

"One paper in the home is worth a thousand on the highway."—Marshall Field.

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NEARLY TWO HUNDRED MEN ARE ENTOMBED IN COAL MINE

The Fourth Great Tragedy In The Coal Fields Within The Week

MINE FLAME SWEEP AND MANY ARE DEAD

Miners Are Entombed in a Flame-Searched Mine and 163 Are Believed to Have Lost Their Lives—173 Men Went Into the Mine and Only 12 Have Come to the Surface—Believed That the Explosion Was Caused by an Explosion of Dust—Twelve Men Who Escaped Were Near the Surface When the Explosion Came.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Indiana, Pa., Feb. 5—Entombed in a flame-seared mine, 163 men are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion in shaft No. 2 of the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Company at Ernest, Pa. This morning 175 reported for work. After the terrific explosion which shook the country for miles around 12 men reached the surface, some of them fatally hurt. This is the fourth of a series of mine disasters in the United States and Mexico and is apparently worse than all the others.

While hundreds of women and men fought to gain the entrance to the pit it was sealed to smother the flames. It is believed that the disaster was caused by the explosion of dust. Rescuing parties that managed to beat a way through the debris and fire reported after many attempts that they had been unable to reach the victims. An equipment of scientific research apparatus and men to handle it was summoned from the Pittsburgh station of the United States geological survey.

The explosion was felt for miles. With the first shock, preparations for caring for the injured were made and by the time a call for aid had been sent from Ernest an impromptu ambulance and hospital corps was ready to start from Indiana in automobiles. Other near-by towns also sent aid.

Ernest is near Wehrum, where on June 23 last, 60 men were entombed in a mine, nearly a score dying. Today's disaster, coming as the climax to the series of mine disasters of the last week, threatens to be as horrible, though not as large in the death toll, as that in the "Moled mine" at Marianna, Pa., where 300 men were trapped on November 28, 1908.

The Ernest mine is known as a non-gaseous one, but it is believed that the flames in the pit have generated the gases which have been felt at the surface.

It was these vapors that sent the rescue parties back as fast as they attempted to force an entrance. After three hours of work, however, the courageous band succeeded in making its way down through the tangle of smoke and burning wreckage.

They saw nothing to encourage them. Although they penetrated for some distance from the entrance they were rewarded with the discovery of no victim or body before being compelled to turn back.

Immediately another party took their places, pushing into the heart of the shaft, but with the same result. The emergency guard and the hastily called force of deputies in the meantime battled to keep the women of the shrieking, wailing mob from casting themselves into the pit after their loved one.

The coroner of Indiana county was summoned and hurried to the scene. The arrival of the oxygen helmets and other rescue apparatus from Pittsburgh in the hands of the geological survey men was awaited anxiously. On them depends the principal work; they know how to go about it to the best advantage. These are the same men who took part in the Cherry, Ill., search after the disaster there.

The 12 men who escaped from the blazing tomb were near the surface when the disaster came. In spite of this they were torn and burned and crushed.

"It's hell down there," was the first word of the first man brought to the surface, and all the others would say was merely an echo of that grim statement.

They made their way to the surface one by one. As each emerged from the hole, he was cheered and a storm of queries was hurled at him

—questions about the safety of those below.

Haggard and exhausted by their ordeal the men sank down. They were hurried to a nearby room and cared for while the muttering crowds surged about the door and clamored for news. Individuals climbed on top of one another in attempts to reach the windows.

Meanwhile the work of organizing relief and of learning the exact status in the pit was being pushed apace. The more trustworthy men were organized into shifts; the authorities were notified and a force of deputies called for.

The more coherent of the survivors were examined closely. They told one story.

"We don't think any one is left there," they said. "We saw only bodies and ruin. There may be hope, but we couldn't see it—and we've been down there."

That was their message. It was with little heart the rescue work was got under way. Attempts to force an entrance to the mine were made, but the daring workers—relatives, companions and friends of the men thought dead or dying below, were beaten back again and again as they fought to carry life into the gloomy chambers.

Debris blocked the way, gases surged up and forced them back or, overtaking them, sent them to the sick bay.

As each attempt ended in failure the feeling in the crowd about the entrance rose in intensity.

The hastily formed police force coped with them well, however, and the men in the crowd were drafted upon to fill the places of those who could not continue with the rescue work.

PRISONER FROM UNION.

