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A TERRIFIC MINE EXPLOSION.

Many Lives are Lost in a West Virginia Coal Mine.

DETAILS BY A PERSONITE.

He Tells of the Explosion and the Tragic and Pitiful Scenes Never to be Forgotten.

CAPERTON, W. VA., March 6.—(Special Correspondence.)—I will give you an account of a dreadful explosion, caused from fire damp, in the Red Ash Coal Company's mines at Fire Creek at 7 a. m. today, killing outright from 40 to sixty men, and imprisoning 50 more. The entire coal district is in the wildest state of excitement, and all miners from neighboring mines are rendering their assistance in getting the dead out of the mine.

The mine is owned by J. Fred Effinger, J. Marion Miller, of Staunton, Va., and Col. J. S. Benry, of Benry, W. Va., and when working full force employ about 350 men.

The mine is one of the largest in the New River or Kanawha Coal districts. It is heavily timbered, and it is feared that those who were not killed outright by the explosion, were fastened down by the heavy timbers and met death by suffocation. Air was forced into the mine by the engines, which worked a short while after the explosion but was found to be useless labor, as the engines were heavily damaged by the heavy weight of coal and stones.

Fifty or more men went to work and soon brought out several dead bodies. The men were unable to work but a few minutes at a time, owing to the insufficient supply of air. At 5 o'clock this p. m. they had gotten out 12 bodies, and eight miners fatally injured, and the supposition is there are as many as 75 still entombed.

State Mine Inspector Pinckney, with a number of experts, is assisting in the work, actively directing the labors of the rescuers. In addition to the gas it is thought fire has broken out in the mine, and that it will be several days, if ever, before all the bodies can be gotten out.

If the accident had been two hours later, more than twice as many would have been killed.

The scene, as the dead were brought out, is indelible. The wives and families of the men stood around the driftmouth, and screamed and wrung their hands piteously, and took several men to keep them from interfering with the rescuing party, as they were so anxious to reach their loved ones, and render them assistance. The bodies first taken out were horribly mangled and burned, but could be recognized.

The shock was so terrific that mules and coal cars were blown out at the mouth of the mine. It was a scene never to be forgotten.

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Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at J. D. Morris' drugstore.

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LEASBURG LETTER.

There has been no communication in your paper in sometime from Leasburg, and as our village has done so much for the business and social life of Roxboro, we know many there would be glad to hear from "Auld Lang Syne."

Leasburg is an old and historic place, and though it has not the stir of modern towns. It can boast of having sent out to the busy world many who have taken high and prominent positions; men whom other States have delighted to honor, and felt pride in claiming as sons of adoption. Women too, whose noble bearing has claimed for them high social position. Though it is a small country village its influence has been, and is yet to be felt farther than the casual observer may think.

At one time Leasburg was an educational centre. "Somerville Female Institute" was known far and wide. The memory of Rev. Solomon Lea, the founder and principal of this school will linger long in the minds and hearts of the people. The old academy is still in use. For several years we have had good and faithful instructors, the children are well advanced. We are indeed fortunate in our present teacher, Miss Fannie Thompson. Her superior is no where to be found. She possesses rare talent and under her influence the children are interested and wide awake.

Few larger towns afford greater musical advantages than can be found here. May it become once again a center of instruction for the young.

The first Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church was held here Saturday and Sunday, quite a large number attending. The reports, collections, etc., show that the circuit has begun nobly on another year's work.

The sermons of Dr. Yates were especially fine. The service Sunday morning was very impressive. The presence of Mrs. Mary Thompson (Aunt Sidney) rested as a benediction on the congregation.

Some of our histrionic talent are preparing an entertainment, to be given in a few weeks, for the benefit of the parsonage.

The party given by Sam Johnston at his home last Friday night was a very enjoyable occasion. X.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, chest, or lungs. Price 50 cts and \$1; trial bottles free at Morris' drugstore; every bottle guaranteed 5

Aimed at Paper Trust.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Representative Devries of California today introduced a joint resolution for the repeal of duties on white or printing paper and the material from which it is made, and directing the attorney general to proceed under the anti-trust law against those maintaining a monopoly in such paper and material. The resolution recites that the existing duty of \$6 per ton greatly aids in the maintenance of the monopoly, that the price of paper has been increased sixty per cent to the consumer and that this result is a menace to popular education and the dissemination of information.

Old sewing machines taken in part pay for celebrated light running New Home at Morris' corner Drug Store.

ON THE BRINK OF WAR.

Armed Forces Surround the Rival Governors of Kentucky.

EACH FEARS THE OTHER.

Taylor's Troops Occupy Statehouse Square—Seventy-five Extra Policemen Sworn in to Protect Gov. Beckham—More Warrants Will be Issued.

Frankfort, Ky., March 12.—A condition approaching civil war exists in Kentucky today. Both Beckham and the pretending governor today fear that the other will attempt to arrest him, and each is surrounded by an armed force. About seventy-five special officers are patrolling in and about the Capitol Hotel, Governor Beckham's headquarters, to guard against any attack by Taylor's army in the State house square. Taylor's military force was supplemented by the arrival of a company of sixty-eight men from Barboursville. They were quartered in the State house square and cannon were brought out to lend a more warlike coloring to the scene.

The report came to the State Senator from a Republican source that during the day soldiers would be ordered to arrest Governor Beckham. Mayor Doheeny swore in an extra guard of about seventy-five men, who armed themselves heavily. About fifty of them remained either in the hotel or in sight of it, and a signal was agreed upon to give notice to all the guards to assemble at the hotel in case of an emergency.

