

DEATH TOLL IN MINE EXPLOSION MAY BE 100

ENTIRE FAMILY OF SIX, FATHER, MOTHER AND ALL CHILDREN, MEET DEATH

Theory Is That Family Died of Poison Intentionally Given.

TO HOLD POST MORTEM

Physician Says That Henderson Had Suspicions of Poison In Food.

LANCASTER, O., Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—While partial solution of the mystery surrounding the suffocating out of the lives of the entire family of Irving Henderson—father, mother, and four small children—was expected to come through examination of the vital organs of the two adults at Columbus today, officials here were using their investigation of the tragedy on the supposition that the family died from the effects of poison intentionally administered. Theories that the deaths were accidental were cast aside while police and county officials searched for the possible perpetrator and a plausible motive. Opinion that the six persons whose bodies were found in the Henderson home yesterday, died from the effect of a quick acting poison, possibly taken with their evening meal on Tuesday, was expressed by Dr. R. W. Mondlak, a local physician who attended them several days previous to their deaths and yesterday performed an autopsy. Foremost in the minds of the investigators today apparently was the possibility that responsibility for the deaths rested within the family. Mrs. Henderson, according to Dr. Mondlak, had been ill for some time, and he had stress upon the possibility that she may have been mentally unbalanced by protracted illness. She frequently had conducted herself strangely in his presence, Dr. Mondlak said, especially during illness of several members of the family which preceded their deaths. Attention still was being given the statement of Henderson to Dr. Mondlak that he believed enemies were giving him poison and Henderson's ultimate sin an unmailed letter that some one might have entered his home and placed poison in the family's provision, but these theories had been discounted somewhat by investigation. Henderson had given the physician the name of a man he suspected of bearing ill feeling toward him because Henderson had been employed at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops, where the shopmen's strike remains unsettled, but officials believed it highly improbable that such a suspicion would be substantiated. No date has been set for the coroner's inquest, but it was expected to follow announcement of the outcome of the analysis of the vital organs of the victims.

BIG LIQUOR SMUGGLERS IN FLORIDA ON TRIAL

Wealthy Chinese Are Involved In Trouble—Had Fleet of Fast Motor Boats—Liquor Came From Cuba.

PENASCOLA, Fla., Nov. 23.—J. P. Moore, owner of the auxiliary schooner Success and fourteen other defendants charged by the government with smuggling in connection with the wholesale liquor and alien trade between this country and Cuba, are scheduled to be placed on trial here today in the United States district court. Moore, government officials say, is alleged to have been the main spring of the unlawful operations said to have taken place on the west coast of Florida. The indictments against him and the other defendants charge that contraband cargoes are brought from Cuba and transferred at sea to smaller and faster craft and landings were effected on the shores of Choctawhatchee Bay, in the southern part of Oklawaha County. By special arrangements with members of the alleged ring, planes referred to as said to have been smuggled through Apalachicola, where they were placed aboard trains and accompanied by one of those under indictment to Philadelphia. Defense counsel, it is said, will ask for severance for some of those indicted but the government now entertains hopes of trying all the defendants at once. Henry Chu, Chinese lawyer, of Philadelphia, and his client, Louis Ying, wealthy Chinese, also of that city, are said to be here ready for trial. Ying is said to be proprietor of the Inland Clearing House. Besides Moore those regarded as principal defendants are B. N. Sutton and B. Churchill, former sheriff and deputy of Oklawaha county; Benjamin Edmondson, who operates a fleet of fast motor boats out of Pensacola; J. H. Givens, farmer-banker; Charles Sovey, of Apalachicola, and Charles Hong, of Euclid, Ala., both Chinese, and C. C. Williams, conductor on the Apalachicola Northern Railway. Moore came to Florida from Macon, Ga., where he operated a small detective agency.

