

MINERS ENTOMBED IN FIERY FURNACE

As Many as Two Hundred Men Suddenly Cut Off in the Depths of a Coal Mine

Knoxville, May 19.—A terrible disaster befell Fraterville, near Coal Creek, this morning at 5:30 o'clock. Perhaps 100 men were killed in the Fraterville mine, two miles west of the town. The mine was 100 feet deep. The explosion was caused by a gas leak. The mine was 100 feet deep. The explosion was caused by a gas leak. The mine was 100 feet deep. The explosion was caused by a gas leak.

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The slate having fallen in the main path and also on account of the stifling smoke and gas and very excessive heat. The latter indicates that the mine may be burning.

It is three miles from the mouth of the mine to the point where the men were at work, and this distance will have to be traversed to get to them. The explosion was caused by a gas leak.

As none have been rescued from the location of the explosion and volumes of smoke are issuing from the shafts there is little doubt that most if not all of the men are dead.

William Morgan was the only man taken out alive, but he remains unconscious, and no one has been found to explain exactly how the accident happened. Morgan is an Englishman with one leg, who has been in the mining business fifty years and is a pioneer in the coal district.

Knoxville undertakers sent over one hundred coffins to Coal Creek tonight and will ship more tomorrow morning. Indications are that it will be two or three days before many of the dead can be reached.

As tonight came on over 1,000 grief-stricken men, women and children, relatives of the victims, gathered about the mouth of the mine anxiously waiting for any information from the rescuers within. The pangs of hunger affected them not, and there will be few closed eyes in Coal Creek tonight.

TWO BISHOPS TO BE ELECTED

Provision Made for the Training of Sunday School Teachers

Dallas, Tex., May 19.—Special.—An attempt was made today to pass a resolution recommending that there should be no election of bishops at this general conference on account of the excited state of feeling over the war claim matter. The resolution was defeated by a large vote.

The election of two bishops and con-nec-tional offices was fixed for next Thursday. Bishop Hargrove presented a letter in which he gave some reasons why he thought that he should be placed on the retired list. The Sunday School board presented a report whose every section was adopted.

The latter part of the morning session was enlivened by a discussion of the reason why the minority report of the committee on publishing interests was not printed as was ordered by the conference. The fact was revealed that Stahman's talk about suing for libel had so worked upon the fears of the printers of Dallas that not a single printing establishment would undertake the publication. The discussion was cut short by a motion to adjourn.

CHARLOTTE'S FESTIVE DAY

Shipp Monument to Be Unveiled This Morning. Other Attractions

Charlotte, N. C., May 19.—Special.—The program for the big twentieth of May celebration tomorrow now stands as follows: Military will form in line at the city hall at 9:30 a. m., and guests who are attending celebration will meet at Manufacturers' club a few minutes later, and carriages bearing guests will form in line.

PELEE AGAIN VICIOUSLY ACTIVE

Tremendous Eruptions Seen from Three Vessels Off Shore

Fort de France, May 19.—At 6 o'clock this morning the Sun correspondent proceeded hence for St. Pierre on board the steamer Estafette, accompanied by Mr. Joseph Haven, American commercial agent at St. Kitts, and Mrs. Haven. Mount Pelee was very active, and smoke and ashes thrown from the volcano were visible for the entire distance from Fort de France to the ruined city.

After a short stop the Estafette proceeded, followed by the Steamer Concord which had a party of laborers on board who were to be employed in destroying the bodies of victims. As these laborers landed there was a tremendous eruption, and they returned with all possible speed to the dredger, which steamed away for Fort de France.

About this time the American naval tug arrived for the purpose of receiving the bodies of the American and British consuls. The party went ashore and shortly after the British cruiser Indefatigable arrived in the midst of a heavy rain storm. Before the cruiser could be anchored there were several tremendous eruptions. The sight was a terrible one.

Remains of Consul Prentiss Found

Fort de France, May 19.—The American and English officers who have been searching the ruins of St. Pierre for the bodies of the United States and British consuls and their families have found the remains of Mr. Prentiss, the American representative, and the members of his family. They will be brought to Fort de France, where Mr. Prentiss will be buried with military honors.

