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FOUR HUNDRED PERISH IN COAL MINE.

IMPRISONED IN SHAFT BY **EXPLOSION, FIRE CUTS OFF** ALL POSSIBLE WAY OF ESCAPE

Four Hundred Miners Caught in Bowels of The Earth Slowly Die in Poisonous Gases of Burning Mine While Comrades Try Frantically to Reach Them

SIX RESCUERS PERISH IN TRYING TO SAVE COMRADES

Little Town Scene of Wildest Excitement And Confusion as Wailing Women Wait at Shaft For Their Dead

the effort to save the imprisoned smoke, gases and blames and all exit midn shaft of the pit.

workers. That those of the men who were

after the fire broke out. The others' Rescue Impossible.

flames. The building above the pit he carried the bodies of four men started. They declared that a carried entrance was blown up to permit into the cage, the only way of excape less miner had thrown a torce on a this. Despite the franctic efforts of As the last was carried in he fell hundle of hay used to feed the mules the officials and the scores of volunteer assistance in the little town of were all his companions when the was given the smoothering hay for a Cherry it seemed awared at six cage was lifted to the top. few minutes. Then two miners throw o'clock that only bodies of the dead. Those who had gone into the pit the burning mass on a cart and ering will be removed and resource endeavor to penetrate the smoke and and John Farmento.

CAROLINA DEFEATS HER

OLD TIME ANTAGONIST

of 6 to 0 in Annual Con-

test at Newport News.

IN SPECTACULAR GAME

fort to save those of his comrades aid comes The entrance to the mine has been who risked their lives with him. The only men to caupe were those scaled up in the hope of checking the Standing at the bottom of the shaft near the main shaft when the live

would be taken from the mine. Un- with him were John Bundy, the started toward the main shaft about til tomorrow morning when the coy- mine superintendent, John Flood and 150 feet away.

"They will need you at the top if ve get any one. No risking your life

The physician vainty sought to reasciate the men when they were car ald they had died of sufferation

At the entrance of the shaft scene was enacted such as is seen only at a desister of this kind. Handreds of sereaming women, weeping children and frantic but helpless men erowded about the place.
Slight Hope Left.
A few survivors were surrounde

by groups of the women and the an shricked inquiries only added to the The fire causing the explosion, terror of the women. Almost to ficials of the St. Paul Coal company which may prove one of the great- man the survivors declared that ther mine, where an explosion occurred est tragedies in mine history, had-an was no hope for those still in the today say that four hundred men are origin almost trivial. A pile of hay mine. Almost two hundred of the dead in the mine. Twelve lodies was allowed to smoulder too long, have been taken out. Six of these finally igniting the timbers of the were heroes not employed in the mine and before the workers realized to which was from the second vein mine, who gave their lives in a fu- their danger the mine was filled with almost five hundred feet from the

Mine Superintendent James Steele declared five hours after the explosion that it was almost impossible ited, was shown by officials of the miners on the surface. There that any of the miners still imprisoned could escape death.

There is Died in Vain, able had retreated to the furthermost ends of the veins was the statement of the miners on the surface. There that any of the miners still imprisoned could escape death. The mine had a day shift of 484 side the mine when the fire originated scaled and burning mine and praying men. Of these fifty left the mine at contributed five to the list of twelve that the rescuers might reach them Twenty-five or more escaped known dead.

The fire broke out. The others Alexander Nerberg, a pit man, gave hopeful doubt that more than a few his life unbesitatingly in a futile ef-

thefore it was reached a small exsecurred and in a few mo

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DISBROW'S RANIER WINS 200 MILEAND LAST RACE

W. & L. Goes Down to Score Left Half of Team Taken Drivers Declare Track the Most Successful Meet.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Nov. 13.-The University of North Carelina de Christian, left half back, of the Lostfeated Washington and Lee university half team of the University of Virginia here today in the annual griditon, her in a count congruent tonight in battle between the two universities!the by a core of 6 to 0. The game was a result of injuries sustained in the one of the fiererst ever fought on the boad held. It was a detensive game his bedside say he is suffering from on Washington and leave part, and she concussion of the brain, complicated on Washington and Lee's part, and she jut up a masterful light to keep the aggressive tar heels from crossing the following the physicians in the goal line more than once Carolihar goal line more than once Caroliha kept the ball in Washington and Christian, are with him. The dying layer is from Richmond, Ya Lee's territory practically the entire game, and in point of ground gained

