

Rescue Workers Think Three Trapped Men In Rockwood Mine Living

These Men Are Known to Have Had Access to the Lumber at Point Where They Were at Work.

TWO BODIES ARE ADDED TO OTHERS

In All Eight Bodies Have Been Brought From the Mine.—Rescue Workers Meet Many Obstacles.

Rockwood, Tenn., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Bringing reports of two additional known dead in the explosion that is believed to have snuffed out the lives of twenty-eight men, in the Roane Iron Company's coal mine here, Monday, the rescue crew which entered the mine at 6 o'clock last night emerged shortly after 2 o'clock this morning.

The newly reported deaths bring the total known fatalities to eight, six bodies having been previously brought to the surface. On account of the mangled condition the bodies were identified solely through articles of clothing and a jack knife, as those of Charlie Davis and Jess Dale.

Some hope is held by Will Knox, a miner, that Frank Bowles, P. C. Craven and an unidentified laborer have survived the deadly after damp resulting from the explosion by boarding themselves in with lumber which had been left by Knox. The three men were working in the Rodgers entry.

Twenty men remained unaccounted for this morning. The location of these seems to preclude any hope for the survival of others than Craven, Bowles and their unidentified companion.

Stevens, one of the dead, father of ten children and a veteran of 44 years service, died 10,000 feet following the blast, only to be overcome by after damp when within 100 feet of a bratticed enclosure that would have spelled safety.

Officials maintain their non-committal attitude with regard to persistent rumors of fire in the Rodgers slope. The rescue party scheduled to enter tomorrow at 6 o'clock this morning will work with all available means for lighting equipment. Officials declared this was done as a precautionary measure.

Estimated rescue parties have penetrated within 1,000 to 2,000 feet of the end of the slope, according to various estimates.

Rescue work is progressing slowly on account of safety measures prescribed by officials of the United States bureau of mines.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 o'clock today for W. C. Elliott, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

POWELL AND STEVENS CASE STARTED TODAY

Many Prominent Lawyers of the State Taking Part in Trial.

Kennansville, N. C., Oct. 6.—With one of the largest assemblies of legal talent in the history of the state participating in or observing the case, the trial of Henry L. Stevens, Sr., former president of the defunct Bank of Warsaw, and former city attorney, and J. K. Powell, vice president of the bank, jointly indicted under charges of fraud in connection with the issuance of \$45,000 in alleged spurious notes on the town of Warsaw, opened today.

Court officials predicted this morning that the entire day would be consumed by the state in presenting its initial evidence and the trial would probably last the entire week. Judge Devin said it was probable that he would hold another night session tonight in order to help clear the docket.

REYNOLDS TO TAKE STUMP.

Defeated Candidate For Senate Elected in Aid of Overman.

Asheville, Oct. 6.—Robert R. (Bob) Reynolds, defeated opponent of Senator Lee S. Overman for the democratic nomination for United States senate, has announced that he has set aside the week of October 25-30 for service to the party and will take up the lugel in behalf of Senator Overman in a number of speeches to be delivered throughout the state.

Home of C. M. Fepperman At Badin Destroyed By Fire.

Badin, Oct. 6.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fepperman on Falls Road was destroyed by fire Saturday morning at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Fepperman were in Salisbury, leaving in the afternoon to take their little daughter to an eye specialist. The home was ready to fall in when discovered by one of the neighbors across the street.

All the household goods were burned with the exception of a rocker that was on the porch. The origin of the fire is unknown, as there had been no fire in the house since dinner. The household goods were partially covered by insurance.

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WEATHER FINE FOR TODAY'S GAME IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 6.—(AP)—A warm sun and a light cool breeze today gave promise of a dry diamond for the fourth world series game. The weather bureau forecasts "fair today" and "fair Thursday with rising temperature."

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM ON THE COTTON SITUATION

Renews Plea For the Cutting of the Costs of Producing Cotton.

Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—A renewed plea for cutting the costs of cotton production and for diversification of crops as the only safe insurance against the evil effects of slumps resulting from over-production has been sounded by Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham. While he would not oppose the storing of the prospective cotton surplus, if it could be expeditiously and inexpensively done, yet he is of the opinion, he pointed out, the raising of more food and feedstuffs along with cotton believing that this would naturally help the farmer and would certainly help him tide over any crisis that might arise.

Further, Commissioner Graham stated that he did not consider it a wise policy for farmers to be kept continually in the position of being forced to take temporary measures, such as hasty and expensive storages, if cotton when by diversification and reduction of production costs they could put themselves in a position of permanent security.

"The cycles of prices in the cotton market has again been completed and we are looking for a Sully or a Ford corner the crop and rescue the producers from financial ruin. But Sully got his lesson and Mr. Ford is likely to profit by his example."

"I am a cotton farmer and am vitally interested in any and all means and movements that will get the farmer more money for his cotton. I have joined everything that came my way that gave any promise whatever of stabilizing the cotton market. I have long been impressed with the marketing theories of the cotton co-operative exchange and still feel that if properly managed and they could get control of any, a third, or even a fourth of the crop, together with a concerted effort on the part of both members and non-members to help adjust production to consumption, they could, by holding back any surplus, so regulate the market as to establish a fairly uniform price throughout a period of years. This has been my conviction and I have done everything in my power to bring about the realization of these views; but the present slump in prices shows the working of forces out of reach of the power of the co-operative forces that have prevented the co-ops from getting hold of more than a small fraction of the South's cotton production and thus preventing any appreciable influence on prices.

"Again the present slump in prices does not seem to bear any real relationship to production. It requires expert figuring to show why a 14,000,000-bale crop should sell for 24 cents a pound and a 16,000,000-bale crop of equally good grade and staple should sell for 12 or 13 cents a pound—2,000,000-bale increase in production cutting the price fifty per cent. Of course the bears are now getting in some things that the holding of 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 bales of the market might boost prices and improve the situation. But 'might' and 'if' are words that loom large in the English language. Should this be done 'the manufacturers might,' as pointed out by the editor of one of our leading dailies, 'begin to play the waiting game' against our holding game, and in the end the price would be no better and we would have to pay our storage charges to boot—representing that much more loss on the crop.

"Of course the man who is in a position to hold this cotton is not going to sell at a price far below the cost of production while the class of producers that are not in a position to hold must put their cotton on the market regardless of price. Here is an economic fact of which we must all take account when discussing the holding of cotton.

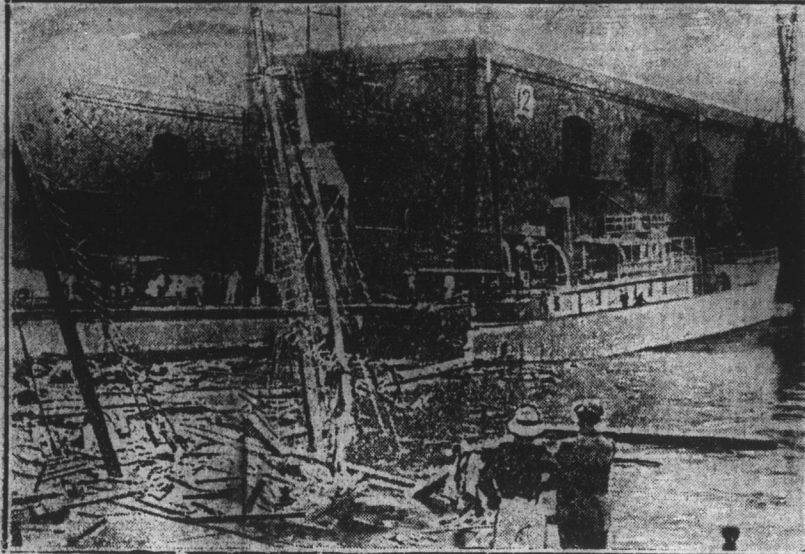
"It will be clear then that the holding movement as urged by some writers on the subject can effect only a better price a practicable under the conditions of the crop. But, in view of all the factors involved, is the holding of the surplus cotton crop by bankers and other business organizations for a better price a practicable undertaking and one that would be ultimately beneficial to the cotton industry? I doubt it and for the following reasons:

"First, we can have no control whatever over future production and the recurrence of a surplus from year to year.

