

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, Cherthe mine is opened.

has driven scores of women to des-peration. Hints of a possible demon-man seems to be the consensus of stration against the mine officials and state officers caused the call for troops, who did sentinel duty throughout the night. Tons of water is being forced down the burning mine through the hoist shaft. Chief Horan, with engines and a squad of firemen from Chicago are in charge of the work.

The relief work is so thorough that physical suffering is improbable. Bishop Dunn of the Roman Catholic diocese of Peoria, Father Skuli of La-Salle, and 40 Sisters of Charity are among those active in giving relief. Late reports say gas is forming rapidly in the mine, caused by the burn-ing coal and the action of fire and water, and an explosion is feared.

The Situation Serious.

Washington, Nov. 17 .- The Ameri-The governor has issued an appeal for We have a hard task contributions. 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 he has carried the democratic banner in trying to bring the interior fire into almost every township in the dis Water has been forced to the bottom trict and his voive has been raised under control and effect entrances.

The McDowell Democrat of Marion 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 ry, the scene of Saturday's disaster in district will be called upon to nominate a man to lead them in the conthe St. Paul mine, where 300 miners gressional fight next year. The most are stil lentombed, began the day thoughtful party men feel just at this with expectancy. Before dawn the time that a new man should be chosdaily pligrimage of women to the en. They feel that he must be a true mine began. The faithful vigil of the bereaved widows has been relaxed but of enthusiasm; active; an able debater a few hours, though hope is lost that and withal a good mixer. A man, in a lew hours, though hope is lost that a single man will be found alive when the mine is opened. The delay in recovering the bodies it upon his district. That the democrats

opinion. With such qualifications before it, and in a determination to win and redeem the district from the republicans, party sentiment is fast crystalizing around the name of the Hon William J. Cocke of Buncombe. This is apparent to all,

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

man well versed in the serious affairs of the nation; a loyal party man can Rod Cross headquarters this and a man who can play the game. morning, received a telegram from National Director Bickneil, at Cherry: past record has stamped him as that "Permanent relief work organized, 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 ing Candidate, Should Give Chief interst of the candidacy of other men Consideration to Availability.

A.Reger New York Herald and The Gazette- Ne "WONDER WHERE I'D BETTER PUT IT" JOHN M. MOREHEAD HIS CANDIDACY THE CONFERENCE **IS SMILING AGAIN** ANNOUNCED TODAY NOW IN SESSION Gloom Is Dispelled, and the Calamity of John Motley's Resig Mr. Gudger Says Democrats, in Choosnation Is Averted-President Taft Revokes Glasson Cen-20th Annual Session of Western Caro-

sus Appointment, and Awards Spoils to Victor. lina Conference of M. E. Church South, Met Today at Hickory.

Washington, Nov. 17 .- President in his own district.

Appreciably. Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17 .- Kentucky burley and other grades of tobacco of the 1909 crop will be the record-

As a Result of Early Sales It is Thought

the Money Market Will Relax

breaker of 400,000,000 pounds, according to the announcement of the Louisville banks, that have been gathering figures from correspondents in various countles. 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.

This year's prices average 12 to 15 cents, with 10 and 20 cents as the minimum and maximum respectively. The dark tobacco counties not favoring the pools are selling individually. Bank officials say the money market, which tightened as a result of the pools, will relax on the early movement of the crop. There are indications of early sales.

UNIVERSITY TEAM TO PLAY NO MORE

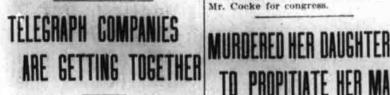
Is Disbanded for the Season, Because of Cancellation of Game by

Virginia.

Special to the Gazette-News. Chapel Hui, Nov. 17.-The Univer-sity 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 deliberation, from the athletic committee. They feel that the team cannot do themselves justice with another 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. Coach Brides has put out the best team that the University has had for several years, and they hope he will be back next year. The Virginia team cancelled all games on account of the death of Archer Christian.

the drainage basin and overflow the ciples of democracy. He has few lower galleries. The fire is now hotter equals on the stump and no superiors than any previous time. The inquest over the death of the

rescuers who perished Saturday was Cocke has few equals in this section. not concluded today. Threats are He is known throughout his home city made against Rosenjack, the cager, who is alleged to have deserted his many other sections of the Tenth dis His tentimony may invite viopost. lence from the men holding him responsible for failure to bring some of the miners to the surface



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 interbetween these companies and the Postal Telegraph, with probably the ultimate merger of the three companies, was given color today when officials of the American Tele phone and Telegraph company frankly admitted the Postal company is the largest single stockholder in their company,



In Connection With Weighing Frauds of the Sugar Refining

Company.

