

Hope Held Out For The Fifty Men Trapped in Carolina Mine After Three Explosions

DEAD BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

After the Tragedy Six Bodies Were Located and Two More Were Found During the Night.

THE WORKERS CONTINUE TASK

Though They Have Given All Hope of Finding Any of Their Entombed Comrades.

Men, May 28 (By the Associated Press).—The glimmer of hope that some of the scores of more miners entombed in the Carolina Coal Company mine might be rescued alive and sent out today in the heart of the night, through the night of the mine.

Mr. Hill said that the air was clear in the mine below where the bodies were found and this was held to indicate by officials that the entombed men might still survive.

Mr. Butler told newspaper men tonight that his information was to the effect that the first explosion was in the second right lateral of the mine, approximately a thousand feet from the entrance.

This section tonight presented a scene of sorrow and suspense, with women and children, composing the families of the men caught in the lap of the disaster, gathered as near the scene as possible, waiting and praying that their father or brother might be returned safely to them, yet grimly realizing that only a miracle could have saved them.

Many, too, awaited hopefully for rescue cars rushing across neighboring states to the aid of the pent-in miners, and hoped against hope that they might not be too late.

Little hope of reaching the entombed men before tomorrow was held, those in charge admitted.

While two lorries of troops from Fort Bragg were sent to the scene, their services were declined. Adjutant General Mette, representing Governor McLean, is on the grounds and declared that he would remain at the mine for two or three days.

NO PROGRESS SO FAR IN SHEPHERD TRIAL Robert White is Still Missing and Only Few Jurors Have Been Chosen.

Chicago, May 28.—Interest in the swiftly moving drama of the Shepherd case, depicting alleged bribery and attempted jury fixing is now divided between the thurifer unsuccessful search for White and the disclosure said to have been made to the State's attorney's office disclosing the reasons why White fled from the city.

Nearly as unsuccessful as the search for White has been the selection of a jury that is to try William D. Shepherd on charge of murdering William M. McIntock. No progress was made in yesterday's questioning of venire men, and the call of veniremen was well down in the third special panel of 100 today.

Secretary Weeks Undergoes Operation. Boston, May 28.—Secretary of War, John W. Weeks, was operated on today at the Phillips House, Massachusetts at the General Hospital for gall stones. A bulletin issued by Dr. Daniel Fiske Jones, the operating surgeon, said that Mr. Weeks' condition was good.

NAMES OF THE DEAD REMOVED LAST NIGHT

Men at Carolina Coal Mine Buried Under 20 Tons of Rock. Sanford, May 27.—Two score men were trapped eight hundred feet underground in the Carolina Coal Mine nine miles from here today when three successive explosions of gas wrecked the shaft, blocking all escape and none among the mining experts who are directing the rescue work holds out the faintest hope that any of them will be removed alive.

Twelve hundred feet from the mouth of the slanting shaft into the mine a handful of relief men work feverishly with a mountain of crumbled slate and timber, and the thousands who wait silently about the mouth of the shaft can only wonder what else goes on beneath the quiet earth beneath their feet.

Six of the men are known to be dead and their bodies were brought out at 8 o'clock tonight. Superintendent Howard Butler who rushed into the shaft immediately after the first explosion saw them caught there beneath the tangled mass of slate and timber. A second explosion shook the mine and the young superintendent was scarcely able to fight his way back before a third and final detonation closed the throat of the shaft and hid the men from his sight.

Tonight rescue workers are attacking twenty tons of rock which block the shaft just beyond the point where the first bodies were recovered. While the bodies removed showed some signs of burns, it appears that they were killed by falling rock.

The six men whose bodies were brought to the surface tonight and sent to a Sanford undertaking establishment were: White—A. L. Holland, W. E. Byerly, Hollis Richardson and Zeff Rimer. Colored—Will Erick and one other unidentified.

PREBYTERIANS READY TO CLOSE ASSEMBLY Which Has Been in Session in Lexington, Ky., Since Last Thursday. Lexington, Ky., May 28.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met this morning for its last session of the 46th annual gathering.

ARMY APPROPRIATIONS MAY BE FURTHER CUT General Staff Asked to Make Study of Effect Another Reduction Would Make Upon Military Establishment. Washington, May 28 (By the Associated Press).—The army general staff has been directed to make a study of the effect upon the military establishment of further progressive reductions in army appropriations, should that be ordered under the administration's economy program.

