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MINERS PEACEFUL.

But the Operation of Less Than Half a Dozen Collieries Attempted.

THREATS TO FLOOD MINES.

Attempts Made to Start up Collieries but the Miners Did Not Respond—Stated and Denied That C. B. Markle Co., Agreed to Strikers' Demands.

SHENANDOAH, Sept. 25.—Peace signs in this and in the neighboring towns, but less than a dozen collieries in the vast anthracite fields attempted to work this morning.

Men Remained Aways
SHENANDOAH, Sept. 25.—The officials of the Cameron colliery endeavored to start operations this morning, but no miners responded to the blowing of the whistles. A fruitless attempt was made to resume at several other collieries between here and Centralia, but the men remained away.

Threaten to Flood Mines

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A Journal dispatch from Hazleton says: "The operators are today playing another and what the strikers declare is the last card. They will flood the mines and abandon them, they say."

Granted Demands?

HAZLETON, Sept. 25.—It is reported here that C. B. Markle & Co., large operators, have granted all the demands of the miners as reported.

The Report Denied

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The mining superintendent of a large coal company telegraphs from Wilkesbarre that President Markle denies that he has accepted the demands of the miners as reported.

SIX WERE KILLED

And Three Fatally Injured by Tornado at Moristown

FAIRBAUL, Sept. 25.—The total list of those killed by the tornado at Moristown numbers eight with six injured, three fatally.

RISE OF FIFTY FEET

Efforts to Reach Marble Falls in Flooded District Unsuccessful

AUSTIN, Sept. 25.—Efforts to reach Marble Falls reported washed away by the Colorado river are still unavailing. It is reported that there was a rise of fifty feet at Kingsland.

One Change Makes Another

Postmaster Mullen is not fond of change. He believes in a fixed place for things as well as men. The mail boxes on the square, for instance, have been moved three or four times since he became postmaster, every time to plant or move a pole belonging to the telephone companies or electric light company. Today he is having the boxes moved away from the corners, and put back several feet, where there are no poles, and never will be. "I am not going to move any more," said the postmaster today.

The Poles at the Square

The poles which bound the square at its four corners were today moved back 18 inches, on account of the fact that when the vitrified brick is laid the corners are to be circular, this will cut off 18 inches of the present corners. There will be only one pole on each corner hereafter, one of the two now occupying same to come down.

Miss Bason's Recital

Miss Johnnie Bason's violin recital at Lenoir Saturday night, was a pleasing success. Miss Bason added, not only new laurels to her wreath, but new pupils to her class. She was decorated with Medmont Seminary, of which Miss Kate Shipp is principal. The school, she says, is ably conducted.

Mrs Jackson

The Southland will hear with regret that Mrs. Stonewall Jackson is still suffering greatly with the pain in her eye and face—facial neuralgia. She has been in a Pennsylvania sanitarium all summer, but the treatment there has failed to relieve her. She is to go to Baltimore soon, she thinks, to have an operation performed in the hope of relieving the pain.

Derailed

The Carolina Central train from the west was an hour and 50 minutes late last night on account of the derailment of two cars in the yard at Rutherfordton.

HER CONVICTION PRECARIOUS

A Young Lady and Her Guest Shot A Cowardly Affair.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., Sept. 25.—The condition of Miss Jennie Moore, who was shot at her home here Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock, is very precarious.

The shooting was a most cowardly and brutal affair.

Mr. Roland Hobbs, son of the clerk of the court, had called upon Miss Moore and the young couple were seated in the parlor on a sofa when they heard a noise, through the window, of something in the shrubbery outside and went out to investigate the cause of it, thinking it probably a cow in the yard. When reaching about twenty feet from the front steps the noise in the bushes became intensely louder, and Miss Moore exclaimed that it was a cow, a voice replied, "No, it is me," followed by four pistol shots, the first striking Hobbs in the right hip and the second found its mark under the right shoulder of Miss Moore, going through the body, piercing the lung and lodging in the right breast.

