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ELEVEN BODIES ARE TAKEN FROM MINE

RESCUE PARTY ENTERS NO. SIX MINE.

Where a Hundred and Ninety-Six Men Are Entombed, as Result of Explosion, Believed to Have Been Caused by Dust.—No Hope For Safety of Entombed Men.—Rescue Work in Charge of Chief Mine Inspector Henry.

Charleston, W. Va., April 29.—A rescue party, headed by the officials of the State Mining Department, were unable early today to enter No. 6 mine of the New River Collieries Company at Eccles, where 196 men are entombed as a result of an explosion. Eleven bodies have been taken from No. 6 mine.

General Manager Bayless said he believed the explosion was caused by dust, and that he had no hope for the safety of any of the entombed men. The rescue work is in charge of Chief Mine Inspector Henry.

CONCORD PRESBYTERIAL IN SESSION AT LENOIR.

Interesting Programme Has Been Arranged For The Two Days' Meeting.—Many in Attendance.

Lenoir, April 28.—The Concord Presbyterian, with a good attendance met in the Presbyterian Church here this afternoon at 4 o'clock for a two-day session. The following program has been arranged:

April 28, 4 p. m.—Devotional, led by Mrs. C. T. Squires; greetings by the president; address of welcome, Mrs. E. F. Reed; response, Mrs. J. H. Reid; enrollment of delegates; address, Mrs. W. Orr, social half hour; 8 o'clock, address, Rev. J. Mercey Blain, of China.

Wednesday morning, 9:15 o'clock—Devotional; reports from officers and societies; business address, 11 o'clock, on "Organized Work for Young People" by Miss Margaret Rankin; address by secretary of literature, Wednesday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, open conference, led by Mrs. E. D. Brown; addresses from Mrs. Winnsborough's address at Salisbury and Statesville; week of prayer; mission study; how to deepen prayer life of the societies; our duty to the negro. Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, address, Rev. Robert King, on "Synodical Home Missions."

Thursday morning, 9:15—Devotional; roll call; minutes; open conference on Y. P. work, led by Miss Margaret Turner; "Y. P. Societies in Our Country Churches," Miss Bessie Lapsley; report of committees; election of officers; adjournment.

Civic League Meeting.

Saturday, May 2, is the day appointed for the regular monthly meeting of the Civic Improvement League. The president wishes to meet the executive committee in Central graded school building at 3 p. m. It is desired that all the committees and all other members of the League will be there for the conference at 4 p. m. and also receive their registration cards, and pay dues. All who are willing to pay their yearly dues, 50 cents, are requested to do so at this meeting, as the funds in the league are low and the work pressing. The membership has reached 216, 16 of whom are men. It is hoped that the number of men, at least will soon be greatly increased. PUB. COM.

SMALLPOX SPREADING.

Epidemic at Kannapolis is Unchecked And Two Cases Have Been Reported In Concord.

The smallpox epidemic at Kannapolis is spreading. For several weeks there have been a number of cases reported from the neighboring town and yesterday County Health Officer King discovered two cases on Peach-tree street in this city.

The cases here and at Kannapolis have been quarantined and efforts are being made to keep the disease from spreading.

The county health board is in session this afternoon considering the epidemic. The board will probably take some action that will be a little more drastic than the efforts that have been made since the disease was first reported.

County Health Officer King and other physicians advise immediate vaccination. The entire medical fraternity here is of the opinion that this is the only remedy to stop the ravages of the disease.

Since the cases were first reported a large number of people have been vaccinated and now, that the disease has reached Concord, it is expected by the physicians that many others will be vaccinated and thereby prevent a compulsory vaccination order by the board of health.

Mrs. Delma Shaver, of Albemarle, Takes Bichloride Tablets.

Albemarle, April 28.—Mrs. Delma Shaver of this place is lying at the point of death as a result of having taken about 15 grains of bichloride of mercury this afternoon. Mrs. Shaver had been in Montgomery county for several days and it is reported that she and her husband had trouble yesterday. She returned here today in an automobile, going to the home of her mother, Mrs. W. B. Hinson. A young lady who rode in the car with her from Mount Gilead said Mrs. Shaver took two tablets and would have taken a third one had not she prevented.

Upon her arrival a physician was summoned and he is doing his best to save her life, but he says that her chances are doubtful. Mrs. Shaver refused to tell why she took the poison. Her husband is a traveling salesman, making Albemarle headquarters. She is a pretty woman, having been married a year or two ago, and is about 22 years of age.

