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Over 300 Lives Probably Lost By Explosion

Fearful Destruction of Human Life Reported From Germany—Many Miners Entombed By Explosion of Fire Damp.

Only 36 Men of 400 who Were in Mine Have Been Rescued—Most of Others Thought to Have Perished.

By Associated Press. Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 12.—An explosion of fire damp occurred in the Radrod Mine this morning and of the 400 men who were working in the pit at the time only 36 have been brought to the surface up to the present.

Of these all are more or less injured and one has since died. One hundred and fifty men are entombed in shaft No. 2, all of whom are believed to have lost their lives. Rescuers at Work.

Already 27 bodies have been brought to the surface and 36 men are still under ground in grave peril. About 50 now have been brought to the surface. Of these a majority are more or less injured and one has since died. Rescuers arrived from all directions and the work of getting the bodies out is being pushed with all the speed possible.

The vicinity of the mine is surrounded by police and the public is not permitted to approach. Painful scenes are being witnessed among the crowds of relatives who have gathered outside of the police cordon.

300 Men Doomed. Hamm, Westphalia, Nov. 12.—Up to 10,000 men are thought to be entombed in the mine. Eighteen of these were brought out alive and were severely injured. No hope is entertained for 300 men still below ground. The violence of the explosion caused the walls of the galleries to cave in. Salvage work is endeavoring to penetrate the mine.

Granddaughter of Noted Divine Weds New York, Nov. 12.—A fashionable wedding filled the First Presbyterian church in Brooklyn this afternoon to witness the wedding of Miss Talma Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith and a grand-daughter of the late Rev. T. DeWitt Talma, and Mr. Martin Sullivan, a Baldwin of this city.

Tubercular Society Meets in January. The State Tubercular Society for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis will hold its annual meeting in this city about the middle of January.

Several physicians in Charlotte have been asked to contribute papers and it is expected that a number of prominent specialists from outside states will attend the convention and take part in the discussions.

REPUBLICANS BOOM SETTLE FOR SENATE

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 12.—That the Republicans, or at least an element in the party, have their eyes on the Hon. Thomas Settle as a probable successful candidate to succeed Senator Simmons four years hence, is certain. A prominent Republican said as much yesterday afternoon in talking with Editor Julian of the Post. The Republicans hope to control the legislature four years hence and will work successfully with that end in view, being much encouraged by their vote in the election just held.

Greensboro is Busy Building

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 12.—The city of Greensboro, despite the financial depression and manifold other things, civil, political and electoral to distract its attention, keeps moving up in development, as the following partial mention of quasi-public enterprises in the building sphere attest:

The representative of the Fisher estate, Mr. C. A. Bray, has begun preparations for the erection of a splendid 8-story building on the corner of market and Elm streets, opposite the county court house and the United States court house, and postoffice buildings. The lot is now occupied by two brick buildings, used as stores and offices, one of them being a one-story "squat" affair, the other being used by "Squire Collins and lawyers" offices on the second.

The location is an excellent one for a modern hotel, and the building, which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, will be designed for stores on the first floor, lawyer and other offices on the other floors, while the higher floors will be built for use as apartment residence. Construction work will begin about the first of January, the earliest moment at which the tenants of the present buildings can vacate.

The addition to and improvement of the Guilford hotel building are nearly completed and will be available for use by December 1st. The proprietors of the Guilford-Benbow hotel, Messrs. Cobb & Corpening, with the owner of the Guilford hotel building, have cooperated in the large outlay of \$50,000 for the Guilford enlargement and improvement, and when they are finally turned over to the public, this same public will enjoy having in Greensboro a modern and elegant hotel in every respect, with the handsome "lobby" and the prettiest dining room in the South.

The Southern Express Company, which has had to occupy two different buildings two blocks apart, will next week occupy a brand new building, just completed, near the railroad station, by Mr. Jennings. This building is one of two large 3-story brick buildings which Mr. Jennings has had constructed. The Southern Express building was designed for the special work of the business. The main room, the front of which is of glass, is 60x70 feet, has a cement floor, iron barred windows and no locks on the front doors, since this space will always be open to the public.

The other building is destined for wholesale merchants, offices and lodger rooms. The Greensboro Electric Company is making extensive improvements its street car track and car equipment. The new auditorium, which cost \$50,000, has been accepted of the contractors by the Auditorium Company, and a new contract made for the building of several dressing rooms convenient to the stage.

