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CHANCES ARE RALEIGH WILL GET CONVENTION

Show Committee that We Can Accommodate the Crowd, that's All

HOTELS CAN HOUSE 1,300 WITHOUT A JAM

Work That Has Been Done So Far
By Secretary Phillips of the Chamber
of Commerce—Majority of Executive
Committeemen That Have
Responded to His Letter Express
Themselves as Favoring Raleigh
If It Can Be Shown That the
Crowd Will Be Well Accommodated.

A reporter for The Evening Times
called on Secretary R. M. Phillips
of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
this morning and asked him what had
been done so far toward getting the
state democratic convention to the
capital city.

Mr. Phillips stated that he had
written a personal letter to every
member of the executive committee
setting forth the fact that Raleigh
was now prepared to take good care
of the convention and urging the
claims of the city to the convention
this year.

Judging from the replies that had
already been received, Mr. Phillips
said, it was safe to say that a
majority of the committee favored
Raleigh provided it could be conclusively
shown that the hotel and hall
accommodations were sufficient.

Mr. Phillips stated that the convention
will come to Raleigh, "For," said he,
"Raleigh has three hotels, to say
nothing of a list of 50 to 60 boarding
houses of the first class in my
hands now, all of which are prepared
to take transient guests and to
care for them as they should be
cared for when they are in their
state's capital. The Yarrowburgh
House and the Park hotel, two of the
biggest hostels in the state, have
recently been entirely remodeled and
fitted with all the most modern and
improved furnishings and systems of
ventilation.

"Raleigh's present facilities for
accommodating big crowds were
amply demonstrated last fall on the
occasion of President Roosevelt's
visit to the state fair. It was
expected then that the hotel capacity
would surely be overrun, but the
immense crowds were all well taken
care of, and the Yarrowburgh and Park
hotels still had extra accommodation
for 100 more guests than they had.
The records show that 3,000 people
were taken care of at that time
outside of the hotels.

"The convention will bring 1,000
to 1,200 people to the city, and it
will be a simple proposition to take
care of them after that achievement
last October. You remember that a
committee of the chamber of commerce
directed that crowd to homes. It
is plausible that if the chamber
successfully handled that throng of
visitors, most of them inexperienced
in travelling, it will have little
difficulty in making state convention
delegates comfortable. It has already
been determined that the chamber
shall have a committee to do
similar work to that done so well
last October."

The reporter asked Mr. Phillips
what his idea was as to where the
convention should be held in this
city. He said that he considered
that there was little doubt that the
Academy of Music was the place for
it unless the committee should
prefer one of Raleigh's two big
warehouses. He called attention to
the fact that the Academy had been
only recently remodelled in every
respect, pit raised, stage enlarged,
new windows, entrance widened, pillars
taken out, seating rearranged, in fact
altogether modernized and splendidly
ventilated. It will seat about 1,100
exclusive of stage and boxes and
extra chairs.

The opera house in Greensboro has
936 fixed chairs.
Manager Cobb of the Yarrowburgh,
was seen by the reporter and asked
for a statement of how many people
they could accommodate upon the
occasion of the convention. Mr. Cobb
stated definitely that 1,200 could be
housed easily, without undue
crowding. It was said as possible in
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AGREEMENT AT LAST On Moroccan Reforms at Algebras Today

Will Be Sanctioned at the Plenary
Session of the Conference Today—
State Bank of Morocco Agreed
Upon, Three Shares Going to
France.

(By the Associated Press.)
Algebras, Spain, March 31.—The
committee of the conference on Moroccan
reforms reached an agreement
on all points. This agreement will
be sanctioned at the plenary session
of the conference this afternoon.
The complete accord resulted from
a long conference held this morning
between M. Revell, head of the
French mission, and Count Von Tatten-
bach, of the German mission. The
division and the policing of the ports
of Morocco was arranged as follows:
Spain polices Tetuan and Larache;
Franco-Spanish mixed police will
be established at Casablanca and
Tangier, and a French police force
alone will have charge of Mogardo,
Saffi, Mazagan and Rabat.
This gives France four Atlantic
ports.

The duration of this police agree-
ment was fixed at five years.
The settlement of the question of
the state bank of Morocco gives
France three shares, including those
of the French syndicate. The other
nations have one share. Four bank
supervisors will be appointed by the
Bank of England, the Bank of
France, the Imperial Bank of Ger-
many and the Bank of Spain.

