

Rescuers Find Bodies Of 168 Dead Miners

Death Did Not Come to Many of The Entombed Men For Long Time, Perhaps For Several Days.

They Had Arranged Ventilating Fans—Only 20 Bodies Not Accounted For—Bodies Were in Great Tangled Mass.

By Associated Press.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 24.—Practically all the bodies of the men who perished in the Cherry disaster were found this morning on the staircase at the mouth of the third, or lower level.

The hundred and sixty-eight bodies were found, leaving about a score to be accounted for.

The bodies were in a great tangled mass, completely blocking the staircase leading from the third to the second vein. They were scattered along the vein where they had dropped before reaching the stairway.

Black damp was the cause of the deaths, all means of escape having been blocked by debris falling covering the top of the staircase. The men died as they tried to push through obstruction or in waiting vainly for rescuers.

Death evidently did not come to many for hours, if not days.

Two rude wooden ventilating fans, fashioned after the same manner as those found two days ago in the second gallery, were affixed to the shaft wall and started by hand in their frantic struggle for air and in the hopeless effort to brush back black damp.

The hands of one miner were found firmly gripped about the fan.

Lived Two Days.

An accurate count of victims is not made, but it is believed all but a score of missing men have been accounted for.

Bodies were found 500 feet from the main shaft, on an elevated surface where they retreated before the advancing water and fatal black damp. They died after a struggle that continued possibly two days.

Messages scrawled on wood and slate cropping from the walls, placed the number of dead at 169 or 168. One message read: "We are all here to die, together."

Taking Out Bodies.

This was accepted by officials, indicating many men who escaped from the second vein, were cut off by fire and descended to the lowest level. To take out the bodies a skiff was secured and will be lowered to the vein. It will be reeved across four feet of water in the vein to the spot where the bodies lie. They will be transported to the main shaft for removal to the surface. The exploring party were in the gallery an hour before the bodies were found. They waded in water about deep through the irregular tunnel, making their way toward the opening of shaft or "ridge."

Climbing up on the ridge the rescuers alighted stepped upon the bodies, piled up on top of each other in heaps.

Some had their heads rested on folded arms as if sleeping. Others were lying across each other and some were slumped as if resting against the wall.

Nailed to the wall were two fans made of lumbering tied about pick handles. Under the fans the largest clumps of bodies were found. There is no evidence that the men attempted to barricade themselves from the black damp. Many former workers in the mine protested angrily after they discovered the bodies that the men

would have been safe from the deadly gas had not the ventilating fan been reversed after the discovery of the fire. They assert the men retreated to the bridge where ordinary noxious gas would not have reached them. Believing themselves in no danger they fortified themselves against hunger, thirst and supposedly lesser danger of gas. Fans fashioned by them, they assert, would have dispelled gas which would have formed in small quantities and have given the men enough fresh air to sustain them for weeks. With the reversal of the fan, they assert, the deadly gas forming in the second gallery and creeping out of the escape shaft, went into the lower level and the men were suffocated before they had opportunity to seek pockets or erect protection against it.

EX-SECRETARY GAGE WILL WED TO-MORROW

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Katherine Tingley's colony of theosophists is all agog in anticipation of the wedding tomorrow of Lyman J. Gage, ex-secretary of the treasury, and Mrs. P. Ada Ballou, whose engagement recently became known despite the efforts of the principals to keep it secret. Mrs. Ballou is a recent convert to theosophy, but Mr. Gage for some years past has been one of Mrs. Tingley's most eminent disciples. After their marriage the former secretary of the treasury and his bride will take up their residence in a beautiful home recently completed for them at Point Loma.

This will be Mr. Gage's third venture into matrimony. His first wife, to whom he was wedded in 1864, was Miss Sarah Etheridge, daughter of a physician of Hastings, Minn. She died in 1874, and some ten or twelve years later Mr. Gage married Mrs. Cornelia Washburn Gage of Denver, whose death a few years ago left Mr. Gage a widower for the second time.

Mr. Gage's fiancée, who is the daughter of George M. Ballou, a prominent San Diego merchant, has passed through a varied matrimonial career. Several years ago she was married to a Pittsburg man who was a winter visitor here. The courtship was brief but romantic. She told friends that she proposed while they were on a sea boat, and he became in the bay at night. He died soon after the wedding and the widow returned here from Pittsburg, where they had gone to live. She resumed her maiden name by which she has been known since. Three years ago a Kansas City capitalist named Moore was here for the summer and fell before the charms of the widow Ballou. He was an elderly man and soon after their engagement was announced he returned to his home in Kansas City to prepare for the wedding and died there before his bride-to-be could reach him. She contested his will, but failed to win a portion of his large estate.

Important Militia Appointment. Special to The News.

