

MINERS ENTOMBED AND IT IS FEARED MANY ARE DEAD

An Explosion Occurred in a Mine Near Cheswick Penn. This Morning and Nearly 200 Miners are Buried Beneath the Debris.

So far it has been impossible for any one to enter the shaft--It is feared All are Dead Either From Explosive Effects or Gas.

(By Associated Press.)
Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—An explosion in the shaft of the Harwick Coal Company's mine, near Cheswick, Pa., this morning, cut off the escape of 150 to 180 miners, including the pit and fire bosses. The two shafts are 200 feet deep and 200 feet apart.

Excitement is intense at Cheswick, where the families of the miners live and the scenes are pitiful. Three injured men have been recovered, one dying on the way to the city.

This explosion, caused a great concussion a long distance. It is not known what caused the explosion or how it occurred. Springdale and Cheswick physicians are at the mine.

None of the men had been rescued from the mine at noon and it is believed that many were killed by the explosion or suffocated by gas. Hundreds are working to liberate the imprisoned miners. About two hundred were employed at the mine, 150 on the inside and the remainder on the ripple.

The men on the ripple were badly burned by the explosion. With a loud report and an upheaval like an earthquake, the woodwork of the shaft were filled with the debris and rocks, completely shutting off all escape for those in the mine.

There has been no means yet of finding out the exact nature of the explosion and the number of the dead. If the mine entrance cannot be cleared so that the men can get a fresh supply of air, all will have perished in a few hours, in the event they have not been killed by the concussion already.

The mine was opened two years ago and has always been a gaseous one, but no trouble has ever occurred before. As quickly as possible a rescue party was organized, but so far no one has been able to descend into the mine.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Italian Found Dead in a Society Hall in Brooklyn.
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 25.—The police on entering the rooms of an Italian society early today, in South Brooklyn, discovered another mysterious murder. They found Zossecetti Sprono shot to death.

Nothing could be learned of the cause as the members of the society had fled and the police could make no arrests.

Details of Lieut. Flake's Death.

(By Associated Press.)
Manila, Jan. 25.—It has just been announced that Lieutenant Campbell Flake was killed while trying to enter Moro Cotta, Mindanao, to examine the locality. He was accompanied by Private Foy Flake. He was shot treacherously, the Moros firing on the party while Major Bullard was parleying with them. Moro Cotat was taken at once by an assault with no forces. The Moros lost 20 killed.

For Relief of Tornado Victims.

(By Associated Press.)
Greensboro, Ala., Jan. 25.—Mayor N. L. Castleman, of Greensboro, issued an appeal for aid in behalf of the Mountville, Ala., storm sufferers. Contributions should be sent to Mayor Castleman.

German Cruiser at Mobile.

(By Associated Press.)
Mobile, Jan. 25.—The German third-class cruiser Falke is in port from Havana. She will remain until Saturday. A reception is to be tendered the officers by the leading German residents.

Baltimore Firm Fails.

(By Associated Press.)
Baltimore, Jan. 25.—The failure of the brokerage and banking firm of E. N. Morrison and Company was announced today. A statement is being prepared.

Cotton Goes to 15-16c. Today.

Today cotton broke another record when local spots brought 15-16 cents. Last Monday the record for 35 years was broken when the fleecy staple brought 14 cents, the highest price for nearly 40 years.

BANK OFFICIAL ARRESTED.

Embezzled About \$100,000 From Nashua Trust Co. (By Associated Press.)

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 25.—John P. Goggin, treasurer of the Nashua Trust Co., was arrested today, charged with embezzling \$80,000 to \$100,000. The bank did not open today, and it is in charge of the State bank commissioners, pending an examination.

Goggin was held in a \$10,000 bond. He said that his downfall was not due to speculation, but in aiding friends. He is one of the most prominent bank officials in the State, and is well-known in Boston, Lowell, and other New England cities. It is believed today that the defalcation will not necessitate the permanent closing of the bank.

FIRE THREATENS TOWN.

Brazil, Indiana, at the Mercy of the Flames. (By Associated Press.)

