

MORE THAN NINETY KILLED WHEN BLACK POWDER BLAST BLOWS UP TRAIN MOUTH OF COAL TUNNEL; MANY BADLY INJURED

Two Hundred Miners Caught by Explosion—Most of Them Casualties—Disaster Near Wilkesbarre at Hour for Starting Work—Sixty Scattered Among Hospitals, Some to Die—Every Morgue in the Town in Use—Big Crowd at Scene Few Minutes After Accident—Live Wire Supposed to Have Fallen Into Explosive—Mine Officials Think Number Dead Will Reach 100

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 5.—Over 90 men are believed to have been killed by an explosion in the Baltimore tunnel of the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company near Wilkesbarre. Reports from the mine say scores of bodies have been removed. Mine officials believe many bodies are still under the ground.

At least 60 persons were injured. These were taken to hospitals in Wilkesbarre and many are not expected to live. An electric wire falling on an open car of black powder is said to have caused the explosion. The car was one of 16 carrying about 200 men which were being drawn into the tunnel when the explosion occurred. Every morgue in the city is utilized. The explosion occurred at 6:40. At 7 o'clock thousands of persons had gathered at the head of the tunnel. The death list may reach 100.

Vocational Insurance for War Disabled; No Shoe-String Peddling

Washington, June 5.—If you are a disabled soldier, sailor or marine, you should take out at once a re-educational insurance policy with the Federal Board for Vocational Education. This insurance is issued free of cost to disabled men not as a charity, but in recognition of the plain fact that they have already paid the price for it in full by service rendered. By placing himself under the guidance of the Federal Board for Vocational Education and following the course of training elected as most suitable in each case, with due regard to the given disability and to natural aptitudes, preferences, and past experience, the beneficiary under Uncle Sam's re-educational policy is able, usually within a short time, either to return to his former occupation or to enter upon some other occupation equally as good or better than the one followed prior to his enlistment in the service.

CHAUTAQUA SEAS'N TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for chautauqua are now on sale at all the drug stores and Skinner's. They are due to be withdrawn after Saturday night from these places. Persons who intend purchasing season cards are advised to do so at once.

COLORED POST-WAR MEETING.

Rev. James E. Holder of Kinston took part in an "after-the-war" convention held at Tarboro recently. A similar convention is to be held here shortly, and he wishes to meet the colored pastors, teachers, businessmen and others at the Court-house Friday evening at 8—just before the colored commencement exercises there—for a conference on the post-bellum meeting. He also desires to learn the names of leading colored men in all townships in Lenoir County.

BASEBALL

Wednesday's games:
National.
At Boston 6-3; Brooklyn 3-5.
At New York 2; Philadelphia 8.
At Chicago 0; Pittsburgh 1.
At St. Louis 4; Cincinnati 3.
American.
At Philadelphia 7; New York 10.
At Washington 3; Boston 8.

MEETING ST. JOHN'S LODGE. St. John's Lodge No. 4, A. F. and M., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock for work in the third degree.

PRESIDENT WANTED PEACE TREATY LEAK PROBED, IS THO'T

Officials at Washington See His Hand in Hitchcock Investigation of Businessmen's Possession of Full Text

(By the United Press)
Washington, June 5.—Congressional leaders and politicians see the hand of Wilson in the treaty leak probe demanded yesterday by Senator Hitchcock. Administration officials today stated the President was fully informed of the charges made by Senators Lodge and Borah that the full text of the treaty was in the hands of American businessmen in New York. It was stated he was anxious to have the resolution introduced by Hitchcock asking an inquiry into how the treaty reached the United States. Hitchcock says it will be pressed to the limit.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)
WILSON'S TRIP POSTPONED.
Paris, June 5.—President Wilson's trip to Belgium has been postponed until about June 15 at the request of King Albert, who is suffering from hay fever.

HURRY, CRIES MRS. CATT.
New York, June 5.—Special sessions for immediate ratification of the new suffrage amendment, is the battle cry sounded by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

Negroes Get Training in Agriculture N. C.

West Raleigh, June 5.—Over 142 negro pupils in eight counties of the State are receiving agricultural training under the supervision of the State Board for Vocational Education. Schools now being conducted are located in Pitt, Orange, Pamlico, Sampson, Bertie, Martin, Johnston and Wake counties. The pupils are cultivating 105 acres in crops and raising 35 animals.