MILES AND DAVIS

Complaint of Mrs. Davis About Her Husband's Treatment

New York, May 19.—Among the collection of autograph letters belonging to the late Gen. Adam Badeau, which is being auctioned tonight at John Anderson, Jr.'s, West Thirtieth street, was, according to catalogue, a letter from Mrs. Jefferson Davis to Gen. Grant written in 1865, to complain of the petty tyrannies exercised over her husband, when in prison, by Gen. Miles. In the catalogue this letter appeared as number 80 on the list with the following description:

"Letter to Grant on behalf of her husband, then in prison. He is tormented by a series of petty tyrannies exercised over him by the man now in command. Complaints that Gen. Miles makes a spectacle of him for his (Miles) lady friends. Not liking to be made a spectacle of, he retired to his quarters when the females pursued him. Please, Gen. Grant, go down to Fortress Monroe and change Gen. Miles for an older and kinder man—if he is not spared to me I have no hope of keeping the wolf from my children's door. Little hope has lighted me through the valley of the shadow of death into which I seem to have walked."

GEN. HUGHES WANTS AN INVESTIGATION

Washington, May 19.—During the Philippine investigation before the Senate committee today a letter was read from General Hughes denying that he had ever given order for the "water cure" and saying that if such a charge was made he wanted the fullest investigation of it.

Corporal Richard Obern, formerly of the Twenty-sixth volunteer infantry, testified to seeing the "water cure" administered. At Iloilo he said three officers, Major Cook, Captain McDonald and Lieutenant Plumber of Company M became intoxicated at a reception, took off their coats, seized some of the native women and insisted upon their dancing with them, much to the disgust of the women who were above the peasant class. He said he was not on good terms with his captain. He also said that at one place a woman with two children was burned to death in a bamboo shack when the troops were burning the town. "Dumdum," or explosive bullets, he stated, were issued to the troops in the regular way and did horrible execution. There were "unwritten orders to take no prisoners," which were carried out in one campaign.

SWIFT RUIN FLIES ON WINGS OF THE WIND

Town of Goliad in Texas Visited by Tornado and Its Victims Are More Than a Hundred

Houston, Tex., May 18.—Reports received here by telegraph and telephone indicate that the northern or western portion of the town of Goliad has been swept away by a tornado and that from 50 to 100 persons have been killed. The long distance operator at Houston was in connection with Goliad at 7 o'clock, but beyond the fact that part of the town had been blown away and that many persons had been killed and injured no other particulars were obtainable.

Considerable damage has also been done at Beeville by high winds. Both towns are close to the gulf coast, and all telegraph wires by two routes are down.

The Horror Grows

Goliad, Tex., May 19.—The loss of life and destruction of property by the cyclone which struck Goliad yesterday afternoon is greater than reported in the earlier dispatches. It is now known that not less than 125 people in Goliad and adjacent farming communities were killed by the storm. More than ninety bodies have already been removed from the debris and identified. The property loss will be great. The town has been thronged with sightseers all day, and the willing workers have made the homeless people comfortable and the injured victims are doing well under the circumstances.

Stanly County Bond Case Gets Into Supreme Court

Wilkes Case on the Same Footing—Order in South Dakota Case—Senator Fairbanks Makes a Statement

Washington, May 19.—Special.—The Supreme Court of the United States today granted the application for a writ of certiorari in the Stanly county bond case. Following this application in the made for a writ of certiorari in the Wilkes county bond case. The two actions are in many respects similar, and it would appear that both counties are to have another day court.

In the case of Patten vs. the Railroad from Buncombe, the court denied the application for a writ of certiorari. Soon after the court convened Chief Justice Fuller announced that an order had been issued in the case of the State of South Dakota vs. North Carolina with reference to the taking of testimony. Any competent person who may be agreed upon by all parties to the action is authorized to take testimony. Both sides shall agree as to the time and place of taking testimony, which shall be concluded October 1st. The evidence must be filed with the court by October 15th.

The investigation of the charges against Postmaster Mullen of Charlotte, whose nomination has been tied up in the Senate for several months, is to be forced to a final decision. Senator Pritchard saw Senator Simmons today and informed him of his desire to have the case settled once for all. Senator Simmons said that he would request the sub-committee appointed to make the investigation to summon the witnesses at once. This is agreeable to Senator Pritchard, and the public will have positive information as to Mullen's conduct while in Washington. The witnesses will be summoned this week.