Brazil, Ind., Jan. 25.—A fire which started early this morning threatens the city. One big block has been burned. The water-mains have broken, and the wind is carrying the flames into the best part of the business section.

Terre-Haute has been asked to come to the aid of Brazil. The fire today destroyed the Knight block in the centre of the business district, and did much damage, about \$50,000. The water mains burst, and the citizens formed a bucket brigade, and despite the intense cold conquered the flames.

Yardmaster Accused.

(By Associated Press.)
Melbourne, Jan. 25.—A disastrous hurricane has blown over the Fiji Islands, resulting in great loss of life and property.

DEATH CAME EASILY TO MR. NAT. GRAY

While Coming to the City From Dilworth He was Stricken With Heart Trouble and Died in a Few Minutes.

Mr. Nathaniel Gray, one of the familiar figures in this city for over forty years, fell dead this morning at 9:30 o'clock while coming from his home at Dilworth on a street car.

Mr. Gray was sitting in the car apparently fell forward from his seat suddenly fell forward from his seat just as the car was passing the Buford hotel and expired immediately and before aid could reach him.

"Nat" Gray, as he was familiarly known, was born and reared in this city, his birth place being on South Tryon street. Mr. Gray had spent the entire 56 years of his life in Charlotte where he was known by everyone and generally liked.

After reaching young manhood Mr. Gray first embarked in the grocery business here. At the outbreak of the civil war he came forward to the aid of the South and was made a member of the medical department, located in the old graded school building, then a military academy.

For about twenty-five years Mr. Gray was manager of the playhouse of Charlotte, first taking charge of the old opera house on South Tryon street, over the store rooms at present occupied by Mr. W. T. McCoy as a furniture store.

For about twelve years Mr. Gray remained in charge here. Later he became interested in the building of the Academy of Music, the building now used as the Presbyterian hospital. In this enterprise Mr. Gray was the leading spirit and the building of the Academy of Music on West Trade street was largely due to his efforts.

His cousin, Wm. Gray, an eccentric figure on West Trade street for many years, furnishing a large share of the money necessary for the erection of the building.

When the Academy was closed Mr. Gray became manager of the auditorium erected on West Sixth street by a number of citizens and here he remained until this building was burned.

Then Mr. Gray again assumed charge of the opera house on South Tryon street and continued as manager until a few years ago and about one year after the opening of the new Academy of Music in the rear of the Trust building.

ANGRY FLAMES THREATEN TO DESTROY THE SOUTHERN PASSENGER'S STATION

The Fire Originated in the Kitchen but was Soon Extinguished by Prompt Action of the Firemen--The Loss is Estimated at \$400

At 3:15 o'clock this morning dense volumes of smoke were discovered issuing from the kitchen of Gresham's restaurant which occupies the north end of the Southern passenger depot in this city.

The fire was discovered by the occupants of the office of Superintendent Baker, which is situated in the second floor of the depot. The smoke was so dense that those in the room were compelled to vacate and an investigation was at once made, when it was discovered that the kitchen beneath was enveloped in flames.

An alarm was rung in from box 41 and the department quickly responded. Some difficulty was experienced in getting the hose into the kitchen by the round about side entrance, but in a few minutes the blaze was under control.

The fire originated from a defective fuse and for a few minutes nearly \$50,000 worth of property was in danger.

FANCIERS AND BREEDERS.

Great Exhibition of Fowls Opened in Chicago Today. (By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 25.—More than 3,500 entries have been received for the eighth annual exposition of National Fanciers and Breeders which opens here today. Seventeen hundred pigeons are exhibited, besides a large number of chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, cats and dogs. The entries are from every State in the Union and from England and Germany. More than \$10,000 in prizes have been offered.

PIERCING COLD.

The Mercury Stands at 47 Below at Ely, Minn.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Piercing cold covers the entire Northwest today. It is fifteen below zero here. The record is 23 below and it is expected that a new low point will be made.

A man, unknown, was found frozen to death in an outlying part of the city.

Traffic is greatly impeded. Stretching to the Northwest the mercury shows a swiftly descending scale, the lowest being 38 degrees below at Bismarck, North Dakota; La Crosse, Wis., 36 below; Duluth, Minn., 21 below. Yesterday at Ely, Minn., it was 47 below.