North Carolina To Build 50 Per Cent More Roads In 1923 Than Were Finished During Year '22

Highway Commission to Give Contract for 800 to 1,000 Miles Road Building at Cost of Sixteen to Twenty Million Dollars—Program Is Largest of Any State In the Union—Proposed \$15,000,000 Bond Issue to Complete the Work In 1923.

SPLENDID MUSIC WAS FEATURE BAPTIST SERVICE

Drs. Davis and Vipperman Continue to Draw Big Crowds at Special Meetings at First Baptist Church—Meeting Goes Through Friday.

The feature of the Bible conference at the First Baptist Church last night was the splendid music rendered by the church orchestra and quartet. Those in attendance felt that they were richly repaid in the splendid selections rendered if these had constituted the only program. Dr. Davis, in his discussion of Baptist church history paid a glowing tribute to those early Christians who emphasized spiritual life and decried the unspiritual nature of Catholicism, stating that the unswerving devotion of these people to the word of God, together with their missionary zeal, made possible the Reformation of the sixteenth century. Without the work which those people did Luther would have met the fate of Huss and other martyrs. Dr. Davis anticipated the published program by discussing yesterday morning "The Baptist Line Through the Ages" and taking up last night "The Baptist Line Through the Anabaptists." The Anabaptists, said the speaker, emerged during the Reformation when nations are at peace, people are engaged in affairs of this world and refuse to discuss things religious. The preacher may preach with tremendous power, calling his people to repentance but the people refuse to heed. But let war come and the people recast their spiritual thinking. When Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and others challenged the whole world Anabaptist took advantage of the opportunity of the moment to assert the whole truth of the New Testament and thus came into greater prominence. The Manifestation of the New Birth was the subject discussed by Dr. Vipperman in his own masterful way. The speaker stated that regeneration affects the regenerate person's relationship to God forever. It is beyond the possibility of man or God that regenerate person should ever be again what he was before the new birth. "What is the real significance and meaning of text, 'Whoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God'?" asked the speaker. That faith and regeneration are also relatedly required of all classes and conditions of men. This new birth manifests itself in spiritual life. Christianity does not consist simply in the external but in love for God. And not only in love for God but in love for his people. It is manifestation is seen in perpetual oblation work. The conference will continue through Friday night. Tonight Dr. Davis will discuss New Testament Baptism and Dr. Vipperman will give "Reflections on a New Testament Church."

