

More Than Hundred Miners Are Entombed

Shortly After Men Entered Mine Near Wheeling, West Virginia, Terrific Explosion Occurred in Mine.

SMOKE KEEPS ALL PEOPLE FROM MINE

Clearing Entries to Mine So Rescue Workers Can Go In as Soon as They Can Pass the Smoke.

(By the Associated Press.) Wheeling, W. Va., April 28.—More than 100 miners were entombed by an explosion in the Benwood Mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation at Benwood, near here a few minutes after they went to work this morning.

All Entries Blocked. Wheeling, W. Va., April 28.—A few minutes after 200 miners went to work in the Benwood Mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation near here this morning, a terrific explosion occurred in the workings.

Clouds of smoke drifted from the main entry, and volunteer rescue crowds were driven back. An hour after the explosion occurred not a single rescue worker had been able to enter the mine.

Among those trapped underground was George Holliday, the fire boss, who went in this morning to see that all openings were properly secured.

Two men were found at the foot of the air shaft, but died before they could be brought to the surface. Two bodies badly charred were found in a mine room 2,500 feet from the entry, bringing the number of known dead to four.

The rescue crew of the U. S. Bureau of Mines made a hasty inspection of the workings as soon as they reached Benwood from Pittsburgh.

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Cotton futures opened weak; May 29.40 to 29.60; July 27.90 to 28.00; October 24.00 to 24.15; December 23.60; January 23.20.

McADOO WILL GET THE NORTH CAROLINA VOTE

State's 24 Votes Will Go to California Man as No Other Candidates Filed Papers in the State.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 28.—Wm. Gibbs McAdoo will receive North Carolina's 24 votes at the Democratic National Convention for the nomination for President.

Steal Jewelry Valued at \$150,000. New York, April 28.—Three bandits early today bound and gagged Charles Kresney in his office and jewelry manufacturing plant in Nassau Street.

WHAT SMITTH'S WEATHER CAT SAYS



Shows this afternoon and probably tonight, cooler tonight in west portion; Tuesday generally fair.

THOUSANDS GATHER TO PAY RESPECTS TO DEAD CHIEFTAIN

City and Nation Mourned Today Death of Charles F. Murphy, for Years Leader of Tammany Hall Group

MOURNERS BLOCKED TRAFFIC ON STREET

People in All Stations in Life Called at Humble Home and Streets Leading to Home Were Jammed.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 28.—The city and nation today mourned Charles F. Murphy, and honored him in death as few have been honored in the Metropolis in living memory.

From the teeming East Side, from the homes of the wealth from every social station, from the manifold walks of life of the greatest city in the world; they came to the bier of the Tammany Chieftain in his modest East Seventeenth Street home.

Mr. Murphy had been a man of the people and had remained an East Side man even to the pinnacle of his power, and it was his people of the East Side who by the thousands expressed their grief today.

Hundreds of poorly dressed shop girls, clerks and laborers, with lunches in their hands, walked into the darkened room, knelt and in silent prayer, and resumed their way to their destinations.

At 9:30 o'clock the doors of the Murphy home were closed to all but relatives and intimate friends, and an hour later the casket was borne down the stone steps on the shoulders of the pall bearers.

Fifth Avenue ordinarily hectic, gay and colorful, was hushed. Scores of thousands stood with bare heads as the procession passed.

That He Has Burned Two Bars in the County—Mental Conditions to Be Examined.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, April 28.—C. L. Walton, 42 years old, Rowan county farmer, has confessed to firing two bars, according to Sheriff Krider, and is being held in jail here pending an examination of his mental condition.

Railroads Reduce Fares to Meet Competition of Jitneys. Norfolk, Va., April 27.—To meet jitney competition three of the five railroads operating between Norfolk and Suffolk today announced a decided reduction in passenger fares between these two cities.

Want Information About Campaign Funds. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 28.—A resolution calling upon Chairman Adams of the republican national committee, to state whether meat-packers contributed to the republican campaign fund in 1920 or since, was introduced today by Senator Johnson, farmer-labor, of Minnesota.