Illinois Central Wreck.

(By Associated Press.)
Memphis, Jan. 25.—The Illinois Central train from New Orleans to Chicago was wrecked this morning at Gates, Tenn. A number are reported killed.

Wrecking trains with doctors and nurses have been sent from Memphis and Ripley.

The Illinois Central, News Orleans to Chicago, was wrecked at Gates, Tenn., six miles from Memphis this morning. One person was killed, and two slightly injured. The wreck was caused by the pilot striking a cow on the track, throwing her against the train, opening it and derailing the train, and overturning it excepting the engine and the mail car.

Three Thousand Burned.

(By Associated Press.)
Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—As the result of an early morning fire which destroyed three residences at Morning Side Suburb, two persons are dead and one missing. It is said three thousand dollars in cash were burned in one of the houses.

THE YARBORO HOUSE WORK IS STOPPED

Contractor Houston and Lessee Cobb Could not Agree--Painters, Carpenters and Plasterers Were Ordered to Quit Work.

(Special to The News.)
Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The work of remodeling and renovating the Yarboro House was temporarily discontinued this morning owing to a disagreement between Contractors B. R. Houston, of Durham, and Lessee Cobb, in regard to the work. No statement of the situation can be procured at this time, though it is said that nothing but a lawsuit can settle the differences. About 30 carpenters, plasterers and painters are out of work until the difference is adjusted.

A charter was issued this morning for The J. L. Austin Company of Wingo, Union county, capital \$20,000. The incorporators are J. L. Austin, J. M. Pevins, W. M. Perry. A general merchandise is the business that will be carried on.

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

Officers Johnson and W. M. Earnhard Have Good Luck.

This morning while Officers Johnson and M. M. Earnhard were out on a hunting trip beyond the plant of the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Company, they made an important capture, securing two negroes wanted in South Carolina for grand larceny. The two officers found the men, Monroe Hoyle and Wesley Hughes, at work near the site of the new septic tanks west of the city.

The men are charged with stealing about 1,000 pounds of seed cotton from W. O. Gray, of near Chester, S. C. The men have admitted their guilt, but say that the quantity of seed cotton stolen was much less than they are charged with taking. It is said that they, with other parties, secured several wagon loads of the seed cotton, which they ran away and left when discovered. The theft was committed last October. The two officers did a good piece of work in effecting this capture.

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Second Week's Term Begins--The Cases Disposed of Today.

The second week's term of Superior Court began this morning at 10 o'clock in the county court house, Judge McNeill presiding.

The calendar for the second week was entirely re-arranged last week and the new calendar was taken up in regular order this morning.

In the case of Ida Smith vs. W. J. Smith for divorce, a verdict for the plaintiff was returned.

It was also announced that the case of Geo. W. Painter against C. Gresham and others had been compromised and a judgment for \$375 for the plaintiff had been signed.

The case of P. S. McLaughlin and wife against the Charlotte Electric Railway Company and the City of Charlotte was compromised.

This afternoon the court took up the case of P. E. and M. J. Alexander vs. John and Mary Hartman, an action involving title to some acres of land in

IT WILL NOT WORK ACROSS THE LINE

Negro Collector of the Port at Beaufort S. C. Ordered out of the Columbia Hotel--He Refused to Reach for His Hat.

(Special The News.)
Columbia, S. C., Jan. 25.—"Gen." Robert Smalls, collector of the port of Beaufort, and who represented the seventh, better known as the "Black District" in Congress for several terms, was ordered out of the lobby of the Columbia Hotel a few days ago by Proprietor Wheeler.

Smalls, who is a very black negro, walked into the hotel with his silk hat on, when Mr. Wheeler called out sternly across the register:

"Take that hat off," replied the ex-Congressman, who generally has shown sense enough to know and keep his place in South Carolina.

"Get out of here, quick," the proprietor called out, adding some stronger language, which Smalls did not fail to promptly appreciate.

The estimates of the time that Smalls required to reach the pavement vary between three and five seconds. The clerk's estimate is less than five seconds.