BIG COTTON MILL DEAL AT ASHEVILLE ANNOUNCED

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 23.—Sale of the French Broad Manufacturing Company's plant at Owenby near this city to the Martell Mills, Inc., New York, for a consideration of about \$300,000 has been completed, officials of the company here announced. Eight other plants in South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama have been bought at the same time by the Martell Mills, Inc., and will in the future be operated under the name of the Martell Mills. T. J. Bagwell, superintendent of the French Broad Manufacturing Company's plant here said today that the new owners would probably take active control of the plant in the near future, but that for the present the plant will continue to operate without changes. The French Broad plant is engaged in manufacturing bed spreads. The plant in stock is said to be about \$430,000. Plants which have been purchased by the Martell Mills Company are: Palmetto Cotton Mills, Columbia, S. C.; Lexington and Red Mills, Lexington, S. C.; Middleburg Mills, Batesburg, S. C.; Valley Falls Mills, Spartanburg, S. C.; Ashcroft Mills, Florence, Ala.; and Martell Manufacturing Company, Georgia.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE LEFT \$400,000 ESTATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The late Thomas Nelson Page, former ambassador to Italy, and author, left an estate valued at \$400,000, according to a petition filed here today by his executors for the probate of his will. Included in the estate is a \$119,000 residence in Washington, and seven Virginia farms estimated at \$31,000. Mr. Page's stocks and other securities, according to the petition filed by Rosewell Page, a brother of Beaver Dam, Va., and H. Rozier Duany, executors, total \$253,363.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—Advancing with its program of highway construction, which is said to be the largest of any in the union, the North Carolina Highway Commission next year will place under contract from 800 to 1,000 miles of road building at an estimated cost of \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000, according to an announcement today by State Highway Engineer Charles M. Upham. This action will follow the State's contract for 2000 miles in 1921, it is stated. Over one-half of this mileage was for hard surface—concrete or asphalt—and during the present year 500 miles have been completed. In 1923 the commission expects to finish fifty per cent more roads than during 1922. Construction has been delayed here by nationwide strikes and bad weather at the beginning of the year, said Mr. Upham. The commission has recovered from this delay, he added, and "with highly organized forces working on a carefully planned schedule" will be in a position to move forward at a greater pace next year. As an indication of the progress now being made, figures were cited showing 60 miles of paved roads and 120 of other types already have been completed this month. A survey of the work shows almost every principal city in the State with a network of improved highways, either completed, under construction or under contract. The Winston-Salem-Charlotte-Asheville Highway already has many miles of hard surface, while the same is true of the Central Highway, which runs from New Bern to Murphy. From Charlotte to the South Carolina line, there is a completed paved highway. Roads from Charlotte to Lincolnton, Charlotte to Concord, Charlotte to Gastonia, Charlotte to Statesville and to other surrounding points have a large mileage of hard surface and other portions under construction. The highway from Raleigh to Durham to Greensboro and other cities also is far advanced, with paving still underway, as are the projects in the vicinity of Statesville, Winton-Salem and Lenoir. The commission according to the state engineer, is constructing the so-called "Progressive Types of Highways." Traffic demands determine the kind of road built. The first is the "grading and drainage type." When traffic becomes too great for this kind of highway, it is surfaced with selected soil and maintained for traffic as a subgrade road. The third type is the hard surfaced road. The third type is the hard surfaced road. The third type is the hard surfaced road. The third type is the hard surfaced road.

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TO PREACH TONIGHT ON "THE REVIVAL OF SIN"

Dr. J. E. Thacker Thinks Church Needs a Revival of Sin—Large Crowds Continue in Attendance at Presbyterian Church.

The largest congregation yet in attendance at the morning services in progress at the First Presbyterian church heard Dr. Thacker Wednesday morning. The singing was exceptionally good at both the morning and the night services. Dr. Thacker selected his morning text from James 4:17, "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin," and handled his subject "Omission" in a convincing and convincing manner saying that sins of omission are committed against ourselves, our fellow men and our God. Dr. Thacker will preach tonight and have for his subject, "A Revival of Sin." Dr. Thacker says "we have heard so much concerning the church's need of revivals of righteousness that he has come to the conclusion and conviction that what the church really needs is a 'revival of sin.' All are cordially urged to hear this sermon. At night the text was taken from John 3:18, "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." The first reason is that no one is ever lost simply because he's a sinner. If that were true, all of us would be lost beyond all hope of recovery, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." If your soul is lost it will be because you refuse to trust Jesus, the sinner's friend and the sinner's Saviour to save you. That's what Jesus says in John 3:18—"Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." The second reason is because God had opened up a plan of salvation, full and free, for every man and woman, but we get him tonight if you will only accept it. Jesus says—"I am come that they might have life more abundantly." "In the last day that great day of the feast Jesus stood and said, if any man—whenever he may be—will any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." In the last page of the Bible God says—"Whoever will let him take the water of life freely." Jesus assures all who will trust Him an everlasting salvation without money. "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." God puts no hindrance in the way of your coming to Jesus and being saved ever now, this very hour if you will. He opens up before us a way of life in his own blood and faith. "This is the way, walk ye in it." "I am the true and the living Way, no man cometh to the Father but by me." Then he warns us against the broad way of unbelief, and tells us that it "leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat." Then he saith to each one—"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." We make our own destiny. We are responsible for our own choice. "4. Finally God puts active agencies to work to save us if we will only let Him. He withholds the thunderbolts of Divine wrath against sin, that you, the sinner may have another opportunity this night to turn to Jesus if you only will. Don't misunderstand—I didn't say that God withholds the thunderbolts of Divine wrath against sinner. That isn't it. God loves the sinner; and God loves every sinner. And God so loved every sinner that he gave his only begotten Son that whatsoever sinner believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. But God hates the sin that damns the sinner's soul, and He is withholding in his wrath against the sin that the sinner may turn away from his sin this night and turn unto Jesus and be saved.

