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THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

A PITIFUL SCENE!

Hundreds of Women and Children Praying for a Deliverance from Death.

Castris, St. Lucia, B. W. I. May 23.—Cut off by sea-boiling lava, hundreds of persons, mostly poor women and children, are penned in the village of Grand Riviere, near the devastated St. Pierre, facing a terrible death. It is impossible for aid to reach the terrified prisoners, and now it seems certain that all must perish. There was an awful burst of lava from Mount Pelee Monday and Tuesday, which hemmed in the unfortunates who had returned home in the belief that the danger was over. The lava forms a perfect mass of burning fluid all the way to the sea, which means instant death to attempt to cross it.

The unfortunates can be seen from the surrounding hills praying and pleading for deliverance.

Mr. Bailey's Candidacy Nicely put.

Mocksville, N. C., May 21, 1902. Mr. Editor: Davie Co. will present the name of T. B. Bailey for judge of the 10th Judicial District. He is qualified to fill the position. He has no enemies to punish and no friends to reward. He does not ask for the office, and only when his friends had met and asked him by letter if he would accept the nomination if tendered him, did he consent for them to use his name. This is one time you have the office seeking the man and not the man seeking the office. I know Mr. Bailey and know he would much prefer being in the quiet of his law office than in the glare of the judgeship. But his friends are devoted and will press his claims to the end. There is no county in the state where the county Democracy is so united on one man. His connection with the annual Masonic picnic in the county for so many years has made him a host of friends in this and adjoining counties. Bailey has been our friend and leader in Davie for many years. He is our political idol. It matters little to him personally whether he gets the nomination or not. He exacts no pledges. He makes no promises. To each voter his friends say, if you like him, say so. If you like some one else better, say so. His friends will be content. He knows no political creed but that of Democracy, and has given the best efforts of his life to its service.

The news from the district is most encouraging to his friends. He is likely to be nominated. Let every Democrat in every precinct in the district go to their precinct and township conventions and express themselves for their choice and insist that their strength, whoever it is for, be represented in their county convention and also in the convention in Salisbury on 19th of June. This is fair to everyone. This is Democracy. Let there be nowhere the whisper of unfairness.

We be brethren. We are Democrats expressing our choice and naming our candidate. There should be no strife among us and there shall be none by Bailey's friends. He would scorn the nomination if he is not the choice of the entire district. The convention will make no mistake if it nominates him. He is equal in ability to any one who can be named. He will add new strength to the ticket. Davie will elect a Democratic member to the legislature this year and with Bailey for judge, we will be happy.

Very truly,
C. C. SANFORD.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.

No Strike Order. Proposition to enter the Federation of Labor.

From breakfast hour until after dark today there was nothing but business for the delegates to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and G. I. A. conventions. Both bodies were in session almost continuously, with a short recess for lunch.

Whatever the business transacted today, there was nothing for the press, according to the statement of Assistant Grand Chief Youngson, but Chief Arthur stated that no matter pertaining to a strike order had come up and to the best of his knowledge none would come before the meeting.

The proposition submitted by President O'Connell, of the International Machinists' Union, was still the chief subject of conversation among the delegates.

It is generally considered that should the brotherhood enter the American Federation of Labor, organized labor would hold the control of the country in the palms of its hands, but the engineers are very much opposed to abolishing their great principle of independence, in which their strength lies.

It is expected that there will be a hard fight on hand when this question comes up for debate and disposal.—Norfolk, Va., dispatch.

Lives lost in Mine Disaster.

Victoria, B. C., May 23.—A terrible disaster has occurred in No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels of the Coal Creek mines of the Crow's Nest Coal Company. From which the most of the company's coal is taken. An explosion of gas occurred soon after the shift went on last night, and as a result but 24 of the 133 miners who were at work escaped.

The others lie dead in the fire damp closed mine, while widows and relatives weep at the tunnel mouth and working parties try in vain to get in past the curtain of after-damp to drag out the bodies of the victims. Five bodies have been recovered.

Fernie, B. C., May 23.—A terrible explosion occurred at 7 o'clock last evening in No. 2 mine, which is connected with No. 3 and also with the high line shaft.

All three openings were blocked. One hundred and fifty men were in the mine at work at the time of the explosion. Of this number sixteen escaped from No. 3 shaft. The remainder are all prisoners and small hopes are entertained for their safety. Good order prevails and everything possible is being done to relieve the situation. The fan was disabled, but was quickly restored. No. 3 is expected to be opened soon. One of those who escaped, a boy, has since died.

Magnetic Disturbances.

Washington, May 24.—Superintendent Tillman, of the coast and Geodetic Survey, furnishes the Associated Press a memorandum of the disturbance of magnetic needles by the second eruption of Mt. Pelee, which says that on the morning of May 20th there occurred a slight disturbance of the magnetic needles at the coast and geodetic survey magnetic observatory at Chebeham, Maryland, and about the middle of May 20th a similar but somewhat larger disturbance occurred. The first of these coincided with the second eruption of Mount Pelee.