Brought to the Penitentiary Today To Serve One Year.

Sheriff W. F. Benton, of Union county, arrived here today with Amanda Staten, colored, who was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary for stealing.

Powers Agree on Cretan Situation.

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, Feb. 5—France, England, Russia and Italy have agreed on the measures to be taken in the Cretan situation, it was stated in official circles today. It was asserted that the island is to be re-occupied by the combined protecting powers.

TERRIBLE WRECK ON THE SEABOARD

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 5—A terrible wreck has occurred south of Jacksonville on the Seaboard Air Line, fifty or more persons having been killed and injured. The race train from St. Augustine telescoped a passenger train standing on a sidetrack.

NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Chief of Police of Washington on Trial.

(Special to The Times.) Washington, N. C., Feb. 5—Quite a sensation was sprung in the mayor's court yesterday morning when Chief of Police Geo. N. Howard of this city was arraigned on the alleged charge of neglect in performance of duty. As nearly as can be ascertained it seems that the chief was not allowed to know who his accusers were, nor the privilege of examining them about any matter pertaining to the charge against him. The papers making the charges against him it is understood were in possession of the mayor although signed by no one. Mr. Howard's attorney asked permission to examine them, but before handing them to him the mayor stated that he had obtained them by promise that they would not be used on trial and he would not permit the witness to be examined upon any matters contained therein.

At the conclusion of the trial the mayor reserved decision and stated that he would turn the matter with all the evidence over to the Board of Aldermen for their consideration.

DR. PRATT TO SPEAK.

Will Deliver An Address Before the Shell Fish Commission.

Governor Kitchin has appointed Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, an additional delegate to the second annual convention of the National Shell Fish Commission, which will be held in Mobile April 19-21. It is understood that Dr. Pratt will probably attend and read a paper on the cultivation of oysters in North Carolina.

GOVERNOR J. N. GILLETTE.



Governor J. N. Gillette, of California, who has been dragged into the now famous Ballinger-Pinchot investigation in connection with the disposition of government lands in Alaska. Representative McLachlan, of California, in explaining his connection with the Alaska coal claims, declared that the governor was interested with him in what was known as the "Green" group. The governor admits the purchase of Alaska coal lands but declares it a perfectly legitimate transaction.

COMMITTEE REPORT

State Hospital Commission Filed Its Report Yesterday

Plenty of Room at All Institutions Except at Goldsboro—Raleigh Hospital Has Room For 500 More Patients—Hins Spent a Total of \$447,528.95 Up to Date—Tells of the Work That Has Been Done.

The state hospital commission met here and inspected the buildings at the state hospital and filed a report with the governor. The committee is composed of C. A. Webb, of Asheville; J. W. McNeil, of Fayetteville, and W. A. Erwin, of Durham. The report in part is as follows:

Raleigh State Hospital. Has purchased for the Raleigh hospital 1,137 acres of land for \$53,500. Erected a fire-proof addition to the main building, which, with some alterations in the building, provides for an additional 112 male patients. One building for 100 additional female patients of the best class.

One group of three buildings to accommodate 100 male epileptics of the intermediate and best class. One group of three buildings for 100 convalescent males of the best class.

One group of three buildings for 10 female epileptics of the intermediate and better class.

New dining room for males. By making certain changes and doing away with some old rooms and wards, accommodation is provided for 20 male attendants and 80 patients.

One building for 17 female tuberculosis patients.

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One brick, two-story laundry building, costing \$7,100.

One cottage for farm superintendent and three cottages for attendants.

New cold storage warehouse, storage room and carpenter shop.

Everything is in a modern and sanitary condition.

Also makes certain suggestions relative to the light and water, and tells what improvements and contracts have been made.

The total amount of money spent by the commission at the Raleigh hospital is \$317,511.75.

Morganton Hospital. One building erected providing for an additional 102 female patients.

Three buildings to accommodate 100 male patients.

A new bakery.

Total amount of money spent at Morganton is \$65,599.53.

Goldsboro Hospital. Four buildings, in addition to those of a former report, have been erected, two for epileptics and two for tuberculosis patients, accommodating 84.

Total amount of money spent at Goldsboro is \$60,928.44.

Total Expenditures. Cost of administration by the commission, \$2,489.23.

Grand total expended by the commission up to date is \$447,528.95, leaving a balance on hand to credit of \$30,045.76.