Principal Cities in State Show Big Gain.

Washington, April 29.—According to advance census figures issued by the census bureau today the population of Greensboro has increased from 15,895 in 1910 to 18,391, or an actual gain of 2,596 in the last three years. The figures for Raleigh, according to the 1910 bulletin today gives that States capital only 19,833, a gain of only 615 people since the last census.

Substantial gains in other cities are as follows: Winston-Salem, 29,034; Wilmington, 27,781; Charlotte, 37,951; Asheville, 29,157; Durham, 22,863; Rocky Mount, 16,855; High Point, 11,810; New Bern, 16,281; Elizabeth City, 9,282; Concord, 9,056. The above figures do not include any suburb or any part of any city that is not within the corporate limits proper.

Set Back Party.

Mrs. Richmond Reed was hostess to the former members of the Variety Club last evening at her home on North Union street in honor of Mrs. R. S. Fitzgerald, of Richmond Va. Mrs. Fitzgerald was a member of this club when she lived in Concord. There were a number of guests present and set back was played. Miss Shirley Montgomery won the prize for the highest score and guest of honor prize was presented to Mrs. Fitzgerald. Following the game refreshments were served.

DUKE WAREHOUSE PLAN FAVORED BY COTTON MEN

Cotton Manufacturers' Association Took Formal Action Yesterday—Cotton Exchange Criticized.

New York, April 28.—Unless the New York cotton exchange can be so regulated by action of Congress as to compel the performance of its proper functions, it should be abolished, is the judgment of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. In the closing hours of the association's annual convention here today speakers attacked the methods of the local exchange. The abolishment of the mart unless regulated by federal legislation was urged in a resolution adopted unanimously at the suggestion of Lewis W. Parker, chairman of the committee on cotton exchanges.

Mr. Parker's report was read after Arthur R. Marsh, president of the New York cotton exchange had made an address on the new rules of the exchange.

Exonerating Mr. Marsh and other members of the New York cotton exchange of any personal intention to do injury, Mr. Parker denounced exchange methods.

The Duke warehouse plan, which provides for the amalgamation of a large chain of cotton warehouses in the south, was approved.

T. I. Hickman, of Augusta, Ga., was elected president and John A. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C., chairman of the board of governors, which will pass on the suggestion that the next convention be held in Augusta.

FEDERAL INVASION IN COAL STRIKE DISTRICT Began Early Today.—Troops Arriving at Canon City.

Denver, Colo., April 29.—Federal invasion of the coal strike district southern Colorado began early today. Troops from Fort D. A. Russell have arrived at Canon City, where they will make their headquarters in the pacification of that section. Troops from Fort Leavenworth are en route to Trinidad, meanwhile, except in Walsenburg, comparative quiet reigns.

American Now Owns Marshal Ney's Sword.

San Antonio, Texas, April 27.—As a result of a garnishment sale held by Sheriff John W. Tobin on the steps of the courthouse, Justice of the Peace Ben S. Fisk is now in possession of the sword of Marshall Ney, the famous French general, Napoleon's right hand man and the general, who, by his bravery and courage, contributed greatly to the success of the World.

The sword, until lately, belonged to Alex W. Maas, and was the treasured heirloom of the Maas family. It was bought by George Potehernick and later sold to Mr. Fisk.

Though the French Eagles were forced back from the land of the Czar by the burning of the Russia capital and the inhospitable snows, Bonaparte continued to sway the rest of Continental Europe, and one year after the horrors of the retreat from the empire of the Russ, Ney was sent by his imperial master to preside over the capital of Prussia. With him went his wife and daughter.

Twenty-six years ago the sword was exhibited in the hall of the United States Senate and every member of that body held it in his hands during the exhibition. About that time, too, Albert Maas was offered \$25,000 for the relic. The offer came from Paris through a Mr. Coffey, of the Leonard Company, of New York. Mr. Maas refused to accept this sum.

Mexican Promises Can't Be Depended Upon.

Talking about the Mexican people to the Charlotte Observer, Rev. J. G. Dale, for years a missionary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church at Rio Verde, Mexico, expresses the opinion that the Mexican people would be disposed to unite to repel a foreign invasion. He attaches little importance to the talk of Villa that he would fight the United States. Villa may mean that now, says Mr. Dale, but these promises can't be depended upon. Further Mr. Dale says:

"The common people are ignorant and know nothing except that which happens around them. Their only idea of the whole situation is that Wall street wants the mines and oil wells of Mexico and has sent the United States troops to take them. Very naturally, then, the people conceive it their duty to unite with Huerta and all other factions of the country to repel the common enemy. They stated to me before I left that this is what they would do in case of the landing of American troops, and American troops have landed at Vera Cruz."