TOURIST TRAIN WAS WRECKED

(By the Associated Press.)
Macon, Ga., March 31.

The Chicago & Florida Limited
on the Southern Rail-
way, southbound, turned
over and rolled down an em-
bankment at Holton, eight
miles from Macon. It is re-
ported several have been
killed and injured.

One body, that of a negro
porter, has been taken from
the wreck at Holton. Physi-
cians have been asked for
and sent from Macon. All
wrecking trains are being
sent from Atlanta and Macon.
The train left Atlanta
at 11.40 this morning.

The train wrecked at Holton was
practically running "empty," as all
of the tourist movement at this time
is northbound. The Limited is one
of the finest trains in the south, its
equipment being similar to that of
the Palm Limited, from New York
to Florida, over the Southern Rail-
way. The tourist service will be dis-
continued next week. At a late hour
this afternoon the details of the ac-
cident were not obtainable.

LANDSLIDE WRECK CLEARED AWAY NOW

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Asheville, N. C., March 31.—The
clearing away of the big slide just
east of Swannanoa tunnel was ac-
complished at midnight last night
and trains are now running over the
Western road on schedule time.
The removal of the obstruction in
so short a time reflects much credit
on the officials of the Asheville divi-
sion. The slide was one of the most
difficult to handle that has occurred
in western North Carolina in years.

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Verdict Returned Against Ben Williams This Morning

DEATH SENTENCE LATER

Garfield Williams Now On Trial for
Murder of Charles Burch Last
May—Had a Fight in a Negro
Tenement—Iron Bars Used—
Death From Kick in Abdomen.

A verdict for murder in the first
degree was returned in Wake superi-
or court this morning by the jury
in the case against Ben Williams for
shooting Alex Clark, both negroes,
in this city February 19. The case
was given to the jury last evening
and they were out all night unable
to agree as to whether Williams was
too drunk at the time of the killing
to be wholly responsible for his act
and to have premeditated the murder.

It remains now for the sentence of
death to be pronounced by the court
in conformity with the verdict of the
jury and for the date of the hanging
to be fixed.

The session of the court today is
devoted to the trial of Garfield Wil-
liams on the charge of murder in
that he caused the death of Charlie
Burch in this city last May.

Williams and Burch had a fight
in a negro tenement on "the Bow-
ery" last May and after the fight
complications developed in the in-
juries to Burch so that he died a few
days later in Rex Hospital. Williams
fled and was captured a few weeks
ago in Richmond and brought here.

Witnesses examined this morning
were Zulah Burch, wife of the negro
who was killed, Dr. Rogers and Dr.
Knox, who attended the injured man
and Effie Young, the negro woman
in whose presence the fight occurred.
Her story was that Garfield was in
the house when Burch came in and
asked where everybody was. Gar-
field replied that Ella had gone out
and Effie (meaning the witness) was
in the next room. Presently she
came out and sat down when Burch
slapped her in the face, playfully.
Garfield Williams sprang up and
knocked Burch down and kicked
him. The witness made Williams
stop and went with him in the next
room. Burch came in there present-
ly with an iron bar and she ran out.
She heard Burch cry out as though
he were hurt and when she ran back
in the room Williams had him backed
up against the wall and had struck
him over the head with a bar of iron,
a railroad fish-plate. Williams then
pushed Burch out into the yard. He
was bleeding from the head. She
saw nothing else of Burch. Burch
had thrown the iron bar in the fire-
place before Williams put him out.

Dr. Rogers and Dr. Knox testified
that Burch died of peritonitis, an
abscess having formed in the ab-
dominal cavity after the disease de-
veloped. This could have been
brought about by a kick in the ab-
domen. The theory of the prosecution
is that the injury was inflicted by
Williams when he kicked Burch
while he was down on the floor.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)
Charlotte, N. C., March 31.—In a col-
lision at Broad river trestle on the
Southern Railway today Fireman J.
W. Lieper of Greenville, S. C., and
Brakeman J. A. Kane of Danville, Va.,
were killed. Their bodies are still under
the wreckage. Engineer O. L. Wooten
of Toccoa, Ga., was fatally injured.
The accident was due to six cars
breaking from a train at Blacksburg,
S. C., a distance of four miles from
where the wild cars ran into a south-
bound freight train.