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—A commission is issued to Dr. S. W. Battle, of Asheville, as surgeon general of the North Carolina National Guard, to succeed Dr. Robert S. Young, of Concord, who retires after more than twenty years service with the rank of brigadier general.

Methodist Thanksgiving Service. A union Thanksgiving service, participated in by the different Methodist congregations of the city, will be held in Tryon Street Methodist church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Geo. T. Detwiler.

Day's Proceedings. All reports from Nashville were sent to the committee without reviewing and under call of session 20 Presiding Elders John, Gibbs, Hurley, Moore, Cunningham, Bumpass, McCullough, and Hall passed character and reported a fine year in all the districts of the conference. It was announced that Bishop Wilson would preach the Thanksgiving sermon tomorrow, and Dr. Jno. R. Nelson spoke eloquently for home missions.

Rev. H. G. Stanny was retroed to the effective list and the preachers of Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Rockingham and Wilmington districts were called and reports made, making an unusually fine start on the work of the conference.

Seldom has a session of the conference made finer progress than did this today. Bishop Wilson is himself and is presiding with all the ease and grace of former years. Dr. W. F. Tillet addressed the conference at 3:30 o'clock on the widening evangelism of Methodism.



AFTER A TOUGH OLD BIRD!

Much Is At Stake

Future Action in Regard to Auditorium Will Depend on Result of The Benefit Entertainment.

The committee of seven appointed at the last meeting of the Greater Charlotte Club, is watching intently and awaiting with interest the final result of the benefit entertainment, for upon the success of it depends the launching of the plan they are to work out which will place the Auditorium on a new and sound financial basis.

If the necessary money is forthcoming from the receipts of this entertainment, these men will proceed at once, but if the people do not respond and the money is not forthcoming then the committee is powerless to act, for the interest must be paid before anything else can be done.

The building was built for the benefit of the people of the city and not for any individual gain, and each citizen should be glad to support with his mite, this endeavor to save the building to the city. Fill every seat in the Auditorium on Friday night and save it. The tickets are within the reach of all.

Reserved seats at Jordan's.

N. C. Makes Good Showing At Horticultural Exhibit

Special to The News. Raleigh, Nov. 24.—At the National Horticultural Congress in session at Council Bluffs, Ind., last week, North Carolina carried off a lion's share of awards in the horticultural exhibits made in connection with the congress.

She won, according to a letter just received from State Horticulturalist W. M. Hunt, four silver trophies, four gold medals and the third sweepstakes prize in addition to money prizes and merchandise awards. The exhibit was installed by Mr. Hunt.

Child Saved By Her Dog

Saluda, Nov. 24.—A mad dog passing through this town Sunday morning created quite a commotion. After he had bitten several dogs he was followed and killed.

His movements for the 24 hours previous have been traced and it is learned that besides biting numbers of dogs, geese, turkeys, and hogs in the Ellis section of the county and between here and there, he hit the little 10-year-old daughter of Brown Butler. The child was out in the yard when the dog ran into some rags near by. The child went around the house to see what was causing the commotion. The dog at once jumped on the little one and fastened his teeth in her face. It is very probable that her face would have been lacerated much worse had not Butler's dog run up and, seizing the rabbit dog, made him loose his hold from the child.

Butler has gone to the Columbia hospital with the child for treatment.

Books for State Library. Special to The News. Raleigh, Nov. 24.—State Librarian M. O. Sherrill has received from Hon. B. B. Winborne volumes of his three books recently published, The History of Hertford County, The Vaughan Family and The Perry Family.

Communication Restored. By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 24.—That part of the West Indian zone which has been out of cable touch with the world since the hurricane of November 7th, is again in wire communication with the United States and Europe.

Severe Storm Sweeps Carolina Coasts—Snow Fall In Virginia

By Associated Press.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 24.—A severe northeast storm with wind velocity at 40 miles an hour at the Virginia capes, 50 miles an hour off Hatteras, swept Virginia, Carolina, Maryland coasts today. Shipping, ready to sail from Hampton Roads is storm bound there.

First Snow of Season. Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—A driving snow storm, the first of the season, set in at 9 o'clock this morning. The flakes melted rapidly. There was no interruption of traffic. Snow Falls in Virginia. Winchester, Va., Nov. 24.—Snow fell over the northern part of Virginia today.

Indications are for a "White" Thanksgiving. Much of the corn crop is still in the fields.

Train Beyond Control Plunged Down Mountain—Engineer Was Killed

Associated Press.

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 24.—A Philadelphia and Reading coal train, while descending a heavy grade on Broad mountain this morning, at beyond control of the air brakes, and dashed down the mountain at the rate of a mile a minute.

After running four miles the engine jumped the rails, and bounded over an embankment, followed by a score of steel "battleship" cars, loaded with coal.

