with the weighing frauds perpetrated by the American Sugar Refining company.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 3 p. m., Thursday, for Asheville and vicinity: Fair and much colder tonight, with freezing temperature; Thursday fair; colder.

A YOUNG MAN IS IN DEMAND

So Says the McDowell Democrat, With Reference to the Candidacy of Mr. Cocke.

The McDowell Democrat of Marlon last week has a story relative to the candidacy of Hon. William J. Cocke of Asheville for the democratic congressional nomination, which will be of interest here. The story in part follows:

Within a few short months now the democrats of the Tenth Congressional district will be called upon to nominate a man to lead them in the congressional fight next year. The most thoughtful party men feel just at this time that a new man should be chosen. They feel that he must be a true democrat; that he must be a man full of enthusiasm; active; an able debater and withal a good mixer. A man, in short, who can get votes and who will reflect, in his course in congress, credit upon his district. That the democrats of the Tenth district can elect such a man seems to be the consensus of opinion.

It is the evident purpose of the democrats of the Tenth district to nominate a young man as the party's standard-bearer and in seeking such a man none seems more fit than Mr. Cocke. While young in years—as men usually speak of age—he is experienced in the law and in the political arena. He is an enthusiastic man; a man with all the vigor and the enthusiasm of the young man and withal a man of determination of purpose.

Mr. Cocke is a loyal democrat. His past record has stamped him as that kind and brand of democrat who is ever ready and willing to take the stump and to fight the battle of his party; to meet the enemy at any and every point. During the past twenty years, in this district Mr. Cocke has been called to the stump by his party and no man ever responded more nobly and more cheerfully. In the interest of the candidacy of other men he has carried the democratic banner into almost every township in the district and his voice has been raised in support and in defense of the principles of democracy. He has few equals on the stump and no superiors in this section of the state at least.

MURDERED HER DAUGHTER TO PROPITIATE HER MAN

Gross Details of Unnatural Crime Confessed by a Negress in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 17.—A remarkable murder story is revealed following the confession of Mary Batson Howard, a negress, that she killed her eight years old daughter because the man she loved threatened to leave her unless the child was sent away.

TAFT PROMISES SUPPORT TO NEGROES' EXPOSITION

Is Visited by a Committee, Headed by Booker T. Washington, on Behalf of This Project.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Taft promised a committee, headed by Booker T. Washington, who called at the White House this afternoon, hearty support of the movement started by leading colored people throughout the country for holding exposition in 1913 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the freedom of the negro race.

Three Are Killed. Dayton, O., Nov. 17.—A double-header freight collided with a freight train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton at 6 o'clock this morning. Two men, a fireman and a brakeman, were killed.



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HIS CANDIDACY ANNOUNCED TODAY

Mr. Gudger Says Democrats, in Choosing Candidate, Should Give Chief Consideration to Availability.

A CRUCIAL MOMENT IN LIFE OF THE DEMOCRACY

Mr. Gudger Thinks This is No Time For Experiments, if the Enemy is to Be Defeated.

Former Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., today handed to The Gazette-News the following letter addressed to the democratic voters of the Tenth congressional district:

In reply to many inquiries from all parts of the district asking if I will be a candidate for the congressional nomination, I take this method of announcing my candidacy, subject to the will of the democratic party. We face a serious situation, a time when every loyal and true democrat should be faithful to duty, guarding well the best interests of his party in the selection of a candidate.

The nominee should have the confidence of the people, a clean record, and a thorough knowledge of the district, with experience as an organizer, in order to obtain every available vote, which will be necessary if we hope to win the race. This fact is evident to every thoughtful man and needs no argument.

This is a crucial moment in the life of the democratic party; no time for experiments; practical reasoning and action must be exercised if we expect to defeat the enemy. The conditions at this time are such that in the selection of a man to lead the party in the great battle of 1910 many points of view must be carefully considered; paramount in importance is availability—strength to poll the largest vote and the capacity to do the most effective work for the district as their representative.

He who measures up nearest this standard is entitled to the support of the voters. I am deeply grateful for the loyal support given me in the past, and to all I beg to say, if nominated, I will give my best efforts to restore this district to the party of the people.

JOHN M. MOREHEAD IS SMILING AGAIN

Gloom Is Dispelled, and the Calamity of John Motley's Resignation Is Averted—President Taft Revokes Glasson Census Appointment, and Awards Spoils to Victor.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Taft today settled the North Carolina census supervisory row, which has darkened the political moon around the White House several days. Representative John M. Morehead of the Fifth North Carolina district threatened resignation of his seat because he said he was the only republican representative not consulted about the appointment of a supervisor in his own district.

Shippers Present View to Railway Commissioners

Washington, Nov. 17.—The shippers' point of view of transportation problems was presented this morning at the convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, J. C. Lincoln of St. Louis spoke of some amendments to the laws and railway rules needed by the shipping interests. The shippers want to give the interstate commerce commission the power of temporary injunction over proposed increases in rates; shippers should have the right of routing; giving erroneous rates by carriers' agents should be made a misdemeanor, urged creation of a special court for final jurisdiction over questions arising from orders of the interstate commerce commission.