great credit for holding Carolina at the one yard line. Washington and Lee has one of the of strength for the Virginia team and strongest defensive teams in the South more than half the time he was given as is evidence by the game today and his plunges and his bucking of the the 3 to 0 defeat by A and M last line that Virginia won the game to a score of 21 to 0. The player who Saturday. In today's game Washingfor the first time in a month and expected to win from Carolina. This game is the athletic event of the year began their pasan of victors when the in Newport News, and the merchants

tury to his spins and had to be car-Since that offer Caroof Washington and Lee have ried from the field to the university

played the games, and the game today ospital The first touchdown come gives Carolina the advantage on the some hard playing and was made by Yarrey, the captain and fullback of The stars for Carolina were Porter. Belden, Croswell, Garrett, Thompson, beorgetown caused some excitement and Venable. Alderson and Brown played strong games for Washtheir right halfback, Carrigan ington and Lee, and the whole line was a tower of strength at the goal made a thirty yard dash. Shortly aferwards came the only successful ofward pass of the same by Silter-ling Georgetown's right end but the This is Carolina's last game before the great North Carolina-Virginia game at Richmond on Thanksgiving ball was again fambled by George-All eyes in the state are now town and went to the other sale. turned toward the magnificent inter- Georgetown's Frequent fumbles of punts proved costly to their feam, the

American automobile track record were broken right and left, the first Virginia Georgetown game this after- loca of a life and without an injury The physicians who were at of more than the slightest imporgue, George Robertson Leis Strang H. L. Kirkpottick, John Aiken and that the track is probable the safes

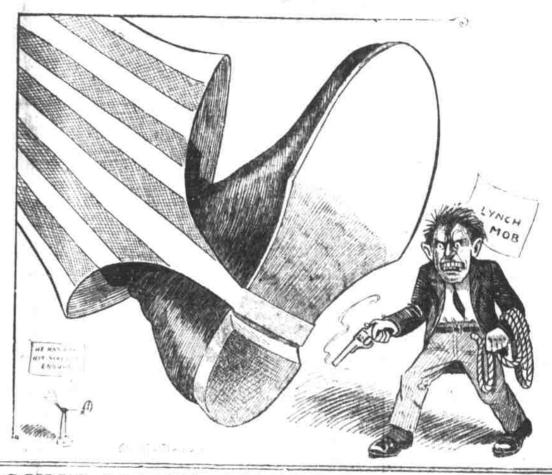
> and which forms the surface of the the last race bidgs it 200-mile evin The nee finished as fol ows First Danier Dishrow, 2 53;

Remark, L. Basic.

Speciators generally were glad to applied the victory of Diddrow, as free, ie has had a great deal of ill lack

at the wheel of a Fiat "Sixty", seemed a certain winner. He was three laps shead of all other cars when b broke a chain and before he could who also kicked goal Dishrow had been following him and assumed the lead followed by Churle Basic in second position. When Rob ertson resumed he quickly overtool Basie, but the most brilliant kind of driving which he exhibited and th perfect response of his car were insufficient in the time remaining to catch Disbrow.

Robertson drove from 12 to 15 sec-



Why Not?

YOUNG MAN'S ATTEMPT TO KILL HIMSELF WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL

Fired One Bullet Into His Lungs, Inflicting a Serious Wound and Two Others Went Wild. Left Note for His Sister Saying He Was in

Great Trouble.

the Commercial heard shortly after tol lying on the side of the bed whose yourself, Good bye, I am now gone, ton o'clock last night, Walter Frady, a 20 year old youth who works in cover was burned by the flame from This 13th day of November, 1910. the Uneeda Junch room, fired one the cartridge powd r. The ned extend- Walter Frady," shot into his left hung, and two more cd east and west and two shots had which passed through a partition passed through the wall to the north

less pneumonia ensued the man is have entered his body, and then fired on the second floor and then three practically certain to recover. Frady two more shots which passed thrugh shots. Proprietor Yoder heard the was then taken to the Mission hos- the wall. The last two shots, how-

or his act is contained in a letter he statement to proprietor Yoder when found. The latter rushed into the room, both

partment was notified by the propri- mother and yourself. You can bury about suffering with something like