Southern Official Predicts Full Force at Spencer

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 12.—Among the Southern railway officials at Spencer today were General Manager C. H. Acker, and Assistant General Manager E. H. Conman, who are also making a tour of inspection over the various branchings of the Southern.

These gentlemen express themselves as well pleased with the industrial outlook throughout the South and Mr. Acker said he confidently looked for a revival of business in all lines.

Mr. Acker said he was satisfied that the great majority of mechanics who had been laid off at the Spencer shops during the recent business depression would be put back to work by January 1st. This sounds good, not only to the men directly interested, but to all Salisbury and Spencer.

Judge Boyd to Sit for Judge Purnell. Special to The News. Greensboro, Nov. 12.—On account of the continued illness of United States District Judge Purnell of the Raleigh district, Circuit Judge Pritchard has requested United States District Judge James E. Boyd, of this city, to accept an assignment for holding the next term of federal court at Raleigh, beginning Nov. 23rd, and it is highly probable that Judge Boyd will find it possible to hold the court.

Bitulithic Will Be Laid on Salisbury Street. Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 12.—Liberty street, once one of the worst streets in the city, from Main to the passenger station, is being widened and will be put down with bitulithic and made one of the principal thoroughfares to the new station. It will be used principally by express, transfer and mail wagons to reach the depot and will also be a direct convenience to the citizens living in that immense territory north of Liberty street wishing to reach the station by a shorter one than down Council street.



NIGHT RIDING DENOUNCED AND IS DEFENDED

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 12.—Fierce denunciation of "Night Riders" and an equally fiery defense of "Night Riders" threw the cotton convention into disorder today and nearly terminated the day's session before the program had fairly begun.

A Sensation. While the excited delegates hurled charges and countercharges, T. U. Sisson, of Mississippi, made himself heard above the uproar and moved that the convention adjourn sine die.

President Jordan, after pounding continuously throughout the uproar finally brought the audience to a semblance of quiet and made a plea for order. His words had effect, but it was only after the most sensational event of the convention.

Walter Clark, of Clarkdale, Miss., precipitated the trouble when he wandered from the subject of "Better handling and handling of cotton," to a discussion of the night riding question. He bitterly denounced night riding, called night riders a curse; men who shoot people in the back.

A. C. Ross, resident of Northeast, Miss., jumped on his chair and called Clark to order. He said night riders were oppressed people, fighting for what they believed to be right, working against overwhelming odds, but always from the best motives. His words caused a sensation.

President Jordan refused to adjourn a motion of Mr. Sisson to adjourn sine die, and requested Clark to go on with his paper. This he did and the program was proceeded with.

A Violent Earthquake.

By Associated Press. Spa, Belgium, Nov. 12.—A violent earthquake of three seconds duration occurred here this morning. People were thrown into panic. There were no casualties. The shock was felt also at Spaux. People there were badly frightened but no damage is reported.

LARGE CENTRAL WAREHOUSE IS PLANNED FOR

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Nov. 12.—Plans for a large central warehouse which the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union purposes building here, took a more definite shape today. The following names were announced as composing the committee which will take the matter in charge: T. J. Brooks, Tennessee; G. B. Hightower, Mississippi; J. Z. Green, North Carolina; J. W. Boyett, Jr., Louisiana; L. H. O'Martin, Georgia, and L. H. Morris, of Alabama.

KILLING OF CARMACK IS INVESTIGATED

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 12.—The grand jury began the examination of witnesses in connection with its investigation of the killing of former Senator Carmack by Robin Cooper.

As no eye witness has been discovered who saw the first shot fired, circumstantial evidence will enter largely into the case. Dr. Duncan Ego, who is attending Robin Cooper, stated today that the young man is not yet out of danger.

Young Cooper was powder burned about the face, neck and ears, indicating that the shooting was at close range. Taken to Jail. Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 12.—It has been understood here for several days that warrants would be issued for the arrest of Sharpe and his arrest today was no surprise.

It is alleged that Sharpe was seen with Colonel Cooper and Robin Cooper, his son, shortly before the killing, and was also at the scene of the tragedy immediately after Carmack fell to the ground. Sharpe was at once taken to jail.

MRS. JANE NEWBALD DEAD.

North Carolina Woman Passes Away in Syracuse, N. Y. News reached the city this afternoon of the death of Mrs. Jane Newbald at Syracuse, N. Y., this morning at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Newbald is survived by four brothers, two half brothers and two sisters: Messrs. R. W. Little, New Orleans; G. W. Little, Charlotte; J. W. Little, A. W. Little, Georgia; H. C. Little, Charlotte; J. M. Little, Hickory, Mrs. J. P. Carr, and Mrs. Albert Alexander, of Charlotte.

