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300 Men Meet Horrible Death in a Coal Mine

Editor's Survey of the News of the Day

President Taft Has Busy Week After Completing His Tour—Football Claims Another Victim—500 Sailors Visit Raleigh—Negro Lynched in the Land of His "Friends"—Notes French Case Ended.

The most horrible news of the week and of months has been found in the dispatches telling of an explosion in the St. Paul Coal Company's mine at Cherry, Ill., which occurred Saturday and may prove one of the greatest tragedies in the list of mine disasters. Three hundred miners were entombed in the bowels of the earth and at this writing there is not the slightest hope that any of them survived. Six or more men lost their lives by going into the mine in an effort to rescue some of the imprisoned ones. Four experts with oxygen helmets went into the mine Monday and reported that they found dead men scattered everywhere. The wives and children of the miners thronged about the mine in terror and grief and many of them remained over night. If any of the imprisoned men lived they had to survive 30 hours in earth without fresh air, to say nothing of the poisonous gasses and heat. Every now and again the country is shocked by such horrible mine disasters. While thousands almost freeze for lack of coal in the hovels of poverty in the great cities, hundreds lose their lives going down into the earth after the commodity. It seems well nigh impossible to find any appliances that will insure safety to the man who follows the life of a coal miner.

The chief event of national interest during the past week was the return of President Taft to Washington last Wednesday night when he completed his 13,000-mile tour of the country, which consumed eight weeks and took him through most of the states and territories. In Wilmington Tuesday of last week he was greeted by thousands of Tar Heels who gave him a reception typical of the State. An old time southern breakfast was served at the colonial home of Mr. James Sprunt, at which the formal welcome to the city was extended by Mayor McRae. The President made a happy response declaring that he had gotten the tar on his heels and it will not come off. Governor Kitchin welcomed the nation's chief executive to the state, declaring that the state has not had in its midst a greater man. The day's events included a trip down the river on the revenue cutter Seminole. In his address Mr. Taft took occasion to emphasize the importance of conserving the resources of our forests. The president has been so much on the go of late that it was not until Monday of this week that he issued the customary Thanksgiving proclamation. He attended the installation of the new president of Harvard last week and received the degree of L. L. D. He will make a trip to Norfolk on Friday to speak at the convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association.

Football claimed yet another victim Sunday in the person of Archer Christian, a student of the University of Virginia, who died as the result of injuries received in a game with Georgetown University Saturday. As a consequence the University of Virginia has cancelled all games scheduled for the season, including the great Virginia-Carolina event that was to have been pulled off at Richmond Thanksgiving. Georgetown University has followed suit. In spite of the annual protest of college authorities that there is the minimum of danger in football, the game continues to exact its toll of lives of college and university students. Perhaps, after all, Editor Johnson of Charity and Children, was not far wrong when he declared in a recent issue of his paper that

Americans love to see football games "for the same reason that gaping crowds surge around a bull pen in Spain."

That betting is a crime only when accompanied by a record or registry or the use of some part of the paraphernalia of professional gamblers is the effect of a decision of the highest court of New York state handed down last week, when two men charged with orally laying and publishing odds on horse races and accepting a bet on the basis of such odds were ordered released from custody by the court of appeals, on the ground that oral betting is no crime. Governor Hughes had distinguished himself by his fight against gambling at the horse races in his state, and through his efforts a bill was put through the legislature to prohibit it. The bookmakers evaded the law and continued their nefarious practices by substituting oral betting for the registry system. The court's decision upholds them. It thus virtually sets at naught, as we see it, the work of Governor Hughes for reform, which had the endorsement of the ministers and reform leaders.

The first visit of a body of sailors to Raleigh was seen last Saturday when 500 blue jackets from the receiving ship Franklin at Norfolk came for the dual purpose of cheering on the sailors, football team in a game with the A. & M. team and honoring the memory of Ensign Worth Bagley, the naval officer who lost his life in the Spanish-American war and to whose memory a bronze statue was erected on Capital square in 1907 and dedicated in May of that year. The scene Saturday was an impressive one. The exercises followed a parade through the principal streets of the city and the sailors cheered the sailors. A magnificent wreath of roses, chrysanthemums and carnations was laid at the foot of the monument by the wife of Lieut. Commander F. L. Chadwick.

Significant as showing that mob violence is not confined to the South as certain influences at Washington and in the North would have the world believe, a mob at Cairo, Ill., last Thursday, after a long and exciting chase, found the sheriff and his deputy, who had charge of a negro who was charged with having murdered a white girl, overpowered them, took their prisoner to the city, hung him up by the neck to a public arch, and after riddling his body with 500 bullets, took it to the spot where the crime was committed and burned it. Another negro who was implicated in the crime was chased by the sheriff succeeded in escaping with him to a place of safety. Negro lynchings are just as frequent in the North as in any other section of the country.

