

Hold Little Hope For Miners Trapped By An Explosion On Thursday

Thirty-Two Dead Bodies Had Been Taken From the Mine at Clymer, Pa., Early Today.

CAUSE OF BLAST IS NOT KNOWN

Mine Officers Estimate That at Least 12 Other Workers Have Not Been Accounted For.

Clymer, Pa., Aug. 27.—(AP)—The explosion which occurred at the Clymer mine of the Clearfield bituminous coal operation yesterday apparently had crushed the lives of forty-four men.

Figures given out early today by A. J. Musser, vice president and general manager of the corporation, a subsidiary of the New York Central Railroad, and Doctor Fred St. Clair, coroner of Indiana county, revealed that fifty-eight miners were trapped by the explosion which occurred at 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

Ten miners escaped with their lives and four others are in a Dixonville hospital suffering from gas and shock. None of the bodies have been definitely identified at the improvised morgue in a machine shop one miles from the scene of the blast.

Late last night many of the wives and children of the entombed men left the mine mouth after a vigil of ten hours. At dawn they returned to the hillside flanking the ill-fated pit. They were ignorant of the fact that thirty-two bodies had been brought out and removed to the temporary morgue.

A corps of Salvation Army lasses labored all night without sleep preparing the bodies so that later in the day the stricken kin's villages might be summoned to identify them.

Black damp, the deadly menace which follows a mine explosion, took the lives of the first four men brought up. Their bodies were unmarked. The others, however, were burned badly, some beyond recognition.

Rescuers worked feverishly today in their efforts to recover the bodies of the missing men.

J. J. Forbes, supervising engineer of the United States bureau of mines, Pittsburgh, emerging from the mine after a long exploration, reported that the mine was being reventilated and cleared of poisonous gases.

Forbes said it was impossible at present to give a cause for the blast because of the general destruction in the mine chambers.

Forbes was in charge of a federal investigation started today. A second investigation also was started by State authorities.

Mine officials believe that 150 children were made fatherless by the explosion, the second in this territory within three years.

In January, 1923, fifty-six lives were lost at the Starford mine at Shanktown.

Find More Bodies. Clymer, Pa., Aug. 27.—(AP)—The bodies of 9 miners, badly burned and mutilated, were recovered from the Clymer mine at noon today, bringing the known death toll of yesterday's explosion to 41. Rescuers continued to search for three miners believed to have been buried under heavy falls of rock and earth.

The condition of the nine bodies led the rescuers to believe that these men were trapped in the very midst of the explosion, for the remains were in such condition that identification was practically impossible. Of the 41 bodies recovered, only four were without marks of violence. The four fell victims to the deadly damp which followed the blast.

Today as the noon sun beat down upon the mine mouth, a rescue team came from the shattered workings. They brought with them a number of mine cars upon which lay the bodies of the nine victims. The great throng of men, women and children, many related to the entombed men, were driven back time and again. But before the deadly gases became heavy in the dark recesses, the rescuers succeeded in bringing out four bodies. Two others were located under the mine mouth. Four men, near the mine mouth, were found to be alive. They were brought out and rushed to the Dixonville hospital where they were reported unconscious and in a critical condition.

While rescuers held little hope for the entombed men A. J. Musser, vice president and general manager of the company, said he has hopes that

Walked Out



Edward Layson Weston, old time walking champion, was found destitute in New York. He had walked from Philadelphia. He is shown saying a few steps, without his former vigor.

CROP PROSPECTS

Recent Rains Will Prove a Great Blessing to Cotton.

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—The rains of the past few days, if they are over with now, will prove of considerable benefit to the cotton crop and still materially check the shedding of squares and undeveloped bolls but if more rain continues it may prove of distinct damage to the crop, according to the crop reporting bureau of the United States and State department of agriculture.

BLACK FLEES TO HILLS FOR LIFE AFTER AUTO DEATH

Police Fear He Will Be Lynched if Caught by Infuriated Posse.

Black Mountain, Aug. 26.—Pursued by a posse of over a hundred frenzied men, George Mills, 40, Black Mountain negro, is fleeing for his life in the mountains near here.

Section to Be Added to the Davidson Stands.

Davidson, Aug. 26.—Contract for the construction of a concrete stadium 100 feet long and 25 tiers high and to cost approximately \$25,000, has been let to H. S. Richardson and J. Richardson, brothers, of Greensboro and New York.

