

Sylvan Valley News

ONLY NEWSPAPER IN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

J. J. MINER, OWNER AND MANAGER

A HOME PAPER FOR HOME PEOPLE—ALL HOME PRINT

VOLUME XIV

BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 19, 1909.

NUMBER 46

400 PROBABLY DEAD

Terrible Mine Disaster Occurs In State of Illinois.

MINE CAUGHT ON FIRE

One of the Greatest Calamities in the History of Mining in the United States is Reported from Cherry, a Small Town in Illinois.

Cherry, Ill.—Nearly four hundred human beings, men and boys, it is now believed, are dead, or perishing, in the St. Paul mine here, though experts, who succeeded in penetrating the smoke-filled air shaft to a depth of 300 feet, returned with a ray of hope for the grief-stricken relatives of the entombed victims.

That the fire has been extinguished was the conclusion of mining experts and inspectors sent here by Governor Deenen to investigate the calamity and its causes. For more than thirty hours the prisoners have been subjected to smoke-filled veins.

Some Men May Be Alive. That life could exist under the terrible conditions apparent is doubted by many, but because no trace of high temperature was found in the depths of the mine, friends of the miners and even officials of the company, have hope that the victims may have found safety in some recess of the mine.

Many American Victims. Among the missing are many Americans, who have lived for years and reared their families in Illinois. Though a majority of the miners are foreign-born, yet all had their homes here, or in the surrounding towns and villages.

One of the Greatest of Disasters. No accident of a similar nature has been recorded in the history of mine disasters in Illinois. The greatest loss of life in any mine accidents in this state occurred at Braidwood, in 1879, when eighty men lost their lives. The accident was caused by a sudden breaking down and flooding of the mine.

LET WOMEN VOTE.

American Federation of Labor Favors Woman Suffrage.

Toronto, Ontario.—The convention of the American Federation of Labor went on record as favoring woman suffrage; an 8-hour day for post-office clerks; legislation for better protection of actors and actresses from the "extortion and corrupt business methods" of so-called theatrical employment agencies; a postal savings bank act; deep water-ways projects; a continuation of the fight against tuberculosis; the granting of American citizenship to the people of Porto Rico, and the construction of a 20-foot channel through the great lakes from Buffalo to Duluth, and from Buffalo to Chicago.

COFFEE KILLS WOMAN.

Drank a Cup and Died Soon Thereafter.

Macon, Ga.—Mrs. George W. Wood died from the effects of drinking coffee, which physicians said was poisoned, and her husband is very ill from the same cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood are residents of Log Cabin Heights and are people widely known. At the evening meal they each drank a cup of coffee, no unusual taste being noted.

Shortly after the meal they both became violently ill and Mrs. Wood died in about fifteen minutes in horrible agony. Her husband was violently ill also, but prompt action saved his life.

Snow in Michigan.

Calumet, Mich.—Eight inches of snow has fallen on the Keweenaw Peninsula. Deer hunters are flocking into the woods, while on Lake Superior all vessels are seeking shelter.

Miami, Fla.—In a local option election the wets won by a majority of 43. County precincts voted dry, but could not overcome the majority of 134 in Miami.



SENORITA PAZ FERRER.

The eyes of the world were drawn recently to Senorita Paz Ferrer, the young daughter of Francisco Ferrer, when her appeal to the Spanish government to spare her father, condemned to death for teaching anarchism, met with failure.

It has been scarcely a month since the father of the senorita paid the death penalty for his activities in the recent Spanish disturbances. He was shot to death in the prison yard at Barcelona.

The subject of this sketch is said to be a young woman of striking beauty and possessed of many accomplishments.

BOY BANDITS CAPTURED.

One Attempted to Commit Suicide When Surrounded by a Mob.

Eudora, Kans.—Driven to bay by an armed mob, Earl Bullock, the 17-year-old bandit of Lawrence, Kansas, who twice within the last month has robbed the Eudora State bank, murdered a policeman and mortally wounded another man, shot himself in an attempt to commit suicide near Eudora.

Bullock attempted suicide following his second robbery of the bank here and his shooting of Fred Starr, cashier of the Kaw Valley State bank of Eudora, who was in the Eudora State Bank with his day's clearings.