Engineer Ammons' life was crushed out. Several members of the crew were seriously injured, but escaped with their lives by jumping.

British Columbia To Settle Important Question at Polls Tomorrow

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 24.—The most interesting and exciting political campaign in the history of British Columbia closed today. To-morrow the electors of the province will vote approval or disapproval of the deal made with the Canadian Northern Railway Company by Premier McBride for the extension of its line to the Pacific coast. Members of the Legislature are to be elected in all except two ridings, Kaslo and Similkameen. In a good many seats there are three-cornered contests owing to the presence of Socialist candidates. In Vancouver, where five members are elected, there are three full tickets. In Victoria only four seats. There are forty-two candidates to be elected in all.

The McBride railway policy is the chief issue. Premier McBride has outlined his policy in the following statement: We have entered into a contract with the Canadian Northern Railway for the construction of a road from the Yellowhead Pass to Kamloops by way of the North Thompson River; from Kamloops to Westminster and Vancouver, and from a point near Vancouver to English Bluffs to make a first class connection with Victoria, both for passengers and freight, and to build a railway from Victoria to Barclay Sound. The distance in all will be about 600 miles and the road is to be completed and in operation within four years. To assist the company in the construction of this road,

which will cost at least about \$50,000 a mile, the government will ask the legislature to guarantee interest at four per cent, upon \$35,000 a mile. For security the province will hold a first mortgage on the line of railway in British Columbia, and will have a covenant from the Canadian Northern Railway Company indemnifying it against any loss that might possibly occur.

John Oliver, the opposition leader, proposes a plan which would insure the construction of nearly 1,000 miles of new railways in the province. He proposes that the provincial government should supplement the federal subsidies to the extent of 50 per cent. The projected lines subsidized by the Dominion government are the Kootenay Central from Elcho to Golden; Midway and Vernon, from Carmen to Nicola via Pentteton; Vancouver Port and Y. from Vancouver to Port George, with a bridge across Burrard Inlet, French Creek to Campbell River, Vancouver Island and Eastern Campbell River towards Port George. In a general way Mr. Oliver proposes to "cash in" on the extensive system of subsidies already guaranteed by the Dominion government, subsidies which if supplemented by provincial aid, would insure the construction of nearly 1,000 miles of railways throughout British Columbia.

Cable Gets Appointment. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—After a conference with the president, Senator Cullom, of Illinois, announced upon leaving the white house this morning, that Benjamin S. Cable, a Chicago attorney, would be appointed assistant secretary of commerce and labor, to succeed Ormsby McHarg, whose resignation has been pending two months.

Well Known Actress Burned to Death. By Associated Press. Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Miss Florence Bishop, aged 60, formerly a popular actress, was found burned to death in her house this morning. It is suspected that she committed suicide.

Coler Simply Smiled When Told Charges

IN MEMORY OF CAPT. OF DEWEY'S FLAGSHIP

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 24.—Many prominent representatives of the United States navy came to Annapolis today to take part in ceremonies attending the dedication of a tablet placed in Bancroft Hall of the United States Naval Academy in memory of Captain Charles V. Gridley, who commanded Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila Bay and to whom the Admiral gave the famous order: "When you are ready, Gridley, fire." The tablet is of golden bronze, 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 feet. A panel on the left contains a medallion portrait of Capt. Gridley, and on the right, separated from this by a conventional arrangement of oak leaves, is the following inscription:

- * CHARLES VERNON GRIDLEY, * Captain in the United States Navy. * Born November 24, 1844. * Appointed to the Naval Academy from Michigan in 1860. * Graduated in 1863. Served with Farragut 1863-1864. * Commanded the U. S. Flagship Olympia at the Battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898. * Died at Kobe, Japan, June 1, 1898.

Commissioner Graham is Back From Mississippi

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham and others of the officers of the North Carolina department of agriculture returned yesterday from attending the annual convention of the Association of Commissioners and Workers in Departments of Agriculture for the Southern states at Jackson, Mississippi, last week. Commissioner Graham says he found that very little cotton remains in the fields at this time in any of the sections through which he passed. In fact he does not believe that there remain as much as 200 bales in all the territory he traversed. He says the convention proved especially profitable in the matter of helping forward better systems in farmer's institute work, in cattle tick and boll weevil extermination and in other features of department work.

Strike Trouble Is Settled

Spencer, N. C., Nov. 24.—An agreement was reached last night between the Southern railway officials and the 180 machinists who went on strike Saturday, charging that one of the foremen of the Spencer shops had dealt brutally with one of the employes. The night force returned to work at once and the day force went to work as usual this morning.

The employes and officers agree that the matter shall be taken up with the Southern officials at Washington and settled between them and the officers of the International Association of Machinists.

