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# FEARFUL DISASTER ON RAILROAD NEAR WINSTON

# Ten Workmen Buried By Cave-In

While Working on Tres- Rescuers Endeavoring to tle Over Salem Creek Bank Caves-in, Burying Men Alive Seven Bodies Recovered.

Reach Other Victims-All Supposed to Be Lost-Two Were Americans.

Special to The News.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 16 .- Ten or 12 men, Italians and negroes, were entombed by an embankment caving in on the southside of Salem Creek, on the Southbound Railroad at 9 o'clock this morning, and at noon five had been taken out dead.

The work of rescuing the others is being rushed. None of them are supposed to be alive.

All of the men were operatives, employed by H. J. Collier & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, and Spartanburg, S.C., concrete contractors.

When the cave-in occurred the operatives were cutting out the embankent to install a concrete abutment for an immense steel trestle being con structed across Salem Creek for the Southbound railroad. The names of the dead could not be learned at this hour.

SEVEN BODIES ARE RECOVERED AT 2 O'CLOCK.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 16 .-- At 2 o'clock this afternoon seven bodhave been recovered by the rescuers. Six of the number were dead when found. Three others had not been reached at that hour

t is estimated that four thousand cubic feet of dirt fell on the men. Four of the victims of the morning's disaster were Germans, two were Americans and the others were Poles.

## Western Union Passes Into New Hands--A Billion Dollar Concern

New York, Nov. 16.—The control of the Western Union Telegraph Compassy passed today to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and a long step was taken toward the merging of the telephone and telegraph companies into a corporation with a capitalization of nearly \$1,000,-

The announcement of the acquirement of the Western Union, known as the Gould property, by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company,

the acquisition of the Western Union and the recent absorption of vations district Bell telephone companies in various parts of the country, indis large increase in the presentcapitalization of the parent company, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

## Farmer Legislator of New Jersey Died In County Home

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 16.-Aged, blind and bowed under a weight of an strable mistake, Charles A. Gomer, former member of the New Jersey stalature, died last night in Rowan county home and was buried this ng at 10 o'clock in Chestnut Hill cemetery, at Salisbury, N. C., after remarkable career. Funeral services were held this morning in a private chapel room of Summersett undertaking establishment at Salisonducted by Rev. Dr. Clark, of the Presbyterian church.

my God, it is true," Gomer once exclaimed, when asked about ruregarding his past life. Once a member of a happy home in New Jerwith a loving wife, he fell in love with another woman, and one day ed away with her. The couple came to Spencer, N. C., as man and He, and Gomer worked in the machine shops of the Southern railway. His "He" later became deranged and died in Morganton, N. C., state insane lam. Later on his legal wife, who had waited and wondered where her double was, learned the real truth. When he knew this, Gomer refused to complements of friends at Salisbury longer, and was carried to the counhouse, where he died grief-stricken and bowed with age after a most

## Dannenberg Case Taken Up by State Supreme Court

Haleigh. Nov. 16.-The North Carolina Supreme Court today heard an rate argument on and took under consideration the noted appeal of State vs. J. Dannenburg from Charlotte, the determination of which walted with intense interest alike by North Carolina prohibitionists and brohibitionists as settling the right of municipalities in North Caro-

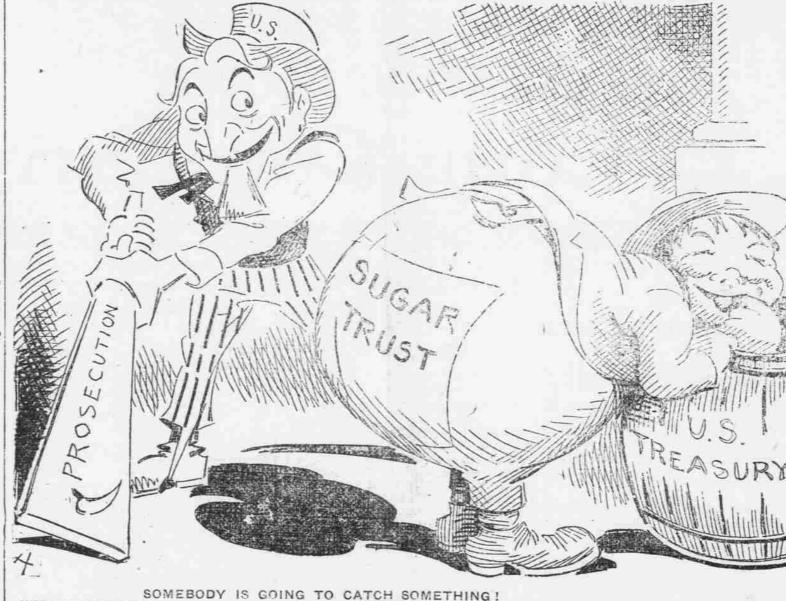
the near beer problem with a high license tax. Charlotte imposed \$1,000 tax which Dannenburg defied, claiming that beer is no more than the average soft drink and cannot be singled for excessive taxations apart from soda fountain drinks generally. The state Anti-Saloon League executive committee has just declared its upose to make a fight in the next election for this authority to the citithe by the legislature in the event the courts sustain the contention of annenburg.