The next day one of the white Republicans who had learned from Smalls that he had been excluded from the hotel called Mr. Wheeler aside and apologized for causing him any inconvenience. He suggested that possibly it might be well for him to transfer his patronage.

Mr. Wheeler is not the sort of man to be stamped by fear. He told the white Republican that he was welcome to receive whatever negroes it gave him pleasure to entertain, but that they must be received as other negroes who came into the hotel. He wished the politician to understand that he would not be responsible for promiscuous negroes coming into the hotel and would not allow any general conferences in his lobbies between black and tan and lily white guests; that if a negro caller wished to see any of his white guests he would insist upon his being accompanied to the room by one of the hotel's representatives.

A SERIOUS CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST THESE TWO MEN

J. O. Clark of Spray N. C. and J. F. Cheney of Danville Arrested for "Holding Up" Two Men Saturday Night, on East Vance St.

Clark was Released but Cheney was Sent to Jail for Having a Razor and for Being a Vagrant--A Very Peculiar Case.

The police Saturday night were informed that a case of highway robbery was committed on the railroad near the South Graded school.

So far, the case has proven a peculiar one and while two men have been arrested it is still undecided who the real culprits were.

J. O. Clark and J. F. Cheney, two white men, were arrested on a charge of assaulting J. P. Jones and D. A. McKinney, also white. Cheney was also held on a charge of vagrancy and carrying a razor.

At the hearing today Clark was set free and Cheney sent to jail for ten days.

The two men both told the same story, to the effect that a man had come running up to them, while they were on the railroad Saturday night, and claimed that unknown parties had held him up, and ordered him to hold up his hands and further that he had seized a rock and hit one of his assailants and then fled.

Cheney and Clark were arrested later by an officer but it appears that they were not the highwaymen.

Clark is a young man from Spray, N. C. where he worked in a cotton mill, and says that Cheney induced him to accompany him on a trip South.

Clark's story before the Recorder bore the marks of being true and he was turned loose with orders to get back to Spray.

The two men who claim they were held up are J. D. Jones and D. A. McKinney. They were not in court this morning however to testify. Clark said that the man who came running up to where he and Cheney were standing and claimed that he had been robbed was named Bradshaw, but more than this neither he nor Cheney could tell.

The man Cheney, after being arrested here on a charge of assault and also of vagrancy and carrying a razor, was discovered by the local police to be an escaped convict from the jail at Charlottesville, Va.

Cheney admitted this in the Recorder's court this morning.

He was sent to jail for ten days and will probably be sent from here to Virginia to serve out his sentence. He says that he was imprisoned for giving a man a pint of whiskey which he was charged with selling.

There is some mystery surrounding the entire affair and while it is probable that Cheney and Clark are innocent of holding up anybody on the railroad Saturday night, it is also evident that somebody was guilty of the offense.

PROTRACTED SERVICES.

For Young People at Tryon Street Baptist Church.

The opening service of the series of meetings for young people in the Tryon Street Baptist church was held last night in the Sunday school rooms.

These meetings are to be held throughout the entire week in behalf of the young people of the Sunday school.

A good musical program has been arranged for each service. The meetings will open promptly at 7:45 every night.

A NEW PAPER.

The Church Messenger, Rev. L. A. Falls, Editor.

The first issue of "The Church Messenger," a new religious publication, has been issued in this city.

The paper is a six-column, quarto and is edited by Rev. L. A. Falls, pastor of Brevard Street Methodist church. The paper will be issued monthly. It contains a quantity of good reading matter.

Negro Concealed in Store.

A gentleman from Chester, S. C., who is here today, brings the information that on Saturday night when Mr. Tip Heffner entered his store he found a negro concealed in the building. The authorities were notified and the negro was quickly apprehended and locked up.

\$3,000 Life Insurance Received.

Mr. E. B. Spriggs, executor of the estate of the late C. Furber Jones, has received a check for three thousand dollars, the amount of the policy carried by the deceased in the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, Mass.

The local representative of the company is Mr. R. G. Hayes.

THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight, Cloudy Tuesday, Followed by Rain or Snow.