Chautauqua at Salisbury.

Salisbury is to have the Redpath Chautauqua for seven days beginning the 3rd of May. The programme includes a number of the most noted Chautauqua cards, including the Ben Greet players. The Chautauqua will be under its own large tent on the Presbyterian Church lot on Fisher street.

Chicago Joe' to Hang for Murder.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 29.—"Chicago Joe" Buonomi, who murdered Jennie Cavaglieri in the woods near Stratford, October 22, 1912, will forfeit his life on the gallows in the State prison at Wethersfield tomorrow. Buonomi was twice tried and convicted of the murder. The evidence showed that the Cavaglieri woman had been a character of the underworld in Chicago and that Buonomi had lived off her earnings. When the woman had deserted him he lured her to a lonely spot near Stratford and shot and killed her.

REFUGEES ARE LEAVING MEXICO

LESS THAN THREE HUNDRED AMERICANS THERE.

Smallest Number In Half Century.—Most of Those Remaining Are Expected to "Take Chance" and Stay in Mexico City.—Train Jammed Full of Refugees Left Capital Last Night.—Swamped By Influx From War Zone.—Secretary McCaDoo Asks For Hundred Thousand Dollars For Use of Public Health Service to Prevent Epidemics.

Washington, April 29.—Less than three hundred Americans still remain in Mexico City, this being the smallest number in half a century, according to official dispatches. Most of those remaining are expected to "take a chance" and stick in the capital.

A jammed refugee train, with more than 500 Americans and several Englishmen and Germans, left the capital last night, enroute to Puerto, Mexico, where they will board transports.

Swamped by the influx of refugees from war zones, desperate efforts are being made to care for them by the treasury, public health, labor, State, war and navy departments.

Secretary McCaDoo has asked Congress to appropriate \$100,000 for use by the public health service to prevent epidemics.

GRAND OPERA IN ATLANTA.

List of Singers Who Will Be Heard This Week.

Atlanta, April 28.—The first bloom and glamor of grand opera in Dixie have with stood the wear and familiarity of five years. Not in that first wonderful season when it was all new to everybody; not in any of the succeeding seasons when the gate receipts and crowds kept getting steadily bigger; never before in opera history have all the circumstances conspired to make the opening of grand opera more brilliant.

Though variable weather had been the rule in Atlanta up to yesterday morning the Monday sky dawned decidedly clear and the day that followed was full of that glorious golden springtime haze that made Scotti and Caruso declare that nothing in far away Italy could equal the Georgia climate.

Two Ladies Worked the Roads.

Statesville Landmark.

Mr. E. R. Wilkinson, carrier on rural route 3 from Statesville, is about to be made advocate of woman suffrage by an incident which occurred on his route a few days ago.

There was a very bad mud-hole in the road near St. Martin's Church. One day Misses Myrtle and Resh Lawson, daughters of Mrs. M. L. Lawson, undertook to drive through it and got stuck. The next day the Misses Lawson went out and filled it with pine brush and dirt, shoveling into it probably a wagon load of dirt. Enough of this would not only make Mr. Wilkinson favor giving the vote to the women but taking it away from the men.

Slander Suit Ended.

Charlotte Observer.

Late last night, the jury in the slander suit of W. C. Neal vs. L. W. A. Shaw for \$15,000 returned a verdict find each of the issues favorable to the plaintiff, but fixing the damages at \$500. The issues were upon the questions whether the defendant made the statements charging the plaintiff with the theft of the will and other valuables of the deceased, and were they justifiable in view of the peculiar circumstances. The jury found that L. A. W. Shaw did make the slanderous accusation without justification and maliciously.

Even the baseball fans read the front page first nowadays.

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SMITH TO PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Stanly Postmaster is Sent Up For One Year And One Day.

Salisbury Post.

S. J. (Stonewall Jackson) Smith, former postmaster at Porter, Stanly county, was sentenced by Judge Boyd of the Federal Court this morning to the federal prison at Atlanta for a term of a year and a day.

Through his attorney, R. L. Smith, of Albemarle, the defendant entered a plea of guilty and argument was made for leniency, which was considered by the court and the least sentence possible given the man.