NEW SERIES NOW OPEN CITIZENS BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

Office in Citizens Bank Building

BAPTISTS TO END CAMPAIGN BY MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY

To Raise \$200,000 to Finish up the \$75,000 Campaign

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—Every Baptist in North Carolina is put on his mettle for the next few days to finish the task of raising \$200,000 by 12 o'clock Wednesday night with which to meet their obligations to all the objects expressed by the campaign, according to Reverend Charles E. Madry, corresponding secretary of the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention.

From every Baptist pulpit in the state it is expected that the pastors will be sounding forth the achievements of the campaign and the many challenging opportunities that are still awaiting declared Reverend Madry. It is expected that through an organized effort every member of these churches will be given an opportunity to make his pledge in full up to date, or to make a free will offering, if no pledge has been made.

The secretary stated that he has received many encouraging messages from over the state which lead him to believe that a good result will be shown at midnight next Wednesday. He stated further that more interest in the campaign is being manifested now than it has been since immediately after the campaign was started five years ago, and the belief that the undertaking would be a success is held.

Waite Durham, treasurer of the campaign fund, to whom the money should be sent in Raleigh, reports more than \$25,000 advance over this time last year but adds that many thousands of dollars must yet be collected to reach the goal.

GREENSBORO MILLS ON CURTAILMENT PROGRAM

Big Plants Have Gone on Four-Day Week Schedules for Presently Announced.

Greensboro, April 28.—Despite hopes that a curtailment program would not have to be instituted by the Proximity cotton mill, Proximity Print Works and White Oak cotton mill here, the mills started yesterday on a four day per week schedule.

Bernard Cone, president of the Proximity Manufacturing company, stated that the price of cotton is going up but the price of manufactured goods going lower. He thinks that heavy purchases by English and other European mills, using cheap labor, has run up the price of cotton and foreigners are able to sell cheaper than American mill men.

Business conditions generally are good, he said, but cotton goods makers do not know what is in front of them and there is great deal of uncertainty among them.

The group of mills curtailing, know as the Cone group, have been running full time since 1914 until the present curtailment.

RALEIGH IRWIN IS HELD FOR DEATH OF AGED MAN

Charged With Killing Shade H. Nevins as He Was Crossing Road Four Miles From Charlotte.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, April 28.—Raleigh Irwin, of Gastonia, today was held responsible by a coroner's jury here for the death of Shade H. Nevins, aged 63, who was fatally injured when he was struck by an automobile four miles from Charlotte yesterday afternoon.

Another young man and two young women were in the car with Irwin, who was driving. The car was stopped after the accident and the four came to Charlotte where Irwin surrendered. Persons in the car claim their speed was not excessive and another car was passing them at the time.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN SYRIA

Fighting Has Been Done by the French Troops and Irregular Turkish Bands.

(By the Associated Press.) London, April 28.—Sanguinary fighting between the French troops and irregular Turkish bands is reported to have taken place in northern Syria by the Jerusalem correspondent of the Daily Express. Three hundred men were killed or wounded during the fighting, he says, and the Turks captured a great quantity of arms.

To Examine Coonery. (By the Associated Press.) New York, April 28.—Examination of the mental condition of Celia Cooney, bobbed-haired bandit, and her husband, Edward, is to be made by two commissioners appointed by County Judge Martin, in Brooklyn today.

Tommy Burns, the one-time heavyweight champion, is a candidate for a seat in the municipal council of Newcastle, England, where he has made his home for some years.

PRESIDENT QUOTED AS SAYING FORD'S OFFER PLEASED HIM

Senate Muscle Shoals Committee Reads Telegram Sent by Man Who Talked With President.

SAYS PRESIDENT WAS DOING BEST

To Get the Big Plant for the Detroit Manufacturer—Secretary Weeks Mentioned in Telegram.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 28.—President Coolidge was quoted in a telegram produced today at the Senate Muscle Shoals hearing, as having stated he was trying "to deliver" Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford.

The telegram was from James Martin Miller to the Dearborn Independent, Mr. Ford's newspaper, on October 12, 1923. In offering the telegram, Chairman Norris said that the white house records showed that Miller had an interview with the President on that day.

