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Rescue of Miners After Seven Days' Horror and Despair.

WAITING DEATH'S CALL

Most of the Time Without Food or Water, Men, Praying for Deliverance, Spent a Week in the Inferno of the St. Paul Mine.

Cherry, Ill.—From a lingering and awful death a score of the miners entombed in the St. Paul mine at this place have been saved by the rescue party which has made heroic efforts to either bring the men to the surface alive or recover their dead bodies.

Twenty men of the three hundred imprisoned in the mine when the fire broke out have been brought from the black depths to the light of day after seven days of entombment, the horror and suspense of which only those who have experienced the same can describe.

Were Still Living.

After recovering scores of burned and blackened bodies and bringing them to the surface, the rescuing party stumbled upon twenty still living in a far passage of the mine, where they had waited themselves in as a protection against the fire which was raging in many portions of the mine.

The story of their sufferings and the heroism of their resourceful leaders is one of the most thrilling in all the black history of mine disasters in the coal regions of the United States.

But for the few leaders, particularly one whose name is Clelland, a staunch churchman, the entombed men would have given up in despair and probably succumbed to their fate. There in the blackness and awful silence of earth's depths this man cheered the despairing men and turned their thoughts to a merciful God, the greatest of all comforters in times of danger and deepest distress. Upon many occasions religious services were held, led by Clelland, and by this the fainting spirits of the miners were sustained and hope continually upheld them as the gleam of a far off star.

Hoped and Prayed.

For seven days, cut off from the light of day, they hoped and prayed for deliverance, and help at last came when hope had, indeed, all but fled.

No pen can adequately describe the experience of these men, buried alive, facing a lingering death by starvation, or a quicker one possibly by the encroaching flames. They had only a small amount of food and water in their lunch buckets and this was doled out amongst them until the last was gone. For days before they were rescued they had been without anything to eat, and their sufferings had become intense.

Wild With Excitement.

The rescue of the men threw the town into wildest excitement, and men, women and children crowded the mine mouth to see them brought up, and learn if relatives were among the rescued. Even though blackened bodies of many of the less fortunate miners were crowding the improvised morgues the announcement of the rescue of the men threw the little village into hysterics of joy.

The total of the disaster now stands, 20 saved, 92 known dead and 198 missing.

Services were held for the dead on Sunday.

Farmer's Murder Avenged.

Floyd, La.—Tom Hill, Joe Gifford and Alec Hill, three negroes, were hanged here for the murder of Moses T. Brock, a prominent farmer of West Carroll parish. Brock was killed a few weeks ago as he went to investigate a gunshot on his hog ranges. The three negroes hanged confessed to the crime.

Student Is Killed.

Knoxville, Tenn.—While scuffling over the weapon in their room at Lincoln Memorial university, at Cumberland Gap, Ky., Herbert Phillips, son of Rev. J. A. Phillips, of Coryton, Tenn., was killed by a revolver in the hands of Roscoe Bryant, of Gibson Gap, Va. It was accidental.



JAMES REYNOLDS.

James Reynolds, member of the new tariff board and former assistant secretary of the treasury, is accused by Richard Parr of trying to hinder the prosecution of the sugar trust, convicted of defrauding the government of customs duties. Parr is the government employee who was instrumental in unearthing the frauds.

\$1,500,000 ON LIFE.

George E. Nicholson Will Hold Largest Individual Policy in the World.

Kansas City, Mo.—Insurance of \$1,500,000 has been applied for on the life of George E. Nicholson, 49 years old, a manufacturer of Kansas City, Mo. Insurance men say this is the largest amount in life insurance ever sought at one time upon the life of one person.

Twenty-five physicians representing different companies examined Mr. Nicholson and they declared that he was in perfect health. The local agent of the insurance companies said that the policies for \$1,500,000 undoubtedly would be issued.

Mr. Nicholson already has four \$325,000 insurance policies on his life, so that when the policies for \$1,500,000 are issued, he will have nearly \$3,000,000 insurance on his life. The companies that made application for the later insurance are to be beneficiaries when he dies.

SHOUTED WARNING.

Then Newspaper Man Leaped to Death From Fire Escape.

Chicago.—Shouting a warning to passersby, Hugh M. White, 39 years old, jumped from the sixth story landing of a fire escape and was killed.

So far as is known, White had no reason to end his life. His business affairs were said to be in a prosperous condition.

The police found a letter in his pockets addressed to his wife on the back of a business card, which read:

"Florence Dear and Kids: There's \$43 in the bank. Ask Mr. M. for what more you need. Divide the life insurance—two-thirds for you and one-third to the children. Love to all."

"P. S.—Goodby. I am crazy."

White was formerly a newspaper man and was employed on various papers in Kansas and Minnesota.

ELLIOTT ESCAPES GALLOWS.

Governor Brown Commutes His Sentence to Life Imprisonment.

LaGrange, Ga.—Governor Brown has commuted the death sentence of Dr. J. M. Elliott, of LaGrange, who was convicted of the murder of G. L. Rivers, and who was to have paid the death penalty Friday, to life imprisonment.

The decision of the governor was made only after careful and thoughtful study, which occupied his time most of the day previous.

As a precautionary measure the respited man was carried to Atlanta and placed in the tower for safe keeping.

Elliott killed Rivers while he and his family were guests at the Rivers' hotel at LaGrange. Elliott shot the hotel man, it is said, in a jealous frenzy, charging him with improprieties toward Mrs. Elliott.