The case came up some time last year. Porter is a small station between Albemarle and Norwood. Smith was the postmaster. A cripple living at Porter was in the habit of getting letters with money in them. These were in response that he made for aid. Missing his money and the department coming in to investigate led to the arrest of the man. When he appeared in court his submission made a jury unnecessary.

In sentencing the defendant Judge Boyd spoke with a good deal of feeling. He said that he would like to be merciful with all such, that his nature was to deal in all kindness, but that his obligation to the government and to society made it impossible to pass them by.

"POWHATAN" AT DAVIDSON.

Concord Play Given Enthusiastic Reception at College Town.

"Powhatan," the Indian opera was presented at Davidson last evening by a company composed of Concordians. The play was witnessed by a large audience and the receipts amounted to \$97. The Davidsonians gave the Concord opera stars an enthusiastic welcome and the play was highly pleasing as evidenced by the applause and frequent encores. The cast was the same as the one rendering the play here, with the exception of Mr. John A. Kellersberger, of Greensboro who played the part of Powhatan.

Thrilling Escape From Massacre By Bulgarians.

Rocky Mount, April 28.—Arriving in this city from Vavala, Turkey, Mr. James J. Arrington is spending several weeks at the home of his mother, Mrs. John P. Arrington, on Church street. Mr. Arrington has for the past several years been with the American Tobacco Company in Turkey, and during the stirring war times last year there were grave apprehensions as to his safety and for weeks relatives in the States heard nothing from him.

Especially thrilling was the escape from Ceras, Turkey, where the Bulgarian troops massacred thousands, and only two persons escaped, one of whom was Mr. Arrington.

Mr. Arrington made his escape on horseback to Salonica, carrying with him the Star Spangled Banner, from the demolished American Tobacco Company factory. This flag Mr. Arrington has brought with him to his home here.

A Durham money lender was convicted last week of usury. He was charging two dollars per month for a \$15 loan. He was fined \$50 and got off light at that.

NORTHERN VISITORS TO NATIONAL CEMETERY

Arrived by Two Special Trains, Their Principal Mission Being to Dedicate Monument at Andersonville.

Salisbury, April 28.—Two hundred or more New York State folks spent several hours in Salisbury today. They are traveling in two special trains and their itinerary includes six federal cemeteries where New York Union soldiers are buried. Their principal mission is to dedicate a monument at Andersonville, Ga., but memorial services are held at other cemeteries along the route. The party is composed of members of the Andersonville Monument Dedication Commission, including State Senators, Assemblymen and comrades, with friends and relatives and a number of prominent men in the party. Senator A. J. Palmer was in charge of the ceremonies at the local cemetery. Mayor W. H. Woodson's address of welcome brought the visitors to their feet and was declared by many of the party as the best speech they had ever heard. Col. A. H. Boyden also welcomed the visitors with handsome phrases. Senator Palmer responded and other members of the party who spoke included Hon. Robert Drummond, who was a prisoner at Andersonville, and Hon. John Karrison, Miss Mabel McKenzie, whose father was a prisoner here, sang "Rally Round the Flag," the audience swelling the chorus.

A thousand and twenty New York troops died in the Salisbury prison and were buried in the trenches near where the services today were held. Sixty-four of today's visitors had been prisoners in Salisbury. Ten thousand New York soldiers are buried in the cemeteries to be visited on the trip now being made.

MARKING TIME AT WASHINGTON

This Government at Stand Still Regarding Mediation.—Nothing Received From General Villa or Carranza.

Washington, April 29.—Marking time was the diplomatic status of the Mexican mediation program today. Secretary Bryan stated that this Government was at a stand still regarding the mediation pending some affirmative action by Argentina, Brazil and Chile mediators. That representatives of Brazil, Argentina and Chile should act alone without injecting any European powers into the situation so far as known was stated by Secretary Bryan, who also said no further word had been received from Generals Villa or Carranza.

Confirmation is lacking, Secretary Bryan stated, of the reports of Americans being executed at Cordoba and Aguas Calientes.

It is said that the store of W. J. Alexander at Connelly Springs has been robbed four times in a few months and that not long ago the store was robbed of \$300. Alexander surprised the thieves in his store last Wednesday night and was assaulted and seriously injured. The thieves got away.

Fletcherizing has been introduced in Vera Cruz.

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"Gum chewing is not such a bad practice, after all." "Perhaps not; but did you ever see anybody who could look intelligent and chew gum at the same time?"

"The bride wore a thoughtful look during the ceremony." "Yes; I fear she was making a few mental reservations."