"Second, this year it is claimed that a surplus of 2,000,000 bales has piled the price down to 13 cents and some feel it is a vital matter to hold three or four million bales off the market in order to stabilize the price. But what is to be done with this surplus? Shall it be destroyed or shall it be added to the 1927 crop which may, and likely will, again be 16,000,000 bales. It is clear then that holding a surplus in the 1926 cotton crop would utterly destroy the crop of 1927 and so on.

"Our only hope lies in cheapened production. The cotton crop is costing the South too much to produce. The land is too poor and the labor is too high. Too much reliance is placed on fertilizer and too little effort is made to increase fertility through natural means; hence the

First Picture of Vera Cruz Hurricane Disaster



This first picture to arrive from Vera Cruz, Mexico, since the hurricane caused death and destruction there, shows a section of the waterfront. Note the wreckage in the foreground and the ship battered against the dock. (International Newsreel)

FARMER HAS REMEDY IN HIS OWN HANDS

Use Should Be Made of the Cotton Co-Operative Associations.

(By International News Service) Montgomery, Ala., October 6.—Despite the fact that the present cotton situation is bad and threatens a business crisis, it is not hopeless, declares Prof. L. U. Duncan, head of the agricultural extension work of Alabama.

A bumper crop in 1925 followed by another big crop in 1926, which left a big carryover from the '25 crop in the hands of the mills and made little buying of this year's crop caused the present cotton situation, says Prof. Duncan.

The result has been a steady decline in price until now it is below the cost of production, causing farmers to be discouraged and bankers and business men to be distressed.

In giving his suggestions to save the crisis, Prof. Duncan said: "I think that maximum use should be made of the co-operative marketing associations in each of the cotton growing states. These associations have been operating five years and are amply able to handle any surplus portion of the South's cotton crop in the proper way and to the best advantage.

"Along with the maximum use of these cotton pools, I think that the second step should be to create long-time pools for carrying the necessary amount of the present crop over to future years. Such a long-time pool should require a guarantee from farmers that they will reduce their 1927 acreage of cotton at least 25 per cent, and a pledge from bankers and business men that they will support it wholeheartedly to the end."

Such a pool was first suggested by officials of the Alabama farm bureau federation, who agreed to put the farm bureau organization behind it if satisfactory agreements can be made. Prof. Duncan endorsed this plan and is ready to give it the hearty support of the extension service.

Innocent Bystander is Revolver Victim.

Charlotte, Oct. 4.—Fred Hays, negro, is dead and Willard Hinson, alias Besse Dunn, alias Besse Hays, negro, was lodged in jail as the culprit. She aimed her 32 caliber pistol at another negro but her aim was poor and the bullet struck Hays, an innocent bystander.

Hays died soon after he was taken to the hospital.

soils are gradually going down in fertility and the acre production is falling off except where very large applications of fertilizer are made. Unless something is done to reduce costs of production the price of cotton will not pay the fertilizer bills and this condition will automatically reduce the American surplus, but the world crop is just beginning to be felt on the world market, England alone producing 8,000,000 bales in 1924."

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NEGRO WELFARE WORK

Gastonia to Have a Full Program of Work Among Colored People.

(Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.) Raleigh, Oct. 6.—According to the action of the Gastonia City council and the Gaston County commission, that county is to have a full program of Negro Welfare work, which will embrace the local colored hospital, health work in the schools and other health and welfare measures. This action has followed the recommendations made by Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley, head of the Bureau of work among Negroes of the State Board of Charity and Public Welfare, who has just returned from Gastonia where he made a thorough study of the needs of the Negro people of the county, at the invitation of the city and county commissioners and the county superintendent of public welfare, Mrs. Gertrude Keller.