Senator Fairbanks, chairman of the Senate committee on public buildings, made a statement today relative to the North Carolina amendments that were made to the House public building bill. The statement was made at the request of Senator Pritchard. Senator Fairbanks says: "Senator Pritchard spoke to me over and over again about the North Carolina amendments, and it was by reason of his interest in the matter that they were added to the bill. It was all done simply at his request. I promised Senator Pritchard before he left the city that the amendments would be looked simply at the case settled once for all, after, and I told him that I thought the committee would be glad to comply with his request. It was not necessary for Senator Pritchard to be here."

Senator Pritchard received a telegram today stating that Mrs. Pritchard was ill. He had received a telegram from President W. W. Fuller, of the North Carolina society in New York, urging him to attend the banquet tomorrow night, and it was his intention to go. Unless Mrs. Pritchard improves he will not be able to go to New York, but will leave for home. Mr. Fuller said his failure to be present would be a great disappointment to the North Carolina colony. The Senate confirmed this afternoon the nomination of Patrick J. O'Brien to be postmaster at Durham. Mrs. Simmons was taken to the Garfield hospital in this city Sunday. Her condition has not improved. Congressman Thomas saw the Secretary of Agriculture today, and he promised to make an investigation of the in-

sect that has made its appearance in the strawberry section. Mr. Thomas will have specimens of the infected plants shipped here at once. Congressman Knutts was admitted to the practice of law in the Supreme Court of the United States today.

The fight over the selection of a site for the new public building at Elizabeth City has resulted in triumphs for all factions, but the die will be cast when the public buildings bill goes to conference. The advocates of the present site scored before the House committee, but last week the Senate committee on public buildings tacked an amendment on to the bill, which is favorable to those citizens of Elizabeth City who want a new location for the building. After the bill as amended passes the Senate, which it will do, the conference comes and then there will be a renewal of the fight.

Congressman Small is watching the sundry civil bill now in conference, which appropriates \$200,000 for the investigation of undercurrents and arrears well supplies. The bill originally carried an appropriation of \$100,000 for this work, and it was to be confined to the arid land region. Congressman Small showed the importance of conducting these investigations in the eastern sections of the Atlantic States and the appropriation was doubled. There is some slight opposition to the amendment, but Congressman Small is using his best efforts in behalf of the project. He has been assured by Mr. Wolcott of the geological survey that the investigations will be made in North Carolina if the increase in the appropriation is allowed to stand. The bill also provides for the measurement of streams to develop horse power. The collection of this information will be of great value to the State from an industrial standpoint.

All the Democratic members of the North Carolina delegation voted for the amendment to the naval appropriation bill, which provides for the construction of war vessels in the government navy yards. The majority of the Republicans broke ranks and supported the amendment, of which Congressman W. W. Kitchin is the author, but he was not here today and so Roberts of Massachusetts offered it. Among the North Carolinians here today are Capt. Charles Price, of Salisbury; ex-Judge J. B. Womack, Dr. D. H. Abbott, Claude M. Bernard and Hill E. King, of Raleigh; Frank Knooze, of Onslow; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Tuttle, of Goldsboro; W. W. Clark, of New Bern; O. F. Wood, of Charlotte; Alex. Long, of Rockingham.

Mr. Carl Stone Dead

Mr. Carl VanDeron Stone, youngest son of the late Mr. J. L. Stone, died at the residence of his mother, corner Blount and Pace streets, at 11 o'clock last night. He was only 11 six days, death resulting from peritonitis. He was a young man of excellent character. He leaves a mother, Mrs. J. L. Stone, three sisters, Misses Esther E., Lillian E. and Pearl G. Stone, and two brothers, Mr. Cecil G. and Virgil F. Stone. Funeral will take place at 5 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

American Liberality Equal to the Occasion

The President Recommends Suspension of Collecting Funds for Martinique Sufferers

Washington, May 19.—The following statement was given out at the White House today:

"On Saturday, immediately on receiving Consul Aymes' dispatch, the President directed the Secretaries of War and Navy to inquire and report as to the true condition of affairs in Martinique and St. Vincent. These reports will be made public as soon as received. All the supplies and all the money subscribed heretofore have been urgently needed, but until further information is received, it is deemed best that the receipt of subscriptions be suspended."