New York, Nov. 17.—Although offi-cial conformation is lacking, reports are persistent that indictments have been found against a number of gov-symmet weighers, connected with the weighing frauds perpetrated by the American Sugar Refining company.

THE WEATHER.

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 at until 1 p. m., Thursday, wills and vicinity: Pnir and blor tonight, with freezing urs; Thursday fair; colder.

sufficient quantities to have filled in support and in defense of the prin-**A CRUCIAL MOMENT IN** in this section of the state at least As a mixer with the people Mr

and county; and for that matter in

trict as a genial and whole souled

fellow; and a man who gives serious

Confessed by a Negress in

Washington.

slashed her throat wit ha razor.

Booker T. Washington, on Be-half of This Project.

Three Are Killed.

growsome.

Cocke has few equals in this section Mr. Gudger Thinks This is No Time

> For Experiments, if the Enemy is to Be Defeated.

attention to the serious affairs of life The democrats of the Tenth district could make no mistake in nominating 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 TO PROPITIATE HER MAN

> lection of a candidate. The nominee should have the con-

the confession of Mary Batson How- vote, which will be necessary if we ard, a negress, that she killed her hope to win the race. This fact is

eight years old daughter because the evident to every thoughtful man and man she loved threatened to leave her needs no argument. This is a crucial moment in the life

Her description of the crime is of the democratic party; no time for Under pretense of taking experiments; practical reasoning and the child to the woods for a romp, action must be exercised if we expect she lured her to a secluded spot and 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: Georgia Citizens Petitioning the Presi- Chief Forester Pinchot Characterizes Tord, North Carolina, and R. O. Lawparamount in Importance is availabil-

TO NEGROES' EXPOSITION ity-strength to poll the largest vote and the capacity to do the most effective work for the district as their representative. Is Visited by a Committee, Headed by

He who measures up nearest this standard is entitled to the support of the voters. I am deeply grateful for

Washington, Nov. 17 .- President the loyal support given me in the lically every citizen of this communipast, and to all 1 beg to say, if nomi- ty has signed a petition asking Presi- ment asserting that the story that he Taft promised a committee, headed past, and to all I beg to say, if nomi-by Booker Washington, who called at nated, I will give my best efforts to dent Taft to pardon ex-Sheriff Shipp

the White House this afternoon, hearrestore this district to the party of of Chattanoega and his five co-dety support of the movement started by the people. The results of the two congressional fendants. The petition states: leading colored people throughout The results of the two congressional the country for holding exposition in races heretofore made by me and my

"We view with grave fear the effect record and work while in congress are the fulfilment of these sentences will express satisfaction with my work, and 1913 to celebrate the fiftieth anniverwhile no definite plans are per- district, and after due and careful negroes, increasing beyond question

this time. Your truly. J. M. GUDGER, Jr.

Pia, bandit, was arraigned this after-moon in the juvenile court, charged, with robbing the Eudora state bank.

Washington, Nov. 17,--President in his own district. Taft today settled the North Carolina census supervisership row, which has devery day since his return. He left THE STANDING COMMITTEES LIFE OF THE DEMOCRACY the White House several days. hed. Morehead had recommended a Representative John M. Morehead supporter named Joyce. Director of

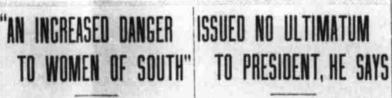
of the Fifth North Carolina district the Census Durand, however, secured threatened resonation of his seat be- the appointment of Prof. Ginsson cause he said he was the only repub- Morchead profested and the president

representative not consulted today revoked the appointment of about the appointment of a supervisor 'Glasson and the place goes to Joyce.