Last Saturday the final scene was enacted in a court case in Paris that has attracted world wide interest and which has furnished food for the consumption of the French lovers of social filth for quite a while. On that day Mademoiselle Steinheil was acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband and stepmother. This was not the first trial of the case. The theory of the state was that she deliberately murdered her husband in order to marry the wealthy and infatuated Maurice Borderel, and that the killing of her stepmother was unpremeditated. The murder was surrounded by very mysterious circumstances.

Death of Mr. Hales

The remains of young Mr. Hales, aged 22 years, son of Mr. Wm. Hales of Holt Margan, were brought in from Greensboro Saturday evening. The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Gibbs at the home and the interment made at the cemetery. Mr. Hales was a high-toned Christian gentleman and testified to his father, while lingering at death's door, that he was prepared to meet his God.

Cumberland County Teachers Organize

First Session of the Association Saturday Addressed by Dr. W. S. Rankin—Prof. Wooten, of Raeford, President.

In the courthouse Saturday afternoon the Cumberland County Anti-Tuberculosis Society had effected its organization the teachers who were present organized themselves into the Cumberland County Teachers' Association.

The following officers were elected: Prof. M. H. Wooten, Raeford, President; Miss Henrietta Holmes, Fayetteville, R. 2, Secretary. A Vice-President was elected for each township as follows: Black River, Prof. Clegg; Fies Hill, Miss Henrietta Holmes; Cedar Creek, Miss Carey Sutton; Beaver Dam, Miss Mary McLaughlin; Gray's Creek, Prof. Guy Cox; Rockfish, Prof. M. Ruer; Seventy-First, Miss May Anderson; Little River, Miss Florence Buchan; Quewhiffle, Miss Beatrice Raynor; Carver's Creek, Miss Eva Ray; Pearce's Mill, G. G. Page.

The president elect assumed charge and adjourned the meeting from 2 to 3 o'clock.

At three o'clock the association was called to order by Professor Wooten.

Dr. Watson S. Rankin, of Raleigh, Secretary of the State Board of Health, then addressed the teachers for about thirty minutes on the sanitary and hygienic phases of teaching. His address was one of great interest and information.

The consideration of a programme for the next meeting was then taken up and a very interesting outline adopted. The reporter was not furnished with a copy of the programme and is unable to publish it, so we trust that the secretary will notify each participant of the duty he or she is expected to perform.

At the conclusion of the meeting G. G. Page was appointed Press Reporter.

We trust that every teacher in the county will attend the next meeting, which will be held at the court house the first Saturday in December at 11 a. m.

Fellow teachers, these meetings are for our mutual benefit—to better equip ourselves for solving the problems that daily confront each of us in the school room. Probably one teacher has found a way to solve a problem of curriculum or discipline that to some other seems almost insoluble, and vice versa. And by meeting and discussing these difficulties in an informal way, exchanging any ideas and views, relating to each other our successful experiences in dealing with pedagogical problems in a heart-to-heart way, which we hope will characterize our every meeting, we may all be richly blessed.

We are sorry to note that none of the teachers of the city graded school took part in the organization. G. G. PAGE, Press Reporter.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

(Compiled weekly for The Index by MacKethan Real Estate Loan and Trust Co., E. R. MacKethan, Atty.)

- \$3,000 Harmon Pate to Alton Spears, 1004 acres Seventy-First.
- \$1,900 J. J. Wade et ux. to W. J. Olive, 114 acres Black River.
- \$1,750 Holland Pate to Charles Pate, 1014 acres Seventy-First.
- \$1,000 A. C. Bethune et ux. to J. A. Green, 408 acres Quewhiffle.
- \$300 J. C. Lee to Mary C. Surles, 41 acres Seventy-First.
- \$10 Robert Cook et ux. to R. T. Beasley, 62 acres Seventy-First.
- \$100 James A. Nunnery et ux. to Sarah N. Carter, 5 acres Cedar Creek.
- \$200 Z. B. Newton et ux. to J. C. Lee, 52 acres Rockfish.
- \$261 I. B. Maness et ux. to J. C. Lee, 52 acres Rockfish.
- \$420 John W. Moore et ux. to C. W. Seate, 3 lots, Raeford.
- \$122 John W. Moore et ux. to J. W. Johnson, 3 lots Raeford.
- \$125 Robert Graham et ux. to Walter Robertson, 40 acres Beaver Dam.