ANGRY CROWD KEEN TO CAPTURE NEGRO WHO KILLED CHILD

Aided by Blood Hounds Crowd at Black Mountain Continues Search for Negro Who Escaped.

CHILD FATALLY HURT AS STRUCK

George Mills Is Negro Said to Have Been Driving at Time.—Search Made in the Mountains.

Black Mountain, N. C., Aug. 27.—(AP)—A large excited crowd, aided by blood hounds, was searching today for George Mills, negro, who is alleged to have killed and killed one-year-old Clarence Melton on the highway between Black Mountain and Montreat early last night.

According to the local police, the negro may not have fled to the mountains, the course held by the great number of local folks, but may be hidden now somewhere in Montreat. The officers reported this morning that two persons had given their names as eye witnesses to the killing and that they substantiated Mrs. Melton's story that the negro did not even slow down after hitting the baby.

The baby's mother had been teaching her son to walk. She was leading him down the left side of the road when Mills, driving a coupe, struck the child squarely, knocking it twenty feet. Death came instantly.

Mills is then said to have proceeded to the entrance to Montreat where he was stopped by officers cautioning him not to drive without lights. They noticed, they said, a half filled bottle of whiskey on the seat beside him, but while they were talking to him he slammed the door and dashed away. Later he parked his car at his house and disappeared up the side of the mountain.

Coroner John L. Carroll arrived from Asheville this morning to hold an inquest.

Funeral services for the child were held from the Melton home this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial was in the cemetery here.

Mrs. Melton was not injured.

BANDITS WOUND TWO OFFICERS; CAPTURE THIRD

J. C. Wall Captured and Bert Cotton and Perry Chankulate Wounded in Fight.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Two deputy sheriffs of Sequoyah county were wounded and Chief of Police J. C. Wall, of Tahlequah, was taken captive by two bandits after a gun fight on the Albert Pike highway west of Sallisaw today.

The wounded men are Bert Cotton and Perry Chankulate. With Wall they were pursuing the two bandits in an automobile following a tip that the pair had participated in a bank robbery near here. They overtook the men about two miles out of Sallisaw and a running fight ensued.

After the two deputies were wounded, the bandits stopped their own automobile and forced the police chief to accompany them, appropriating the car the officers had been driving. They continued west on the highway.

Officers in surrounding towns were notified. A posse that took up the trail found a sack of money in the machine the bandits had abandoned.

Davidson, Aug. 26.—Contract for the construction of a concrete stadium 100 feet long and 25 tiers high and to cost approximately \$25,000, has been let to H. S. Richardson and J. Richardson, brothers, of Greensboro and New York.

These two contractors last year donated a \$30,000 athletic field to the college as a memorial to their father, Lunsford Richardson, Sr., who graduated from Davidson in 1875.

Work on the stadium is to be rushed with a view to completing it by the middle of the football season. When finished it will seat 8,000 people. The building under construction at this time is to be the first unit of a series which will be built as the need arises. It will have a brick finish and is to be modern in every respect.

The total number of wireless licenses in effect in Great Britain and Northern Ireland is about 2,050,000.

4 MORE EXECUTED FOR JUNE REVOLT IN TURKISH TOWN

Men, Prominent Unionists, Were Found Guilty and Were Executed Thursday Night.

SEVENTEEN MEN PAY WITH LIVES

In All That Number Has Been Put to Death For Revolt Said to Have Been Against Kemal.

Constantinople, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Four prominent unionists sentenced to death yesterday by a special court on a charge of conspiring to slay Mustafa Kemal Pasha, president of Turkey, were executed at midnight in the prison yard at Angora.

The executed men were: Davud Bey, former finance minister, and long a prominent unionist; Dr. Nazim Bey, former minister of education and one of the leaders of the 1906 revolt against the late Sultan Abdul Muttid; Hilmi Bey, a former deputy and Nal Bey a former secretary of the union parliament.

Today's executions brings the number of men hanged for an alleged conspiracy against the life of President Mustafa Kemal, to 17, 13 well known men having been hanged recently at Smyrna.

Five other members of the committee of union and progress, including former Premier Reuf Bey who is at present in England, and Rasim Bey, another well known Turkish figure, have been sentenced to perpetual banishment.

