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SHOCKING MINE DISASTER.

Coal Mine in Tennessee a Valley of Death.

Explosion at Coal Creek Mine Kills All Within, 125 to 225 Men and Boys.

A Coal Creek dispatch of the 19th gives the following:

The worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining occurred 7:30 o'clock this morning, when between 175 and 225 men and boys met instant death at the mine two miles west of town as a result of a gas explosion. Out of the large number of men and boys who went to work this morning, developments at 10 o'clock tonight show that only one is alive and he is so badly injured that he cannot live.

This man was Wm Morgan, an aged Englishman, who was a road man in the mine and was blown out of the entrance by the force of the explosion. One hundred and seventy-five miners were checked in for work. In addition to these were boys who acted as helpers and drivers, roadmen and others, to the number of perhaps 50. Fraterville mine is the oldest mine in the Coal Creek district, having been opened in 1870. It is fully three miles from the mine's opening to the point where the men were at work. They had not been at work long before the terrible explosion occurred. There was a fearful roar and then flames shot from the entrance and the air shaft. News of the disaster spread like wild fire, but as soon as possible, two rescuing parties were started in, one at the main entrance, the other through Thistle Mine, which adjoins, and in which no men were at work. The Thistle party were unable to make any headway, as the gas stifled the workers. The Fraterville party went fully two miles under the earth, until a heavy fall of slate was encountered. At this barrier the men worked like demons, hoping against hope that those beyond might be safe.

The scenes at the mouth of the mine while the workers were within, were beyond description. Business had been suspended in Coal Creek and all its mines, as soon as the news of the disaster became known, and men, women and children, gathered around the Fraterville entrance. Women whose husbands and sons were within were wild with grief. All day the rescuers toiled at the slate obstruction and not until 5 o'clock this evening did the force gain an entrance through it. Up to that hour only five dead bodies had been recovered and hope was still high that many within were safe. The hopes of the living were doomed, for when

once the rescuers could enter and proceeded, they walked through a continuous tomb of death. There was no sign of life. Every man had perished, they believed, although it will be tomorrow morning before all the rooms can be entered. Eight dead bodies were first recovered and these were sent to Coal Creek. Twenty-six more were soon found. They were not disfigured beyond identification and each corpse as it was borne from the mouth of the gigantic tomb was surrounded by eager crowds of relatives and men who were entombed. The mine was not on fire, except in remote portions, and all bodies were easily reached.

FLORIDA MAN'S CRAZY DEED.

William Austin Kills the Whole Family Save the Infant Because He Could not Marry the 3-Year-Old Girl, then Commits Suicide.

William Austin a man living on a farm near St. Augustine, Fla., went crazy according to a dispatch of the 19th and killed a whole family then himself. He was living in the family of William Wilkinson and Abitha McCullough aged 13 years had her home in the family. He became infatuated with her and wanted to marry her. There being objections and being repulsed he, killed Mr. Wilkinson, his wife and his sister, Abitha McCullough, over whom he went crazy and a little child whose name is not given. He then killed himself. An infant child of Mrs. Wilkinson's escaped death and was found by its dead mother.

Concordians to Charlotte.

Those who were off for Charlotte this morning, as far as we could learn, were Messrs. Frank Brown, Harry Taylor, W A Foil, Jno. K Patterson, L J Foil, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. W S Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. A M Brown, Miss Chassie Brown, Prof. Northcott, H G Ritz, L D Duval, of Coolee-mee; Mr. and Mrs. J M Odell, Messrs. Whit Sloop, Henry Wine-coff, Doc Miller, L W Buck, Robert Sappenfield, C B Wag-ner, Henry Roach, C R Litaker, Jesse Fisher, William Bingham, Mrs. J P Allison, Miss Mary Lilly Sherrill, Mrs. Wash Earn-hardt and children, Misses Ella Walter, Jennie Hudson, Lucy Barrier, Lola Query, Conie and Flossie Pounds Mrs. M J Corl and Mr. and Mrs. D A Caldwell,

Turtles for Charlotte.

We suppose turtle soup was an important part of the menu in Charlotte today (the 20th.) One Mr. W. M. Long in preparation for the occasion stretched a line and hooks and hauled in 20 of the mud dwellers last Saturday that weighed from 15 to 30 pounds a piece.

THE TEXAS TORNADO.

Seventy-Nine People Killed and 95 Injured in Goliad, While the Property Loss Reaches \$200-Fifteen Stores and Residences Destroyed.

Houston, Tex., May 19.—The latest reports from Goliad state that 79 persons were killed and 96 injured by the tornado. The property loss in the city and surrounding country will probably reach \$200,000.

The storm swept the city from end to end and demolished 15 stores and residence, many of which cannot be repaired. The storm was preceded by a terrific downpour of hail. The hail storm drove the people into their houses where they were caught like rats in a trap and the death dealing wind came upon them with terrific force, leveling everything in its path. The tornado swept an area 250 yards wide for a distance of a mile and a half. Houses collapsed as if built of card board, covering the dead and injured with debris, which necessarily makes the work of rescue slow. People flocked to the town from the surrounding country. Many of them had relatives in the city.

The work of rescue has been carried on all day and the funeral of several of the victims took place this afternoon. The supply of coffins has been replenished from other towns and a large force of laborers is still at work digging graves for many unfortunate victims.

Preacher Destroys Distilleries.

Transylvania county has a rapid preacher who is reported as Carrientionizing that section in an unusual sort of a way. The Greenville, S. C., News says that Revenue Collector Aiken has just reached there from Transylvania county, and he says that local officers of the revenue service reported to him that Rev. J F Jordan, pastor of a well known country church in Transylvania county, in company with some of the best people of the community, had recently destroyed three illicit distilleries. Mr. Aiken did not know it to be a positive fact, but says it was a thoroughly reliable party who reported the occurrence to him.

As illicit distilleries are contraband property, subject to seizure and destruction by the government, it has been suggested that it would not be a bad idea for pastors in some other sections of the State to start similar antimoonshine crusades.

A Great Coal Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Saturday, 17.—This city will be the centre of a great coal strike when President Mitchell takes up his headquarters here Monday.

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