Robeson County News of a Week

Criminal Court Proceedings—The County's Taxable Property—Educational Rally at Pembroke—Wreck on S. A. L.

Correspondence of The Index.

The most interesting general news of Robeson county for the past week is court news and the court news that concerns perhaps most people is in the fact that the grand jury has found true bills against about 400 persons for failure to list their polls. The grand jury last week returned a true bill against one of its members, A. H. Prevatt, of Raft Swamp township, for illicit distilling and the solicitor filed a bill of indictment against him. This is said to be the first case of the kind on record in this county. He was placed under bond of \$200. Albert Bruce, of the same township, was placed under similar bond, charged with a like offense. The court is now in the midst of the second week of the term, Judge Lyon, of Elizabethtown, presiding and Solicitor Sinclair, of Fayetteville, representing the state. Two young Croatan, Boss Locklear and Willie Brooks, were put on trial Friday afternoon for the murder of Nolan Bryant, another young Croatan, at Pembroke last August. After the evidence was heard Saturday the attorneys for both sides agreed to a verdict of manslaughter. The judge has not yet passed sentence. Henry Davis, colored, charged with burglarizing the residence of Policeman Dixon at Pembroke recently, submitted to burglary in the second degree and entered a plea of imbecility. Sentence has not been passed. He was shot and wounded by Mr. Dixon before he could get away from the latter's residence. A true bill has been returned against Rafe Graham, Will Brown, Sam Malloy and Press Wade, negroes, for the murder of William Ross, colored, whose body was found beside the Seaboard track near Maxton August 1st. This case is set for Wednesday. Against W. D. Prevatt, keeper of the chain gang, a true bill was returned for malfeasance, he having been found intoxicated when the grand jury visited the gang. A bill of indictment has been brought against him by the solicitor.

The total value of real estate in Robeson county, listed and unlisted, is \$6,696,890 as against \$6,728,996 last year; the value of personal property is \$3,910,482 as compared with \$3,848,274 last year; railroads, telegraph and telephone lines and all other public corporations \$3,245,215 against \$3,666,503 last year. These figures are given in the report of County Auditor Abner Nash to State Auditor B. F. Dixon, just filed. The total value of all taxable property in the county is given as \$14,328,678 as compared with \$14,243,773 last year.

The educational rally at Pembroke Saturday made it a big day for the Croatans. About 500 were present. Addresses were made by State Auditor Dixon, Ex-Sheriff G. B. McLeod and Prof. J. A. Bivens, State Superintendent of the State Croatan and Colored Normal Schools. A big dinner was served. Most of the \$6,000 necessary to finish paying for the new building of the State Croatan Normal School was raised and the building will be turned over to the trustees in a few days. Splendid music was furnished by the Croatan brass band. Prof. H. L. Edens is principal of the school and Miss Belle Armstrong, of Pennsylvania, assistant.

A freight engine smashed into the rear end of a special train at Armour on the Seaboard between here and Wilmington Tuesday night and injured a number of persons of the train load who were returning from the Taft Day event in Wilmington.

Lumberton, N. C., Nov 15

Mrs. Bryant, wife of Mr. Hiram Bryant, died last week at their home in Beaver Dam township. She was about 90 years of age. Her husband is 97. They had been married 65 years.

Deceased is survived by the following children: Mr. G. F. Bryant, Miss Susan Bryant and Mrs. David Strickland.

Miss Jennie Godwin Leads; Miss Katie Bullard Second

Cumberland to Fight Great White Plague

Anti-Tuberculosis Society Organized at an Enthusiastic Meeting of Representative Citizens from All Parts of the County Saturday.

As affecting the physical well-being of the people of Cumberland county, of present and future generations, no meeting of greater importance, perhaps, was ever held than that in which a hundred or more citizens, including men and women and many of the public school teachers, gathered from all parts of the county last Saturday to perfect the organization of the Cumberland County Anti-Tuberculosis Society, and thus launch an organized movement to fight the Great White Plague in this section. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and the organization starts out with encouraging prospects for a large measure of success in its humane and laudable undertaking.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, was present and delivered an enthusiastic and inspiring address on "Cost, Cause and Cure for Consumption." His presence contributed much to the success of the meeting.

The following officers were elected: John A. Oates, president; Dr. J. F. Highsmith, secretary and treasurer; directors, John A. Oates, Dr. J. F. Highsmith, Prof. B. T. McBryde, county superintendent of education; Rev. J. J. Hall, D. D., J. M. Lamb of this city, Prof. M. H. Wooten, Raeford; Prof. W. A. Nicholson, Manchester; Mr. M. A. Patterson, Timberland; Dr. K. G. Averitt, Cedar Creek; J. H. Rogers, Hope Mills; Miss Henrietta Holmes and Miss Mary McArthur, Fayetteville.