Returning from the house, where he ran for his hat, Hobbs met Miss Moore coming in, saying that she was shot, and asking him to go for help, which he started to do, but saw a man standing under a lamp at the corner of the yard fence, arranging a pistol, who, when he saw Hobbs, advanced towards him and chased him up the dark lane in front of the house towards Hobbs' father's house, snapping the pistol at him, which would not fire. The pursuer chased him to Church street, when, seeing some negroes, he turned off and went down this street.

Hobbs states that he recognized the voice as that of Miss Moore's lover, Joseph Bennett, and knew it was Bennett whom he saw chasing him. Bennett immediately disappeared and has been seen only once since, when he came to his home yesterday evening, heavily armed, and soon escaped again. The sheriff has been unable to get Bennett, but thinks he is hid in the swamps on the river near town. He is making an earnest effort to capture the assassin, but the latter is evidently receiving help from citizens here, and it will be difficult to get him.

AT A LATER DAY.

Hon. Lee S. Overman Can Not Come to Charlotte Thursday

Pursuant to instructions the Secretary of the Bryan and Stevenson Democratic club of Charlotte notified Hon. Lee S. Overman of the club's unanimous action in inviting him to address that organization in this city on next Thursday evening.

This morning the following reply was received from Mr. Overman: "Salisbury, Sept. 25th, 1900.

"My Dear Sir:—I regret that I cannot accept the kind invitation of the Bryan and Stevenson Club of Charlotte to address them on Thursday night, Sept. 27th, as I have an appointment which will make it impossible for me to reach there, but I will try and make a date later on during the campaign when I will be pleased to address them. Please extend my thanks to the club for their kind invitation. Thanking you for the handsome manner in which you extend their invitation to me, I am, very truly yours, "LEE L. OVERMAN."

DEMOCRATIC CALL.

Circular Calling Meeting of Executive Committee

Chairman McCall, of the County Democratic Executive Committee, will this afternoon issue the following card:

Democratic Headquarters, Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 25, 1900. "The county Democratic executive committee is called to meet Monday at 12 o'clock in the court house for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the Senatorial primaries to be held the day of election, and to get matters in shape regarding the Presidential campaign." Signed J. D. McCALL, Chairman. F. M. Shannonhouse, secretary.

To Reduce Medicine Tax.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 25.—Members of the Wholesale Druggists' Association and the Association of Proprietary Medicine Manufacturers began a conference here yesterday. They complain of the discrimination against patent medicines in apportioning the war tax on medicines. Prof. H. H. Munyon says, on the subject: "It is the consumer who pays the tax and it is not fair to make the poor and ill continue to pay doubly for their medicines." Another matter to be considered is the bringing about of a uniformity of prices for proprietary medicines.

IN CHINESE WATERS

First Step Toward Mobilization of Fleet of United States Battleships.

PROTECTION IN THE ORIENT.

The Troops will be Withdrawn From China but a Powerful Fleet of War Vessels will be Kept in China Waters for Protection American Interests.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25.—Orders have been issued by the War Department directing the Wilmington to proceed immediately from Montevideo to China by way of the Mediterranean Sea.

This is understood to be the first official action toward carrying out the plans of mobilizing a large fleet of warships in Chinese waters.

The Vicksburg has just been commissioned at Boston and will proceed to Taku as soon as the ship is coaled. The Kentucky, Annapolis and Dorothea will proceed within a few days and the Albany will be ordered from Piracus to China.

It was said at the State Department that while the administration had decided to withdraw the American land forces, the large force of naval vessels will be distributed among the treaty ports in which this country has large trade interests and these will be protected at any cost. It was intimated that the United States government has now no intention of interfering should an attempt be made toward the dismemberment of the empire, but will merely attend to trade interests and the security of American rights and property.

Some of the commanding officers of ships designated to protect American interests in Chinese waters after the land forces have been withdrawn have shown a prompt compliance with Secretary Long's order.

The Kentucky has arrived at the Brooklyn navy yard from Newport. She will be fitted out there for her long cruise. The significance of the assignment of so powerful a ship as the Kentucky for service in Chinese waters has not been lost on naval officers, who appreciate the moral effect of such action in international complications. They regard the designation of the Kentucky and a number of other war vessels to Chinese waters as notice to the powers that the United States government intends that American interests, diplomatic and material, shall be respected.

More Trouble Threatened.