"AN INCREASED DANGER TO WOMEN OF SOUTH" ISSUED NO ULTIMATUM TO PRESIDENT, HE SAYS

Georgia Citizens Petitioning the President to Pardon Shipp and the Others. Chief Forester Pinchot Characterizes Story as "Merely Silly Fabrication."

Rising Dawn, Ga., Nov. 17.—Practically every citizen of this community has signed a petition asking President Taft to pardon ex-Sheriff Shipp of Chattanooga and his five co-defendants. The petition states: "We view with grave fear the effect the fulfillment of these sentences will have upon ignorant and irresponsible negroes, increasing beyond question the danger to the women of the south."

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Shunned by her husband and sister, Mrs. Helen Burns today leaped in front of an electric car and was crushed to death. The suicide is a dramatic sequel to a broken romance which followed the husband's divorce and return to his first wife.

THE CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION

20th Annual Session of Western Carolina Conference of M. E. Church South, Met Today at Hickory.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY

Yesterday and Last Night Several Meetings Were Held for Preliminary Work of the Conference.

Hickory, Nov. 17.—The twentieth annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened with this city this morning at 9:30 o'clock, with Bishop James Atkins presiding. After religious services consisting of reading the lesson and prayer by the bishop, the secretary of the last conference, W. L. Sherrill, was asked to call the roll of ministers and lay delegates, which was done and the great or part of the conference answered to their names.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill was elected secretary and Harold Turner assistant. Reports from the Nashville boards were referred without reading. Rev. W. H. Willis, for the presiding elder, nominated the usual committees.

A resolution by R. L. Durham, to abbreviate the reports of preachers, making more time to discuss the affairs of the conference raised much discussion. A motion to table was lost 72 to 49. Other discussions followed, the bishop taking part. The resolution was lost 74 to 59.

Dr. Chretzberg Waxes Warm. Dr. H. F. Chretzberg favored the Durham resolution, saying he was tired of connectional officers canvassing for the bishop's place, taking up time. Bishop Atkins called him to order. Dr. Chretzberg said he was ready to surrender his credentials if he could not be heard, and was sitting down when bishop asked that he keep the floor, at which he, Dr. Chretzberg, withdrew the remark.

CROP WILL BE RECORD BREAKER

A Louisville Dispatch Says the Burley and Other Grades Will Reach Four Hundred Million Pounds.

PRICES WILL AVERAGE TWELVE TO FIFTEEN CENTS

As a Result of Early Sales It Is Thought the Money Market Will Relax Appreciably.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17.—Kentucky burley and other grades of tobacco of the 1909 crop will be the record-breaker of 400,000,000 pounds, according to the announcement of the Louisville banks, that have been gathering figures from correspondents in various counties. The burley crop is estimated at 200,000,000 pounds. Of this between 55 and 65 per cent. has been pooled with the Burley Tobacco and Insurance company.

UNIVERSITY TEAM TO PLAY NO MORE

Is Disbanded for the Season, Because of Cancellation of Game by Virginia.

Special to The Gazette-News. Chapel Hill, Nov. 17.—The University will not play a Thanksgiving game of football this year, and the season has now closed and the team disbanded. This announcement comes, after long deliberations from the athletic committee. They feel that the team cannot do themselves justice with any other college, after having trained the whole fall with the Virginia game in view. The student body is greatly disappointed, yet they feel, with the committee, that since the Virginia game is called off, they no longer have anything to play for.

A \$651,500 DEAL IN TIMBER LAND

Special to The Gazette-News. Bryson City, N. C., Nov. 17.—A mammoth land deal involving 35,000 acres of land on the Haven fork of Caneva Luffy river, Swain county, some four miles east of this place, has just been entered into by William Whitmore & Sons, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa., to Parsons Pulp Lumber company, a corporation of the state of West Virginia; the consideration being \$651,500.

This timber land is some of the best in this section of the country. It lies along the Appalachian Railway which has recently been completed between Ela (Forsing) and Yellow Hill. A quantity of pulp wood is included in the deal. It is thought that some time in the future this company now in possession of the lands will establish a pulp mill either at Ela or Bryson City.

HICKS GARREN, PAINTER, CANNOT BE FOUND

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, Nov. 17.—There is speculation here today as to the whereabouts of Hicks Garren, a painter about 23 years of age. Yesterday he telephoned his wife, who was some miles in the country from here, to come in, and upon her arrival here this morning with her child her husband could not be found. It is stated that officials are making inquiries, at the request of his wife, for the missing man.

Boston Jeweler Arrested. Special to The Gazette-News. Boston, Mass., Nov. 17.—A. Gray of Greenboro has caused the arrest of a leading jeweler here on the charge of being implicated in a big jewelry scheme.