AMBITION LED TO GREAT EVIL

Committee Tells of Abuses in Mutual Life

CANNOT FIND FIELDS

Makes Strong Plea That the Writing
of Deferred Dividend Insurance
Be Discontinued—Straight Talk
About Mongrel Type of Policies
Now Being Sold.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 31.—The special
committee of the trustees of the
Mutual Life Insurance Company can-
not be more or less directly traced to
the ambition of its management to
equal or excel all others in the amount
of insurance it should write and main-
tain, furthered by its other and possi-
bly controlling desire to be one of the
great financial powers of this country.
The report says:
"The real purpose of the company's
organization, viz.: to furnish to its
members absolutely safe insurance at
the lowest possible cost, seems to have
given place to this ambition for power
and influence in the business and financial
world."
The company's foreign business, the
report sets forth, has been conducted
with the same ambition in view, and
the general management of the foreign
branches is criticised, the committee
saying on this subject:
"As an entire proposition, your com-
mittee believes and so finds that the
company's foreign business has not
been remunerative to the company,
nor is it ever likely to be, with the
possible exception named below, and
believes steps should be taken by the
officials to discontinue the solicitation
of new business in foreign countries,
excepting possibly Great Britain, Hol-
land, Belgium, Mexico and France."
The committee believes that the most
practical means of reducing the undue
cost of new business is by placing a
limit on such and to this end it en-
dorses the recommendation of the leg-
islative insurance investigating com-
mittee limiting new business written
to \$15,000,000 per year. Deferred di-
vidend policies are characterized as "a
mongrel type of insurance" and the
committee declares itself in entire
accord with the recommendation of
the legislative committee that the
writing of deferred dividend policies
be discontinued. The Truesdale com-
mittee hesitates to criticize the invest-
ments of the company in stocks and
bonds and other financial institutions
"in view of the satisfactory results
therefrom," but favors a limit of the
company's holdings of such stocks to
10 per cent of their outstanding stock.
Syndicate participations are disap-
proved by the committee.

The committee says it is advised that
such of the company's funds as were
donated for political or campaign
purposes were unlawfully disbursed,
and recovery can be had in behalf of
the company from those of its officials or
trustees responsible "herefor." The
committee understands from the pres-
ent account that he has already con-
sulted counsel with regard to what legal
steps may be taken to secure the re-
covery of these moneys and that he
will act accordingly. The committee
approves of this course of action. In
spite of all efforts since last November
no trace has been found of Andrew C.
Fields, who was in charge of the com-
pany's stationery department and
through whom disbursements for so-
called legal expenses were made.

Merritt Will Be Named.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 31.—John A. Merritt,
now postmaster of this city, will be
appointed by the president to be col-
lector for the post of Buffalo, N. Y.,
vice James Low, deceased. Mr. Merritt
has been postmaster here for nearly
six years.

TILLMAN'S POSITION
Shows Where He Stands on
Dispensary Matters

Sends Address to His People in South
Carolina On Eve of Campaign—
Will Brand Those Who Refused to
Make System More Honest and
Clean.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 31.—Senator Till-
man has sent an address for publication
in South Carolina this afternoon relat-
ing to his candidacy for re-election. It
is written in characteristic language
and deals with the dispensary or liquor
question, which promises to be the main
issue in the democratic primary next
August. The senator points out that he
believes as strongly as ever in the dis-
pensary system, and serves notice that
he will conduct his canvass for re-
election along that line and will call to
account such of his opponents in the
South Carolina legislature who refused
to amend the law so as to prevent fu-
ture scandals in the purchase of whis-
key for the state.

**KILLED WIFE
THEN HIMSELF.**

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—Martin
Giesebell, a machinist aged 60 years
shot his wife, aged 50 years, at their
home today, mortally wounding her,
and then killed himself.

The cause assigned for the tragedy
is poverty and inability to meet a
street improvement assessment.

BENNING RACES.