Accompanied by William McKay, 15 years old, of Jacksonville, Fla., Bullock held up the bank. Although Starr offered no resistance, it is said, Bullock shot him through the jaw. Snatching more than \$800 Bullock fled, followed by his companion. Each youth had two revolvers. Harry Wilson, cashier of the robbed bank, spread the alarm and a crowd of armed citizens pursued the boy bandits. In attempting to swim the Kaw river, the boys lost ground and a few minutes later the mob was at their heels. McKay surrendered, but Bullock sped into the woods.

John Miller, a farmer, in no way connected with the pursuing party, stepped into Bullock's path, and the boy, thinking him an enemy, fired. His shots missed Miller, and the posse, seeing the youth was ready to shoot, fired a score of shots at him. Bullock returned the fire, but realizing that he was about to be captured, shot himself through the head. The wound may prove fatal.

Lawrence, Kans.—A curious throng of people here viewed the body of Earl Bullock, the boy bandit who committed suicide following the bold robbery of the state bank at Eudora, near here. The boy died at Eudora and the body was brought to Lawrence, where an inquest was held.

Night Watchman Murdered.

Americus, Ga.—Night Watchman Durham, employed at the Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer Works, in Americus, was brutally murdered by unknown persons. The body was lying in the offices of the factory, the brains of the man being scattered over the floor. A club-axe was employed in killing the watchman. Durham was paid eight dollars Saturday night and his meager wages was evidently the incentive for the crime as his pockets were robbed.

AUTO SHOW CLOSES

Big Show in Atlanta Was Most Successful Event.

THOUSANDS ATTENDED

It is Suggested That the Show Be Made an Annual Event in Atlanta—Hotels Did a Record Breaking Business.

Atlanta.—Saturday night brought to a close the far-famed "Automobile Week" in Atlanta, for which heroic preparations had been made for the past six months.

That it passed perfectly, without a hitch, flaw or disappointment, great credit is being given to those in charge of the various details in regard to its arrangements, but to no one more than the weather man, who gave a spell of weather the equal of which has never been recalled by the oldest inhabitant.

Big Business for Hotels.

The hotels, the best barometers of crowds and contentment, report that they have never done a bigger or better business. The dining rooms, cafes and restaurants were crowded at all hours of the day and night, and the clubs of the city entertained a crowd almost equal to the membership.

There have been thousands who have visited this wonderful show, and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of cars have been sold, or will be sold in the south as a result.

To Make it Annual Event.

The desire to have a National Automobile Show an annual event in Atlanta has been generally voiced during the past week wherever manufacturers were gathered. Many makers approve the idea, and it has been enthusiastically advocated by Atlantans and the auto agents from throughout this section of the union. Whether or not it will be done is a question to be decided later by the executive committee.

ZELAYA CABLES VICTORY.

President of Nicaragua Declares Greytown Has Been Recovered.

New Orleans.—A cable message from President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, received by Consul General Altschul here states that the government forces recovered San Juan del Norte, or Greytown. No mention was made in the message of a battle in connection with the occupancy of the town.

On the other hand, advices that have been received here from General Estrada, leader of the revolution from time to time, have claimed victories for his troops in the same battles which Zelaya asserted had been won by the government forces.

Greytown is one of the Atlantic coast ports of Nicaragua, which was seized by the insurgents at the outbreak of the revolution.

THOUGHT HE WAS IN EDEN.

But It Was Only Auditorium of Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Louisville, Ky.—The services of four policemen were necessary to remove Michael Maz, a Cincinnati tailor, from the auditorium of the Southern Presbyterian Theological Seminary in this city. Maz, stark naked and loudly praying, said he was in the Garden of Eden and that it was too good a place to leave.

HEADS D. A. R.

Miss Benning Chosen Vice President General.

Columbus, Ga.—At the closing session of the conference of the Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution, Miss Anna C. Benning, of Columbus, was nominated vice president general over Mrs. Harper, of Elberton.

Savannah was selected for the next meeting, the first week in December, 1910.

Killed Over Two Oranges.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Joseph Quinn, a machinist, was shot and killed here by Peter Kourlas, a Greek fruit vendor, following a dispute over the price of two oranges.



JUDSON HARMON.

Although it is early to talk of nominations for the presidency in 1912, the name of Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, is being mentioned in this connection by Democrats. Mr. Harmon was attorney general of the United States in the cabinet of President Cleveland in 1895-7.

100 PERSONS DROWNED.

Steamers Collide Near Singapore and One Goes to the Bottom.