Respecting the second magnetic disturbance it is of interest to note that almost continuous earthquake shocks were felt at St. Augustine, Fla., from 9 to midnight May 20th.

PAUNCEFOTE DEAD.

British Ambassador Passes Away. His Death Comes Suddenly.

Washington, May 24.—Lord Pauncefote, British ambassador to the United States, died at the embassy this morning at 5:35 o'clock. The improvement which had been noticed in his condition during the past week received a sudden check about 6 o'clock last evening, when it was noticed that he was experiencing difficulty in breathing. Dr. Jung, his physician, was immediately sent for and he decided upon a consultation with a local physician, in the meantime telegraphing for Dr. Osler of Baltimore. In his stead came Dr. Thayer, of John Hopkins Hospital, who arrived about 2 o'clock this morning. The patient's pulse was good, and when Dr. Thayer left the embassy this morning at 8 o'clock for Baltimore the ambassador was resting so comfortably that a cable message was sent to his son-in-law, Mr. Bromley, in London, that there was no immediate danger. Soon after 8 o'clock a distinct weakness of the heart developed and his pulse began to collapse. He died so peacefully that it surprised even his physician, who feared that the asthmatic affection would prove troublesome when the end came.

At the bedside when the distinguished diplomat passed away were Lady Pauncefote, the Honorable Misses Maude, Sibyl and Audrey Pauncefote, Dr. Jung and Mr. Radford, one of the clerks attached to the embassy.

No arrangements for the funeral. As soon as it became generally known that Lord Pauncefote was dead flags were half masted over the different embassies and legations. At the Arlington Hotel, where the visiting Frenchmen are stopping, who came to witness the Rochambeau statue unveiling, the French flag was placed at half mast.

A Devise to a Rooster.

London, May 24.—A wealthy woman named Silva recently died at Lisbon and left her entire property to a "rooster." She was a fervid spiritualist, a believer in the transmigration of souls, and imagined that the soul of her dead husband had entered the "rooster." She caused a special fowl house to be built and ordered her servants to pay extra attention to their "master's" wants. The disgust of her relatives over the will caused the story to become public, and a law suit might have followed had not one of the heirs adopted the simple expedient of having the wealthy "rooster" killed, thus becoming himself the next of kin.

Hot Rock Falls.

St. Louis, May 22.—A meteoric stone weighing about five pounds fell at Thirteenth and Mullanphy Sts. last night. It was imbedded in the earth several feet where it struck. The ground was damp from recent showers and set forth a strong flow of steam. When the aerolite, meteor, or whatever it may be, was dug up it was so hot it could not be handled and was rolled into a pool of water where it remained for two hours before it could be touched. It seems to be composed of iron, and is strongly impregnated with sulphur. Many scientists claim that it is a volcanic stone hurled out of Mount Pelee, being thrown above the atmosphere surrounding the earth and finally, coming back within the confines of the laws of gravitation, fell in St. Louis.

VIRGINIA COAL MINERS.

A General Strike Ordered to Begin June 7th for an Increase in Wages.

Huntington, W. Va., May 24.—The United Miners, who have been in session here for the past two days, adjourned to-night after ordering a general strike of all the miners in West Virginia and Virginia to begin June 7th, and last until the demands of 10 to 22 per cent. increase in wages are granted. The resolutions sent to the mine operators are as follows: "We are mining coal in many places in these States at a lower rate than any other place in the world. We have decided to cease work on and after Saturday, June 7th, until the scale of wages adopted at Huntington, W. Va., March 18th, 1902, a copy of which is herewith furnished you, has been complied with or you have met us in joint conference and another scale has been mutually agreed upon. In notification of our decision to cease work, we desire to impress upon you the fact that we fully realize the responsibility of such a step. We understand the hunger and other hardships that we and our families would have to endure. We know that it means loss of profit to you and that many thousands not directly connected with our trade will suffer if the mines are closed. We have sought to avoid this by conciliatory measures, and we say to you now that we are ready to meet you in joint conference for the purpose of considering and if possible adjusting these grievances mutually agreed upon before or after the suspension has taken place, and desire you to accept this as a standing invitation to that effect."

From authentic sources it is learned that the mine workers, in case a strike is called, expect to have enlisted 90,000 miners and laborers at the beginning in Virginia and West Virginia which is over three-fourths of the working population of the coal sections, and they will also enlist in their case the many trades unions and the American Federation of Labor which are thoroughly organized especially in West Virginia, which will aid them through sympathy. This with those who have to work on account of the closing of the mines will reach a total of 125,000 idle men in the two States.

Bank Cases Removed.

Asheville, N. C., May 24.—The bank cases against Brees, Penland and Dickerson for alleged embezzlement of several hundred thousand dollars of several years standing, will be removed to Charlotte for trial. A special term of the United States Court was convened here this morning by Judge Boyd of Greensboro, for the purpose of disposing of the Brees and Penland cases. The government insisted on a change of venue, which was vigorously fought by counsel on the other side, who claimed that removal of the cases would in all probability land their clients in the penitentiary. Judge Boyd thought that the cases, in the interest of both sides, ought to be removed and set them for Charlotte term, the second Monday in June.