A budget of \$4000 was approved by the commissioners, and it was decided to thoroughly re-organize the colored hospital in order to give greater service to the people of the community, since it was found that during a recent six months period only 38 patients were treated and of these 11 died. A ten-bed annex for Negro tubercular patients will be erected immediately on land donated by the city of Gastonia. The hospital is to be put in first class condition and will, under the new program, serve as a radiating center, in the development of a county-wide health and welfare program, cooperating with the public health and public welfare departments. All school children are to be given a medical examination, and tuberculosis, or phthisis and baby clinics are to be held at the hospital.

Registered nurse will be secured as superintendent of the hospital, and there will be four student nurses. The superintendent will also serve as assistant to the superintendent of public welfare. The surgeon-in-chief of the hospital is Dr. Lucius Glenn, a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

The City has appropriated \$3000, toward the budget of \$4,000, and the county \$1000. The remainder will be derived from various sources, such as the sale of tuberculosis seals, fees from the patients, private subscriptions from Negroes, and special gifts. About \$500 will be necessary for repairs to the building and it is expected that the annex for tubercular patients will cost about \$2500. During the last eighteen months fifteen Negroes have been sent from Gaston County to the State Sanatorium.

Rattlesnake Died Here.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 5.—(AP)—When he failed to kill a five-foot rattlesnake by running over it with his truck, H. T. Hodges, of Dunn, turned back and dispatched the reptile with a shot from a revolver. The snake had twelve rattles and is reported to have died hard, even after being crushed and shot.

TALES OF HORRORS FROM 12,000 CHINESE REFUGEES

Dead Bodies Litter Streets of Wuchang and People Are Eating Dogs, Cats and Rats.

Hankow, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Two rescue launches and several lighters have succeeded in bringing 12,000 women and children to this city from the neighboring city of Wuchang, where the northern and southern Chinese troops are at death grips. The rescue was effected Sunday and Monday, after a previous attempt had failed when the ships were fired on and forced to return, although the opposing forces had previously agreed to the rescue.

The northern troops who are holding Wuchang against the besieging Cantonese have permitted the beggar and impoverished element of the civilian population to depart, holding the better classes in the city.

Charitable organizations are caring for the rescued who relate appalling stories of conditions in Wuchang. They say the people, desperate from starvation, are eating dogs, cats and rats. Tree roots and leaves already have been eaten.

The military as well as the civilian population is starving after consuming all the livestock. Bodies litter the streets, unburied because coffins are unavailable. All available coffins have been filled with sand and used as barricades.

Refugees report that 200 northern soldiers were killed during the recent sortie from the city gates.

THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Rallies Followed by Renewed Weakness in Market Early Today.

New York, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Yesterday's rallies were followed by renewed weakness in the cotton market early today, owing to lower Liverpool cables, larger private crop figures, and a favorable construction of the weekly report of the weather bureau. The opening was easy at a decline of 10 to 27 points, and after a slight bulge on continued covering or trade buying, sold about 20 to 36 points below yesterday's closing figures under liquidation or reselling by recent buyers and further Southern hedging, although the latter was said to be less in evidence than recently. December contracts sold off from 13.28 to 13.10. The market was within a point or 2 of the lowest at the end of the first hour.

Two more private reports were issued, one estimating the condition of the crop 61.2 and the indicated yield 16,636,000. The other placed the crop indication at 16,039,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened easy, Oct. 13.40; Dec. 13.28; Jan. 13.30; March 13.54; May 13.74.

FIVE CONVICTS ARE STILL BEING SOUGHT

Were With Eleven Others Who Made Break at Granville County Camp.

Orford, N. C., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Five convicts were still at large today as the result of a sensational break for freedom by sixteen prisoners at the Granville County road camp near here Monday.

The men held up the guards while they were being assembled for the day's work, and left them helpless while they made their getaway.

The alarm was spread shortly after the delivery, and a drag net spread over the county, resulting in the capture of one man and the voluntary surrender of 12 others.