SWEEPING VICTORY

Staggering Blow Given to Standard Oil by U. S. Court.

GOVERNMENT WINS OUT

Opinion Handed Down Would Have the Effect of Putting the Standard Octopus Out of Business—Case Will Be Appealed.

St. Paul, Minn.—In an opinion written by Judge Walter N. Sanborn, of St. Paul, and concurred in by Judges Vandevanter, Hook and Adams, with a special concurring opinion by Judge Hook, the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri, has handed down an opinion declaring the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey an illegal combination, operating in restraint of trade and ordered its dissolution.

The opinion of the court was filed simultaneously in St. Louis and in St. Paul.

In this decision the government of the United States wins a sweeping victory, and, according to Frank B. Kellogg, of this city, who was the government's special prosecuting officer, the government has won every point for which it contended.

The case will be appealed direct to the United States supreme court.

The case is one of the most notable in the history of the nation, on account of the important industrial and legal questions and the vast financial interests it involves. The evidence filled 21 volumes and occupied more than 10,000 printed pages, and the arguments of counsel more than 300 printed pages.

FATAL WEDDING PARTY.

Automobile Goes Over Bridge, Killing Three, Near Cuthbert, Ga.

Cuthbert, Ga.—Three persons are dead and two probably fatally injured as a result of an automobile accident here.

The accident occurred two miles west of this place, as the party were returning from Cuthbert to Coleman. With the purpose of being married, James Shepard and Miss Helene Mattox, accompanied by Horace Shepard, a brother of the prospective groom, and Miss Mary Mattox, a sister of the bride-to-be, secured an automobile from Hearst's garage at Fort Gaines and were quickly driven to Cuthbert by Curtis Williams.

Upon reaching this point, all the ministers of the place refused to marry the couple on account of their youth, neither of them having passed their twentieth birthday.

After being unable to secure the services of a minister, the party hastily left town. Speeding along at a rate of thirty miles an hour, and while attempting to light a cigarette, Chauffeur Williams lost control of his machine, crossing a 30-foot bridge over the Central railway, and the party was dashed to the railroad tracks below, the machine falling upon Shepard and Williams.

Williams' neck was broken and death resulted instantly. The two Shepards were frightfully injured and death resulted in a few moments.

Boy's Head Torn Off.

Mobile, Ala.—News received here from Anniston, Ala., tells of a horrible accident to Nestor Leggett, a 7-year-old boy, son of prominent people in that county. The little fellow was riding a mule to the field for his father to use, when the mule, for some cause, fell down, throwing the boy off. The boy's feet were entangled with the harness and the mule took fright and ran with him half a mile over the fields and ditches until half of the boy's head was torn off and a great hole was torn in his side.

Urge Pardon for Shipp.

Waco, Tex.—Telegrams have been sent to President Taft by a committee of the local Elks' lodge urging the pardon of Sheriff Joseph Shipp and four codefendants, sentenced to prison for contempt of the United States supreme court in connection with the lynching of a negro at Chattanooga, Tenn., in October, 1908.



JAMES F. BENDORAGEL.

Former general superintendent of the sugar trust's refineries in Brooklyn, indicted in connection with the charges of underweighing made against the trust by the government. Mr. Bendoragel's salary as superintendent was \$20,000 a year.

BAPTIST MEETING CLOSSES.

Eighty-Eighth Session of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Dublin, Ga.—The eighty-eighth session of the Georgia Baptist Convention has come to a close after a four-day session, which is said to have been, in many respects, one of the most interesting in the history of the convention.

A resolution was adopted thanking the First Baptist Church, of Dublin, and the people of this city for their kindness and hospitality during the session of the convention.

Representatives to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Baltimore, were appointed.

The convention adopted a resolution recommending that the churches of the state make a greater effort the coming year to raise money for the ministerial relief fund.

TAKES HER OWN LIFE.

Mrs. Sallie Cubbage Lamar, of Macon, a Suicide.

Macon, Ga.—While temporarily deranged, Mrs. Sallie Cubbage Lamar, widow of the late Hon. Richard Lamar, ended her own life at the home of her brother, Clarence H. Cubbage, on Orange street. She was at the moment away from the members of her brother's family.

For a long time she had brooded over the death of her husband, which occurred last year in Milledgeville, and her friends and family relatives feared for her.

She took her life by cutting her throat.

ONE KILLED, THREE HURT.

Train Wreckers Cause Fatal Accident on the Seaboard.

Savannah, Ga.—Two persons were killed and three others injured when the Florida fast mail train on the Seaboard Air Line was wrecked two miles south of Denmark, S. C. The train was thrown from the track by the removal of a rail, while running at the rate of 45 miles an hour.

The dead are a colored fireman, who was caught under the overturned engine, and a tramp who was stealing a ride. The engineer and two of the passengers were injured, but not seriously.

Every effort is being made to capture the alleged wreckers.

NICARAGUAN SITUATION.

U. S. May Demand Reparation From That Government.

Washington.—Following a conference with the president at the white house on the Nicaraguan situation, Secretary of State Knox authorized the following statement:

"If certain representations of fact which have been made to the state department concerning the Grace and Cannon cases are verified by inquiries that have been made, this government will at once prepare a demand on the Nicaraguan government for reparation for the death of these two

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.
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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.