Besides the relatives in this state who survive her, Mrs. Newbald leaves a son, Mr. J. L. Newbald, of Syracuse with whom she has lived for the past ten years.

BOYS' MEETING

The "Friday Nighters" Will Be Organized. The Intermediates of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association will hold an important meeting in their club rooms tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The intermediates include those members of the department between 15 and 18 years of age. The purpose of the meeting tomorrow night will be to organize "The Friday Nighters," a club for the older boys, the object being to promote the spiritual, mental and social welfare of its members. Refreshments will be served and a pleasant social hour after the meeting will make the occasion full of interest.

First Conference of Its Kind

Boston, Mass., Nov. 12.—Beginning this evening and continuing through the next two days a notable conference is to be held in the hall of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to consider plans for civic reforms in the cities and towns of Massachusetts. The conference is the first of its kind to be held in New England. The Galveston form of government by commission, which was recently adopted by the city of Haverhill, will be one of the foremost topics of discussion. Other subjects to receive attention include municipal playgrounds, the teaching of agriculture, and industrial education for small towns.

WANTS ROADS TO GIVE CHEAPER RATES SOUTH

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12.—The interstate commerce commission is to be asked by Chicago merchants to revise freight schedules between Chicago and Chattanooga and points South.

At a hearing before the commission Monday on complaint of the Chicago Association of Commerce against the Pennsylvania, Southern, Queen and Crescent and other roads, Chicago merchants will be placed on the stand to show that the present rates, to Chattanooga are higher than from Eastern cities from which the distance is much greater.

\$3,000 FOR FIRE STATION.

The Finance Committee Appropriates This Amount for Dilworth. At a meeting of the finance committee of the board of aldermen yesterday afternoon \$2,970 was appropriated for the erection of the sub fire station in Dilworth, and the board of public safety will proceed at once with its erection.

DR. O. D. KING DEAD.

He Passes Away at His Home in Albemarle This Morning. News has reached the city of the death of Dr. O. D. King, which occurred at his home in Albemarle this morning at 5 o'clock. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

Dr. King was well known in Charlotte, where he had many friends and relatives, among them being Mrs. Dr. Misenheimer, with whom he was connected by marriage. Dr. King was closely related to the Hornes of Albemarle, and was a native of Wilmington, being the son of Dr. King of that city.

CHARGED WITH AIDING IN THE CARMACK DEATH

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 12.—John J. Sharpe, ex-sheriff of this county, was arrested here today, charged with murder and aiding and abetting in the murder of Senator Carmack.

Emperor of China Very Ill.

Pekin, China, Nov. 12.—It is the consensus of opinion here that the Emperor of China is very sick, and is reported as still sinking.

Emperor's Brain Affected.

Pekin, Nov. 12.—The condition of the Emperor is so serious that various legations are sending reports thereon to their respective governments. He has been suffering for ten years, with nephritis, now complicated with diabetes and sciatica. It is admitted his brain is affected.

Messrs. Henry Seberg Delacoutre and Jean Dheygre, of Soubain, France, are in the city looking at sites for a manufacturing plant for textile specialties.

MURDERED HIS OWN BROTHER; IS NOW IN JAIL

By Associated Press. Warrenton, Va., Nov. 12.—Defending himself and his wife in his home as he alleges against a midnight attack made by his own brother, Henry Spinks shot and killed William Spinks at Hopewell, twenty miles north of here yesterday. After a coroner's inquest, which fixed the responsibility for the killing upon Henry Spinks, the latter was held for the grand jury and brought here and lodged in jail. Mrs. Spinks was only witness to the shooting of the aged mother of the victim and fratricide being asleep at the time in the room above that in which it occurred. Spinks alleges his brother struck both him and his wife and both bear evidences of having been struck on the temple. Spinks says he then picked up his shotgun and blew off part of his brother's head.

MR. BELL MENTIONED FOR CITY JUDGESHIP

The People are Discussing the Fitness of Various Men for the Fat Jobs Which Will be Distributed Under the New Charter.—The Labor Element Will Want One of the Commission. If the city charter, as proposed by the charter committee of the board of aldermen goes through there will be five fat city jobs to give to some one. The salaries of these will be made large enough to make them very attractive, and it is hardly possible that the people will have a hard time in getting acceptance.