Favor McFadden Banking Bill.

Los Angeles, Oct. 6.—(AP)—The American Bankers Association today accepted a mandate to prosecute vigorously the enactment of the McFadden branch banking bill now before Congress, minus, however, the two Hull amendments.

In a special session of the 52nd convention of the Bankers Association which started last night, but ended early today, the McFadden bill was endorsed after much argument. The vote was 413 to 268. This reverses the action of the Association taken in Chicago in 1924, when the Hull amendments were endorsed.

SOUTH OKLAHOMA PEOPLE PREPARE TO COMBAT HIGH WATER

Crest of Floods Moving Today Toward Southern Oklahoma, Leaving Ruin in Its Path.

NEW RECORD IS NOW PREDICTED

Fearful Now Water Will Reach 25-Foot Stage in Several Localities During Thursday.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—(AP)—The river bottom country of central Oklahoma and western Illinois today shared the brunt of floods draining from adjacent areas.

With the crest of the tide due three late today, southern Oklahoma made systematic preparations for the advance of waters from the north and expected to survive with minimum damage.

Townfolk of Beardstown, Ill., who have battled nearly a month with a raging Illinois river, battered down doors and windows of flooded houses and hastened relief measures in anticipation of higher water.

The federal forecast warned that Thursday probably would see the establishment of a new flood record with the influx of water to a stream which was rapidly approaching the 25-foot stage. In 1922 the Illinois climbed to 25.1 feet at Beardstown.

There was suffering from exposure and a first death as a result of the long siege was reported. Mrs. T. C. Stealy, 60, whose home was surrounded by water, died from pneumonia.

At Peoria levee patrols were on duty. The flood was receding in Missouri and along the Oklahoma-Kansas border, with six known dead and property loss of more than \$2,000,000.

QUEEN MARIE TO BE HERE ABOUT DECEMBER 10

Asheville Wants to Have the State's Reception to Her in That City.

Tribune Bureau, Sir-Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—Queen Marie of Rumania will probably pay her visit to North Carolina between December 10th and 15th, it was announced by Governor A. W. McLean following the receipt from the Rumanian legation of further information regarding Her Majesty's itinerary. She will return to Washington from her tour of the West on December 9th, the governor was advised, beginning her trip to the southern states she intends to visit almost immediately.

A telegram from the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, in which it is stated that "Asheville would be glad to have Queen Marie select this city for her visit to North Carolina, and to have North Carolina's reception extended to her here." Governor McLean has replied that at present he has no definite information as to her plans with regard to her visit to this state, but that as soon as he learns anything definite he will notify the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

It was also announced that Mrs. B. Frank Mebane, of Spray, and Mrs. J. Elmer Long, wife of the lieutenant governor, have accepted the appointments as members of the national reception committee which will welcome Queen Marie and her party on their arrival in New York. It is also expected that Mrs. Mebane and Mrs. Long will assist in whatever arrangements are made to tender a reception to Her Majesty on her visit to this state to whatever point she may choose. Queen Marie is expected to sail from Cherbourg on October 12th, aboard the United States steamship Leviathan, on which a special suite has been placed at her disposal by the United States lines. Her Majesty is expected to arrive in New York on October 17th or 18th. She will proceed at once to Washington, aboard a special train, accompanied by the ladies of the national reception committee.

Literary Glants in England Grind Away.

London, Oct. 6.—(AP)—There seems to be no limit to the industry of England's veteran literary giants.

H. G. Wells is grinding out a three-volume novel, Arnold Bennett is about to launch a new romance, Rudyard Kipling, recovered from his serious illness, has another book of short stories ready for his public. Bernard Shaw, having celebrated his seventieth birthday, is hard at work again, lecturing and writing.

John Galsworthy's play is a success in London—and he insists it is not necessarily his last dramatic work. Besides his plays, Galsworthy has the fortunes of the Forsyth family to look after, and has turned out another novel about them.

Veteran Dies of Injuries.