Additional warrants will be issued and served in a day or two on the charge of accessory before the fact to the wilful murder of William Goebel. The Lexington company of State militia has gone over to Beckham.

SENT TO LOUISVILLE.

Lexington, March 12.—At 2 o'clock this morning Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Capt. John Davis, who were arrested here Saturday night, charged with being accessories to the murder of William Goebel, were taken from the Lexington jail, handcuffed together, and placed on board the 5 o'clock Louisville Southern train and taken to Louisville for safe keeping. The local officers feared an attempt would be made to rescue the prisoners, hence the secret moving. The twenty-eight members of the State Guard, who were accompanying Powers and Davis to London when they were arrested, returned here by way of Paris and have gone to Frankfort.

IMMEDIATE TRIAL DEMANDED.

Louisville, March 12.—Secretary of State Powers and Captain John Davis, who were removed from Lexington jail last night, reached here today under heavy guard. Sheriff Bosworth says he slipped the prisoners out of Lexington to prevent their being rescued by the mountain soldiers. Powers and Davis demand an immediate trial.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25c. Money back if not cured. Sold by J. D. Morris, Druggist.

MR. JUSTICE WITHDRAWS.

Editor Charlotte Observer:

Relying solely on my own judgment and inclination, I hereby withdraw my name as a candidate for Governor.

I thank my friends who have stood by me and desire still to stand by me, so loyally. They are held in everlasting remembrance; but my duty to the State, my interest in the great issue pending before the people and my desire for absolute unity in the party leads me to take this step. There are too many candidates for office and especially for Governor, and one less will, probably, add something to party harmony.

It appears to me to be both useless and unwise to press my candidacy further. It does not make so very much difference who is Governor among the candidates now before the people. The country will likely be safe with any of them. The great subject with which we have to deal is the constitutional amendment and the success of the Democratic ticket that will be put in the field on April 11. Let us stand as one man for the success of these and we will thus leave to our children the heritage of a "White Man's country, and the government administered by North Carolinians. My services will be at the command of the Democratic party from this time until the election.

Yours very truly,

M. H. JUSTICE,
Rutherfordton, March 8, 1900.

FIVE CENTS A LINE LOCALS.

Garden seeds, all kinds at Hambricks.

Morris' \$17.90 Machine is the thing you need for your spring sewing.

While it lasts, Hunter will sell yard wide sheeting at 4 cents. Come quick.

H. H. Masten sells Peats Prize wall Paper. See him for prices and samples.

When preparing for your garden you need good seeds, call at Hambricks, he keeps the best.

Fresh Garden seed from Landreth, Ferry and Buist in bulk and papers at Morris' Corner Drug Store.

Full yard wide sheeting at 4 cents at Hunter's—a bargain which you can't afford to miss. Call early as supply is limited.

Call and examine our premium watch. It is no cheap, plain dollar watch, but a down right good time piece, and warranted for one year.

H. H. Masten has samples from three of the largest and best paper houses. If you want to beautify your home see his samples and get prices.

We handle the celebrated Mays and Ferry seeds, these seeds are highly recommended and we are sure they will give satisfaction. Don't forget to call and examine before buying it is to your interest to do so.—W. R. Hambrick & Co.

The "Baby Coupon" offer in Morris' ad in this issue will be cancelled soon. Cut out your coupon at once. A great many mothers have already accepted, tried and their praise of Lax-Analyne is causing many others to use this wonderful remedy for the ills of infants and children.

It's up to you! Every advantage of cleanliness, comfort and satisfaction at my barber shop. Will you enjoy it? You know where I am—in the old Bank building, next to Hotel Reads. You know the work I do—the best; and accommodations and satisfaction second to none—always the best. S. E. WOODING.

HERBERT JORDAN'S CLOSE CALL

Narrow Escape From Horrible Death in Durham.

WAS A FORMER ROXBOROITE.

The City Editor of the Daily Sun is Saved From Being Crushed Under the Car Wheels.

One moment would have caused a horrible and tragic death at the Southern depot in Durham, last Saturday morning, and the victim would have been Herbert M. Jordan, a former citizen of Roxboro. He was for several years foreman of THE COURIER, and is well known among our people. His mother, Mrs. Ann E. Jordan, and two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Webb and Mrs. W. H. Harris and their families reside here.

The following from the Durham letter in the Raleigh Post explains the facts in the case:

DURHAM, N. C., March 10.—Mr. Herbert M. Jordan, city editor of the Daily Sun, came near being the victim in a horrible accident at the Southern depot this morning. Mr. Jordan slipped and fell under a moving train, and but for the promptness of Yard Master Glasgow, would have been ground to death beneath the wheels of the train.

It happened this way: The train stopped for water at the tank just above the depot and Mr. Jordan went up there to get aboard the train. He lost his footing and fell between the edge of the platform and the track, his body being partly across the track. The train had begun to move and those standing on the platform stood, rooted to the spot, expecting to see his life crushed out. Not so with Capt. Glasgow. Realizing in a moment the terrible situation of Mr. Jordan he caught the young man by his foot, jerked him back on the platform and at the same time the wheels of the car moved over the spot on the rail where his body was but a moment before.

In the fall Mr. Jordan struck his head against the platform of the car and received a small wound. His face was also bruised and his back hurt. The latter hurt was done by the steps of the car when he was knocked under the wheels of the train.

Immediately after the accident Mr. Jordan was attended by a physician and was then moved to the home of his brother, Alderman C. A. Jordan, in East Main street. He was resting well tonight, but is almost completely overcome by the nervous shock sustained and is sore from the effects of the bruises.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany, N. Y., dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with the croup. Not finding a doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by Hambrick & Co.

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