## \* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN EIGHTEEN PAGES EIGHTEEN PAGES. SECTION ONE. PAGES 1-6 Vol. xix. No. 142 PRICE FIVE CENTS ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 22 1908. Miners Hurled to Death in Frightful Explosion. THIRTY MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED CHARGES AGAINST CHAMBERLAIN **GOMPERS IS COMPANY WON'T GENERAL WOOD ON TARIFF WAR** VINDICATED IN FERGUSON MINE AND FATE OF **OTHERS IS UNKNOWN** Receive an Airing Before Sen- "The Only Joe" Declares That Machinations of Socialistic En- Settlement of Chicago Strike ate Committee Germany emies Fall Flat Still Uncertain SOME CONCESSIONS

STORY OF THE FA-

DEAL

TO RESULT IN

WAR?

Bogota, Nov. 21 .- A man prominent

in public affairs today informed the

correspondent of the Associated Press

awalt the result of the mission to

Washington of General Reyes before

deciding on its policy as regards the

The general opinion is that there will

Might be War.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 21.—A telephone message from Dunbar says an explosion occurred tonight in the Ferguson mine of the Dunbar Furnace Company. Between thirty and forty men are said to be entombed. Four dead bodies have been taken out. The explosion was caused by fire damp and occurred just after the night shift of 100 men had gone to work. Up to 10 o'clock eleven dead and twenty injured miners had been taken from the mine. James McCurk, Jr., foreman, is among the dead.

Connellsville, Pa., Nov. 21.-Hill Farm] Mine tonight added ten more victims to the tonight added ten more victures to fits list of deaths. A terrible explosion FIERCE FOREST rent the mine just as the day force was about to leave it. A scorof miners were thrown in all directions he roof was raised and the close an f the mine was made stupifying. The nen rushed in all directions seeking esape, but ten died at once. Other miners vere picked up by the rescuing party a different positions of exhaustion af er an hour's search, cartled to the air

and revived, the bodies of the other tes men were found lying in all shapes hor- isiana is enveloped in a dense smoke. ribly burned. The number still entombed is unknown.

The explosion occurred in the Fer- prairie is blazing for miles and the for-The rescue work work was dengerous. Almost blinded by the dense smoke the men pushed on for nearly two miles until the first of the asphyxfated min- ger, if a heavy rain does not fall in ers was found. Nine of the dead miners have not been identified. The exlosion blew out timbers for two miles. The flames shot through almost every room in the mine, setting fire to the timbers and burning the pit cars that were in the section of the mine where the explosion took place. The dead are



Houston, Texas, Nov. 21.-The whole os Southeast Texas and Southeatst Lor the result of forest and prairie fires Between Houston and Beaumont the

guson mine of the Dunbar Furnace est is ablaze in places east of Beaucompany which adjoins the Hill Farid mont. The pine forests are affre in mine. It is believed by mining experts Calcasu Parish. La., to the north of that the fire which has been raging in Houston in Montgomery county there the Hill Farm since 1890 bloke through are many acres of timber blazing and the walls and caused the explosion in the country between Houston and Galveston the prairies are burning. So far as reported there have bee

no fatalities, but there is grave danshort time.

## Mississippi, Too.

Vicksburg, Miss., Nov. 21.-Extensive forest fires are raging in the northern part of this county and along th outhern edge of Sharkey. For miler all foreigners excepting James Mc- along the Yazoo river the smoke is so lense as to interfere greatly steamboats, several of which are long

first do its utmost to effect a diplomatic arrangement. the American colony here are deeply grateful to the authorities for the conthe United States senate will not approve the action of President Rooseelt regarding affairs on the Isthmus.

new republic of Panama,

ostilities

vents in Isthmian and South Ameripartment to the attention of the navy members of the committee serving as department and Secretary Moody, after court and jury. careful study of the subject, has decided to recommend to congress in his annual report that an adequate number of these vessels probably not fewer than six, shall be authorized.