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—(AP)—A. B. Etheridge, 82, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, died early this morning as a result of injuries received when he was struck yesterday by a hit-and-run motorist. Etheridge was a native of Dare county.

Arthur Bawtree, who attended this year's Handel Festival at the Crystal Palace, has attended every festival since the first one was held in 1857.

WEATHER DAMAGE CAUSES BIG LOSS TO COTTON CROP

Federal Department of Agriculture Estimates the Loss on Cotton Each Year at \$25,000,000.

MILDEW ONE OF CHIEF CAUSES

Decay Is Another Cause, and This Eventually Makes Fiber So It Can Not Be Utilized.

Washington, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Weather damage to raw cotton after picking was charged with losses estimated at upwards of \$25,000,000 annually in a statement today by the department of agriculture.

By weather damage the department said it meant damage that resulted from excessive moisture in bales of cotton.

"Department studies have shown that there are two distinct stages in the process of deterioration of cotton as a result of this condition—mildew or discoloration, and decay of the fiber," the statement said.

"Mildew lowers the grade and consequently the value, but does not seriously weaken the fiber. The fiber, however, is seriously weakened by the process of decay, and if it is not stopped the fiber eventually will be destroyed entirely."

Six tests were made by the department in five representative localities in the cotton belt. In each of these experiments but one, seven bales of cotton were used, one bale being stored in a warehouse and the remaining six bales exposed to the weather under various conditions. The loss in the exposed bales varied from a few pounds to more than 50 per cent. of a bale. Thirty-five bales were exposed during the experiment and from an original total weight of 17,622 pounds there was a loss of 3,530 pounds. The six stored bales lost an average of less than 1 per cent.

DEFENSE RESTS IN THE DAUGHERTY-MILLER CASE

Neither of the Defendants Took a Stand—Argument's Start This Afternoon.

New York, Oct. 6.—(AP)—The defense rested unexpectedly today in the Daugherty-Miller conspiracy trial.

The jury was excused and motion for striking out parts of evidence and direction of verdicts acquitting the defendants were denied by Judge Mack. Court was adjourned at noon until 2 o'clock for summations to begin.

Neither Miller nor Daugherty took the stand.

William Rand, counsel for Miller, prepared to make his summation this afternoon. May Steuer, counsel for Daugherty, is to make his tomorrow morning, and U. S. Attorney Emory R. Buckner is to make the government summation tomorrow afternoon. Judge Mack is expected to charge the jury Friday.

Cat Tackles Wrong "Lizard" and Rues It.

Lexington, Oct. 5.—Chief of Police A. P. White has a cat that has learned that all lizards are not as good as they look. Until a few days ago this tabby lost no opportunity to pounce on fat lizards and make a meal. But the cat went out of its class one time.

When the great storm had passed over Miami, Chief White received word his brother, Robert, was among the missing, so he drove immediately to Charlotte and their joined another brother on his trip to make the storm zone. Upon his arrival he found his brother had turned up, almost half dead after two days and nights of struggle through the hurricane, to reach his wife and six children, and was convalescent. Before returning, Mr. White secured a baby alligator brought it home and placed it in a box in the backyard. All went well for a few days.

One morning, however, the cat limped into the kitchen with a woe-zone look, its fur badly ruffled and its tail looking like it had been whipped about by the Florida blow. Suspicion was rightly placed and the alligator was found missing, with no sign of "remains." Next day, however, the big "lizard" was hauled across a busy street in an alley apparently headed for the semitropics. It was returned to captivity.

Hold the Cotton Back.

(By International News Service) New Orleans, La., Oct. 6.—Hold the cotton back from the market, is the advice given by Frank B. Hayne, leading cotton factor of New Orleans, to cotton producers, bankers and business men of the South.

By using the policy of slow selling, Hayne says, the price would be substantially stimulated. He declares a heavier world demand for American cotton will be made in the near future.

Hayne lays the cotton slump to fear that the market will be flooded but declares the only solution is to store the cotton and sell it later when the present supply is smaller.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight, Thursday fair. Fresh west and north-west winds.