Damages Must be Fixed

According to U. S. Law.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 13 -Ex-

lovernor Ayeard for the Scaboard

IMPORTANT POINT AS TO PUSHED HIS DOPE FIEND

Ex-Gov. Aveock Says That Farmer Confesses That He

lamages against callread companies his wife from the new stone wagon

let of the United States must be full Ripple and the Huff furm, these

owed estimate. For damage in proc from the bods of the woman found

nortion to the initiae negligence of in the river Lot Monday was identi-

employer and couploye, instead of fied by Haff as that of his wife Doz-

inder the state and, giving full dam, othy, after a chain of evidence had

sence without it. and to negligeness of on man show that a voting attorne

employs the corresponding taken the isolithing near Broad Ripple knew of the

are under any is so ut, and if the sea marder some time age, and that, also everyor's content of a lar the Seahourd for cautioning. Huff not to talk in

w mustained. It will have the effect of half reduce that exeminally led to the

n North Carolin . The issue because a cording to the theory of the an

in an effort for a new trial in Jones therefore at this time, was to figure

iges in case of the employer's negli-

revolutionizing its ation of this kind solution of the mystery.

DAMAGE SUITS RAISED WIFE FROM BRIDGE TO DIE

a Quarrel.

wall and bounded around in the room into the next room so that Cratain of another logicer Lyda deduced that the man way lying Frady's wound was dressed by Dr. on his right side facing north when T. Meriwether who stated that un- he fired the first shot which must ever, were evidently fired directly

> Last Message, In his room the following note was

"This is to my dear sister: I am by Patrolmen Centerfit and Me- her. Tell all my friends I said to be

Sent Her to Her Death in

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 11-

Union Traction bridge between Broad

weeks up today. The clothing taken

The investigation that is now going

as the attorney for the defense:

At any rate, Edward Huff confess

of that he quarrelot with his wife

recause site was an habitual over of

norphine, and that he fold her site

neight as well be dead as to continue

"I raid 'You d - - you might

that stuff, and then I gave ber a push;

and she went off the end of the bridge

The arrest of Hoff was due to Cor

Heard Groaning.

Mrs. Evelyn Carlisle, a boarder at she heard groaning from the room on the third floor which is above hers said, stopped at the function of the shots and ran to the room where he darkies said "Don't come on me" and found the pistol lying on the side of the bed where the cover was cover was burned and at once notified the police and a physician.

At the Yuneeda lunch room it was

stated that Frady had gone off duty Aikin stagger across to the east side being to the same effect. "I am in fired of living, I can't do no more at his usual hour, 8 o'clock, and that good for myself or any one else, and there had been othing in his conduct Two Shots Went Wild. am in a lot of trouble, I love my to indicate that anything was wrong did so, he said, one of the darkies immediately after the alarm creat-mother and sisters, but don't grieve with him. Frady seemed cheerful and fired at him twice, one of the building by the targe shots the ponce des after me. Lenn. take good care of the only complaint he had made was whizzing close to his head, and there-

aset forman. FEDERATION ENDORSES

Wants Laborers Protected and Would Look After Oppresed Actresses.

TORONTO, Out., Nov. 15.-The convention of the American Federa-The "Brood Biggle mystery" wan Air Line, tag resed the leave before cleared last madit, when Edward Hulf, tion of labor went on record today as favoring woman soffrage; an eight Discovers \$1,500 Hidden in ludge W R Allen here that in the a farmer and laterer, figing north of rial of sails to colour emproves for the saparb confessed that he threw hour day for post office clerks; legplation for better protection of actors and actrosses from the "extertion and corrupt business methods of no called theatrical employment agencies; a postal savings bank act; deep water ways projects; a continuation of the light against tuberculosis; the granting of American citizenship to the atmetion of a twenty-six foot channel through the Great Lakes from Buffa-To to Dubith and from Buffalo to Chi-

Resolutions looking to the estabishment of a national defense fund by the federation to societ unions in distress were soled down.

On the ground that employment agencies are used as strike-breaking feather bed all she had in the world organizations, the reacration will atempt to have enseted national legislation for their regulation.

A resolution urging the executive ouncil to do all in his power "to stop the mad expenditure of public mone for war purposes" settred up a lively "What did you say to her?" he was division of sentiment and it was referred back to committee The executive council was authorized to make is well be dead as to keep on taking recommendations to the president of the United States respecting appoint ments to judicial positions.

KHLED WITH AN AXE.

