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### MANY OF THE MINES FOUND TO BE UNSAFE

#### The Resumption of Mining is not General.

### IT WAITS FOR REPAIRS

#### It Looks as if the Union Engineers are Going to Have Much Trouble in Getting Back Their Old Places.

(By the Associated Press.)

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 23.—The resumption of mining throughout the anthracite region was not as general today as was expected. Unlooked for difficulties were encountered in the shape of water and accumulated gas, and dangerous roofs, which threatened to fall and entomb the workers are also discovered in many collieries.

The mine superintendents would take no chances and the mining of coal was put off until all parts of the underground workings can be made safe. This will take a few days yet, and in some cases it will take weeks before some of the mines can be put in full operation.

Although work was carried on in some mines which are not considered in the best of condition, no accidents were reported today. In quite a few of the collieries the machinery and everything else connected with the hoisting of coal acted badly, and it was found necessary to close down after steam had been raised and the miners ready to go to work. From reports received from the entire anthracite region, the number of mines in operation is given as a little less than two-thirds of the total number, but the output of coal was less than half the normal. As was to be expected there was more or less dissatisfaction among the old employes over the reopening of the mines. Where it was decided not to resume work for a few days, the men took it that the coal companies did not want their service, and many complaints reached President Mitchell's headquarters. But as the day wore on and the true situation became known there was a better feeling all around. President Mitchell expects when all the mines get in operation there will be less complaint. Until all the collieries do resume, there will be more or less idle men airing their discontent.

It looks as though the union engineers were going to have some difficulty in getting back their old places. At nearly every mine where the striking engineers made application for work today they were told that there were no vacancies. A large number of carpenters are also out in the cold. A delegation of carpenters waited on President Mitchell today and told him of their grievances. The chief of the miners' union advised his callers to wait a few days and see if employment would not be offered them. President Mitchell believes that when general resumption takes place, there will be few of the mine employes idle. The firemen are being taken back in large numbers than any of the other steam men. That is because they are experienced, and they take the places of men who are not so capable. The same friction reported between union and non-union men was at several collieries in the Wyoming region, where the miners objected to being lowered into the mines by non-union engineers.

President Mitchell was busy at headquarters today getting the miners' side of the case in shape for presentation to the arbitration board.

### UNION ORDERED TO FIGHT.

#### The Engineers and Firemen Shall not be Left out, Says Their President.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Oct. 23.—President Morton of the International Association of Stationary Engineers and Firemen, stated today that all of the members of the association all over the country would be ordered to refuse to handle any anthracite coal until every member affected by the anthracite strike is reinstated on the basis on which the miners returned to work.

The Brotherhood has a membership of 14,000 and has local unions in 114 towns and cities, including Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Baltimore, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and San Francisco. President Morton declared his organization was in a position to shut out hard coal in all cities where it had local unions, and said such action would be taken if necessary for the protection of members of the union who had lost their positions on account of the anthracite coal strike.

This is President Morton's view of the situation:

"According to all reports from the Eastern mines, our men are getting the worst of it, and while the miners are being reinstated they are left out in the cold."

an important extension of the open door policy as urged by Secretary Hay. The agreement affects not only Shanghai, but the entire Yang Tse Kiang Valley which the Powers are seeking to develop for commercial purposes. The date of the evacuation is still open, but a leading official of the Foreign Office expressed the belief that it will undoubtedly be accomplished by January 1st. About 1,200 troops will participate in the evacuation.

### MURDER MYSTERY AT CHARLESTON.

(By the Associated Press.)

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 23.—With the death of an unknown negro at the City Hospital today, the police department and the coroner's office are confronted by a murder mystery that promises to baffle the skill of the detectives detailed on the case. The identity of the deceased, the manner in which he came to his death, and the identity and whereabouts of his assailants all are unknown. The victim was found in a vacant lot on last Sunday morning in an unconscious condition. There was a ghastly wound on his head, and the negro was moved to the hospital where he died without having regained consciousness.

### COLLARED BY JUDGE

#### Justice Harlan Prevents Fight Between Freshmen and Sophomores.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, who is a member of the faculty of the Columbian University law school, in this city, last night, interfered and prevented a class fight between the freshmen and sophomores. Justice Harlan is a giant in stature and, although 69 years of age, he is still vigorous and active, golf being one of his daily exercises. The youngsters were no match for him when he entered the arena.