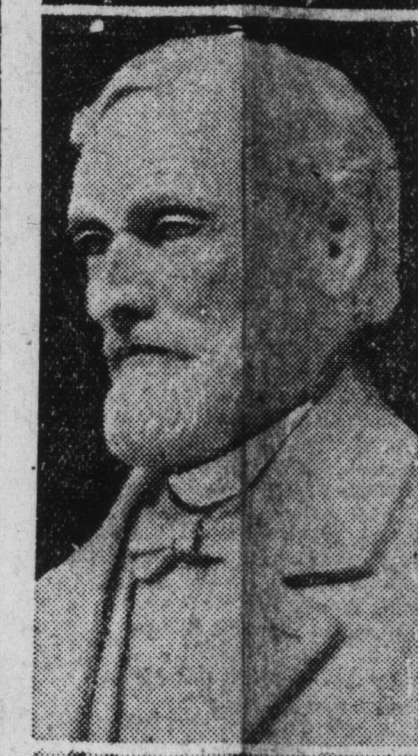
PREBYTERIAN BUDGET IN STATE IS \$850,084 North Carolina Synod Asks For the Largest Amount in the Assembly. Lexington, Ky., May 27.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (southern), in session here, today made up the budget for the coming year. The various synods were classified on the membership per capita basis.

Laborers Needed on Eastern Truck Farms. Raleigh, May 28.—Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, has issued a statement to the effect that 2,000 laborers are needed in the trucking sections of eastern North Carolina for the next sixty days, to pick peas, beans, etc. Mr. Grist stated that the wages ranged from \$2 to \$4 a day for men and women.

With Our Advertisers. Bride's gifts of jewelry at the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. The Bell-Harris Furniture Co. has just unloaded a solid carload of fiber furniture in many finishes.

Potomac Bankers to Meet in Delaware. Charlotte, May 28.—Wilmington, Delaware was chosen as the next convention city of the Potomac State Bankers' Association, which closed here today with the date to be selected later. L. E. Storck, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was chosen as president for the ensuing year.

In Bronze



A bust of Jefferson Davis, first president of the Confederate States, has been made in bronze by Celso Neill, sculptor, of Dallas, Tex. Replicas will be placed in the schools throughout the south.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE WASTE IS AVOIDABLE

Week of June 1-7 to Be Observed as "Better Mailing Week." Washington, May 28.—Postmaster General New has determined to attempt to curb careless correspondents and profligate post office users who are responsible for a drain on the postal service which causes an enormous economic and considerable financial loss each year.

Modernist-Fundamentalist Controversy Is Given Over to 15 Men For Study. Columbus, O., May 28.—The eventual outcome of the modernist-fundamentalist controversy in the Presbyterian Church of the United States rested in the hands of a commission of 15 to study the entire issue when the General Assembly of the Church adjourned here yesterday.

THIRTEEN RUM SHIPS ARE OFF FOR SOUTH Had Been at Halifax Since Being Driven Off Run Row by Coast Guard Cutters. Halifax, N. S., May 27 (By the Associated Press).—Two steamships and eleven schooners, members of the liquor fleet which put into Canadian ports after the establishment of the United States coast guard blockade, have departed from Halifax and Lunenburg and today are sailing for St. Pierre and southern ports, including Havana, Nassau and Bermuda.

Honoring the Memory of Locke Craig. Asheville, May 28.—Honoring the memory of the late Locke Craig, governor of North Carolina from 1913 to 1917, Asheville will open a park on the scenic Swannanoa River May 30th.

Great Brains Not Always Big. New York, May 28.—The announcement from Paris that the brain of the late Anatole France, the great French writer, has been found to have been below the average age in size and weight is but another proof of a fact that has long been known to the scientists, namely, that the size and weight of the brain are no index to its mental capacity.

Parks-Belk Co.'s Two More May Bargain Days at the month of May the biggest month in the history of the store. With that aim many big specials are being offered and as only two more days remain you had better go Friday and Saturday and get your share of the bargains.

Kirby Held Without Bail. Winthrop, Me., May 27.—Harry A. Kirby, charged with the murder of Miss Aida Heyward, whose body was found last Saturday in a cottage which Kirby had occupied at Lake Maranacook, was held without bail for the September grand jury when arraigned today in municipal court.

Frost Injures Crops in Buncombe. Asheville, May 26.—Crops in certain sections of Buncombe county were damaged by the frost last night, according to Dale Thrash, county agent. Mr. Thrash said he could not estimate the damage at this time.

VETERAN EXPLORERS FEEL AMUNDSEN AND FRIENDS ARE SAFE

Despite the Fact the Explorers Have Been Gone Seven Days Relief Measures Are Not Underway Yet.

STATE REASONS FOR OPINIONS

Men Who Have Explored the Frozen North Hold That Party Could Be at Number of Places of Safety.

New York, May 28.—Although almost seven days have passed without word from the Amundsen-Ellsworth North Pole aerial expedition, plans for the organization of relieving parties in Norway and America have been halted on the advice of veteran explorers.

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WHERE BACHELORS ARE TAXED In Argentina Bachelors Have to Pay a Substantial Tax.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—If Florida's proposed taxation of the unmarried had materialized, it would not be the first time that bachelors have been compelled to pay for their single blessedness.

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