HONG KONG, Sept. 25.—The aspect in the Kwang Chung district is threatening.

Frequent anti-Christian riots have occurred and have not been checked by the Viceroy's.

An army of twenty thousand Triads, fiercely anti-foreign, are being associated with the Boxers, having established a base at Chung Chien. They are threatening Canton and preparing for a rebellion.

The Chinese threaten to destroy the French gun-boat, Avalanche, now at Kum Chuk above Canton.

Chaffee to Withdraw

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Instructions were cabled to Gen. Chaffee today to withdraw his troops from Pekin. A legion guard of one regiment of infantry, four troops of cavalry and one light battery will remain under the command of Gen. Chaffee. The other troops will withdraw to Manila.

ROCKS FROM A BLAST

Break Bric-a-brac Vanderbilts' Drawing Room.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Pieces of rock from a blast were thrown through the windows of the drawing room of George W. Vanderbilt's residence on Fifth Avenue this morning and costly bric-a-brac was destroyed. Fortunately the stones missed the picture gallery in which hang pictures of old masters of priceless worth.

Committee Meeting

The committee on railroads and freights, of the Chamber of Commerce, met last night at the Chamber. Those present were President Wittkowsky and Messrs. J. H. Weddington, J. J. Adams and M. C. Mayer. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the freight rates here, and to arrange for the committee to go to Raleigh next Tuesday to appear before the railroad commission to secure, if possible, better freight rates for Charlotte, or in other words to go up the hill and down again.

EX-SENATOR PALMER DEAD.

He was the Nominee of the Gold Democrats for President.

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 25.—Gen. John M. Palmer, ex-Senator from the State of Illinois, died at his home in this city this morning.

The convention of the national Democracy, or Gold Democrats, as they were popularly known, which met at Indianapolis on September 3rd, 1896, nominated Gen. Palmer for President, Gen. Buckner being nominated for Vice-President by the same convention.

John McCauley Palmer was born in Eagle Creek, Scott county, Kentucky, September 13, 1817. He removed to Illinois in 1832 and in 1839 settled in Carlinville. He was admitted to the bar in 1840, was a delegate to the constitutional convention in 1847, a member of the State Senate from 1852 to 1854, a delegate to the national Republican convention at Philadelphia in 1856, a presidential elector on the Republican ticket in 1860, and a delegate to the Peace convention, held in Washington February 4th, 1861. He was elected Colonel of the 14th Illinois volunteers in April, 1861, accompanied Gen. John C. Fremont in his expedition to Springfield, Mo., and was commissioned brigadier-general of volunteers on the 20th of December. He was with Gen. John Pope at the capture of New Madrid and Island No. 10, and afterwards commanded the first brigade of the first division of the army of the Mississippi. In November, 1862, he was with Gen. Grant's army in temporary command of a division.

Subsequently he led a division at the battle of Stone River and for his gallantry there he was promoted to major-general of volunteers the 29th of November, 1862. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga, and led the 14th Corps in the Atlanta campaign from May until September, 1864.

He was governor of Illinois from 1869 to 1873 and was, afterwards Senator from that State. In the campaign of 1896 Gen. Palmer headed the gold Democratic national ticket. Since that time he has been living a quiet life at his home in Springfield.

FOUR MEN SAID "STOP."

Mr. Kendall Waylaid on His Way Home Saturday Night.

Mr. W. H. Kendall, who clerks at York Bros. & Rogers, lives several miles from the city, near the old Dowd place. He drives out at night after business and returns in the morning. Saturday night he had an unpleasant experience on his trip home. He was in a hack belonging to, and being driven by Henry Hendrick, colored. Just after passing Schenck's place, on the edge of town, they were halted by four men who were in the road. The men told the driver to stop. Mr. Kendall told him to lay the whip to the horse and speed on. Hendrick did this, and outdistanced the men, but not the bullets which followed. Several shots were fired at the carriage, and one of the bullets went through the hack curtain of the carriage. When Mr. Kendall reached home he gave Hendrick his pistol to have and to hold in case the men attacked him on his way back to town. Hendrick met three of the men, but they did not molest him. They were evidently bent on robbery, and were after Mr. KKendall.

Church News.