Cherbourg, Nov. 21 .- The entry of by General and Mrs. Wood, Mr. Coneacht hearing King | nant told of a telegram which was Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena and the escorting squadron into French waters, was greeted with a salute of 101 guns from the forts. The French squadron in the roads fired 21 guns as

AND HE TOLD OF STRANGE AND WEIRD THINGS. that the Colombian government would Washington, Nov. 21.- The Senate Military committee today continued its

MOUS "JAI ALAI"

As Told by One, Ernest Lee No Tariff Trouble Would Fol-

CONNANT WAS DOWN IN CUBA OF FORMER COLONIAL SECRE-

investigation of the charges made against General Leonard Wood. Major Charles Rathbone who filed

Connant

many of the charges, was the first witbe war, but that the government will ness. He was asked if he had given out statements concerning the counnittee's he did not believe a tariff war would inquiry and admitted that he had done follow the adoption of his fiscal policy, United States Minister Beaupre, and so. He was requested in the future to but if it did come, Great Britain could consider what took place inside the do as much as on former occasions committee rooms to be executive, and sideration shown them. The belief is agreed to refrain from making public when she had managed to hold her expressed in government circles that any of the proceedings.

an waters have convinced the wash- by Ernest Lee containt of the first and years. ryton government of the necessity of office of a New York law firm, was years. The speaker said he did not believe ncreasing its mosquito fleet. The ruled out. The methods of procure are court and jury. "If General Leonard Wood were on rial for his life he would not receive nstructions from the entry more fa-

orable than she rulings which have een made by the Smate Military com when usked, concerning the methods used in dealing with the various with nittee in the conduct of the present in the evidence will go before the senate in executive session, and in the event of a decision favorable to ( General) Wood, will then be transferred to the,

door of the senate. The entire afternoon was occupied by the committee in examining Mr. Con-

nant. In connection with the allegeacceptance of present from the Jai Alai TARY'S FAMOUS FISCAL POL-ICY, WHICH HE FEAR. LESSLY LAUNCHED.

SWORDS WITH BRITAIN

**low Adoption** 

WILL NOT CROSS

London, Nov. 21 .- Joseph Chamberlain spoke at Newport, Wales, before a mass meeting of working men, to whom he directed the main portion of

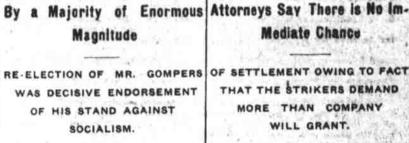
his arguments. Mr. Chamberlain said

The committee recommended that all Mr. Chamberlain pointed out the irrelevent evidence should be excluded. Brussels sugar convention and the Ger-Hearsay testimony, if even supportee man threat to penalize Canada as in-All parties here have offered their aid by documents known to be on file at stances in which Great Britain securto the government and more than 100,- the war department were included la ed her way without a tariff war. He 000 men have volunteered their ser- the matter ruled out as was that of the said sugar was actually lower in the vices in<sup>7</sup>the event of a declaration of witnesses who told of the general impressions relating to the acceptance of during the five years immediately pre-Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.-Recent gifts from the Jat Alal company by ceding the adoption of the convention. While the West Indian colonies were nection much of the evidence offered telleved of the bounty incubus which an waters have convinced the Wash- by Ernest Lee Commant of the Havana had been strangling them for thirty

matter has been called by the state de- those of a court of justice with tar that Germany or any other nation was anxious to cross swords with Great Britain in a tariff war., Mr. Chamberlain dwelt on the subject of "dumping" repeating his former arguments. He said "dumping" had been of no advantage to British shipping.



New York, Nov. 21 .- With the signal argo on fire" flying, the Old Dominsteamshin Monro, from Norfoli



Chicago, Nov. 21.-The street car Boston, Mass., Nov. 21 .- The Ameristrike has settled down for the timean Federation of Labor today elected these officers: President-Samuel Gompers.

First Vice-President-James Duncan, of Washington, president of the Granite Cutters' National union.

HE IS ELECTED PRESI-

DENT OF FEDERATION

Second Vice-President-John Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers of America. Third Vice-President-James O'Connell, Washington, D. C., president of

the International Association of Machinists. Fifth Vice-President-Thomas Kidd, of Chicago, of the Amalgamated Woodmakers International union. Sixth Vice-President-Daniel Keefe, Chicago, member International

Longshoremen's union. Eeighth Vice-President -William Spencer, of the Plumbers,' Gas-fitter and Steam-fitters' union. John B. Lennon was re-elected treas

Frank Marris was again chosen see etary.