The anticipated contest was the result of the announcement of the freshmen class that it would hold its first meeting last night in Jurisprudence Hall. The announcement acted as a suggestive challenge to the sophomores to break up the meeting if possible. After the regular lecture of the evening, the first year men undertook to open their meeting, when the sophomores made a charge against the door of the hall. At this point, Justice Harlan appeared and in a commanding voice ordered the combat to cease. The sophomores paused for a moment, but were evidently not disposed to obey the order, for they immediately began a second assault. It was then that the eminent jurist took a personal hand in the fray. He reached over the heads of the assaulting party and seizing the leader of the forces by the collar, dragged him from the pile. The jurist then directed the second year men to disperse with the desired effect.

### TO HEAR THE COMPLAINT OF CHARLOTTE SHIPPERS.

#### The Inter State Commerce Commission Will Take Testimony as to Alleged Rate Discrimination.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 23.—The secretary of the Charlotte Shippers' Association was officially notified today that the United States Inter-State Commerce Commission would sit in the United States court room in this city on November 17th, for the purpose of hearing the complaint filed by the Charlotte shippers against the railroads for discrimination of freight rates. The meeting will bring to Charlotte a hundred prominent railroad officials, the discrimination in the rates from Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Norfolk, New York, Baltimore, Boston and other cities, has long been a matter of serious concern to Charlotte merchants and the local shippers having failed to accomplish anything by direct dealing with the railroads have applied to the Inter-State Commerce Commission to adjust the matter.

News was received here today of the destruction by fire of the dye-room and engine room of the Springtime mill at Chester, S. C. The main portion of the mill was saved after heroic efforts of local firemen and the loss of between \$50,000 and \$75,000, fully covered by insurance.

### TRUE BILL FOR RAPE.

#### Venire of Fifty Men Summoned From Which to Draw Jury to try Woody.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 23.—Today in the Superior Court the grand jury returned a true bill against J. W. Woody for rape. Friday was set for the trial of the case. A venire of fifty men on which to draw for jurors needed to try the case is being summoned. Woody will be defended by G. S. Bradshaw, and possibly also by Coy. J. A. Barringer. The three colored men, charged with stealing clothing from the Vannoy Clothing Company and the Merritt Johnson Company were tried in the mayor's court yesterday afternoon and bound over to the Superior Court under a bond of \$50. They could not raise the bond and were sent to jail.

### Federal Court Adjourns.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Statesville, N. C., Oct. 23.—Federal Court, which has been in session here this week, adjourned yesterday and Judge Boyd returned home. Very little work was done. A few little men whiskey trials. A friend suggests that it is too near election to have a heavy docket, perhaps.

### THE FIGURES TALK WOULD DO IT AGAIN

#### Knocking Republican Tariff Claims Endwise.

#### Senator Simmons Shows by the Commissioner of Labor's Report Condition of our Workingmen.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 23.—Senator Simmons spoke here tonight to a representative crowd of business, professional and laboring men. He made a most impressive and convincing speech, one of the most powerful, in fact, heard in Salisbury for many years. His remarks with reference to the effect of the tariff laws on the mill operators were both original and striking. The speech aroused the profoundest interest of all who heard Senator Simmons and did much good here.

Speaking of Republican claims that the Dingley tariff has helped the working people of this State, Senator Simmons said:

The Republicans claim that the Dingley tariff has benefited labor in this State. The report of Mr. Varner, our Commissioner of Labor for the year 1901 does not sustain this contention. This report shows that in fifty-three of the ninety-seven counties of this State the financial condition of our working people is poor and that in forty of these counties their condition is not only poor, but is not improving. An analysis of this report shows that labor in the agricultural counties is in better condition than in the manufacturing counties. In the great manufacturing county of Rutherford the financial condition of our working people is reported poor and not improving; in Rockingham poor and not improving; in Montgomery poor and not improving; in Cumberland poor and not improving; in Forsyth poor and not improving; in Cleveland poor and not improving; in Lincoln poor and not improving; in Cabarrus poor and not improving; in Mecklenburg poor and not improving; in Durham bad and not improving; in Mitchell, the home of mica, poor and not improving.

The improved financial condition of farm labor in this State is not due to the tariff, because the staple products of the farm are not protected. But the unprosperous condition of the operatives in the cotton mills of this State is due in a very large measure directly to the high and oftentimes prohibitory schedules of the Dingley tariff. These prohibitory schedules have brought disaster alike upon the mill owner and mill operatives in this State. By fostering monopolistic trusts, they have raised the cost of living to these operatives, and by excluding foreign importations they are closing and in many instances have already closed, the doors of foreign markets to the surplus products of these mills, and have thereby brought about a condition of congestion and stagnation in this industry which has made an increase in wages impossible.