Rev. Dr. Barron goes to Winston next Monday to conduct a week's meeting. His pulpit Sunday week will be occupied by Rev. Dr. Barron, of the First Baptist church, Winston.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, who has been in the mountains the greater part of the summer, returned to the city Sunday.

The Baptists are still moving in the matter of parsonage. They are adding to their subscriptions daily.

The quarterly meeting of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association will take place next Friday at Long Creek church, and continue three days. Mr. Allen Tedder, of Charlotte, is moderator. Topics of interest to the people will be discussed.

Rev. A. A. Little, of Steele Creek church, will preach to the children Sunday morning.

Mr Erwin's Insurance

Mr. E. N. Farrior, general agent of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Portland, Maine, 14-day received a check of \$1,000 to be paid to Mr. James Sibley, administrator of the late A. Manor Erwin, of this city, and which was the policy on his life. Mr. Erwin, as previously stated, had paid in only one premium on his policy.

County Schools.

Superintendent R. B. Hunter this week will visit the schools in Dewese and Huntersville. The school at Matthews is one of the most flourishing schools in the county. The attendance is about 75. Messrs. Long and Stallings are the principals.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Engineer John Palmer's Engine Left Track---He was Caught Under Car.

WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

He Jumped When the Derailment Occurred and was Caught Under a Car Load of Lumber and Crushed to Death—Wreck was at Lenoir

Special To The News. LENOIR, Sept. 25.—Engineer John Palmer was killed here at 6:30 this morning by an accident on the Carolina and Northern Railroad. A train loaded with lumber was being pulled toward Lenoir by two engines. Engineer Palmer was in the cab of the front engine. This engine jumped the track. Engineer Palmer jumped from the cab, and was caught under a car loaded with lumber and instantly killed. His brains were crushed out, and his body was badly mangled.

Fireman Williams also jumped, but was uninjured. A negro train hand was slightly injured. The engine and three cars were wrecked.

Mr. Palmer was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Palmer, of this city. He was born and reared in Charlotte, and was 43 years of age—the oldest child. Mr. Palmer began railroading when quite young, leaving home 15 years ago to accept a position on the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge, now the Carolina Northern, the road on which he was killed. He ran as fireman for some years, and was then promoted to the cab. He married Miss Dora Porter, of Chester, S. C., last December. His last visit home was two months ago. He was in fine health, and the picture of well-developed manhood. He and his wife lived in Chester and he was well known and well thought of there as here. He was a first class machinist, inheriting his fondness for that class of work from his father, who runs the city rollers. He had been wonderfully fortunate in his long service on the road, having had no accidents of any consequence. The news of his death reached the city about 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Palmer, father of the young man, who lives on East Sixth street, and Mr. Ed Cogbill, brother-in-law of deceased, left this morning for Lenoir for the remains. They will reach Charlotte to-night, and the funeral will take place tomorrow.

Deceased was a brother of Mr. Cleveland Palmer, soda water clerk at Woodall & Sheppard's.

SOCIAL.

The Regent of Augusta Chapter, D. A. R.'s Here.

Mrs. James Moore, of Augusta, Ga., is at Mr. George E. Wilson's. Mrs. Moore is the regent of the Augusta Chapter D. A. R.'s. She has acted in that capacity for four years, and is one of the most efficient and delightful officers in Southern D. A. R. circles. She will be an honored guest tomorrow evening at the D. A. R. reception at Mrs. Hutchison's.

The form of invitation to the tea tomorrow is as follows: "The Daughters of the American Revolution request your presence at their anniversary tea, Wednesday, September 26th, 1900, at Mrs. D. P. Hutchison's, 603 North Tryon street. 5 to 7:30 p. m." The chapter has invited, in a body, Stonewall Jackson Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy. Other invitations to the tea were personal, each Daughter having the privilege of inviting one guest.

Master Billie Bethel is to have a party this afternoon at 4:30 at his grandmother, Mrs. R. M. Oates', on North Tryon.

The Gadd Trial.

The trial of William Gadd, charged with stealing cotton, last week, from the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer mill, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock before Squire John R. Erwin. Gadd was bound over until to-day in a justified bond of \$150, he not being ready until today for trial. He will be represented by Mr. J. D. McCall and the mill by Judge Burwell. Gadd is a son of Capt. Robert Gadd.