W D. Ryan, of the United Workers and Danils D. Driscol, president of the Boston Central Labor Union, were sleeted delegates to the British Trade Council

The re-election of President Gom pers was a decisive endorsement of his stand against Socialism, Stirred by Mr. iompers' strong speech, delivered Fri lay, the members of the Socialist ten dencies placed a ticket in the field ugainst Gompers. Compers, however, polled a vote of 12,524 against 1,134 ust for Kreft, the Socialist candidate San Francisco was selected as the

## SUMMERS AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Nov. 21 .- W. S. Sum mers, United States district attorney at

lace of next meeting.

being, at least, to a bargaining. Necotiations have been in progress all day and will continue through tomor row. The result tonight is that the company has presented an answer of the last propisal of the men which makes some onession in the matter of couting cars, bu\_ does not grant ar vwhere what the nice demand. meeting terminate ! at & o'clock and the union officials left the room with displeasure on their faces. They went at once to the office of Attorney Prentiss, one of their advisers, to formulate eply to the answer of the company This will be submitted tomorrow and the company will make another copy. The conference today was at times heated. President Mahon, of the street car men's organization would make no stai went, and attorney for the railway would only say: "We have just been discussing how to run a street rail-

ARE MADE TO MEN

Altorney Prentiss said: "There is no needite chance of a settlemant. T hope that we can reach an Agreement, but nothing has been accomplished

The men have walved their seman or the exclusive employment of inhom hen, and their right to pass with au-hority on the discharge of employer On the question of wages there has never been any trouble, both sides having been willing from the first to sub-mit that question to arbitration.

MINERS STILL KICKING.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 21 .--- The minor of the northern coal fields, in mass meeting at Louisville today second time voted to reject the propos il of the operators for a settlement of the strike in that region. It is said that this action is in the nature of a sympathetic strike as the operators

had conceded nearly all the

of the men The vote is shid

**ANOTHER FATAL** MINE EXPLOSION

Guerque, son of Pit Boss McGuerque.

Cripple Creek. Colo., Nov. 21. Charles McCormack, superintendent and Melvin Beck, a miner, were killed today by an explosion in Vindicator mine. Officers of the Vindicating Mining company assert that the explosion was that of dynamite, wilfully placed, and 400 militiamen have been patch to the Record, from Boyd, Tex., placed on guard around the company's

properties. McCormack and Beck were descending into the mine in the cage. They two miles west of this place tonight, were the only pussengers. When it An unknown man was killed and is reached the sixth level the explosion under the wreck. Brakeman J. C. Wiloccurred, wrecking the cage and shaft son, of Bowie, was caught under the and instantly killing both men. The cars and may be fatally injured.

engineer reversed the hoist, but could not pull up the cage and the bodies were recovered only after sevral hours

**PARTY LEADERS** DISCUSSED CUBA

Washington, Nov. 21 .- The Republican and Democratic leaders of the sen ate were in conference much of the time today over the question of fixing a time to vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill, and so far as they were empowered to do so, entered into an agree ment to take the final vote on December 16, or a little more than a week after the convening of the regular session of congress.

There was no opportunity to consult mendations made by sudordinate of, some of the Democratic senators who desire to speak on the bill, but it is not establishment of the canteen. doubted that they will consent to the arrangement

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Washington, Nov. 21 .- The Association of Agricultural Chemists today elected the following officers:

President-M. J. Raff, Berkley, Cala. Penny, Delaware.

Secretary-Dr. C. Wiley, chief of the chemistry division of the department of agriculture.

Today's sessions were largely de voted to the discussion of sacchar-ine products, the necessity for pure chemicals for laboratory work and the question of food standards."

wer-due A pall of smoke has overhung this city all day; thick as to almost completely obscure the sun's rays. Many fine plantations are said to be in peril from the rapidly spreading flames.

**TWO MORE SERIOUS** WRECKS IN TEXAS

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 21 .-- A dis-

A broken flange ditched 18 cars of ouble header on the Rock Island road

843'8:

#### One at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 21.-A special to the News from Denison, says:

Two freight trains on the Missouri Kansas and Texas, collided a mile south of Foreston at three o'clock to-day, killing two persons. The dead: Cloffird Hawes, of Foreston. William Johnson, of Foreston. It is not known whether the two rictims were riding on the train or walking on the right of way when kill-

# **GENERAL YOUNG FAVORS THE CANTEEN**

Washington, D. C., Nov., 21-Al-though he has held his\*office for only a few months, Lieutenant General Yourg, chief of staff, has made a report to the secretary of war. It is for the most part a complication of recom-

Regarding the General Staff system he says: "The experience gained dur-ing this short period does not afford

sufficient basis for an exhaustive disussion of the merits of the system, which should be deferred until ex-

perience in its actual administration has extended over a great period. In President—M. J. Raff, Berkley, Cala. Vice-President—Professor C. L. unny, Delaware.