BASEBALL MEETING.

Directors of Eastern Carolina League in Session Here This Afternoon.

The directors of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League are scheduled to meet here this afternoon, at which it will take some definite action relative to perfecting the organization for the coming season. The meeting promises to be of great interest to people all over the circuit, and Raleighites in particular.

LOSSES WERE HEAVY IN THE LAST FIGHT

The Rebels Were Defeated And The Government Says Were Completely Routed

BATTLE NOW RAGING

Government Statements Say Rebels Were Defeated and Driven in Disorder Into the Hills—Other Information Says They Only Fell Back to the Main Rebel Force and That Another Battle is Now Raging—In the First Battle Only 600 Rebels Were Engaged While the Government Forces More Than Doubled That Number.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Colon, Feb. 5—Details of the battle between the Estradans and the Nicaraguan government troops at Santa Tomas received today show that the losses were heavy on both sides and that the rapid fire guns took a terrible toll. The dead number at least 150 and the wounded probably four times as many. General Bruno Blandon, of the insurgent forces, is reported to have been killed in an attack on a rapid fire gun.

Although the government statements say that the rebels were routed and driven in disorder into the hills, other information declares that they fell back to the main rebel force, which immediately began to advance and another battle is raging. In the Santa Tomas engagement the rebels were but 600 strong, while the government troops numbered fully twice as many; in the battle now going on the forces are about equal.

At times in the engagement the battling waged fiercer than that at the first great battle of the war, at Reereo. The battle raged for five hours. The Madriz force was well entrenched in the town, which lies almost half way between Acopyapa, from which the regulars were recently driven and La Libertad, where the insurgents under General Chamorro have been encamped.

Dispatches received today say that the insurgents were ambushed and taken by surprise, having thought the government soldiers to be near Acopyapa. Machine guns hidden on the heights opened fire on them with deadly effect, but after the first wave of disorder the revolutionary leaders rallied their men, and deploying them in a wide line, advanced steadily, replying to the artillery fire with their own guns. In the artillery duel, however, the rebels guns had the worst of it. Firing from trenches and the houses of the town the government force was able to hold the enemy at bay in spite of heroic charges. Many individual deeds of courage were done, and at times fighting was hand-to-hand all down the line. Attempts were made to hoist insurgent guns on the heights, but they were hurled back.

General Vasquez himself led the government forces. When the rebels were finally forced to retreat to the main body of the insurgents well back of Santa Tomas, the government forces hurried to Tiptapa, it is reported, where large reinforcements awaited them.

Tiptapa is the most important strategic point between La Libertad and Managua. It lies on a narrow strip of land between Lake Nicaragua. It lies on a narrow strip of land between Lake Nicaragua and Lake Managua being situated on the Tiptapa river, which connects the two bodies of water. For weeks the government has been strengthening this position in expectation of a critical struggle there.

It was declared here today that the attack by the insurgent gunboat Omotepe on Greytown would inevitably result in international complications because of the recent interference of Great Britain in behalf of the town. According to latest reports the Estradans are in a less advantageous position than two days ago. General Mena is said to be hemmed in at Santo Domingo. The government troops are believed to outnumber the force of rebels on the march; General Chamorro, though having succeeded in his flank movement by the capture of Boca is reported to be out of close touch with the other forces under him, and General Estrada is said to be fighting his campaign independent of Chamorro. Rebel sympathizers here, however, doubt the bad general ship attributed to the leaders.

SECRETARY MEYER.



Secretary of the Navy Meyer, whose recent naval reorganization has brought down on him a storm of criticism. The Secretary has been several times before House Naval Committee in connection with some of his innovations, and the language used on both sides has been more art than trite. There will be another episode when the Secretary appears before the same committee in a day or so to discuss the dock situation at the Atlantic coast yards.

SCHOOL MEN MEET

County Superintendents Meet in Goldsboro

Prof. J. A. Bivins Spoke on the Teachers Duties—Number of Talks Made by Others—A Fine Body of Men and Royally Entertained.