### FIRE AT THE DUKE FACTORY.

#### Extinguished by the Automatic Sprinklers. Rev. J. C. Thompson Called.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Oct. 23.—Fire broke out last night about 7 o'clock in the third story of the west wing of the Duke factory branch of the American Tobacco Company. The flames originated in the coat room of the export department, but the origin is unknown. There is an automatic sprinkling system throughout the factory, that turns on the water itself whenever a room reaches a certain temperature. This system worked to perfection on this occasion and soon put out the fire. The damage was small, the most of it being from water.

The First Baptist church, of this city, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. C. Thompson, of Richmond, Va., to become its pastor, to succeed Rev. Dr. W. C. Tyree, who goes to Raleigh. Rev. Mr. Thompson, field secretary of the mission board of the State of Virginia. He is a native of Wake county. A singular coincidence is that he first suggested the name of Dr. Tyree as pastor of the First church of this city, and if he accepts, will follow Dr. Tyree. The call was forwarded to him today, and an answer is anxiously awaited.

An effort is being made to secure two additional tobacco warehouses for Durham. The matter will be taken up at an early date by the Chamber of Commerce. Sales have been so largely increased this fall that the three warehouses here now have been crowded to their utmost.

Last evening while at play, Lizzie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Noell, had the misfortune to break her left limb just above the knee. Drs. A. Cheatham and W. A. Graham were called in and set the broken limb.

General and Mrs. Julian S. Carr and son, Master Austin, who have been spending some time in Massachusetts, have arrived home.

If you do not register you cannot vote. The books close Saturday, October 25th, at sunset.

Idle haunting is the smoke and true courage the fire.

agents), Col. Walter Taylor, of Wilmington.

### PRITCHARD AND THE BILL TO HELP EX-CONFEDERATES.

#### He Says he Would Vote Against it Once More if it Were Only in his Power to do so.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Oct. 23.—Senator Jeter C. Pritchard spoke in the court house tonight to a large audience. He was introduced by Dr. E. A. Gates. The Senator pleaded in an earnest manner for the doctrines of Republicanism, especially along national lines. He extolled the high tariff tax on mica, lumber, rice, etc. The Democratic State administration was charged with extravagance. He said that he tried to get Mr. Craig to come to Durham but he would not do so. His hearers were advised to vote the Republican ticket, vote against Kitchin, whether they did against him or not.

"Joe Daniels," said the speaker, "said I was a cancer doctor. I am not exactly that, but if twelve and a half per cent were involved would it be wise to cut away the other eighty-seven and a half per cent?"

The Senator took a turn at the increasing of Governor Aycock's salary, the establishment of new judicial districts, the attempt to impeach the judges, the borrowing of two hundred thousand dollars to help meet the State's expenditures.

In referring to the fact that he voted against a bill to help the Confederate soldiers, the Senator said he voted against it and would do so again if it were in his power. He referred to General Carr's benevolence to the Confederate soldiers and that Locke Craig got on his mule and rode over Western Carolina to help elect Simmons. The speaker predicted that there would be a million and half dollars deficiency when the Legislature meets.

### RECAPITULATION OF MONTE CHRISTI.

#### The Government Obtains Possession After Some Hard Fighting.

(By the Associated Press.)

San Domingo, Santo Domingo, Oct. 23.—The government troops have re-captured Monte Christi after a severe fight during which both sides sustained heavy losses. General Navarro, the former Governor, who revolted and took possession of Monte Christi, was captured and brought a prisoner here.

Many arrests have been made in connection with the revolt. All is now quiet in Santo Domingo.

The United States' cruiser Cincinnati has returned here from Monte Christi, Santo Domingo. She confirms the report that the Dominican government troops have recaptured that port. The fighting, which was very severe, lasted two days. The foreign residents of Monte Christi sought refuge on the Cincinnati while the battle was in progress.

The Cincinnati left here today for Port-de-Paix, Hayti, to protect foreign interests there.

### FIRE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION.

#### Fifth Annual Meeting in Greensboro Theatre Party and Banquet.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 23.—The North Carolina Fire Underwriters' Association met in fifth annual session yesterday at Benbow Hall, and after an all-day session, adjourned last night. C. F. Harvey, of Kinston, president of the association, presided, and in the absence of the secretary, J. Van B. Metts, of Wilmington, the president appointed H. C. Bragaw, of Washington, secretary pro tem. The president's report was read and referred to a committee composed of Messrs. J. H. Southgate, of Durham; A. B. Daininger, of Winston; and R. E. Cochrane, of Charlotte, for examination and recommendation. A special committee was appointed to audit the report of the secretary and treasurer and make recommendation on same. This committee consisted of Messrs. R. W. Murray, of Greensboro; J. C. McCubbin, of Salisbury; and Francis Womack, of Reidsville.