The telegram read: "Washington, October 12, 1923. 'To William J. Cameron, or Ernest G. Liebold, 'Care the Dearborn Independent, 'Dearborn, Mich., 'In private interview had with President Coolidge this morning he said incidentally 'I am friendly to Mr. Ford but wish someone would convey to him that it is my hope that Mr. Ford will not do or say anything that will make it difficult for me to deliver Muscle Shoals to him, which I am trying to do.' 'While President didn't say so, I am sure Weeks has been in consultation with President this morning in view of Mr. Ford's reported interview in today's papers. 'Signed JAMES MARTIN MILLER, 'National Press Club, 'Washington, D. C.'"

The message was one of those subpoenaed by the Committee on Saturday, Secretary Weeks was on the stand when it was offered, but declared he did not know Miller.

Secretary Weeks expressed surprise at learning of the Miller telegram and said he did not believe the President made any such statement. He denied any knowledge of the President's present stand on Muscle Shoals.

When the Secretary took the stand, Chairman Norris, of the committee, asked him if he could explain why Ford "got over his anger toward President Coolidge, an dthe administration after the interview to the White House."

"That is evidence that he is a sensible man," Secretary Weeks replied. "That is also evidence that he had some reason for changing," countered Chairman Norris.

"I am opposed to the Ford offer because I do not believe it is the best offer," said Weeks. "I have not been familiar with it for a year because it has not been in my hands."

Weeks said he conferred with the President before he issued his statement. He said that before Ford interviewed the President, he called at the War Department, and said he had come to pay his respects, and did not at that time talk business in connection with Muscle Shoals."

In reply to a question, Weeks said he had studied the Hooker-White-Atterbury proposition in a general way, and would be glad to have the chief of engineering study the offer and make recommendations. "I think the government can dispose of Muscle Shoals under better terms than any of the present contracts," Weeks said.

After he left the stand, the secretary went to the White House to confer with the President about the Miller telegram.

With Our Advertisers. The Richmond-Flowe Co. has a full stock of Humming Bird pure silk hosiery. Hosiery week is now in full swing at H. B. Wilkinson's.

If you want all the dirt removed from your clothing, "send it to Bob" Phone 787.

The new series of stock in the Citizens Building and Loan Association is now open. Office at Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

This is National Gingham Week and the Parks-Bell Co. will have on sale many thousands of yards of high-class ghinghams. The week runs from April 29 to May 3. See new ad. today for particulars and prices.

Go and see the newly speed boat in the window at Chie's Pharmacy. The Henkel-Craig Live Stock Co. will have 24 saddle horses for sale at Salisbury May 1, 2 and 3rd.

Robinson's is offering reductions on Gingham this week. Fresh supplies of lime, cement and plaster at K. L. Craven & Sons; phone 74.

If you want any kind of service for your car, see the Southern Motor Service Co. National Gingham Week begins today and Edler's are ready for you with a plentiful array of patterns.

The Specialty Hat Shop has a charming little booklet for you. Elgin watches, the watchword in millions of lives, at Starnes-Miller-Parker Co.

Investigating Committee in Recess. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 28.—The falling curve of Senate investigation reached a new low level today. It was one of the few investigation holidays in weeks, with all three of the major senatorial investigating committees in recess.

Certificates And Prizes For County Pupils

The Students Winning High Honors Presented With Medals and Prizes at the Commencement Exercises.

GIRL WON HIGHEST HONORS IN COUNTY

With Average of More Than 96 Miss Daisy Lower Led All Other Students in the County Schools.

Featured by an able address on "Public Education" by Prof. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina, large attendance and fine contests, county commencement exercises were held here Saturday.

The morning feature of the exercises was an address by Prof. Allen, who made an eloquent plea for an equal school term for each child in the State.

Following the address by Prof. Allen, prizes and certificates were awarded. First prize in the composition contest was won by Miss Loma Mae Clay, of the Bethel school, and second prize was won by Miss Sara Oehler, of the Poplar Tent school.

The composition contest was on "What a School and Community Can Do to Improve Country Living Conditions," and the prizes were given by Prof. J. B. Robertson, county school superintendent. Honorable mention was won by Miss Pearl Allison, of the Poplar Tent School.