NEW BUSINESSES

The following have been chartered by the Secretary of State at Raleigh: Norvell Motor Company, Asheville, \$20,000; \$3,200 subscribed. Farmers' Bank Building Company, Greenville, \$50,000; \$1,100. Kline Sales Company, Raleigh (automobiles), \$20,000; \$6,000. Camp Mountain Timber Company, amendment increasing capital from \$4,000 to \$40,000. An amendment to the High Point city charter was filed, providing for creation of a school commission of five, two of whom may be women, etc.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

LOUIS CUKELA, Lieutenant, 5th Regiment, U. S. M. C.
Lieutenant Cukela was decorated for conspicuous gallantry near Villers-Cotterets, France, July 18, 1918. When his company, advancing through a wood, met with strong resistance from an enemy strong point Lieutenant Cukela, then a sergeant, crawled out from the tank and made his way toward the German line in the face of heavy fire, disregarding the warnings of his comrades. He succeeded in getting behind the enemy position. Rushing a machine gun emplacement, he killed the crew with his bayonet. With German hand grenades he then bombed out the remaining portion of the strong point. His home is in Minneapolis, Minn.

Corn Market

At Chicago Wednesday July closed at 1.70 2-8, September at 1.61 1-8.

BIG AREAS OF LAND IN SOUTH AWAITING SOLDIERS, ASSERTS

Congressional Committee Hears Advantages of Southeast Related by Tariff Commissioner William Kent

(By The United Press)
Washington, June 5.—William Kent, former congressman from California, now a member of the United States Tariff Commission, speaking at a hearing today before the House Committee on Public Lands on the Mondell soldier settlement bill, stated there is a tremendous area of land in the Southern States available for community settlements of soldiers and others. He mentioned especially lands in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Florida.

Suffrage Amendment Passes; Goes to States

(By the United Press)
Washington, June 5.—After a fight for equal suffrage lasting 40 years the Susan B. Anthony resolution was passed by the Senate late yesterday by a vote of 56 to 25.

The proposition to amend the Constitution to permit women to vote now goes to the states, with ratification by three-fourths of the legislatures necessary for adoption.

The passage was greeted with prolonged applause. Most Southern senators, including both of North Carolina's, voted against the amendment.

KONENKAMP THINKS STRIKE MAY SPREAD THROUGHOUT NATION

Unless There is Early Change for Better—Atlanta Reports No Change on Fourth Day of Its Wire Tieup

(By the United Press)
Washington, June 5.—S. J. Konenkamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, declares that unless the Atlanta situation is settled quickly the strike there will involve the entire United States and Canada.

Atlanta, June 5.—With strikers claiming steady increases to their ranks, Atlanta's telephone and telegraph strike today passed into its fourth day with the situation unchanged.

COTTON

Futures quotations Thursday were:
July 30.40 30.13
October 29.80 29.15
December 28.50 28.40
Local receipts to 3 o'clock were about eight bales, prices ranging from 29 downward.

Opening Clinics for Venereal Cases Ind.

Washington, June 5.—The Indiana State Board of Health expects to have free clinics for the treatment of venereal diseases established in every city in the State with a population of 10,000 and over. Indianapolis, Evansville, Terre Haute, East Chicago, Muncie and Anderson have appropriated a total of \$21,000 for clinics.

BUSINESS PERSONALS.

Richard W. Fowler and J. E. Harris of Richard W. Fowler & Co. will leave tonight for the North, on a business trip.

CONGRESS FIXES TO BREAK ALL RECORDS FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Expects to Pass Measures Calling for Expenditures at Rate of \$300,000,000 Day Until End of Fiscal Year

(By the United Press)
Washington, June 5.—Peace time records for passing appropriation bills in the House will be broken within the next 10 days if the Republican plans carry. The rushing through of four large money measures and one small bill June 6 is the Republican program, according to their leader, Mondell. This will be necessary to get the bills through the Senate before July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year. The bills pushed total over \$3,000,000,000, which means an average appropriation of \$300,000,000 daily.

Milk and Ice Fund Nears \$300 Mark; Will Be Continued

In the "dime drive" staged by the Child Welfare Department of the Kinston Community Club, to raise money for a milk and ice fund, \$263.21 has been reported to date. Not all streets have been canvassed, and it is hoped by the chairman, Mrs. H. H. Grainger, that the contributions may reach the \$300 mark. The organization will be glad to accept donations to this worthy cause any time through the summer. They will be received by Mrs. Grainger, chairman; Mrs. J. K. Wooters, treasurer, or the convenient milk bottles placed in all the drug stores and other public places.

Berlin Gone Mad Over Gambling; Monte Carlo Tame; Big Sums Put Up

(By the United Press)
Berlin, June 5.—Monte Carlo was a gambler's kindergarten compared to "gambling Berlin" today.

If you are a stranger in Berlin just ask the chauffeur to drive you to one of the five hundred gamblers' "clubs" Berlin has. Your looks will tell the chauffeur the class of club to which he had better take you.

Except for some lotteries and raffles, at most of the clubs the play is "Baccarat."

At no time in history has there been so much gambling at such high stakes. At some clubs 5,000,000 marks change hands each night. The gamblers want to have all the action out of their fortunes before either the tax collector or the bolsheviks get them.

PRESENT FROM PUPILS TO RETIRING TEACHER.