The negroes also organized. Their directors will work through the white organization.

To the leaders in the movement locally it was very gratifying to see so many of the teachers present and taking such an interest in the work the movement seeks to accomplish. The society is to be congratulated upon its selection of a board of directors.

IN CUMBERLAND AND ROBESON

Farmers Meetings to Be Held in Two Counties, Beginning November 29 at Cedar Creek.

At five points in Cumberland and five in Robeson Farmers Meetings will be held, beginning at Cedar Creek Monday, Nov. 29, and ending at Fairmont Friday, Dec. 3. Hon. H. L. Godwin has sent out circular letters to the newspapers and to hundreds of citizens in the two counties, announcing the meetings and urging the people to be present. He will address these meetings, as will also Mr. J. O. Wright, of the U. S. Drainage office and Mr. J. P. Campbell, Field Agent of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Godwin says Mr. Wright is the best drainage man he ever heard of, and Mr. Campbell is not the second of any stump speaker. It is to be hoped that very many of the farmers of the two counties will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these able men on subjects of vital importance. The meetings will be held as follows:

- Cedar Creek, Monday, Nov. 29, 11 a. m.
- Stedman, Monday, Nov. 29, 7 p. m.
- Eastover, Tuesday, Nov. 30, 11 a. m.
- Hope Mills, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 p. m.
- Raeford, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 11 a. m.
- Lumber Bridge, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7 p. m.
- St. Pauls, Thursday, Dec. 2, 11 a. m.
- Howellsville, Thursday, Dec. 2, 7 p. m.
- Back Swamp school house, Friday, Dec. 3, 11 a. m.
- Fairmont, Friday, Dec. 3, 7 p. m.

Biggest Week in Popularity Contest

Over 600,000 Votes Cast During the Past Seven Days—Two Contestants Now Have Over 200,000 Each—Several Others Have Tremendous Numbers—Plenty of Territory Yet Unworked—Piano and Desk on Exhibition.

With 224,375 votes to her credit, Miss Jennie Godwin, of Fayetteville, R. F. D. 2, stands in the lead today in THE INDEX Big Popularity Contest, at the close of which, on December the 10th, at 2 P. M., THE FAYETTEVILLE INDEX will award a handsome and beautiful \$300.00 Kimball piano to the lady in Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen, Sampson or Harnett county having the highest number of popular votes, and, in addition thereto, an elegant and dainty writing desk to the lady in each and every one of the districts into which our territory has been divided for the contest (as described below) having the highest number of votes.

Miss Katie Bullard, of Fayetteville, has gone up second place and has 202,875 votes to her credit. Miss Ida McKeithan, of Fayetteville, R. F. D. 3, holds third place and Miss Swannie Haire, of Gray's Creek, fourth. Things have been getting topsyturvy again and look quite different from what they were a week ago. Another week may show more surprising changes of position.

Over 600,000 votes have been cast in the contest in the past week. Somebody has been at work. And it is now clearly evident that it is going to take hustling to win that piano. And the desks too are more than apt to go to seven husters. They are certainly worth hustling for. If you have seen one of them you know it. Some of those in the contest already know it.

The campaign is now more than lively; it is terrific. It is without doubt the liveliest and the liveliest thing of the kind that ever struck this section. It promises to become much warmer before it is over.

A word to the reader: Don't wait for some one to come to see you and ask you to vote for her. Just read over the list below and, if your subscription is about out, send along your renewal and the name of the girl or woman to whom you wish the votes credited. If you happen not to be a subscriber to THE INDEX, just send along your dollar today and have the thousand votes credited to your favorite. Today is when she needs your help.

A tip to contestants: Sections of our territory have been pretty thoroughly worked, but there is plenty of ground yet that has been almost untouched, so far as this contest is concerned. Let us help you by putting you "next to it." Here is some fine territory for you: Black River, Carver's Creek, Little River, Quewhiffle and Rockfish townships in Cumberland county; the St. Pauls section in Robeson, the Elizabethtown section in Bladen, the Salemburg section in Sampson and almost any part of Harnett except the Lillington section. We have a long list of subscribers in the sections named, but they have not been at all thoroughly worked during this contest. And there are other places perhaps just as good.

Don't get it in your head that the piano or the desks we are going to give away are second class. Come and examine them for yourself.

The piano is on exhibition at the music house of W. F. Blount here on Hay street, between the depot and the market house, and Mr. Blount will be glad to show you the instrument and answer any question you wish to ask. The piano is a beautiful instrument, right from the factory at Chicago, ordered especially for this contest. Hundreds of these

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