LATER.

Gadd failed to appear this afternoon for trial, and it is understood that a reward of \$25 is out for him. F. W. Shuman is his bondsman.

Realty

Mr. H. Clarkson, trustee, yesterday sold four acres in Fairview to Mr. W. E. Shaw for \$450, and four acres to J. A. Price for \$525.

MILL NEWS.

New Mills Being Built in Tennessee—\$100,000 Plants.

Mr. George B. Hiss went to Granite Falls this morning, and from there to the site, a mile and a half distance, of the new Rhodiss Mill, in which he is interested. He is to be met there by Mr. J. M. Rhodes. The ground on which the mill is to be located is being cleared off and prepared for the building.

Mr. J. H. Crowley cannot tell the day nor hour in which he will resume operations at his towel mill. The mill has been shut down for some months, the high price of cotton and low price of goods, hitting the looms. "I would like to see cotton keep up now on account of the goods the mills have on hand," said Mr. Crowley.

Mr. J. D. Brown, who was sent by Mr. S.W.Cramer, mill architect, to Covington, Tenn., to build a mill, has returned. Mr. Brown superintended the construction of the building. The company is now placing the machinery.

The capacity of the mill is 5,000 spindles. The plant will cost \$100,000. A mill of the same capacity is to be built at Humboldt, Tenn. Howard & Bullock, of R. I., will draw the plans. This plant will also cost \$100,000.

Mr. J. Lee Sloan, Jr., of Davidson, is here to-day. The Lenden mill—the upper mill—he says, is running day and night; the lower mill—Cornelius—only in the day.

"Got much cotton in the warehouse?" Mr. C. W. Johnston, of the Gingham mill, was asked to-day. "Sorry to say we haven't," he replied.

MR. MARSH RETURNS.

Says Americans Gave Paris the Go-by—Exposition a Failure.

Mr. J. B. Marsh, formerly of Elliott & Marsh, of the old furniture factory, who left here on the 17th of last April for England, has returned to Charlotte. He arrived a day or so ago and leaves in the morning for Lenoir where he will spend the winter with his daughter. Mr. Marsh spent his time in London. He did not go on the continent, although he could have gone for a mere song. "The Exposition," he said, "was a failure. There were 85,000 Americans who crossed this summer, but not half of the number went to Paris. They caricatured the English and Americans to such an extent in Paris that they boycotted the exposition. The Americans gave Paris the go by and spent their time in Germany, Italy and other points on the continent." "Mr. Marsh brought back many fine views with him. Mr. Marsh's only sister, who lived in London, died while he was there.

FIRE AT MAIDEN.

Mr. Gall's Residence Burned Last Night.

A 'phone message to Mr. J. C. Hunter this morning from Maiden states that the residence of Mr. William Gall, at Maiden, was destroyed last night at 11 o'clock by fire. The house was new and was one of the prettiest in the place. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Gall and family had retired. They were aroused by the smoke, and heat and had only time to get out and save some of the furniture on the first floor. They lost everything on the second floor.

Mr. Miller's Mother Paralyzed.

Mr. John M. Miller, Jr., cashier of the Merchants' and Farmers' bank, had distressing news this morning. His mother, Mrs. Mary E. Miller, of Lynchburg, was stricken with paralysis last evening about 6 o'clock. The telegram said that the paralysis was first noticed in her face. It extended afterward down her side, and was growing steadily more alarming. Mrs. Miller is 64 years of age. Mr. Miller leaves to-night for Lynchburg.

Death Under a Wagon Wheel.

Mr. John F. Yorke received a 'phone message this morning from Rockwell, a mile from Salisbury, saying that Jones, the 8-year-old son of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Peeler, had been run over by a wagon early this morning and killed. Mr. Yorke got the message in time to catch No. 36, the north-bound train.

New Office

The Highland Park Manufacturing Company has completed a new building at the Gingham mill, which it will use as an office for Mr. C. W. Johnston, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Johnston and clerical force, Mr. Leak Spencer, bookkeeper and Miss Janie Keesler, stenographer, move to their new office next week.