The City Grammar School at chapel exercises Thursday morning gave Miss Jennie Shaw, who severs her connection with the schools Friday to be married a few weeks hence, a handsome pearl necklace. Miss Mary Oettinger made the presentation address for the pupils. The affair was a complete surprise, even to Superintendent Curtis. The 500 boys and girls trusted no outsider with their secret, which was faithfully kept nearly a week. Miss Shaw's delight was unceasing. As Superintendent Curtis said, "the youngsters are completely wrapped up in her, and she in them." The popular ex-teacher and principal, now a supervisor, will retire from a career of fine service with the unfeigned affection of hundreds and hundreds of boys and girls of all ages and degrees.

More Chicks in South; Stock is Better, Too

Washington, June 5.—Increased interest in poultry raising in the general farming sections of the South, with purchase of much better stock, is reported by a specialist of the Department of Agriculture who recently investigated the status of old Mother Hen in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Producers are working not only to supply the home market, but eggs are also being shipped from Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas to Memphis, St. Louis, New York, and other marketing centers.

WINNIPEG'S STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED IN FEW HOURS, STATED

Renewed Intensity Apparent on Surface, But Leaders Predict That Labor Battle is Nearing End—Both Sides Gain

(By the United Press)
Vancouver, June 5.—Street carmen today joined in the general strike here. Thousands walked to work or took the day off. The decision came after a meeting lasting several hours. The Vancouver Sun, a morning paper issued under a labor censorship, carried not a line regarding the walkouts. Interurban street car service was effective. The general strike here is in sympathy with the Winnipeg strike.

Clearing Up at Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, June 5.—Despite surface indications of renewed intensity of the general strike here, leaders are hopeful of a settlement within the next 24 hours. Authoritative information indicates that the settlement will be with honor for both sides. Secretary Ernest Robinson of the general strike committee backed this prediction by telegraphing labor delegates from the entire province to appear here for settlement of the strike.

Bring District Farm Demonstration Hqs. Here From Tidewater

The Chamber of Commerce has secured offices in the Hunter building, Monument Corner, for O. F. McCrory, district supervisor of farm demonstration work for a fifth of the State. There are 20 counties in the eastern and tidewater sections in McCrory's district. He will come here from Washington, N. C., where he has offices in the Federal Building. Supervisor McCrory was formerly agent for Lenoir County, and was promoted from the office here to the more important place.

Wants Western Ideas Adopted in Mystic East; America Best

Arthur Suzuki of this city expects to enter Columbia University to complete his education and then return to Japan, from which country he has been absent eight years, to enter public life. He is brimful of American ideals and hopes to transplant some of them in the Orient. His time in the Japanese military academy corresponding to the American West Point was not spent to the best advantage, according to some viewpoints, for in Japan the pick of the nation's youth go to the army and navy. Suzuki did not adopt such a career. America is the greatest country in the world, and Suzuki praises its hospitality and open institutions. There is a mysticism about Japan, he declares, that forever bars the Occidental from the closest contact with the innermost life of the nation. He would have this changed. Suzuki took one lesson at the military academy from the stern old Okumi, and the first question snapped at him was: "Where were you during all the time that your parents, their parents, and their grandparents were being born—where were you during all those years?" It staggered Suzuki. But he went off and applied his whole thought to that question, and in time solved the problem!—by the Shintoist's line of reasoning.

MUST PAY LICENSE TAXES.

License taxes on many businesses are due. The Sheriff is to run an advertisement in The Free Press Friday listing them. Professional men, manufacturers and proprietors of stores, etc., in many lines are subject. Penalties will be added July 1. Fines and 20 per cent. additional are impossible.

SOCIETY TO MEET.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Gordon Street Christian Church will meet Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the church. All members are urged to be present.

ADULT ILLITERACY.

Lenoir County has 173 adults between the ages of 18 and 45 unable to read and write, according to Miss Elizabeth Kelly, director of adult illiteracy work in the State. Buncombe County leads with 1,188, while Dare, most isolated of the eastern counties, has the fewest, 18. Dare is exceeded in population and wealth by nearly all the counties.

TURKISH DELEGATES WILL HAVE LITTLE TO SAY TO ALLIES

Will Be Regarded More as Witnesses Than Diplomats

U. S. HAVE MINOR PART Although This Country's Plenipotentiaries Will Be in on Discussion of Mandatories Over New States in East

(By the United Press)
Paris, June 5.—The big four today decided to call in the Turkish peace delegates, according to an unofficial report. The exact date was not fixed. From the same source it was learned the Turks were considered as witnesses rather than as fully accredited plenipotentiaries.

This is accepted as indicating there will be practically no opportunity for discussion and that the Turks will have to accept the conditions exactly as drawn up by the Allies.

America's part in drawing up the Turkish treaty is expected to be confined largely to an advisory role, although the question of accepting mandatories over former Turkish territories will probably figure in the discussions.

Answer to Germans Before 12th.

Paris, June 5.—The Allies will answer the counter proposals handed them by the Germans before June 12, it is learned authoritatively.

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