CLEMENCEAU GLAD HE HAS STARTED SOME TALK ON BOARD CLEMENCEAU'S PRIVATE CAR

ON BOARD CLEMENCEAU'S PRIVATE CAR, En Route to Boston, Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Julius Kautsky, French socialist leader, was talking about France and French relations with Georges Clemenceau worked today on a new appeal and a new broadside of friendly criticism to be launched in his Boston speech. The aged ex-premier of France was keenly interested in news of how his remarks were being received, especially in official Washington. He told Colonel Stephen Bonsai, his tour conductor, that some of the comment indicated that the need for information in some quarters was "even greater than he had realized."

REPLIES FROM ACROSS OCEAN IN THREE MINUTES

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Less than three minutes after the query "How's the weather?" had been flashed across the Atlantic by wireless, replies were received from London, Paris, Berlin and Bergen, Norway. "Raining, mild," was London's answer received in 43 seconds. Norway's reply came ten seconds later. France was third and Germany last, two minutes and forty seconds after the question. The conversations were a part of a discussion of wireless by David Saroff, vice president of the Radio Corporation of America, last night at a meeting of the New York Electrical Society.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday; slightly warmer tonight.

FARMER IS LUCKY THIS YEAR TO SWAP DOLLARS SAYS N. C. DEPARTMENT

Fortunate for the World That He Is Used to Discouragements. HAS BEEN HARD YEAR Big Crops That Feed World Were Produced at Loss By Farmers.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 22.—It has been fortunate for the world that farmers are accustomed to discouragement and privations. They are encountering their third year, and lucky is the farmer who swaps his dollars this year. The big crops that are feeding us cheaply were produced at a loss by the average farmer. This statement was issued by officials of the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture and Agricultural Economics today in a discussion of the "Agricultural Situation." "Practically all crops are harvested, with very little cotton, potatoes and corn not housed. Fall grains are short of the usual acreage, the dry soil in this state hindering seeding. With the pasturage ended, the livestock feeding season begins. "The money crops—cotton, tobacco, potatoes, apples and others—are plentiful. Transportation is not fully satisfactory, but quite essential. Labor has had its shortage felt in many localities. "Competitive wages offered by urban industries have been felt. Improved city conditions warrant paying for labor. The rural and urban wages, as with prices, are out of balance. The effects of sales of cotton and tobacco are quite noticeable in urban business. Potatoes are bringing absurdly low prices, with no market at all in many states. Apples are going to waste in many areas, especially where spraying was not done. "Cotton ginnings are not showing up as high as expected and prices have gone to about 25 cents. The rapid and sustained advances in our dry goods market, increase in exports of cotton and an active demand for spot cotton have contributed to the advance in price. This year's consumption probably will run considerably ahead of the production, reducing materially the surplus of cotton. The millers are feeling much concern thereby. "Trend of livestock prices are upward. Best beef steers reached \$13.79 in October, while the average of beef steers was \$10.70 per 100 pounds. Demands for feeder cattle have been good. Hogs have gone lower, top prices in Chicago being \$9.25 late in October, or \$1.20 less than on October 2. "Only cotton and tobacco have fair exchange values, and these are below par in purchasing fuel and some other commodities. Other crops in this respect look like the sum of the earth. A portion of corn, potatoes, wheat or pork buys less than half as much fuel as it would in 1913. Of all commodities combined, corn will buy 68 percent as much; wheat 75; hay 84; potatoes, 63; cattle 60; hogs 72; eggs, and huff, 90 percent of the quantity they would purchase before the war period. All farm products have a relative purchasing power of 61 percent, which is continued decline of the exchange values." It was stated.