#### CUT IN WAGES.

Augusta, Main, Nov. 21 .- The Edwards cotton mills of this city, today announced a cut in wages to take efand the fect on November 30. employes are affected. About 1,306

the British vessels picked up their mooring buoys. French fleet was brilliantly illumin-

ated. Their majesties landed at the arsenal and were received with military honors. At 7:40 they boarded a train which steamed out from the station amid enthusiastic cheering of a large

rowd which had gathered to witness their departure.

from Hayana to New York while the and Newport, News, steamed rapidly tranting of a concession to the estab up the harbor this evening and hur-ishment was pending. The story of the riedly landed her passengers. As soon telegram was told to Mr. Connant by as the hatch was taken off at the dock G. Lawton Childs, a shareholder in the great clouds of smoke rolled up. The

Jai Alad. He said that Pedro Galbis, fire hoat New Yorker pumped stream secretary of the establishment, went to of water into the hold of the Monro The maritime prefect at once board- New York to purchase a silver dinner and late tonight it was thought that ed the Victoria and Albert to greet the set for General Wood and while there the fire was under control, king and queen. This evening the was ordered not to make the invest- The excitement among the The excitement among the passe

ment until notice of the granting of the concession was printed in the Official

Gazette at Havana. The concession was granted a telegram sent Galbis and according to Mr. Connant the purchase ade at a cost of \$5,100.

MY HIRED MAN

IS A WONDER!

After considerable discussion order.

Catching 5he Turkey.

gers was slight. EARTHQUAKE IN SICILY

Rome, Nov. 2L-A heavy shock of the today. The disturbance is believed to committee ruled this testimony out of be a result of the recent eruption of the Strombol volcano.

Washington to explain certain acts in been in opposition to the advice of the connection with the business of his of-fice, arrived tonight He declined to see About 1,500 men are affected by the callers. vote



The announcement that The Citi-	Rules of the Contest.
zen's voting contest would close De-	te Coupons must be cast within one
cember 5 has aroused much interest	week from date printed thereon.
among the candidates. The vote	
stands:	The contestants must be residents
Dr. Sawyer 16,877	of Asheville or its suburbs for at least
J. B. Wells	a portion of the year and be regarded
R. P. Foster	as such and must be either professional
Dr. L. B. McBrayer 2,334	
Dr. Battle 1,962	or business men,
Harmon Miller 1,435	No attache of The Citizen will be
W. C. Frank 1,071	allowed to enter or participate in the
Dr. Fletcher	contest.
A. Blomberg	No coupons will be accepted unless
Dr. F. T. Meriwether	cut from The Citizen or issued to sub-
Dr .Hilliard 669	scribers under the conditions 'govern-
Dr. Jordan	ing the contest.
Dr. Chas. L. Minor 543	A subscriber paying \$1.00 or more
A Whitlock 485	upon his subscription will receive a
Dr. J. T Sevier	special coupon giving him one hundred
Dr. A. M. Ballard	votes for each dollar so paid. If an
Chas. G. Lee 352	old subscriber secures a new subscrip-
J. E. Rankin	tion, both the old and the new sub-
John A. Nichols	scriber will receive 100 votes for each
ur. Paul Paquin	dollar paid by the new subscriber.
Dr. M. M. Milender	No copies of The Citizen will be
J. v. Vates 272	sold during the contest except at the
W. B. Gwyn 260	regular price.
Penrose Baldwin	The name must be plainly written
T. A. Jones 201	on each coupon, and where coupons
Dr. Prioleau	are voted in numbers exceeding twen-
Rev. W. Mr. Vines	ty-five, they must be counted in
J. H. Loughran 154	bunches of 25, 50 or 100 and properly
Hiram Lindsey	marked.
Wm. Kroger 137	All coupons voted must be registered
Dr. Linn 135	before being deposited in the ballot
W. C. Searborough 124	box, for the convenience of the contest
Dr. Dan Sevier. 114	editor in tabulating the vote.
O. C. Mills	Votes registered before 6 p. m., will
M Kelley	be counted and the report made up for
Clarence Clapp 105	the day. Coupons received after 6 p.
E. P. Gilkie 102	m., will be counted with the next day's
A. L. Steckton 100	vote.