All Needed for Six Months

Washington, May 19.—Secretary Hay received the following cablegram this morning from Consul S. A. MacAlister, at Barbadoes, W. I., dated today: "Sixteen hundred deaths. St. Vincent, 4,000 destitute. Immediate wants supplied. Aid needed for six months. This authentic."

Official Report from Martinique

Paris, May 19.—M. Decrais, minister for the colonies, has received the following dispatch from Acting Governor Huette of Martinique, dated Fort de France, Sunday: "Instructions have been given to forward you duplicate reports of the distribution of relief supplies. I have informed the inhabitants that provisions are expected on the United States naval vessel Dixie and the steamships Pontabelle and Madians. I shall exempt the cargoes from duties as I have done in former consignments. Capt. Hugh J. Gallagher, an American officer, is expected to arrive aboard the Dixie to supervise the distribution of supplies. It has hitherto been unnecessary to make money grants to the victims, but food has been distributed with incomparable devotion by the mayor and relief committee. I am occupied in giving work to

the refugees. I returned on the cruiser Suchet Saturday.

"The territory between St. Pierre and Precheur is completely ravaged for cultivation. Grand Riviere is buried in cinders. The large properties at Macoua and Basse Pointe are in good condition. The small properties in Lorrain have been damaged. The people are quiet and brave. Distribution of food has been made to the victims at Grande Riviere, Macoua, Basse Pointe and Lorrain.

"The wind changed today and the volcano is vomiting quantities of cinders in the southern communes. Loud reports were heard at Carbet. "I have appointed a commission to examine the demands made by survivors of families who have disappeared at St. Pierre. A search is being made under the inspection of the police for valuables, which, if recovered, will be placed in the care of the police and handed to the proper owners."

The steamship St. Germain, which arrived at Havre today, brought the last mail from Martinique prior to the eruption. A general tone of melancholy and fear fills the letters. A young woman writes to Dr. Pechevin of Martinique, who is at present in Paris: "If death awakes me I shall go in a large company. Will it be by fire or asphyxiation? Whatever God wills, you shall have my last thoughts. Tell the news to Brother Robert. Say that we are still in this world. This will not be true when this letter reaches you."

Roger Portel writes under date of midday May 18: "What does tomorrow reserve for us? a flood of lava, a rain of stones, asphyxiation by gas or some overwhelming deluge? No one can tell."

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Sidney Ellis Reported in a Serious Condition

Winston-Salem, N. C., May 19.—Special.—Sidney Ellis, aged 21 years, lost his right arm today while working at a saw mill near Clemmonsville. He had his hand on a large saw, when it started, catching his clothing and arm, the result being that the young man's clothing was torn off. His condition is reported to be serious.

News was received here today of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Rominger, a native of this county, which occurred a few days ago at Columbus, Ind., aged 88 years. While a resident of this city before the war the husband drove a coach between Greensboro and Salem. He once hauled President Andrew Jackson and upset the coach on the trip, but without serious results. Mr. Rominger died in 1892.

NEGRO RELIGION

Dr. McGonnigle Describes It as Only Emotional

New York, May 19.—Home missions with special reference to the work among the colored race in the south was the subject of discussion at today's meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, which is now in conference in this city. The report of the freeman's committee was read at the opening of the session this morning by Rev. S. A. Martin. It showed that 17,000 negro children were being educated in the south by the Presbyterian church and 18,000 children were being cared for. Dr. Conway, secretary of the board of home missions, made an appeal for more funds, which were at present inadequate for the work.

In an impassioned address Rev. Dr. McGonnigle said the negro was emotional but not religious, and that only the Catholic and Presbyterian churches were doing any real work of value. Evangelists, he said, would preach on Sunday of the suppers hell, but during the week the negro would return to his ways of sin, again permitting his sex passion and gaming spirit to run riot. He said that the church was only supported by politics and money raised by excursions.

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