(Special to The Times.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 5—The superintendents of public instruction of the counties composing the southeastern division are in session in this city. Goldsboro has never before had the honor of entertaining a finer looking body of distinguished visitors than are the superintendents and principals who are all voting their stay in this city a most pleasant one, and they are being royally entertained on every hand. The opening session was held in the Woman's club room Thursday night and in the absence of the president, Supt. Brinson, of Craven county, the meeting was called to order by Supt. Atkinson, of this city. Mr. Atkinson is a few well chosen words welcomed the other superintendents and high school principals. He was then elected temporary president of the meeting and Superintendent Debnam, of Green county, was elected secretary. Mr. Atkinson was followed by Mr. J. A. Bivins, state supervisor of teacher training, who spoke to the meeting as follows:

"The results obtained by other counties by those teachers who have been following the prescribed course of study for teacher training. He reported that the three books for the next year's course will be Jim Mitchell's School, Basis of Practical Teaching by Bryan, McMurday's How to Study and Teaching How to Study.

"Some superintendents are telling their teachers that their certificates will not be renewed next year, unless they attend the County Teachers' Association and take the course of study for teacher training. All teachers should be required to stand this year on Hamilton's Recitation. He spoke on the summer institutes in the counties. About seventy counties are to have institutes next summer. The work of these institutes will be, instead of a lecturing course, regular teaching, the teachers being the pupils and the conductors the teachers.

"The conductors will meet in Raleigh June 7. The county superintendents should attend constantly the meetings of the institute and get as much as possible out of them."

Friday was spent by the superintendents in observing type lessons given in our graded schools for the benefit of the superintendents with the object of letting them see the practical working of the five formal steps, preparation, presentation, comparison, generalization and application. They took notes of the lessons observed and this afternoon have had a round-table discussion thereon.

At 12 o'clock the superintendents were taken to the cooking department and served a luncheon. At this luncheon the visitors were cordially welcomed in well chosen words by Mr. J. E. Avent, the aggressive and efficient superintendent of our schools, and in response to special calls, talks in point were made by Supt. Brinson, of Craven; Prof. J. A. Bivins, of the state department; Prof. B. I. Tart, of Warsaw; Col. Jos. E. Robinson and Supt. Cannady, of Johnston. They all expressed themselves as highly delighted and benefited by their visit. They said that if all the work of our school was of the character seen today, that there could be none better.

The following superintendents of the counties of this division are in attendance: Messrs. S. M. Brinson, of

Craven, president; W. M. Thompson, Onslow, vice president; H. C. Atkinson, New Hanover, secretary; T. Atkinson, Wayne; G. H. Beal, Brunswick; F. T. Wooten, Columbus; E. J. Barnes, Wilson; T. T. Murphy, Pender; J. D. Ezzell, Harnett; Jos. Kinsey, Lenoir; J. E. Debnam, Greene; L. L. Matthews, Sampson; D. S. Kennedy, Duplin; R. F. Foscue, Jones; A. Cromartie, Bladen; J. B. Cannady, Johnston; J. R. Poole, Robeson.

In addition to those mentioned above in attendance, Mr. N. W. Walker, of the faculty of the University, and Mr. R. H. Wright, of the East Carolina Training School at Greenville, are here.

ANOTHER SUIT.

More Litigation in the Affairs of the Rockingham Power Company.

(Special to The Times.)

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 5—As a sequel to the almost ceaseless litigation which has featured the affairs of the Rockingham Power Company during the past two years, comes a suit filed in the federal court by the Knickerbocker Trust Company, of New York City, against W. E. Worth, of Wilmington. The action demands the payment of approximately \$29,414.98 alleged to be due on a purchase agreement of date of February 15th, 1906. The complaint alleges that the defendant made an agreement upon the date mentioned with Hugh MacRae & Co., Washington, D. C., Electric Bond & Share Company, and Colonial Securities Company, agreeing to take a certain amount of stocks and bonds in the company organized to develop water power on the Yadkin river. Other interesting allegations are set forth in the complaint and it is likely that the suit will be hotly contested. Davis & Davis, of this city are counsel of record for plaintiff company.

THIRTY-FIFTH STILL.

Sheriff Watson Makes Capture of Two More in Full Blast.

(Special to The Times.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 5—N. A. Watson, sheriff of Cumberland, came into the city at a late hour last night with two big copper whiskey stills of forty and sixty gallons capacity which he captured yesterday in seventy-first township, near Lamont's bridge, about twelve miles from Fayetteville. No arrests were made, as the operators of both stills fled at his approach, the sheriff sending a few volleys after them as they retreated into the woods. One plant was in full operation.