Judge Boyd ordered a special term of United States Court to be held here Monday, July 28, at which time the Pulliam bank embezzling case will be heard.

WANTED.—A correspondent and agent at every postoffice in the county. We would be glad if our friends at the postoffices would assist us in the matter. Liberal commission paid to agents.

THE M. E. CHURCH.

Two Bishops Elected. Compromise on the War Claim Matter Adopted.

Dallas, Texas, May 22.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South today elected Dr. E. E. Hoss, of Tennessee, and Dr. A. Coke Smith, of Virginia, bishop. Dr. Hoss is editor of the official paper of the Methodists, published at Nashville. Only one session of the conference was held, bishop Hendrix presiding.

After the opening prayer the conference reconsidered the vote of yesterday that in electing two new bishops only one be voted for at a time, and decided that two be voted for on each ballot.

The conference refused to adopt a resolution to adjourn finally on Monday next at noon.

The special committee on revision of the war claim compromise paper adopted yesterday made its report and the paper as revised was adopted without discussion. Nine members of the publishing committee of nineteen, who signed the original minority report on the war claim, presented a paper asking that they be permitted to state, in the conference record, that they exonerate Dr. Collins Denny from any intimations in their report that his course had in any way been improper in connection with procuring the war claim appropriation from Congress.

The report of the Committee on Unification was read. It expressed sentiments of good will between the churches, provided for a joint hymnal and recommended a plan for the unification of Methodists in Japan.

Between the ballots for bishops the session was devoted to consideration of the Finance Committee's report, proposing to raise \$5,000,000 as an investment or endowment fund, the proceeds of which are to go to the support of superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans.

This feature of the report was adopted without material change.

Storm in Nebaska.

Fremont, Neb., May 24.—A series of funnel-shaped clouds swept around this town this afternoon and moved toward Hooper, ten miles west, giving the people a bad fright. The storm which followed their appearance was terrific and blew down several barns and some other buildings, but so far as learned no lives were lost nor was any person injured. Communication with outside towns was cut off for some time by lightning interfering with the wires, and led to alarming reports being sent out from the railroad offices. With the restoration of telegraphic communication, however, it was learned that they were untrue.

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Meat Shops are Mobbed.

New York, May 24.—Three East side meat shops, owned by the United Beef Company, while doing business tonight were attacked by three separate mobs. The windows were broken with stones and the managers threatened. When the police appeared they were stoned and it was only after a vigorous use of clubs that the mobs were dispersed.

NEW DEPARTURE.

Methodist Conference Provides for Granting Order of Deaconesses.

Dallas, Texas, May 24.—Another important step in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, was taken at today's session of the general conference when the order of deaconesses was created. After one of the most interesting debates since the conference began, the legislation necessary to establish the order was passed by the decisive vote of 180 to 38. This is said by church authorities to be the most advanced and radical step ever taken in the church policy and discipline.

The newly elected bishops, Dr. E. E. Hoss and Dr. A. Coke Smith were ordained with impressive ceremonies at the first M. E. church, south, this afternoon.

Dr. Tigert, Secretary of the conference held today that in his opinion the conference would finish its labors and adjourn not later than Monday night.

Errors in Modern Style of Education.

More and more there is a tendency to over-crowd courses of study. This tendency is not confined to schools of a particular class, but is, perhaps, more marked in that high grade. Our schools are evidently trying to cover too much ground within a specified time. Our children are being hurried forward too rapidly. This policy certainly tends toward superficiality. We are paying too much for a superficial education. We are hurriedly passing through the essential or fundamental branches. Our children are hurrying too fast from one grade to another, without mastering the successive steps by which they expect to rise. There is danger of our becoming a nation of poor spellers, readers and writers. Arithmetic, geography and grammar are thrown aside too early after insufficient study, and pupils are hurried through essential subjects to give more time for experiments and fads. We are not teaching our pupils thoroughness. They rush through their terms and often graduate too young, more often carelessly educated, if we can really say they are educated at all.—Charles N. Skinner, Superintendent of Public Instruction of New York in Ladies Home Journal.

The War at an end.

London, May 24.—The developments in the South African peace situation today bear out all the details cabled the Associated Press. A member of the government said today: "You are perfectly correct in insisting that everything is practically settled, and that the war is at an end. It may be, however, that several weeks will elapse before a definite announcement can be made. We want to give the Boer leaders every chance in their conferences with their leaders, and that takes time."

Holds Up A Congressman.

"At the end of the campaign," writes Champ Clark, Missouri's brilliant congressman, "from overwork, nervous tension, loss of sleep and constant speaking I had about utterly collapsed. It seemed that all the organs in my body were out of order, but three bottles of Electric Bitters made me all right. It's the best all-around medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter." Overworked, run-down men and weak, sickly women gain splendid health and vitality from Electric Bitters. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.