Mr. Poe Resigns.

Clarence H. Poe resigned today as chairman of the State Anti-Saloon motest gallerics of the mine during cently removed from the Forbidden and some of the specialties touching them the next step will be an appeal expected they will voluntarily surtices.

City, was buried in the Eastern Tombs, their highest prices of the United States Supreme court, render.

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# Don't Say I hey Are Dead For Certain" Pleaded Many Women

## Mine Officials Think The 300 Entombed

Haggard and Care-Worn to the mine officials. Wives of Miners Gather Around Opening of be buried in the caving in walls, Shaft and Plead Pettiously for Some Hope.

Another Descent of Re- uge of rain. The main shaft of the -Men Thought to Have Suffecated or Been Buried by Falling Walls.

By Associated Press.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 16 .- Dawn today definitely established. Nineteen thous brought increased anxiety to the and dollars is due the miners. The families of the 300 miners still en- average semi-monthly wage drawn the situation as soon as he returned tombed in St. Paul Coal Mine, as a result of Saturday's disaster.

Despite the belief expressed by population equals citizens. state and government officials that there is little likelihood that any miners will be brought out alive scores of grief stricken wives gathered about the mouth of the hoisting shaft which late yesterday was sealed; because of the renewal of the fire on Ill., according to information from

naustion by the terror of three sleepless nights, women approached the 266; that 185 families, comprising officials imploring some glimmer of

"There is still a chance, aint tions there, Mister?" pleaded dozens of "Don't say they are dead for cer-

The officials this morning decided if the fire in the mine had been sufficiently smothered another descent of rescuers down the shaft would be made soon.

from Lasalle this morning on flat costly and extravagant manner of cars run on a switch, were ready to living of today was the greatest probbe poured into the pit. There were lem that faces the American people, tienists, whose object was breaking up large supplies of extinguishing chemicals icals. Among these were chemicals ment and individuals as well, he said, for the formation of a new governfor producing carbonic acid gas. If was the only method he could suggest ment. the fire is still raging in the timber for remedying matters. supports, it is proposed to bore holes through the lid at the mouth of the shaft and by means of iron pipes By Associated Press. force the gas to the bottom.

Men Have Perished FRAUDS TAKEN The burning away of timber supports must have caused scores to By Associated Press.

roofs, and passage ways. No Need of Malitia.

Although 'excitement prevails as the result of the disaster, there is gress last summer was held at th no necessity for calling the militia White House this morning. to preserve order. Cherry's gloom scuers to Be Made Soon The temperature was taken at the mine probably will not be opened. the fire below was intense. Today is semi-monthly pay-day at the mines. Clerks will keep check on the number of entombed can be by miners is \$30 to \$40. Many of the 1,000 men in the of 2,000 are single. The number of foreigners in

> Able to Care for Needy. By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Illinois able to care for the relief of the victims of the mining disaster at Cherry, National Director Bicknell, of the Am-Haggard and worn to almost ex- erican Red Cross, now on the scene. Mr. Bicknell says the dead number

1,000 persons, meed help. Governor Deneen issued an appeal for contribu-

### Railroad Magnate Talks Of Cost of Living By Associated Press.

By Associated Press. J. Hill, railroad magnate, left the ties white house after a call upon President Taft today, declaring that the

Empress of China Buried.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The first cabinet meeting since the adjournment of the special session of con-

The sugar trust situation in New York was under discussion the great

Members of the official family gathered about the executive council table, and Attorney General Wicker rectly concerned in the inquiry, gave the president detailed statements of those appearing and it is believed the situation, explaining that a rigid investigation into the frauds had really just begun. Mr. Taft became keenly alive to

from his western and southern trip. It so happened that the extent of the frauds had just reached a climax. Since his conference with Mr. Wickersham there is no doubt about A. N. Perkins, of Greensboro. the vigorous attitude the present ad-

ministration takes. There will be no change in the policy to proceed quietly but effectively against law breaking combinations. Routine business affecting all government departments occupied the attention of the cabinet in the earlier

Each binet member reaching the executive offices brought a portfolio illed with official papers. The president will be in Norfolk, Va., Friday, the next regular cabinet

Bomb Explosion in Crete.

Canea, Crete, Nov. 16.-A cylinder filled with dynamite cartridges explod-Washington, D. C., Nov. 16 .- James | ed in the hall of the chamber of depu-The building was unoccupied.

The detonation threw the population

Upward Spurt in Copper. By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—The stock

## Sheriff Shipp Will Ask Re-election

### Re-organization Men Sentenced to Jail for Of Cotton Mill

At a recent meeting of the Mount Island Cotton mills stockholders the company was re-organized with the following officers: Mr. C. E. Hutchinson, Ike Lowe and the Southern Power Company. Mr. Hutchinson will be the General Manager and Mr. R. F. Craig, of Mount Holly will be the general superintendent. Mr. A. B. Cobb will be the superintendent.