The taking of these two stills runs the number of Sheriff Watson's captures up to about thirty-five inside of three years, besides assisting United States revenue officers in capturing two or three others. And he is "still" hunting.

CHICAGO TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Feb. 5—Amid the booming of photographers' flashlights the shrill cries of women and children and the deep-voiced singing of men marching eight abreast, the giant petition of the anti-saloon league for a vote as to whether Chicago shall abolish saloons was carried in triumph through downtown streets and filed with the board of election commissioners shortly before midnight.

Such a scene never has been enacted in Chicago. Overcome by an ecstasy of delight upon discovering they had secured 74,805 signatures, nearly 14,000 more than the necessary number to force their proposition on the ballot, the workers broke from Willard Hall and surging onto parade filed the street with song. They poured from the scene of their final rally just in time to attract the theatre crowds, which, through curiosity, followed in the wake of the frenzied prohibitionists.

Workers, scoffers and the curious marched on to the Rand-McNally building where the legal machinery of elections has its abiding place and where the petition was filed.

Opponents of the league are examining the petition today and hope to discover a sufficient number of duplications and names of non-voters thereon to reduce the number below the required 61,000.

The bearers of the petition sang "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," as they marched through the street.

Stole \$100,000 From Bank.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Boston, Feb. 5—John A. Hall, former treasurer of the Southbridge Savings Bank, was re-arrested today on a charge of the larceny of \$100,000 from the bank. He had been out on \$50,000 bail on a charge of larceny of \$21,000.

MR. PINCHOT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Tells That Body What His Story Before the Committee Will be About

A SPECIAL MEETING

Committee in Executive Session for About An Hour, Going Over the Official Documents Received From the Interior Department—Attorneys for Glavis and Pinchot Will be Allowed to Inspect the Papers But Will Not Be Allowed to Make Copies of Them—Attorney Vertrees Introduced to the Committee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Feb. 5—"The story I have to tell is simply my connection with the secretary of the interior as related to conservation, and it necessarily includes references to many subjects."

This is what former Chief Forester Pinchot told the special joint investigating committee of the senate and house which is investigating the general land office and forestry service at a special meeting called this morning to consider official documents, received from the interior department late last night and this morning.

The committee was in executive session for little more than one hour going over the papers in question. When the doors were thrown open announcement was made that a resolution had been adopted to the effect:

"That the clerk of the committee retain custody of all the papers sent from the department of the interior; that he make a list and schedule thereof and allow attorneys for Glavis to inspect them in his presence, but not to take them away or make copies of them; that they designate the papers desired to be placed in evidence; that similar privileges then be accorded counsel for Mr. Pinchot, the attorneys, under their obligation as counsel, being pledged not to reveal the contents until the papers are made public in the record.

Chairman Nelson introduced to the committee Attorney J. J. Vertrees, of Nashville, Tenn., counsel for Secretary Ballinger, and announced that Carl Rasch, formerly United States district attorney for Montana, would be associated with him.

Attorney Brandeis asked that the hearing go over until one week from Monday in order to enable him to appear in a case in Springfield, Ills. It was then that Mr. Pinchot, when called upon said that he could go on with his side of the case at any time.

The date for the next hearing was left open until next Friday, when it will be decided whether Glavis shall continue or Mr. Pinchot shall take the witness stand, all depending upon Mr. Brandeis' ability to be present.

Mr. Pinchot announced that Malcolm H. Smythe, of New York, would assist George W. Pepper, of Philadelphia, as counsel for Mr. Shaw, Mr. Price and himself.

THE SHIP-SUBSIDY.

Friends of the Measure Will Try to Secure United Party Action.

Washington, Feb. 5—It was said today that the friends of the Humphrey ship-subsidy bill will try to bring the measure before a republican caucus on the ground that it is an administration policy and thus secure party action to secure its passage. Representative Humphreys says the question of submitting his bill to a caucus is under consideration. It is not improbable that such action will be taken. An endorsement by a party caucus would ensure its passage, it is said.

SPECIAL TAX ELECTION.

Prof. Barwick Spoke on This Subject At Old Ford Yesterday.

Prof. A. J. Barwick, of the superintendent of public instruction's office, has returned from Old Ford, Beaufort county, where he spoke yesterday in the interest of a special tax for school purposes. The meeting was largely attended and the prospects for the carrying of the election for special tax are bright.

A man can get good qualities by dying and having them put in his obituary.