The chair named special committee to draft appropriate resolutions concerning three members of the association, who have died during the year, after which the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock when it met again to discuss the reports of the several officers and to adopt legislation for betterment of the insurance condition in the State, promoting peace and harmony between the agent and company and the insured.

Attending the convention were forty or fifty local insurance agents from all over the State and they were the guests of Wharton, McAlister and Vaughn Tuesday night at a box party at the presentation of "Lord Strathmore" at the Grand. From there they went to the Benbow, where an elegant banquet was served in the dining room in their honor.

### NEGRO RAPIST IN HANDS OF THE MOB

#### Troops Ordered to Tallapoosa by the Governor.

#### THEY ARRIVE TOO LATE

#### An Hour and a Half Before Their Coming Ben Brown is Taken From the Jail and Negro and Mob Disappear.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 23.—Governor Chandler has ordered a detachment of State militia to Tallapoosa, Ga., to protect Ben Brown, a negro charged with attempting to criminally assault a white woman near that place. Brown has been placed in the county jail there, which is reported to be surrounded by a body of determined men, who are waiting for an opportunity to lynch Brown. Brown has confessed.

### THE NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 23.—The long distance telephone operator at Villa Rica, Ga., forty miles northeast of Tallapoosa, Ga., says that a mob secured the negro Ben Brown from the jail at Tallapoosa tonight an hour and a half before the militia arrived. It is said the mob went in the direction of the Alabama line.

### THE TEXTILE WORKERS OFFICERS ELECTED. MORE THOROUGH ORGANIZATION SOUTH TO ABOLISH CHILD LABOR.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—The United Textile Workers of America finished their first annual convention here today and adjourned to meet in Philadelphia on the third Tuesday of next October. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—James Tansey, of Fall River, Mass.  
First Vice-President—Samuel Ross, New Bedford.  
Second Vice-President—Michael McCarthy, White Rock, R. I.  
Secretary—Albert Hibbert, Fall River, Mass.  
Treasurer—James Whitehead, Fall River, Mass.

Executive Council—Thomas O'Donnell, Fall River; Thomas Taylor, Fall River; Matthew Hart, New Bedford; John Waldron, New Bedford; Ella M. Nichols, Ipswich, Mass.; Maurice Newman, Lawrence, Mass.; Thomas L. Enly, Philadelphia; J. H. Carlidge, Augusta, Me.; E. H. Carter, Langley, S. C.; J. R. Grabowski, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; Joseph G. Jackson, Fall River, and Jas. Cliffe, Pawtucket, R. I.

President Tansey was appointed a delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention, which meets in New Orleans next month.

Action was taken providing for the appointment of an agent of the association to undertake the work of a more thorough organization of the textile workers throughout the Southern States. A resolution was adopted urging a reduction in the hours of labor and the abolishment of child labor in the Southern States. The per capita tax was left at five cents per quarter, the proposition to increase it to ten cents meeting strong opposition.

### FRIES MERGER COMMITTEE.

#### n Session Here Last Night but no Definite Action Taken.

The members of the committee to select the mills that will be accepted in the Fries merger plan met in Raleigh last night at the Yarrowborough House. The members of the committee are: Z. W. Pratt, of Huntsville, Ala.; S. B. Tanner, of Henrietta, N. C.; John Fries, of Winston-Salem; C. G. Latta, of Raleigh; and A. W. Haywood of Haw River. All of these were here.

The meeting simply discussed the various plans before it and came to no definite terms. From Mr. Fries it is learned that about 135 mills desire to enter the merger, but that the adaptability and need of each plant in the merger will be considered before it is taken in.

The meeting will continue today, when some definite results are expected.

### LECTURE BY DR. LINSKOTT.

#### The University Foot Ball Team Plays the Virginia Techs Saturday.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 23.—Dr. H. F. Linscott, Professor of Latin in the University, delivered the first faculty lecture of the season in Gerrard Hall this evening before a large and attentive audience upon "Scholarship and the University in Modern Life."

The speaker showed marked familiarity with his subject and treated it in a broad and scholarly manner.

The University football team will leave tomorrow morning for Roanoke, Va., where on Saturday it will face the sturdy warriors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The Tarheels have a strong eleven and entertain hope of victory over their Virginia rivals.

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