A large number of improvements are expected to be put in and the mill in general will be fixed up and enlarged. At present the mill is equipped with 4,000 spindles and has been used for the manufacture of twine and

The mill was formerly known as the Knox Net and Twine Company.

## Village was

By Associated Press. of West Zollarsville, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss is \$50,000. Scores of sleeping persons narrowly escaped.

## Harry Becomes

from Mateawan Asylum for the crimi-| compensation for the temporary nal insane, to testify in the civil privation of liberty. proceedings, before Justice Dowling, growing out of Dr. Hamilton's suit this afternoon when he protested of jail confinement. against being taken to a restaurant for lunch instead of a fashionable dining place in the Wall street dis-

Thaw expostulated so vehemently big crowd gathered. Excitement continued until Thaw

### A. C. L. Officers Re-elected

Richmond, Va., Nov. 16.-The stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad met here today and re-elected the old directors, who re-elected all offi-

A semi-annual dividend on common By Associated Press. stock of 3 per cent payable in January was declared. A blanket mortgage of \$200,000,000 and special issue of debenture bonds of \$23,566,600 convertible into common stock at \$135, was authorized, these issues to cover outstanding obligations.

Labor Men Busy.

By Associated Press. Toronto, Nov. 16.—The American rederation of Labor went on record today as favoring organization of em- Zalaya in dispatches to his minister ployes of the shipbulding industry here, Rebel troops reported in full along the Atlantic coast.

Contempt in Connection With Lynching of Negro Get Taste of Prison Hardships.

Sentence of Sheriff Shipp Will Expire in Time to Allow Him to Conduct Campaign For Re-elec. tion.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 16.-Rather than isk clemency from the government, ex-Sheriff Joseph F. Shipp probably will choose to go back to the people of Hamilton county, Tennessee, after Burned his 90 days' term in jail for contempt of the United States Supreme court has been served, and test their con-Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 16.-The village fidence in him by asking re-election to his old office.

Captain Shipp's sentence for failng to prevent the lynching of Ed. Johnson, the negro whose legal execution for criminal assault of a white woman, was stayed for a review by the supreme court, will ex-Very Peevish pire just in time to allow him to

begin his campaign as sheriff. Two months · later primaries will be held in Hamilton, and the selec-New York, Nov. 16.-Harry K. tion for office again would be re Thaw, who was brought here today garded by Sheriff Shipp as partial

Mr. Shipp and five fellow prisoners, all held in contempt in connection

vesterday and the atmosphere of martyrdom that surrounded them in previous days, was dimmed by the straw beds and pillows on which they tried to sleep through the night. The plainness of the jail fare was

keenly observed. Warden McKee visited the men in their room and discussed with Mr. Shipp methods of making good itizens of the average prisoners.

The other Tennessee prisoners ook little part in the conversation. The warden offered to lend the prisoners books in the library, Most of them preferred to read the news-

### Trouble Led to Suicide.

New York, Nov. 16 .- Loss of a son and nine employes in a recent destructive fire is believed to have caused the suicide of Robert Morrison, found dead of asphyxiation.

Rebel Troops Retreat.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 16.-The reported victory of Nicarauguan rebel troops at Greyton is denied by President retreat towards Bluefields.

## The Central Hotel Has Been Sold to, Mr. A. N. Perkins

At 10 minutes after three o'clock this afternoon the final arrangements were made for the transfer of the management of the Central Hotel, of this city, from Mr. S. A. Pegram, who has had it in charge for some time, to Mr.

Mr. Perkins is well known in Charlotte, having been connected with the Central about three years ago. He went from here to Greensboro, where he has for the greater part of the time been in the real estate business, but who now wishes to return to the hotel business.

The hotel will be run on the same rates and with the same force the exception of the manager

## Labor Leaders Will Likely Ask for Writ of Habeas Corpus

Washington, Nov. 16.—Sampel by court of immunity from prose-Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank cution is claimed and guaranteed by Morrison, labor leaders, under sention providing free speech and a tence for alleged contempt of court, free press. This gives the United were compelled to return to Wash States Supreme court the opportunington from Toronto, where they ity to determine what the framers were attending the American Feder- of that amendment intended.

ion of Labor convention, next Monday to appear before the District of Appeals, directing the execution Court of Appeals, which recently of sentences probably will reach the affirmed Justice Wright's decision, District Supreme court Saturday. imposing jail terms.

The order of the lower court is The labor leaders probably will necessary to give judgment on the Peking, Nov. 16.—The body of the market took an upward turn again, sue out a writ of habeas corpus, and mandate. Labor leaders will remain With smoke drifting into the re- late Dowager Empress of China, re- Amalgamated Copper reaching 94 should the judge refuse to discharge at liberty until Monday, when it is

By this means the alleged violation

the first amendment to the constitu-