The charter will call for a mayor and three commissioners, no matter which form of government is adopted, and these positions will pay \$3,000 per year, and also there will be the city judgeship, paying a salary of \$2,400, or as much as a superior court judge. The people are already beginning to discuss the fitness of men for these positions, and many names are mentioned as possible commissioners. As to the city judgeship, there seems to be only one man, who is mentioned every time the matter is discussed, and that is Mr. James A. Bell. His legal ability and training are recognized, and he has also the judicial bearing and mind, which his friends say will especially fit him for the place.

Mayor Franklin will probably stand for another election as mayor. Mr. Hawkins, of the public service board, is mentioned as a probable candidate for one of the commissionerships, having as his province the street department. Colonel Kirkpatrick is mentioned as a commissioner also, the idea being that if elected he would be given charge of the police and fire departments.

Though these offices are supposed to be non-political, and the elections made irrespective of place of residence, or class, it is understood that the labor element of the city will demand one of these offices, and several are mentioned as probable candidates representing this element, among them being Mr. W. W. Haywood, who now has a position in the revenue department of the city, and Alderman Ernest Williams, who is taking a prominent part in aldermanic affairs.

Negro Fair at Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 12.—The Negro State Fair, for which preparations have been going forward for some time past, had an auspicious opening today at the grounds of the Georgia-Carolina Fair Association. The exhibition embraces a good display of live stock, agricultural products and manufactures. A program of athletic sports and other attractions has been arranged for the entertainment of the visitors. The fair will come to a close Saturday. The work of judging the exhibits and awarding premiums was begun this morning.

For Tennessee River Improvement. Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 12.—The Tennessee River Improvement Association met in convention in this city today with a good attendance of delegates from the several states interested in the improvement of the waterway. The association purposes to put forth every endeavor to secure an appropriation from the coming session of congress to carry out the plans for the improvement of the river in order to make it navigable.

Cotton Goods Made Here Shipped to Germany

Charlotte manufacturers of cotton and cotton products are finding a ready market for their goods in foreign countries, as well as in every nook and corner of the United States. Yesterday afternoon a solid train of 28 cars loaded with cotton products "Made in Charlotte" left here over the Southern railroad for Norfolk, Va., from where the entire shipment will be transported, over the Gans line, to Hamburg, Germany.

ONE KILLED BY EXPLOSION NEAR KANSAS CITY

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Nov. 12.—An explosion in the glazing room of the Excelsior Powder Company, at Dodson, south of Kansas City, wrecked a part of the plant and injured a number of passengers on the Kansas City Southern passenger train, standing on the tracks nearby. One employe of the powder works was killed. Nearly all the injured, 35 in number, were on the train. The train was not badly damaged. The wounds of the injured are slight. It was at first reported that the train had been blown from the track, but this proved to be an error.

CARS HURLED FROM TRACK; NO LIVES LOST

By Associated Press. Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 12.—Three cars in the eastbound Twentieth Century Limited, New York Central's fastest train, were thrown from the rails at Blossom Road crossing just east of the city shortly after daylight this morning, but strangely enough not one of the many passengers that were hurled from their berths was badly injured. Men and women scrambled through the windows and doors with no thought of clothing other than that which they wore when they turned in for the night.

Fast Train Wrecked

By Associated Press. Butler, Pa., Nov. 12.—Passenger train southbound on the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad, running 40 miles north of here late last night. Over 100 passengers escaped with slight injuries.

Fell 110 Feet To His Death

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 12.—The coroner announced today that the death of Harvey Watterson, son of Henry Watterson of Louisville, Ky., who met a tragic death yesterday by falling from a window on the nineteenth floor of a Wall street building, was due to accident.

HEAVY DEFICIT IN POSTAL RECEIPTS

Washington, Nov. 12.—Postmaster General Meyer announced that the postal deficit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907 amounted to \$16,612,959. Receipts were \$191,478,533, being \$7,896,657 greater than the previous year and the expenditures \$208,351,886. The deficit is the largest in the history of the postoffice department. Analysis of figures shows that \$9,891,321 represents an advance in the rate of compensation authorized by congress for employees of the railway mail service, rural delivery service, city delivery service, and assistant post-masters and clerks in post offices.

Trade Schools to Exhibit

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12.—Trade schools in every part of the country are sending exhibits for the exhibition to be held in this city next week in connection with the convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education. The society of which Carrol D. Wright is president and M. W. Alexander vice-president, is devoting its energies to the encouragement of industrial education. Its purpose is to produce skilled workmen for every craft and industry and thereby elevate the average of American citizenship. The approaching conference will hold a session of three days and will be attended by noted industrial educators from many states.