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BAD DOUBLE WRECK

Lives and Property Lost In a Railway Accident

TWO DEAD; SEVERAL INJURED

Fast Passenger Crashes Into Freight Train With Dead Engine on Rear, Smashing Both and Demolishing Several Cars—Wrecker Strikes Them and Practically Whole Train Piled Into Ditch.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—As a result of a double wreck on the Southern Railway a short distance east of Woodlawn, a suburb of Birmingham, early Sunday, two men are dead and a number injured.

The dead:

Cal. B. Harris, fireman on the wrecker.

Tom Beverly, brakeman on wrecker

The injured are James Wages, Atlanta, engineer, skull fractured, head hurt and face scratched; S. H. Hill, engineer, internal injuries; Thomas Powell, engineer, bruises on body; white flagman, shoulder dislocated; two postal clerks, slightly injured; white passenger, knee cut.

The unusual character of the wreck makes it surprising that the casualties were not more. A freight train with a dead engine on the rear, was coming toward Birmingham. The operator, it is said, allowed No. 37, the fast passenger, to enter the block and it crashed into the dead engine, smashing them both and demolishing several cars. Three cars of the freight train were thrown across the eastbound track, almost at the instant that the Southern wrecker en route to Helin, Ala., passed. The wrecker struck them and practically the whole train piled into the ditch. Two men were caught under the engine.

The baggage and mail cars of the passenger train were torn up and the three demolished engines with the debris strewn about presented a gruesome picture.

Great Fire in Manila.

Manila, By Cable.—Fire destroyed 1,300 houses and parts of the Districts of Singalong, Paco and Bambang, in Manila. The American settlements at Ermita and Malate escaped through the hard work of the firemen, assisted by soldiers and citizens. The flames, fanned by a heavy gale, swept an area of 100 acres clean, within two hours, and destroyed the homes of 100 residents and 1,000 natives. The native refugees are now sheltered in the schools and other public buildings many are camping in open spaces. The damage is conservatively estimated at $200,000 in gold. No causalties are reported.

The officials of the health department do not agree with the estimate of the damage given above which was made by policemen and firemen. They assert that 269 houses were destroyed and 2,500 natives rendered homeless. Their estimate of the financial loss is the same as that of the other municipal department. It is thought that the figures given by the health officers are nearer correct.

The districts of Singalong, Paco and Banbang, lie to the east of the walled city of Manila and just behind the residential distruction of Malate and Emrita, which face the bay. Nearly all of the native houses in the fire swept district are nopa huts of comparatively small value.

Founder of W. C. T. U. Dead.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Special.—Mrs Esther McNeil, the founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and first president of the organization, died at her home in Fredonia. She was born at Carlisle, N. Y., 94 years ago, and was widely known throughout the United States as a temperance worker.

Three Injured at Carpet Plant.

Philadelphia, Special.—Three persons, two women and a man, were seriously injured as the result of an explosion of a gas retort at the plant of John and James Dobson, carpet manufacturers, in the southwestern part of the city. The explosion followed a slight fire and threw 4,000 employes at work in the mills into a panic. Many young women fainted but all the employes were gotten out safely with the exception of the three who were badly burned. They are Mary Cavonaugh, Annie McKirk and George Shaw.

Body of Miss Pedleton Recovered.

Staunton, Va., Special.—The body of Miss Mabel Pendleton was found half a mile below the bridge over Jackson river, at Clifton Forge from which she and her lover Stuart Gay jumped to their death on Thursday last after being turned back at Staunton while en route to Washington to be married. The body of Gay has not yet been recovered.

MR. CARNEGIE ON PEACE

Reply to Letter From President Containing Suggestions Which Mr. Carnegie Quotes as "Objections" and Proceeds to Answer.

New York, Special.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who is president of the peace congress, gave out a statement as to the results of the congress just closed. Although not so designated by Mr. Carnegie, the statement constitutes a reply to some of the suggestions contained in the letter which President Roosevelt addressed to the congress on its opening day. Mr. Carnegie quotes these statements as "objections" and proceeds to answer them as follows:

"Our peace conference has brought three objections clearly before us.

"First, Nations cannot submit all questions to arbitration.

"Answer, Six of them have recently done so by treaty—Denmark and the Netherlands, Chile and Argentina, Norway and Sweden.

"Second, Justice is higher than peace.

"Answer, The first principle of natural justice forbids men to be judges when they are parties to the issue. All law rests upon this throughout the civilized world. Were a judge known to sit upon a case in which he was secretly interested he would be dishonored and expelled from his high office. If any individual refused to submit his dispute with a neighbor to disinterested parties (arbitrators or judges), and insisted upon being his own judge he would violate the first principle of justice. If he resorted to force in defense of his right to judge, he would be dishonored as a breaker of the law. Thus peace with justice is secured through arbitration, either by court of by tribunal, never by one of the parties sitting as judge in his own cause.

"Third, it is neither peace nor justice, but righteousness that shall exalt the nation.

"Answer, Righteousness is simply doing what is right. What is just is always right; what is unjust is always wrong. It being the first principle of justice that men shall not be judges in their own cause to refuse to submit to judge or arbitrator is unjust, hence not right, for the essence of righteousness is justice. Therefore men who place justice or righteousness above peace practically proclaim as it appears to me, that they will commit injustice and discard righteousness by constituting themselves sole judges of their own cause in violation of law, justice and right.

"Civilized man has reached the conclusion that he meets the claims of justice and of right only by upholding the present reign of law. Our pressing duty is to extend its benignant reign to combinations of men called nations. What is right for each individual must be right for the nation. This union of law and justice, ensuring peace and good will among men through disinterested tribunals, is the 'righteousness which exalteth a nation.'' The demand that interested parties shall sit in judgment is the wickedness that degrades a nation."

By Wire and Cable.

The Thaw trial ended with the disagreement and discharge of the jury.

A great rubber trust is planned at Providence, R. I.

A furious blizzard is swweping over the copper country in Micigan and over Northen Wisconsin.

Advices from Shanghai are to the effect that the famine horors in China are growing worse, and that the death rate from starvation is 5,000 daily.

A demand from the Government for the expulsion of Socialist members stirred up the Douma, and some startling speeches were made.

Lieut.-Gen. Robert McGregor Stewart has resigned as Governor of Bermuda.

Fatal Cutting Scrape Between Negro Women.

Spartanburg, Special.—Annie Wilson, a negro woman, was lodged in jail here for cutting the throat of Florence Clifton, another negro woman, at Inman Sunday afternoon. The crime is a horrible one and though the Clifton woman was alive there is no chance for her recovery.

Placed Under $700 Bonds.

Marksville, La, Special—Charged with manslaughter for their alleged carelessness in allowing the negro Charley Strauss, to be lynched, Depty Sheriffs J. E. Keegan and J. J. Salmon were brought here under arrest and placed under $700 bond each. Strauss was hanged to a tree in the woods near Eola, La., where a crowd of masked men met the deputies as the latter were escorting the negro to jail.

Americans Sentenced to Death.

San Antonio, Tex., Special.—A special from Monterey, Mex., says: Information has been received that the Supreme Court of Mexico has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of Hulbert, Mitchell and Hale, Americans, convicted of poisoning two other Americans for insurance money in Chihuhua and that the three men have been sentenced to death.

NO DISCRIMINATION

Railways Deny Charges Made By Southern Shippers

DECLARE RATES REASONABLE

Postponement to Saturday Allowed on Motion of Complainants to Allow Time for Serving of Papers Forcing the Introduction of Minutes of 1905 Conference.

Washington, Special—Rates on cotton goods from Southern points to the Pacific coast. China and Japan was again the subject of hearing before the inter-state commerce commission. E. J. Southall, representing the complainants, made a formal motion for a postponement of the hearing until he could serve defendant railroad and steamship companies with a subpeona duces tecum to compel the production of the minutes of the conference held in 1905 which resulted in the alleged agreement to raise rates. The defendant companies finally agreed to produce these minutes and the hearing was continued.

Mr. Southall said to the commission that he intended to show by the minutes of these conferences that they were participated in by railroad men notwithstanding the denial of this during the earlier testimony.

The railroad representatives replied that the minutes would not show the presence of railroad men at conference and claimed further that no agreement was entered into by them regarding the rates in question. It is claimed that if an agreement was reached between the steamship lines it is beyond the jurisdiction of the inter-state commerce commission.

Secretary Ayers of the China and Japan Trading Company, explained the exact method of purchases, price of goods and rates paid for shipment both from New York to the Orient via the Suez canal and from the Pacific coast.

The defense rested their case after the testimony of Lincoln Green through traffic manager of the Southern Railroad. Mr. Green told the commission that the rate complained of was fixed on an exceedingly low basis because of water competition and that it had been reduced from $1.85 per one hundred pounds to San Francisco to $1.15, present rate. The commission took the case under advisement.

An Island Town Destroyed.

Manila, By Cable.—The town of Iloilo, Island of Panay, was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning, with the result that 20,000 persons are homeless. As this dispatch is filed the conflagation is still raging, and owing to the heavy wind blowing it is beyond control. The civil and military authorities are doing everything possible to check the flames and assist the sufferers. No estimate has been made of the amount of damage done and no details of the fire are obtainable, owing to communication with Iloilo being seriously affected. Iloilo is the capital of the Island of Paney, located on the east coast. The port, which is the second in importance in the Philippines, next to Manila, is the centre of the sugar import trade.

Stolen Express Money Recovered.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—The $25,000 stolen at the Union depot Tuesday night, was recovered by the police. John Gunderson, the suspected robber, who was arrested on Wednesday, told the police where he had hidden the money. One package containing $10,000 was found under a piece of dirt in Jackson street, and two other packages containing $15,000 were found under the platform at the Great Northern shops.

75,000 Deaths in a Single Week From Plague in India.

Simia, India, By Cable. — There were 75,000 deaths from the plague in India during the week ending April 13. Seventy thousand of these occurred in Bengal, the United provinces and the Punjab. The epidemic began in the Punjab in October, 1897, since when nearly a million and a half deaths have occurred.

Preacher Held for Unlawfully Marrying Couple.

Rochester, Special.—Rev. W. F. Coffey, pastor of an African church at Olean, was arrested on the charge of unlawfully marrying Arthur Jones, colored, and Dora Hitchcock, white. Coffey was held for the grand jury in the sum of $500. Fred Hitchcock, the father of the girl, and Arthur Jones to whom she was married were married, were arrested and arraigned. They pleaded not guilty to disorderly acts. A jury trial will be given them.

Mills of South Carolina.

Washington, Special.—Three cases involving charges of excessive rates and discrimination on the part of about 30 railroad companies against cotton manufacturers of the South were heard by the inter-State Commerce commission Chairman Knapp, and Commissioners Clements, Cockrell and Lane are hearing the cases. It is likely the proceedings will continue for two days.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Americans will run Cuba at least a year longer.

The Russian lower house has agreed to the restrictions imposed by the Premier.

Improvement in taste in art in America is marked, says M. Jules Lowengard, of Paris.

John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, resigned office to resume the practice of law.

The meeting of the sovereigns of Great Britain and of Spain may materially influence the balance of power in Europe.

Figures disclosed in a suit show that $1,275,000 was paid in royalties under the Selden patent by automobile manufacturers in four years.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, of Canada, and General Botha arrived in London; a remarkably hearty welcome was given to the former Boer leader.

Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation of Labor, at a meeting of 2000 telegraph operators declared himself in favor of international peace.

Commander Robert E. Peary, at Portland, Me., announced plans for his proposed voyage, when he will make another attempt to reach the North Pole.

Residents of Pittsburg say that Harry Thaw has so greatly depleted the family's fortune that there would not be enough left to spare for bail in case the Court would accept it.

A London dispatch states that as the result of a controversy it has been decided that Sudbury, a small Suffolk town, is the original of the famous Eatanswill of "Pickwick."

The annual depreciation in the value of warships is shown by the sale at auction of six British war vessels, among them the Sans Pareil, which cost $3,597,210, and which brought $133,000.

May Be Fatally Injured.

Winston-Salem, Special. — While working on the gable at the residence of Mr. A. F. Messick in Salem, Mr. Paul Miller, a young carpenter, fell from the scaffold, a distance of 35 feet, and sustained injuries that may prove fatal. He fell backwards and his back is badly injured; besides, he may be internally injured. The physicians are unable to say whether or not he is internally hurt, but they fear that he is

New Enterprises.

Charters are granted the Dixon Lumber & Veneer Company, at Rose Hill, Duplin county, capital stock $100,000; William J. Hall and others stockholders; also to the Roades Manufacturing Company, at Lincolnton, to make cotton goods, $300,000; John M. Rodes, D. T. Rodes and G. W. Rodes, stockholders; also the Dilsboro and Sylvia Electric Light Company, to furnish power, light and heat in Jackson and other counties capital stock being $10,000.

High Point's Industries.

High Point, Special.—In the general meeting of the Manufacturers' Club, held Saturday night, there was decided interest in the matter of funds for the representation of High Point and her industries at the Jamestown Exposition. It has been decided to expend $2,500 for the purpose. Space was received by wire. The meeting was well attended and a variety of intersts were represented. There is no doubt that the showing from here will be highly creditable.

18 Inches of Snow at Denver.

Denver, Col., Special.—According to the local weather bureau's measurements, 18 inches of snow fell here during the storm which came from the north. A heavy precipitation also was general in Colorado, benefitting the grain crops, which were threatened by drought. Freezing weather is anticipated, but little damage will be done, as vegetation is covered with snow. Damage estimated at $500,000 has been done to fruit trees in the Arkansas valley.

Held For Manslaughter.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—In the police court George Hulbert, watchman; R. E. Wallace, engineer, and W. E. Jackson, fireman, in the employ of the Central of Georgia Railway, who were in charge of the train and crossing when a sight-seeing automobile was run down on Easter last, injuring Miss Mary Teresa Rourke, of Brooklyn, N. Y., so badly she died and severely injuring several others, were held for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

Prominent Florida Lawyer Dead.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—A. W. Cockrell, one of Florida's leading lawyers, died suddenly of heart disease at his home here aged 72 years. Colonel Cockrill, who served in the civil war as an officer in an Alabama regiment came to Jacksonville, shortly after the war and entered the practice of his profession. He leaves several sons, one of whim is Robert S. Cocrell, an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

Plans for New Battleships Signed

Washington, Special. — Secretary Metcalf signed the plans and specifications for the two 20,000-ton battleships to be built for the United States navy. They are to be of the general type of the Dreadnought of the British navy. The plans will be sent to as many navy yards and such private ship-building firms as signify their intention to make bids. They will be sent out on April 29, and bids will be opened on June 20.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Four Burned to Death.

Caroleen, Special.—At 11 o'clock Wednesday night a large two-story dwelling house at Henrietta caught fire from the closet below, and before the family or neighbors awoke to make the discovery the flames had advanced too far to save the building or any of its contents. The most dreadful feature of the disaster was the loss of two little children sleeping up stairs who were burned to death and their bodies can scarcely be recognized. Two sons of Mrs. McDade, who occupied the house, were so seriously burned by their efforts to make their escape that it is not thought that they can live. Also old Mr. McDade was badly burned and may not recover. Details would pronounce this the saddest calamity in the history of the town. The two young men of the McDade family died from the horrible burns received. The young men were 18 and 20 years of age respectively, and nearly gave their lives to save from the flames the two little children aged 4 and 6. Mrs. McDade may yet die as a fifth victim.

Mail Robber Captured.

Wilmington, Special.—The mystery concerning the disappearance of a package containing $10,000 in currency, in transit by mail from the Atlantic National Bank, of this city to the Chemical National Bank, of New York, was cleared up by the arrest at the instance of postoffice inspectors of Edward A. Nelson, 27 years of age, employed in the railway mail service. The confession and arrest of young Nelson was accomplished by Col. S. T. Hooton, chief of the postoffice inspection service at Baltimore; Postoffice Inspector Wm. J. Maxwell, of Baltimore, and District Inspector S. H. Buck. Nelson had recently resigned from the service to engage in the confectionary business on one of the most prominent corners in the city and accompanied by his wife, to whom he was married 15 months ago, and by his mother, he had gone to New York. The robbery was accomplished by Nelson by slitting the mail pouch that contained the package and he had hidden most of the money under his dwelling. Bond was given in the sum of $5,000.00, his wife and mother raising that amount on property they owned. All the money was recovered.

New Railway Company.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Elkin and Alleghany Railway Company which was chartered by the recent Legislature with a capital stock of $125,000 with the privilege of increasing it to $3,000,000 was permanently organized at Elkin. The meeting at which the organization was effected was a large and enthusiastic one, consisting of men from Alleghany county, Elkin and vicinity and a number of other stockholders from Winston-Salem and other places. The first business was the election of a board of directors which consisted of the following named: Messrs. H. G. Chatham, R. A. Doughton, A. G. Click, G. T. Roth, A. M. Smith, E. F. McNair, R. M. Chatham, C. L. Smoot, A. H. Eller, H. E. Frien, Choate, C. M. Smith, E. F. Fields, J. F. Hendren, and W. J. Boyles.

Studying Labor Conditions.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte and Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Washington, the special commissioner for the Department of Justice, appointed by President Roosevelt to make a report on labor conditions of women and children through the country, spent awhile in the city enroute to Wilkes county, where Mrs. Foster will study the conditions in the rural sections.

Cotton Mill for Hendersonville.

A special from Spartanburg, S. C., to the Charlotte Observer of Friday says: A number of representative business men of Hendersonville, N. C. spent Thursday in the city inspecting the Dayton Cotton Mill, of which A. B. Calvert is president, with the view of erecting a cotton mill in Hendersonville similar to the Drayton Mill. A company is being organized in Hendersonvillle with a capital stock of $300,000. The majority of the stock it is said, has been taken by the people of Hendersonville, while the remainder will be raised outside.

Items of State News.

The report of the inspector general of the National Guard of this State, Col. Stringfield, to Governor Glenn will be a suprise perhaps to five companies, as he recommends the disbandment of that number for general inefficiency, failure to care for property, etc Of course, there are plenty of applicants on the waiting lists and any vacancies are ready to be filled.

MAY BRING IN FARMERS

Planters May Bring Agriculturists to United States by Entering Into Agreement to Make Them Share Partners.

Washington, Special.—The department of commerce and labor has made a decision that laborers can be brought in from foreign countries if they are to be share tenants, such as are commonly engaged throughout the Southern States. Hon. Leroy Percy of Greenville, Miss., made the suggestion to the department and it was adopted.

Heretofore the department of commerce and labor has made no distinction between wage workers brought to the United States and agriculturists coming over from foreign countries.

Under the terms of the agreement proposed by Mr. Percy and approved by the department of commerce and labor, planters can bring agriculturists to the United States by entering in to an agreement giving the immigrant opportunity through an option to become a share partner with his employer. This differentiates him from the wage workers who has been brought over by factory operators and against whom the labor contract law was passed.

Mr. Percy submitted his form of agreement to Commissioner of Immigration Sargent, who in turn submitted it to the solicitor for the department of commerce and labor. Both officials pronounceed it eminently worthy and acceptable from every standpoint. Commissioner Sargent said that in the South Carolina case the ruling of the department was adverse to the mill owners because the proof showed that they had brought labor from foreign countries with a view to lowering wages.

Lost In Breakers.

Wilmington, Special.—W. C. Lynley, of Powder Springs, Ga., and Lloyd Andrews, of Seven Springs, N. C., both young men employed here several months as industrial insurance solicitors, are believed to have been swept out to sea and drowned in a fifteen foot launch which was found stranded on the beach near Middle Sound, twelve miles below Wilmington. With a party of friends they were at the sound for an oyster roast and rowed out in the sound to gun for marsh hens. They were seen to approach the inlet by their companions on shore and are believed to have been caught in the strong current and carried out where their boat was capsized by the breakers. The body of neither has been found though most diligent search has been made.

First State High School.

Raleigh, Special.—The State board of education is preparing the rules and regulations for the government of the rural of country high schools which are to receive State aid under the new law. Wake county gets the first of these, the county board having purchased it. This school is at Cary and was bought from the trustees at a merely nominal figure. The public school there is to be merged into it and this will give a faculty of about seven. Students will go to it from schools all over the country.

May Be a Lynching.

Greensboro, Special.—Special officer W. F. Tomason of Davidson county arrived here at midnight bringing with him Cornelius Gant, a negro of that county, charged with an attempt at rape on Mrs.. Swiegood, wife of one of the best known farmers of the county.

The Gift of Tongues.

Raeford, Special.—A woman minister from Wilmington is here holding a holiness meeting. She professes to speak the "Unknown Tongue" and since the meeting has been in progress several of the followers have been blessed with the same gift. They claim that they themselves don't know of what they speak but there is an interpreter who can tell them.

Past a Hundred.

Greenville, Special.—Louise McGowan, the oldest colored man here, died Friday night. He was known to be more than a hundred years old and claimed that the records showed that he was 116. He was a good man and was esteemed by both white and colored people. He was a mininster in the Primitive Baptist church and preached as long as his strength would permit him to meet his appointments.

Municipal Elections.

Charlotte, Special.—In the primary held here Tuesday, Mayor McNinch was unanimously re-nominated, having no opposition. For aldermen and school commissioners the candidates of the Business Men's Municipal League were all elected over the candidates of the Citizen's Democratic League. Good order and good feeling characterized the contests

Salisbury, Special.—In Tuesday's municipal primary Mayor Boyden was re-nominated by a majority of 180. The fight here has been rather bitter.

Deposits Double.

Hope Mills, Special.—A meeting of the directors of the Bank of Hope Mills was held Friday evening. The report of the officers was a gratifying one, and indicated that the affairs of the bank are in a growing and healthy condition. Since moving into their own banking building about a year ago the deposits of this bank have increased rapidly, and in the last four months have doubled. Besides electing two new directors

IN FEARFUL QUAKE

Lives and Property Are Lost in Mexican Cities

WORSE THAN FIRST REPORTED

Damages Wrought in Mexican Towns Not Exaggerated in the Earlier Reports—The Whole West Coast Said to Have Been Affected by the Shocks.

City of Mexico, Special—Heavy earthquake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. Late news from the area of greatest destruction in the recent earthquake shows that the devastation was greater than at first supposed.

Besides the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa, it is now reported that Tixtia, between these two cities, containing about the same population as Chilpancingo, was also leveled. Messengers from the coast who have reached Chilpancingo say that the towns of Ayutla and Ometepec have been destroyed.

Ayutla is about 50 miles south of Chilpancingo in the State of Guerrero and some 20 miles west of Acapulco. It is one of the most historic towns in the republic, for it was here that the "plan of Ayutla" was conceived which caused the revolution, made a real republic and developed the talents of a young officer named Porfirio Diaz. The population of Ayutla is small and it is thought that the loss of life there will be insignificant.

While West Coast Affected.

Ometepec is further south near the boundary line of the States of Guerrero and Oaxaca. It is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants. Tiapa, a town 80 miles west of Chilpancingo, and near the border line of the State of Oaxaca is also reported damaged. The report from Chilpancingo says that the whole of the west coast from Acapulco south of Salina Cruz, the Pacific terminal of the Tehuantepec national railway, has been badly damaged.

Owing to the remoteness of these points and to the fact that wire and rail communication is very poor, news from the stricken district comes slowly. Only one wire is working to Chilancingo and that spasmodically.

Through the courtesy of the officers of the Federal Telegraph Company, the Associated Press was given the wire at noon Tuesday while it was working through to Chilpancingo. The operator there was questioned as to the number of causalties, but he declared he knew nothing beyond the fact that he had seen about a dozen corpses and knew of some 30 wounded.

Widespread Destruction.

A despatch to El Pais, a dail paper which is the organ of the Cathoric church in this city, from the bishop of Chilapa confirms the report of the widespread destruction in that vicinity. Fourteen are reported to have been killed in one house and the number of wounded is given at 39.

In Tixtla it is reported that 12 bodies have been taken from the ruins and that twice that number of wounded are being cared in temporary structures erected in the open country

Up to 4 o'clock Wednesday morning the shock continued with more or less severity near Chilpancingo, completing the work of destruction and destroying many of the most important public buildings of the city. The new municipal palace was badly shattered. Its predecessor was leveled by an earthquake four years ago. The hospitals, schools and the jail are in ruins.

Figures not Exaggerated.

Up to this time the number of deaths reported is 38 and the wounded 93. But in view of later reports it is thought that these figures will fall far short of the real number of fatalities.

Two Scalded to Death.

Key West, Fla., Special.—An explosion which occurred on the dredge George W. Allen, engaged in extensive work on the Florida East Coast Railway at Key West early Sunday caused the death of two Spaniards, Jose Anido and Manuel Agras, and injured eight others. Four of the injured were badly scalded on the hands and face. A tube in the boiler burst, the escaping steam blowing open the furnace doors and throwing live coals and steam on the two men who were killed.

Coal Dealers Meet in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Southeastern Retail Coal Merchants Association assembled here for the annual convention. Representatives from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, were present, including nine operators, wholesale and jobbing dealers. Robert W. Graves, of Rome, Ga., president of the association, presided over the meeting, which wil continue until Wednesday night.