Singapore.—The mail steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes Service, running between Java and Singapore, and on her way to this port, has been in collision with the steamer Onda, of the British-India Line, and was sunk within two minutes.

Seven European passengers, including Baron and Baroness Beniczky, the captain of the La Seyne, five European officers and eighty-eight others, comprising native passengers and members of the crew, were drowned.

The force of the collision brought the Onda to almost a dead stop, and her engines were at once slowed and boats lowered. The rescue work proved thrilling, for not only was the rescuing parties impeded by the dark but shoals of sharks were already attacking those clinging to pieces of wreckage in the water.

Sixty-one persons from the ill-fated steamer were finally dragged into the boats and brought by the Onda to this port. Many of them had been bitten by sharks, and several were severely injured.

DISASTROUS FLOODS.

Serious Loss of Life and Great Damage Reported From Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica.—According to the fragmentary reports from the countryside, the damage resulting from the storms and floods which have raged throughout the island is enormous. Landslides are numerous on the main railroad and communication has been completely cut off. Many bridges have been carried away.

Property in and around Kingston has suffered damage amounting to \$500,000. The main culverts of the city's water supply system have been destroyed, and it has been impossible to effect repairs. Many lives have been lost.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Sixty-Fifth Annual Session Convened at Cedartown, Ga.

Cedartown, Ga.—The sixty-fifth annual session of the Presbyterian synod of Georgia convened at this place. About two hundred ministers and laymen were present. Regardless of denomination, the people of Cedartown have thrown open their homes to the preachers and visitors and are doing everything to give all a hearty welcome.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. O. Flinn, D.D., of Atlanta, the retiring moderator, who called the meeting to order.

Wichita, Kan.—With the restoration of telegraphic communication, it was learned that the town of Shoor, forty miles southwest of here, has been practically destroyed by a tornado. No lives were lost.

County Government.

Representative—G. W. Wilson.
Clerk Superior Court—T. T. Loftis.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—C. C. Kilpatrick.

Treasurer—Z. W. Nicholls.
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.
Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.
Surveyor—A. L. Hardin.
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyday; W. E. Galloway.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.

Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.

Attorney—Gash & Galloway.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, A. H. King, E. W. Carter.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.

Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.
Attorney—W. W. Zachary.
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

Professional Cards.

H. G. BAILEY

Civil and Consulting Engineer and Surveyor

McMinn Block BREVARD, N. C.

Patronize those who Advertise

W. B. DUCKWORTH,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Rooms 1 and 2, Pickelsimer Building.

GASH & GALLOWAY

LAWYERS.

Will practice in all the courts.
Rooms 9 and 10, McMinn Block.

Patronize those who Advertise

Notice of Service of Summons by Publication.

North Carolina—Transylvania County.
In the Superior Court.
R. S. Osteen
vs.
Mrs. H. L. Lanning.

Notice of Service of Summons by Publication.

The defendant above named, Mrs. H. L. Lanning, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Transylvania county by the plaintiff, R. S. Osteen, for the purpose of establishing his title to certain real estate in Brevard, in said county of Transylvania, and for the further purpose of having the title of the said Mrs. H. L. Lanning to said real estate declared null and void and of no effect; and for the purpose of removing from his own title the cloud made by the alleged title of the said Mrs. H. L. Lanning; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the superior court of the said county of Transylvania, to be held on the twelfth Monday after the first Monday in September, 1909, at the court house of said county in Brevard, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 19th day of October, 1909.
T. T. LOFTIS,
Clerk Superior Court.

Entry No. 2547.

North Carolina—Transylvania County.
Duff Merrick, a citizen and resident of the state of North Carolina, enters a tract of land estimated to contain thirty-eight (38) acres, situate in the above county and state, on the waters of the Toxaway river. Beginning on a chestnut oak, the northwest corner of grant No. 301 and the northeast corner of grant No. 1223 and in the line of grant No. 388, and running thence with the southern boundary line of grant No. 388 about north 70 degrees east 400 poles more or less to the line of grant No. 195; thence with the line of grant No. 195 southeasterly to its black gum corner; thence with another line of grant No. 195 easterly to its chestnut corner; thence with another line of said grant No. 195 in a southerly or southeasterly direction to the northern line of said grant No. 301; thence with the northern line of said grant No. 301 to the beginning. This October 1, 1909. B. A. GILLESPIE,
Entry Taker.