The Daughters of the American Revolution medal, given to the student who wrote the best story of local history, was won by Miss Edna Phillips, of the Winwood school, who wrote on "The Life and Work of Stephen Cabarrus."

There was keen competition among a number of students this year for the scholarships given by Mont Amona Seminary and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute. It was announced at the exercises that Miss Daisy Lower, of the Peck school, won the first scholarship with an average of 96 1-6. Miss Annie Louise Peck, of the same school, was second with an average of 95 2-8 and also won a scholarship. Charles Phillips, of Winwood, had the highest average among the boys, 92 2-3 and won an M. P. C. I. scholarship. Archie Barringer, of Fink, with an average of 88 1-2 was second and also won a scholarship.

Certificates for proficiency in spelling were given to the following students: Midland school—George McManna, Ruth Tow and Annie Pearl Hamilton. William's Knoll school—Pearl Carpenter.

St. Johns school—Ola Deal Cross, Callie Ridenhour, Kathleen Stuart and Margaret Winecoff. Peck school—Louise Penninger, Ollie Blackwelder, Mary Anna Lentz, Fay Penninger, Kathryn Hartman, Daisy Lower and Shirley Earhart.

Girls school—Edith Barbee. Winwood school—Hazel Goodman, Charles Phillips and Edgar Winecoff. Hahn school—Annie Hahn, Lillie Shoe, Reece Eagle, Ruth Hahn and Verne Eagle.

Liberty Ridge school—Lester Cruze, Sam Blackwelder, Robert Blackwelder, Virginia Mills, Margaret Wilson and Sara Walker. High Point school—James Hatley. Harrisburg school—Cictor Q. Harris, Frances Sims, Katie Harwell and John Grier.

Nussman school—Glenn Isenhour. Georgeville school—Carrie Mabrey and Luer VanComan.

Poplar Tent school—Sara Oehler, James Walker and Sue Brumley. Library reading certificates were won by and issued to the following: Nussman school—Ben Hamill and Glenn Isenhour.

Bethel school—Lillian Reeder, Edward Black, Edna Courtney, Sadie Conner, Mary E. Black, Pearl Baker, Mildred Harris, Helen Pope, Nettie King, Howard Evans and Velma Carriker.

High Point school—Audie Dry, Josephine Widenhouse, Ruth Petrea, Wright Post and Mary Bost.

Cold Water school—Daisy Stirewalt, Howard McDaniel, Lester Goodman, Aza Mae Hamilton and Oliver Stirewalt. Georgeville school—Annie Shinn, Ruth Eady, Annie Manney, Ada Linker, Estelle Shinn and Earl Whitley.

Six girls contested for the recitation medal, given each year by Charles B. Wagoner, and six boys contested for the declamation medal, also given annually by Mr. Wagoner. The contestants thrilled the large audience that heard them and each spoke in a most pleasing manner.

Miss Addie Quay won the recitation medal, her subject being "SI and I." The declamation medal was won by Clegg McEachern on the subject, "My Country, My Mother, My God."

Formation will receive a cordial welcome at either the farm or the court house. The establishment of this station says Mr. Sherman, is in line with the policy of his division to get accurate data right in the field under local conditions, so that the farmers of Eastern Carolina will be in a position to study the handling of the boll weevil in their immediate section.

Former Mrs. Caruso Leaves New Husband. (By the Associated Press.) New York, April 28.—Mrs. E. A. Ingram, formerly Mrs. Enrico Caruso, through her attorneys today confirmed reports that she and her husband, Captain Ingram, an Englishman, had separated. She declared, however, that she would bring neither divorce nor separation suit.

RACE PROGRAM FOR THURSDAY

Attractive Card is Again Offered for Lovers of Horse Racing—Races to Begin at 2 O'clock.

Another attractive card is offered for horse race lovers by the Cabarrus County Fair Association, which will offer its second program of the Spring season at the Fair Grounds on Thursday afternoon of this week. The program for the race is more attractive even than the one offered Easter Monday and as more horses have arrived at the fair grounds during the past week there will be keener competition in all of the events.