When told that the neighbors in the vicinity of the trugthey were confident that the dead were tousas, a young negro woman, was a cabin exactly like the original, it man was Mrs. Huff, the coroner sent killed and her three children fatally possible, and store within it certain a deputy after Huff, who was found wounded by unknown parties here toworking in Kingan's packing plant. day. The weapon used was an axe, sorve the place, the working in Kingan's packing plant. Two negro women, whose names have cabin is on a bluff on the Yadkin Huff was taken to the coroner's estab. Two negro women, whose names have cabin is on a bluff on the Yadkin not been ascertained, have been aronls per mile faster than the Ranier Monday partly cloudy; moderate lishment in Ohio street, where the not been ascertained, have been arclothes of the dead woman were kept, rested as accessories.

DOCK ATKIN SHOT BY YOUNG NEGROES ON SOUTHSIDEAVE. Over Triffing Matter Open

Fire on Party of Three Men And Then Run

WOUND APPARENTLY IS NOT DANGEROUS

Eye Witness Tells Story of Unprovoked Outrage Such as Seldom Happens Here

Dock akin, son of W. M. Atkin of 38 McDowell street, was shot through the left shoulder last night at 11 o'clock by two young pegroes at the corner of South Main and Southside avenue, being painfully though not seriously wounded according to Dr. F. T. Meriwether who was called by

the police to attend him.

The two darkies fled after the shooting in the direction of Biltmore, Their names are unknown, but from the broken remarks of Atkin, Putrolman McConnell who with Officer Cen-terfit and Captain Lyon hastened to the scene of the capoting believed he indentified the men and with the officers went to Claytontown where it is said they live,

Statement of Witness, According to the statement of W. A. Trexier wito is comewhat younger than Dock Atkin who is 23 years old, he, H. Spivey and Atkin went down Attempting suicide in his room in tain Lyda. The officers found the pis- please take good care of mother and tending to accompany Atkin to his home on Southwide because the lat-ter had been drinking considerably. They passed the two darkies, both young fellows, and Atkins, who seemed to know them, mid "Hello, John Mrs. Evelyn Carlisle, a boarder at where are you gaing?". One husiness" to which Atkie made amiable reply. The negroes. T two streets, and as the three white men turned into Southside one of the then shot Atkin who was staggering from side to side.

Trexler said that two or three were fired at Atking and then dodged behind the bill board and saw of the street and clutch at a post whereujion he ran to his aid. As he upon they turned and fled toward Biltmore:

Police in Pursuit. The wounded man was aided to Swink's store where some ladies asmisted him to a bed in the rear of the store. He was in maca pain though evidently under the influence of liquog considerably. The policemen who just returned from the scene of the attempted saicide of Frady made a rapid investigation and then set out in pursuit of the darkles, Officer Mc.

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FINDS SMALL FORTUNE RUSHES TO BUY \$35 HAT

Cld Bed and Decides to Dress Up Some.

ATLANTA, Nov. 13,- Fifteen hundred dollars found in an feather bed which was all that was left her by a former husband when he was killed in a railroad acicdent, today-brought joy to the heart of Mrs. Mary Goodman After stuffing the money into a packet book Mrs. Goodman rushed to a store and the first thing she bought

According to Mrs. Goodman her life has not been a bed of roses and before she found the money in the did not amount to \$20. She has been twice married and is now suing for a divorce. Mrs. Goodman declares the next thing she will buy will be a "tallor-made suit."

PLAN MEMORIAL FOR DANIEL BOONE.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 14. -A deed has just been executed to the Duniel Boone Memorial association for three acres of land in Da-EAYNE, La., Nov. 13.—Edna Operelics of the Boone family and preford and Boone's Cave,

contest for the trophy.

MAY COST THE LIFE OF

from Field in Dving Condition from Injuries.

PRIOR GAMES TIED. | TOWER OF STRENGTH.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1" - Ap her with hemorrhages in the cerebral the At modnight the physicians is

The arcident, it is expected will result in a cancellation of all the reshould have scored two more touch- maining games scheduled by both downs. Washington and Lor deserves universities.

The injury of Christian and his removal from the some were dismostle in the extreme Christian was a lower ontributed most to the vistory, howver, was unconscious when the cheer-

association offered several years ago. The game was won 21 to 0 when a beautiful cup to the winner of a set the young Virginian sustain 1 an in-

opposing usually recovering the ball.

Safest in World After

NO SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

ATLANTA Ga., Nov. 15.- Although largely in the asphaltum used holding the coment and dirr together

by L. A. Disbrow, driving a Ramer "Fifty." The race finished as fol-48.32; second, Figt, Robertson, third Cenault, Charles L. Braie, fourth

Eleven cars entered the contest, but hose named were the only ones to inith within anything like normal

events in which he was entered.

for North Carolina: Fair Bunday; northeast to east winds.