The alleged plot against President Kemal and the Kemal government was discovered last June by the Turkish secret police who reported that the President was to be assassinated on a visit to Smyrna. Wholesale arrests followed, and after a short trial 13 men, all prominent in Turkish politics and six of them members of parliament, were hanged at street corners along the waterfront of Smyrna.

BAD MAN SURRENDERS TO WOMAN SHERIFF

Desperate Gunman, Slayer of Seven, Wanted the Thrill.

Texarkana, Ark., Aug. 27.—"I just wanted a new thrill. So I surrendered to a woman sheriff."

Kennie Wagner, 28, slayer of seven men, in his cell at the local jail told why he gave himself up to Sheriff (Mrs.) Lillie Barber after killing a couple of men here a few days ago.

"Thrills are scarce to a killed kid who kills a man every two months for a year. It is much more a novelty to surrender to a woman sheriff than to kill a couple of men. So Bennie will tell you."

"I can say one thing truthfully," said Bennie. "I have never been captured. I have never done any low-down things either, like stealing."

"I started from my home over in Gates City, Va., about two years ago with a circus. I quit the show down in Mississippi."

"I was framed, and arrested for stealing a watch. I never stole anything in my life and told the sheriff so. But he kept laughing at me and telling me how many years I was going to get."

Kennie, a tall, good looking youth, with manners that would never lead one to believe he was a desperate gunman and murderer, then shrunk his broad shoulders and settled down to tell of his life of shooting and killing.

"I told the sheriff I would run over him and escape. He laughed again. So I did. A deputy grabbed a shotgun and pointed it at me. I took the sheriff's pistol and killed the deputy."

"An old woman friend of my family persuaded me to surrender and several days later I did."

"I was tried and sentenced to the electric chair. My lawyer asked for a new trial and got it."

"I got tired of being in jail so I just broke out. Two guards were shooting at me. I turned around and killed one of them and started running. I shot the other one over my left shoulder while running. He was killed, too."

"I went to Texas and rambled around a bit. Later I came here and started working on a farm. The other day the Carper boys started to beat me up with a single tree. I was their friend and told them not to hit me again. They laughed and kept beating me."

"So I took my pistol and killed 'em. I would have killed that other fellow I shot but it was too dark to see and aim straight. I would never have been caught. Two days later I heard there was a woman sheriff here trying to make good in her husband's place. Her husband was killed awhile back. I heard."

"So I hailed a ride and came over here and surrendered. I could get away if I wanted to but I never have done anything wrong so why should I run? I have just killed men who tried to kill me and that isn't wrong."

This, in brief, is what a desperate gunman, slayer of seven, has to say and he wasn't disappointed with the thrill he expected in surrendering to a woman.

Hopes of the Democrats



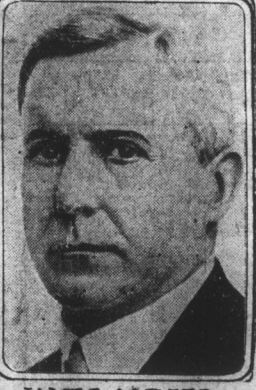
WILLIAM G. MEADOO



AL SMITH



VIC DONAHEY



JAMES A. REED

Friends of these four men are urging their nomination as the Democratic standard bearer in the next Presidential election. William G. Meadoo and Al Smith were chief contenders four years ago. Vic Donahey is Governor of Ohio, and James Reed is the aggressive Missouri Senator.

INSPECTING CHICKEN BREEDING FLOCKS

More Than 12,000 Birds Have Been Inspected and Blood Tested.

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Inspectors of the State department of agriculture will begin inspecting and blood testing breeding flocks of the state from which baby chicks are sold on September 1st. This work was started last year in the state for the first time, and more than 12,000 birds were inspected and blood tested.

The disease is very prevalent and causes enormous losses each year. The department believes that this disease can be eradicated by the methods that have been adopted.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at Advance of 9 to 18 Points.—Trading Active on Advance.

New York, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 9 to 18 points. Trading was active and prices soon showed net gains of 18 to 24 points October selling up to 18.03 and January to 18.01 in response to very firm late cables from Liverpool, reports of continental trade buying here, and buying by recent local sellers.

Early weather news evidently disappointed sellers of yesterday, as there were reports of further showers in Texas and buying was promoted by continued complaints of insect activity in various parts of the South. The advance to the 18 cent level again attracted realizing in considerable volume, but the market held steady at about 9 points net higher at the end of the first hour.