(By the Associated Press.)
Benning, D. C., March 31.—First
Race—for 3 year olds and up, 7 fur-
longs, Columbia course: Winchester
8 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Jack McKeon
2 1-2 to 1 and even, second; Repro-
bate 5 to 1, third. Time 1-32.
Second Race: The Oxnard dinner
stakes for two year olds, four and half
furlongs—old course, Okonite 3 to 5
and out, won; Manila 10 to 1, and 4 to
1, second; Lady Vera 3 to 1, third.
Time 58.

AWFUL DEED OF CRAZY CABMAN

Shot Sweetheart, Killed Man and then Himself

JEALOUSY THE CAUSE

After Repeated Efforts He Carried
Out His Murderous Purpose—
Man Killed While Protecting Girl
From Attack By Lunatic—A New
York Tragedy.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 31.—In an in-
sane fury caused by jealousy, James
Ahearn, 34 years old, a cabman, shot
and instantly killed James Black, 54
years old, an upholsterer, in his flat
at 229 East Sixty-third street today,
probably fatally wounded Mary
Woods, aged 30, Black's housekeeper
and then put a bullet into his own
brain. Ahearn died two hours later.
The woman is believed to be dying.
Mary Woods formerly was Ahearn's
sweetheart. She left him only a short
time ago to become housekeeper for
Black.

Twice last night Ahearn broke
into Black's apartment each time in
search of Mary Woods. On the first
occasion he shot Black in the nose,
injuring him slightly and then ran
away without having seen the wo-
man. After the police for three
hours had searched the neighborhood
for the cabman and had relaxed their
efforts, he returned to the flat and
did the fatal shooting.

When Ahearn knocked at the door
on his first call Mary Woods heard
his voice and before he broke the
lock she fled over the roof of a
neighboring flat, where she took tem-
porary refuge. Ahearn meanwhile
was running through Black's apart-
ments searching for her. Black was
shot when he attempted to restrain
the jealous man.

The cabman's second visit was so
stealthy that Mary Woods had no op-
portunity to escape. Neither she nor
her employer knew that Ahearn had
returned until alarmed by a noise,
they ran into the parlor. Ahearn
there confronted them with a leveled
revolver with which he first shot the
woman, the bullet penetrating her
lungs. In rapid succession he fired
two more shots, one piercing Black's
brain and the second was fired into
his own mouth, inflicting a wound
from which he died two hours later.
So close were the three persons when
this meeting occurred that their bodies
fell almost on top of one another.
Ahearn first met Mary Woods in
England ten years ago, when he was
a soldier. The woman came to
America, the soldier following her
here.

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HALF MILLION MINERS QUIT WORK TONIGHT

STATEMENT BY THE OPERATORS

What Anthracite and Bitumi- nous Miners Earn

MITCHELL WAS WRONG

Former Receive Larger Pay Than
Latter, That Fact Being Proved
By the Official Figures—Present
Trouble Due to Contentions Which
Are Not Altogether Justified.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 31.—The anthracite
operators' committee of seven today au-
thorized the following statement:

"Some of the bituminous workers
who are now active in directing mat-
ters in the anthracite industry have as-
serted at times that the wages in the
former industry are higher than in the
latter. Mr. Mitchell has often intimat-
ed this, although he has never given
any facts to support the claim.

"It was claimed before the strike
commission that the earnings of the an-
thracite miners were less than those in
the bituminous fields and similar as-
sertions have been since made. The
commission found that there has been
a failure of testimony to support this
proposition. It is established by the
official figures that the earnings of all
classes of workers are much higher in
the anthracite than in the bituminous
industry. The last report of the secre-
tary of internal affairs of the state
of Pennsylvania contains the facts as to
both industries for the year 1904."

The statement then quotes the fig-
ures referred to, of which the totals
omitting in the case of the anthracite
industry the class of "employees in the
breakers," because there is no corre-
sponding class of employees in the bi-
tuminous industry, are as follows:

	Anthracite.	Bituminous.
Average number of days worked	231	188
Number of employees	136,445	93,114
Wages	\$85,519,291	\$40,133,604
Average yearly earnings	\$626.77	\$431.62
Average daily earnings	\$2.71	\$2.29

The statement then gives the com-
parison of annual earnings for all
classes of labor showing that the av-
erage earnings of the anthracite min-
ers exceed those of bituminous miners
by 63.75 per cent, and the average
earnings of all classes of anthracite
workers by about 30 per cent.