Steamers Collide. By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Nov. 24.—During the construction of the Old Dominion steamer Mobjack and the steamer Virginia collided off Town Point. The Mobjack's wheels were smashed.

Charters Issued. Special to The News. Raleigh, Nov. 24.—A charter was issued today for the Belgrade Gin and Mill Company, Onslow county, capital \$3,000, by J. C. Mills and others.

Nicaragua Situation Remains Unchanged—War Ships en Route

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—The Nicaraguan situation is unchanged this morning. The state department is still awaiting information from Managua. The department appreciates that Vice-Consul Caldera is working at a disadvantage gathering true facts in connection with the execution of the Americans.

Officials are anxious to obtain information about the status of the Americans at the time arrested, and especially whether they were co-operating with the Revolutionary army. Officials are proceeding with deliberation. It may be several days before the department is ready to take decisive action.

Navy department advices announced the departure of the Tacoma from Cristobal for Port Limon. The Marietta is speeding to the same port from Guantanamo.

When Shown New York Dispatch Telling of Accusations Brought Against Him, He Said That is New York's Way

Interesting Rumors Regarding Interurban Trolley Lines From Anderson to Greensboro Via Charlotte.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 24.—Borough president of Brooklyn, Bird S. Coler, arrived here from Charlotte on a late night train. When shown the New York dispatch that he had been reported by the commissioner of accounts to Mayor McClelland for alleged neglect of duty, mismanagement, extravagance and political favoritism in selecting subordinates, Mr. Coler simply smiled and said that things like that were always happening in New York political realms, and this was simply one of the many instances of personal political routes of the retaliating kind instigated by spite of disappointed and disgruntled small men and amounted to nothing save cheap notoriety.

"I wish you would say," he continued, "that when not in New York my whereabouts can always be promptly known by inquiry at the offices of the North Carolina Public Service Company, at Greensboro, N. C. When in the South I can always be found there or in touch with that point. After January 1st, when my term as president of the Borough of Brooklyn expires, I shall take a rest from office confinement and spend most of my time down South, with Greensboro as headquarters, assisting in the development of the fine resources of the community and section.

"At present the public utilities of trolley, electric trolley and gas development at Greensboro and High Point are commanding practically all my attention, but as soon as these plans are completed the larger plan of the interurban trolley and power development will be actively pushed by myself and associates, the success of which must largely depend on the local sympathy and encouragement of the communities and cities directly interested."

Mr. Coler declined to say that his syndicate was identical with the interests that are projecting a 200-mile interurban trolley line from Anderson, S. C., via Charlotte to Greensboro, which is backed by the Dukes, but it is well known that the Greensboro and High Point electric service, at the head of which is Mr. Coler, has just completed an expensive sub station here and the wires of the Southern Power Company have just been strung to this station, and that this company will use and distribute this power to Greensboro and High Point.

He also declined to say that he had just returned from South Carolina and was in Charlotte on business connected with the proposed Anderson-Charlotte-Greensboro trolley line.

Mr. Coler spent yesterday in Charlotte returning to Greensboro last night.

Following is the report sent out from New York in regard to his disappearance and alleged mismanagement and neglect of duty and which only caused him to laugh when it was shown him in the morning papers:

"Bird S. Coler, president of the borough of Brooklyn, who is at present in Charlotte, N. C., is charged with mismanagement and neglect of duty by the commissioners of accounts in a report to Mayor McClelland made today following investigation of the borough administration. The report condemned as incompetent many subordinate officials and pointed out that favoritism to politicians or neglect has been responsible for large waste of public funds.

The mayor will review the finding and will then decide whether he will prefer charges against Mr. Coler and send the report to the governor. As the borough president's term of office expires with this year it is regarded as unlikely that his removal will be urged."

North Carolina M. E. Conference Opens in Raleigh To-day

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—The North Carolina Methodist conference convened this morning at 9:30 o'clock, Bishop Wilson presiding.

Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered.

Rev. W. L. Cunningham was elected secretary.

The hours of the conference was fixed at 9:30 to 1 o'clock.

Conference committees were named by the presiding elders. Following are the chairmen: Books and Periodicals, J. H. Buffalo; Clerical and Missions, J. H. Buffalo; Church Property, G. B. Starnling; Clerical and J. D. Riddle; Laymen; Conference Relations, N. E. Coltrin; District Conference Records, J. M. Culbreth; Temperance, A. D. Wilcox; Sabbath Observance, P. D. Woodall; Clerical and J. Z. Judd; Laymen; Memoirs, M. T. Plyer. The report of the Greensboro Female College was read in open conference as special honor for the great progress especially in completing \$100,000 endowment and having the college taxed to the capacity with both boarding and day students.

When a man tells you it does not pay to advertise, just size up his business and figure how much his opinion is worth.