The races will begin promptly at 2 o'clock and the following program will be offered: Class A, First Event, Best 2 in 3.

1. Anna Mac—Dale Beck, Dodge City, Kan. (Beck). 2. Morris Patch—E. K. Atkinson, Havel, N. C. (Edwards).

3. Lady Glover—A. G. Ireland, Chicago, Ill. (Ireland). 4. Robert R.—F. Thomas, Washington, D. C. (Thomas).

Class B, Second Event, Best 2 in 3. 1. Grace D.—Carl Hatchell, Chester, S. C. (Beck). 2. Ormond Bowers—H. C. Scott, Goldsboro, N. C. (Scott).

3. William Asworthy—D. H. Pope, Raleigh, N. C. (Frost). 4. Young Billiken—F. Thomas, Washington, D. C. (Thomas).

5. William Direct—H. C. Scott, Goldsboro, N. C. (Scott). 6. Walter Frisco—E. T. Cannon, Concord, N. C. (Rodgers).

7. Queen of Charlotte—J. G. Johnston, Charlotte, N. C. (Johnston). Class C, Third Event, Best 2 in 3.

1. Duplainville—Carl Hatchell, Chester, S. C. (Beck). 2. H. J. H.—N. L. Edwards, LaPorte, Ind. (Edwards).

3. Beuland—M. P. Sebree, Orlando, Fla. (Sebree). 4. Martin J.—F. Thomas, Washington, D. C. (Thomas).

5. Senator Symbol—J. C. Felt, Galax, Va. (James). Class D, Fourth Event, Best 2 in 3.

1. Richard Azoff—R. K. Rhodes, Oil City, Pa. (Beck). 2. Peter Silver—N. J. Edwards, LaPorte, Ind. (Edwards).

3. Peter Mount—F. Spoerhase, Orlando, Fla. (Spoerhase). 4. Lucke Maiden—F. Thomas, Washington, D. C. (Thomas).

FIELD STATION FOR BOLL WEEVIL DEMONSTRATION To Give Aid and Suggestion to the Cotton Growers of Eastern North Carolina.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—A field station for boll weevil demonstration and the growing of cotton under boll weevil conditions, has been established at Tarboro, Edgecombe County, and is under the direction of Bruce Mabey, extension entomologist, according to an announcement made by Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

"The purpose of this field station, says Mr. Sherman, is to give aid and suggestion to the cotton growers of Eastern North Carolina in their fight against the cotton boll weevil this year. Mr. Mabey will have at least two assistants to help him in conducting boll weevils tests and demonstrations, and all of these specialists will be at the service of the cotton growers of that district, prepared to give them expert help and suggestions in the determining of infestation of boll weevil in the fields; help in purchasing dusting machinery and poison; and also give expert aid necessary in applying the poison. We feel that the farmers of this section should feel free to call on these men for any help that they may need, even if it is simply the adjustment of dusting machinery to put out certain applications of poison per acre."

The field station proper will be located at the Upper Coastal Plain Station near Kingsboro and here various tests in boll weevil control will be conducted. It was explained, in co-operation with R. E. Curran, superintendent of the farm. A number of other tests, it was said, will be placed about in Edgecombe County with reliable growers who will be in a position to give the work attention and supervision. Mr. Curran has extended an invitation to all cotton growers of that section to visit this test farm during the summer and see the work being done under the direction of Mr. Mabey. Attention was also called to the fact that Mr. Mabey will have an office with County Agent Zeno Moore in the Court House at Tarboro and those wish to have boll weevil information will receive a cordial welcome at either the farm or the court house.

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Special Demonstration Sale at the Kidd-Frix Co. Starting today a Special Demonstration Sale lasting for ten days will take place at the store of the Kidd-Frix Co. During this sale the store will be open every evening until 8:30 o'clock. The Waltham factory is co-operating in this sale, saving you from \$97.00 to \$155.00 on a piano purchased. They will also take in trade your old organ, piano or phonograph. See half-page ad. on page seven today.

The record of the Chicago National League champions of 1916, in losing only 36 games during the season, has never been equaled in either of the major baseball leagues.