"Under these circumstances," the
statement concludes, "there is no
ground for the anthracite workers to
claim that their compensation is inade-
quate."

High Point Bandits Hold Up Night Watchman and Slash His Clothing

Five Shots Fired at Intruders as
They Ran—No Reason Assigned
for Attacks, but Citizens Are De-
termined to Apprehend Assaultants.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
High Point, N. C., March 31.—A das-
tardly deed was committed here last
night when several white men held up
Andy Leher, the colored watchman at
the Daiton Furniture Company, threw
him down, put out the light and slash-
ed his clothing with a knife, and cut-
ting him on the arm. After the watch-
man was released he shot five times at
the men, but did not hit any of them
as far as is known.

The night before six white men wait-
ed on Leher and told him not to be
caught again and last night they
made good their threat.
The watchman is an inoffensive man
and the attack is entirely without jus-
tification and is condemned by all good
citizens, who are going to see that the
would-be assassins are brought to jus-
tice. It is believed that some of the
guilty parties at least are known.
There is much speculation as to the
motive of the crime.

Executive Board Prepares for the Great Industrial Battle

WILL REMAIN OUT TILL WAGE SCALE IS SIGNED

No Formal Strike Order Will Be Is-
sued, But Men Will Walk Out and
Await the Result.—Expected that
Many Operators Will Agree To
Terms.—Monday To Be Observed
As Holiday To Honor Eight Hour
Anniversary.

(By the Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—The
national executive board of the
United Mine Workers of America
held a session today to take up in de-
tail the management of the strike
which will be inaugurated in the an-
thracite and bituminous coal mining
district of the country at the close of
work today.

It was announced that 509,500
men will leave the mines this even-
ing. In the central competitive dis-
trict, composed of Illinois, Indiana,
Ohio and western Pennsylvania, Mon-
day will be the eighth anniversary of
the eight hour day concession and
will be observed as usual as a holi-
day. It was anticipated by members
of the national executive board to-
day that the scale would be signed
in all probability by some of the
operators of eastern Pennsylvania
either this evening or Monday.

Before the board went into execu-
tive session at the national head-
quarters of the mine workers, mem-
bers said a formal strike order would
not be issued but at the close of work
today the men would leave the mines
with their tools and would not re-
turn until the scale had been signed
by the operators and they had been
so notified by the district officials.
Members of the board said that every
step possible would be taken to pre-
vent violence and a formal declara-
tion to the miners forbidding rioting
or destruction of property and
urging them properly to conduct
themselves would probably be issued.

Will Pay The Advance.
Sharon, Pa., March 31.—Announce-
ment was made today that the op-
erators of the Mercer-Butler coal dis-
trict will grant the advance of 5.5
per cent and there will be no strike.
About 3,000 men will be affected.

No Strike There.
Johnstown, Pa., March 31.—Noti-
ces were posted today at the mines
of the Berwind-White and the Stein-
man coal companies that they will
pay the 1903 scale to the miners.
This announcement was received with
much satisfaction by those directly
interested and by the general public.

Will Work On Monday.
Irwin, Pa., March 31.—No attempt
was made by the striking miners to-
day to interfere with the men work-
ing at the Yough shaft of the Penn-
sylvania Gas Coal Company and quiet
prevailed about the mine. Fifty ad-
ditional men were reported at work
by the superintendent of the mine.
The voluntary advance of 5 cents a
ton announced by the operators has
had a good effect on the men in the
field and reports from the various
mines are that all that will be at work
Monday.

DEATH CLAIMS HOTEL MAKER.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 31.—James H.
Breslin, a widely known hotel man,
who had been for years identified
with properties in this city, Chicago,
St. Louis and other cities, died at the
Hotel Wolcott today.

Mr. Breslin had been in ill health
for a year. He was born at Water-
ford, N. Y., and was 72 years of
age.

Mr. Breslin was president of the
Congress Hotel Company, the Brook-
lyn Heights Realty Company, the
Knickerbocker Trust Company, and
Garfield National bank; and a trustee
in other financial institutions.

Miners Walk Out.

(By the Associated Press.)
Shamokin, Pa., March 31.—Hundreds
of miners in this field did not report
at the collieries today. The men took
all their tools from the workings last
night which indicates that the miners
expect a long strike.