Private cables said Liverpool had been influenced by American buying and reports of a reduction of about 25 per cent in Egyptian crop estimates compared with last year. Cotton futures opened firm: October 18.74; December 17.92; January 19.74; March 18.04; May 16.13.

Negro Hanged For Murder

Greenwood, Miss., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Sylvester Mackey, 22, negro, was hanged in the yard of the County Farm here today for the murder of Frank Smith, a deputy sheriff.

Mackey mounted the scaffold at 5:50 o'clock this morning. He was pronounced dead 12 minutes after the trap was sprung.

Tennis Finals Today

The state-wide "Y" tennis champion will be decided this afternoon on the courts of the Charlotte "Y" between Bill Yates, of Charlotte, Bob Bell, of Concord, and the champion of the Asheville "Y" whose name is not known. The matches will start at 4 o'clock.

NEW REPORTS SHOW DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE

Several Louisiana Parishes, Towns and Cities Damages Caused by the Storm Is Mounting.

FIVE KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED

Some Estimates Place the Damage at \$10,000,000 With Several Parishes Suffering the Most.

Schriever, La., Aug. 27.—(AP)—At least one life and inestimable property damage was the toll of the tropical hurricane which swept through La. Poudre and Terrebonne parishes Wednesday night.

Estimates in some cases placed the property damage to the two parishes at \$10,000,000.

One child in Schriever was drowned when her home was blown away and she was blown into a nearby pond. Many persons were injured throughout the territory. Several lives were reported lost at Houma.

Schriever, Houma and Thibodaux were hard hit by the storm. Thibodaux last three churches, a wholesale establishment, 10 houses, and a store were completely demolished, and 20 houses unroofed. No lives were lost there.

Reports from Houma said that several persons were believed killed in the lower fishing territory. Stores there were damaged and plate glass windows were blown out by the storm. Damage to the Southdown Sugar Refinery was estimated at \$100,000. Other sugar factories in the territory were hard hit.

The Shaver pecan orchard near Schriever was destroyed, and the big Palmer Ducros grove suffered heavily from the loss of trees.

Estimates of Damage Vary. New Orleans, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Five persons are known to be dead, several others are missing, and estimates of damage wrought by the tropical hurricane which swept through southern Louisiana Wednesday night ranged between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 as new reports of storm damage reached here today.

UPWARD REVISION OF YARN PRICES MADE

That and Acceleration of Trade.

Estimate, Yarn Spinners Say. Charlotte, Aug. 26.—An upward revision of yarn prices and an acceleration of trade has followed the government crop estimate of August 25, revealing conclusive evidence of effective curtailment according to bulletins issued from the office of Singleton Green, secretary of the Southern Yarn Spinners association today.

The estimate is said to have been met with considerable surprise to the majority of yarn traders in this section. The report showed that operations of July, this year, averaged 180 hours per spindle as compared with 200 hours per spindle of the preceding month.

It showed a curtailment eight hours per house for the month as compared to July 1925. Spindles during the month averaged 74½ capacity operation, a substantial curtailment.

Spinners according to the report are as a result, holding their prices firm and some instances have made advances. Dealers' prices are said to be on an increase.

The figures, the bulletin sets forth, are conclusive evidence that curtailment has been effective and that the policy will continue in effect, with prices warrant increased operations.

It is expected that trade will develop at a remunerative figure shortly with the absence of stocks and the likelihood of increased demand this fall placing the spinners in a strategic position.

Andy Johnson Gave Pepper a Coat

(By International News Service.) Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 27.—Tennessee is claiming the only tailored coat in the world made by the nation's ruler.

Andrew Johnson, seventeenth president of the United States, made and presented a black broadcloth coat to Judge W. W. Pepper, Springfield, Tenn. President Johnson was once a tailor in Greenville, Tenn.

John Trotwood Moore, state historian, has received the coat and its history from Judge Pepper.

A glass case is being made for the preservation of the coat which will have a place with other archives of the state.

Judge Pepper, after he had risen from the village blacksmith to a place in the legislature, went back to the shop for a day and hammered out a shovel for Johnson, who was then governor of Tennessee.

Shortly afterwards he received the coat from the governor who was later president who had returned to the tailor shop and made the coat for his friend Pepper.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday. Good northwest winds.

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