Shippers Present View to Railway Commissioners

Wishington, Nov. 17 .- The ship-misdemeanor, urged creation of a be a candidate for the congressional pers' point of view of transportation special court for final jurisdiction After religious services consisting of 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 sociation of Railway commissioners. Arguing that car shortage and ser-Grewsome Details of Unnatural Crime every loyal and true democrat should J. C. Lincoln of St. Louis spoke of vice methods of unlawful discriminabe faithful to duty, guarding well the some amendments to the laws and more for the benefit of favored shipperbest interests of his party in the se- railway rules acceled by the shipping are to be remedied by a uniform code interests. The shippers want to give of rules of demorrage, a special comthe interstate commerce commission mittee, headed by Commissioner Lanfidence of the people, a clean record, the power of temporary injunction of the interstate commerce commisand a thorough knowledge of the dis- over proposed increases in rates; sion, today recommended to the con-Washington, Nov. 17.-A remarka-ble murder story is revealed following in order to obtain every available routing; giving erroneous rates by Railway commissioners the approval shippers should have the right of vention of the National Association of



Story as "Merely Silly

dent to Pardon Shipp and the Others.

Rising Dawn, Ga., Nov. 17 .- Prac-

WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY

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

special to The Gazette-News. Hickory, Nov. 17 .- The twentieth annual accord of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. South, convened with the First Methodist church of this city this morning at 9:30 o'clock, with Rishop James Atkins, presiding, reading the lesson and prayer by the

bishop, the secretary of the last conference, W. 1. Sherrill, was asked to Special to The Gazette-News, call the roll of ministers and lay delheir names.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill was elected secretary and Harold Turner assistant, just been entered into by William Reports from the Nashville boards Whitmire & Sons, Inc., of Philadelwere referred without reading. Rev. phia, Pa., to Parsona Pulp Lumber W. H. Willis, for the presiding elder, company, a corporation of 197 nominated the usual committees.

Communications from several ab- being \$651,500. * ni superannuates were read. Proaiding elders of Asheville, Charlotte, best in this section of the country. Franklin, Greenshoro, Morganton, Mt. It lies along the Appalachian Rallway Airy, Salisbury, Statesville, Shelby, which has recently been completed be-waynesville and Winston made re-tween Ela (Foering) and Yellow Hill, ports showing a great increase in all A quantity of pulp wood is included lines

The following were received by time in the future this company now transfer from other conferences: L. in possession of the lands will estab-D. Johnson, West Texas; E. K. Creed. lish a pulp mill either at Ela or Bry-Denver; O. P. Routh and W. F. Sanson City.

on, Los Angeles. H. M. Blair made report of the con-H. M. Blair made report of the con-dition of the Christian Advocate, HICKS GARREN, PAINTER, showing progress. showing progress.

A number of visiting ministers were introduced, among them Reva. A. P. Tyer, and L. S. Massey of the North Carolina conference.

chot, chief forester, has issued a state

A resolution by R. L. Durham, to abbreviate the reports of preachers, Special to The Gazette-News, making more time to discuss the afissued an ultimatum to President Taft fairs of the conference raised much like the recent "conspiracy" story was "merciy a silly fabrication." Mr. Pin-"The president was good enough to

Dr. Chreitzberg Waxes Warm.

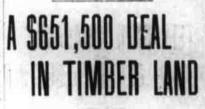
Sunday School Workers.

Fabrication."

Washington, Nov. 17 .-- Gifford Pin-

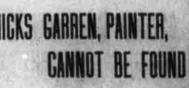
Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 17 .- The annual convention of the Michigan Sunday School amociation opened in this city today. In point of attendance

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Bryson City, N. C., Nov. 17 .- A ogates, which was done and the great- mammoth land deal involving 35,000 or part of the conference answered to acres of land on the Raven fork of Ocana Lufty river, Swain county, some four miles cast of this place, has of West Virginia; the consideration

This timber land is some of the in the deal. It is thought that some



Hendersonville, Nov. 17 .- There is speculation here today as to the discussion. A motion to table was lost whereabouts of Hicks. Garren, a 75 to 49. Other discussions followed, painter about 23 years of age. Yes the bishop taking part. The resolu-tion was lost 74 to 59. here, to come in, and upon her ar Dr. H. F. Chreitsberg favored the rival here this morning with Durham resolution, saying he was child her husband could not be for tired of connectional officers canvass- It is stated that officials are make

tired of connectional officers canvias-ing for the bishop's place, taking up time. Bishop Atkins called him to order. Dr. Chreitzberg said he was ready to surrender his credentials if he could not be heard, and was sit-ting down when bishop asked that he keep the floor, at which he. Dr. Chreitzberg, withdrew the remark. Standing Committees. Banding committees.



fected, the exposition will show the investigation, if your judgment approves increasing beyond question the danger to the women of the south."



chot said:

