

THE LARGEST PAID SUBSCRIPTION OF ANY PAPER PUBLISHED IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

IS CAUSED BY A MINE EXPLOSION

The Grim Reaper Collects Heavy Toll in Alabama

OVER ONE HUNDRED ARE DEAD

Less Than Half a Dozen Injured are Recovered—Black Damp a Menace to the Recovery—Safety Powder was Ignited by a Lamp and set off by Blast.

Littleton, Ala., April 8.—Of the 100 to 110 miners who are believed to have met death in the explosion at the Banner mine of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company, near here early this morning, less than half a dozen bodies had been recovered when the work of rescue was temporarily suspended at nightfall. The deadly blackdamp, due to the destruction of the ventilating fans to the explosion, was a menace to all who attempted to enter the wreckage and it may be several days before all the dead have been recovered. Late this afternoon all hope that the men remaining in the mine were alive was given up. At that time it was stated that the black damp had spread throughout the workings.

While no official statement has been made, it is believed the explosion was caused by safety powder ignited by a lamp and followed by dust. When the light crew left the mine, shortly before the explosion happened, night boss Sparks reported the condition of the mine as good and the day shift was sent to work. There were 170 men in all, only 3 of whom were free laborers. The others were tenants, mostly negroes, sent from the surrounding counties to serve sentences ranging from 10 days to 2 years.

Immediately following the explosion, several of the miners with mining experience discovered that black damp was forming. They at once spread the alarm to those who were not instantly killed.

Forty-five of the miners either reached the outside in safety or got within halting distance in the shaft and were taken out by rescuers.

Scores of volunteers were on hand, brought by the alarm spread through the valley and many made hero rushes into the mine to bring out the victims. This work proved ineffective until the deadly gas reached the main shaft into which the men were headed and it meant death for all who entered the workings.

State Mine Inspector James Hillhouse and assistant Dickerson, together with several other experts and officials of the Pratt Company, were rushed to the Banner mine as soon as the news of the disaster reached Birmingham. Dr. Brown, in charge of the government rescue station at Birmingham, also rushed to the scene and assisted Mr. Hillhouse in directing the rescue work.

Appointed Crucifer. William H. Blount, son of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Blount, has been appointed Crucifer of St. John's Parish choir for our year. The appointment was made by the rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding. Master William is one of our brightest boys and has a bright and promising future before him.

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THE CARNIVAL HAS ARRIVED

The Johnny Jones Carnival Company arrived in the city over the Norfolk Southern Railway yesterday afternoon from New Bern and since daylight have been pitching their tents and attractions in the planning property between Main and Second streets.

This is the second time the Jones shows have visited Washington and judging by the paraphernalia the show promises to be one of the best to yet visit the city. There are ten different shows operating with the Carnival.

The feature of this aggregation of attractions will be the annual show.

In this show are performing Ben-Gal there—said to be the only ones now in captivity. This attraction will be well worth the time and attention of the citizens. Besides the attractions on the grounds where admission is charged there will be few attractions, consisting of a halloon excursion each afternoon at 2 o'clock and a high dive at 5 and 10:30 during the week.

The band composed of some of the best musicians in the country arrived here today and will likewise play at the amusement on the grounds during the week.

This musical organization has been much complimented in other towns of the state. The Johnny Jones Carnival has delighted the patrons of other towns and no doubt will be liberally patronized by our people. The opening of the carnival takes place this evening.

THE WEATHER Fair and variable tonight and Tuesday. Moderate northeast winds.

To Attend Commencement Miss Virginia Sawyer left this afternoon for Auburn, where she will attend the school commencement at that place and spend several days visiting Mrs. W. A. Thompson.

Is Improving. The condition of Mr. D. B. Willie is reported much better today at the delight of his many friends.

To Preach Next Sunday. Rev. J. T. Gibbs, presiding Elder of the Washington District will fill the pulpit of the First Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hour. The offerings for the day will go towards the foreign and domestic missions.



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PREACHES SERMON ON EDUCATION

M. E. Pastor Delivers Instructive Discourse

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. R. H. Broom Delights His Congregation With a Masterly Discourse on the Great Subject of Education Sunday Morning—Success of Series.

A large congregation greeted Rev. R. H. Broom at the First Methodist church Sunday morning to hear his sermon on education. This was the second discourse of the series. Rev. J. A. Bailey, pastor of the First Baptist church, preaching the first Sunday a week ago. Each pastor in the city during the present month will speak on this subject.

The sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Broom was much enjoyed and so much so the Daily News gives its readers a synopsis of it believing it will be read with profit as well as pleasure.

The text was taken from Psalms 111-3. "The works of the Lord are Great, sought out of all of them that have pleasure therein."

Man is the student, the interpreter the philosopher: "The works of the Lord" are his text books; searching out these works is education.

Having the natural endowment of curiosity—a disposition to investigate—man is capable of education. By instruction, the mind is furnished with knowledge; but primarily to educate the mental powers must be led forth, the intellect must be disciplined, principles and character must be fixed and the heart must be regulated.

The aim in all education ought to prepare the young for lives of useful work. The intrinsic value of education is not in fact, orientation; 2 culture; 3 practicalness; 4 preparation for money-making, but in usefulness to its possessor and those whom he serves in Christ's name.

It is folly to consider the business of educating if it concerns not the heart, the head, the hand—the religious, the intellectual, the industrial; through these means is brought out man's current worth.

Let us contemplate some popular false notions of education:

- 1. That it is every thing independent of religion.
2. That it is the means of shunning work.
3. That it is extravagance to educate for certain conditions of society.
4. That limited training is sufficient.
5. That the thing to do is to get ready at once for some trade or business.

Away with these apparent errors. Right education broadens—takes from us selfish narrowness—Shows how much greater we may be than a mere trade or job. Searching out God's works great in immensity and diversity, design and beauty, is the most valuable education. Such a study stimulates the mind and produces pleasure.

Educate on the principle of discovering God's grace and compassion through his works—on the principle of preparation for doing the greatest good to the greatest number.

Out of this there will result a citizenship honest, honorable and philanthropic fact—stinginess and ignorance. A convertal pair—beneficial as an education. It is true, "our

WASHINGTON VS. NEW BERN-KINSTON

The Washington High School

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The contest for Judgeship was one of the most spirited of any the governor has had before him. The only other candidate seriously considered was John Sued Adams, a son of the late Judge, who only consented to enter the fight at the earnest solicitation of his many friends in Asheville. The friends of Adams went to present his candidacy it was found that many people, from all parts of the state, had already put in a word for Judge Carter. Some few of these, after Mr. Adams entered, explained their position to the governor.

Judge Carter is a man about 48 years of age, an eminent member of the Asheville bar, of strong personality, active mind, and of far-reaching legal knowledge. It is believed that he will rank as one of the state's ablest jurists. He is married and has several children.

Judge Carter is a native Buncombe man and has a wide family connection in that and other western counties. For many years he was a justice of the peace in Asheville, and bears the reputation of being the best magistrate that Asheville ever had.

After getting his license he began the practice of his profession in Asheville, making a wide reputation as a criminal lawyer. Later he has turned his attentions more to matters of a civil nature, in which he has a fine reputation. In 1908 he was the nominee of the Democratic party for state senator, but was defeated in a hard campaign by James J. Britt, republican, who is now third assistant postmaster general of the United States. At the time of his appointment Judge Carter was a candidate before the Democratic primaries for judge of the police court of Asheville.

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FRANK A. CARTER NAMED AS JUDGE

Succeeds Judge Adams of Fifteenth District

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TO INVESTIGATE PANAMA TAKING

Washington, April 7.—A resolution based upon a recent assertion by former President Roosevelt that "he took" Panama from the Republic of Columbia without consulting Congress, and providing for an investigation into the legality of this nation's action in procuring the canal zone was introduced in the house today by Mr. Rainey of Illinois.

Well Attended. The opening services at the Gem Theatre Sunday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock was well attended. Mr. Albert Vanne of England was the speaker and those present are more than complimentary of the address. These meetings hold fair to be more largely attended from now on. It is to be hoped that the singers of the city will be present each Sunday afternoon so as to aid in the good work.

The services are strictly non-denominational. Members from all churches and the citizens generally will have a cordial invitation. A prominent merchant of this city stated to a News man, the address of Mr. Vanne Sunday afternoon was one of the best sermons he ever heard. I was glad I went and I shall go again.

Recorder's Court. The following cases were disposed of before Recorder Grimes this morning at the city hall at 11 o'clock: James Havens. Drunk and disorderly. Dismissed. Plum Jackson. Drunk and disorderly. Fined \$1.00 and cost. John Comma. Drunk and disorderly. Fined \$3.00 and cost.

To Meet Tonight. The Home Missionary Society of M. E. church, will meet at the residence of Mrs. D. M. Carter on Bridge street this evening. Business of importance is to be transacted.

Fashion Week. This is Holy Week. There will be services every morning during the week at 7 a. m. and at night at 8 o'clock with sermon. These services will be largely attended by the members of this church.

Closed Saturday. The demonstrations and cooking lessons by Professor Becker at the Harris Hardware Company closed Saturday afternoon to the regret of every lady in the city.

All during the week from 2 to 5 the store has been thronged with ladies eager to hear and see what the professor had in store.

Each demonstration was instructive and educative so far as the culinary art was concerned. Professor Becker is a favorite in Washington and his coming here is always hailed with pleasure. The laughing bands on the outside for him at any and all times.

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- Caraja Coffee, 2c kind at 25c lb
- Gold Medal Coffee 30c kind 25c lb
- California Lemon Citrus Peaches, 3c kind . . . . . 15c can
- Orange Soap . . . . . 4c cake
- Raw Lemon Starch . . . . . 10 lb