CHARLOTTE MEN BUY LOCAL PRINT SHOP

Messrs. Goodwin and Martin, of Pound & Moore's, Purchase Controlling Interest In Carolina Printing Co.'s Business—Assume Personal Charge December 1. A deal last just been consummated whereby W. A. Goodwin and Hal C. Martin, of Charlotte, have obtained the controlling interest in the Carolina Printing Company. They will assume personal charge December 1. These are both well known business men of Charlotte. Mr. Goodwin has for some time been manager of the printing department of Pound & Moore and has been largely responsible for the rapid growth of the printing end of that firm's business. Mr. Martin is a practical printer and has also been with Pound & Moore. Prior to his connection with that firm he managed printing plants in several other localities, having been at one time owner and manager of the Lenoir News. For two years he was manager of the Copper City Printing Co., of Copperville, Tenn. Both of these men have had wide experience in their respective lines. They state that they propose to give Gastonia a printing plant second to none in any town of equal size in the State. Mr. W. L. Walters, while retaining an interest in the business, will devote his entire time after December 1 to his office supply and stationery business. Until the arrival of the new owners, however, he is managing the business. In this deal Messrs. P. C. Abernethy and W. H. Patrick sold their interests in this business. The Carolina Printing Co. is a new corporation, having been recently formed to take over the business of the Brumley-Walters Printing Company.

475 Miners Are Trapped When Explosion Occurs In Dolomite Mine Of Woodward Iron Co.

Force of the Explosion Was Felt In Birmingham, Nine Miles Away—Many Scenes of Heroism and Pathos as Miners Are Brought to Surface—83 Bodies Have Been Taken From Mine—Many Negroes Are Among Those Injured—State Militia Is On the Scene.

BERMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 23.—Work of removing the dead from Dolomite mine number three of the Woodward Iron company, in which 475 men were trapped by an explosion yesterday, was renewed with vigor by rescue crews aided by underground assistants today after daylight. Company officials estimated that the list of dead might be increased from 83. Checking of the injured indicated that the list of sixty was approximately correct. Of the unknown 55 were white men while about 80 per cent of the injured are negroes. Approximately 60 men were reported to have been injured by the blast, and the other men to have escaped unharmed. "Scenes of pathos about the mine mouth during the night and early morning hours continued as relatives and families of miners known to have been in the mine when the blast occurred waited expectantly for news of their loved ones. Many of these men, it was believed, had reached the surface in safety through the runway connecting the mine with mine number two, and had reentered the workings to help in rescue work without communicating with company officials or relatives. "The anxious relatives, however, kept their watch about the mine mouth all night long, refusing to quit their post until they learned definitely of the fate of their fathers, brothers or loved ones. "Throughout the night, joyous reunions occasionally relieved the sorrowful scenes. One small coal gave a cry of delight as a grimy miner emerged, his face smothered and his clothing bearing mute signs of his struggle to reach the surface in safety. As the man came out the little girl hurried off before the name of the man could be learned. "Another aged woman is said to have collapsed as she greeted two sons after several hours of waiting at the entrance, fearing that both had lost their lives. The boys, meeting rescuers in the mine as they were making their way out and bearing that the workings were safe again from poisonous gases, had instantly turned back to aid in the search for other men, thus keeping their mother in suspense until they reached the surface exhausted. "Stories of heroism, common in real mine disasters, began to trickle to the outside world early this morning as begrimed rescuers came to the surface after long hours of work in the mine. "One rescuer told of an unidentified mine foreman who assembled about him thirty workers and soon after the blast took place, ordered all to remain with him and work on fixing up brattices with stones and canvas to shut off the draft of after-damp gas that he felt sure was

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to follow the explosion. While this work was going on, according to the rescue worker, one miner objected to remaining with the rest of the men. He argued with the foreman, and finally saying that he was determined to try for the entrance by himself, began to fight his way outward. The rest stayed behind while the foreman and complied the brattice of stones and canvas, when the fans began started up again, the air cleared sufficiently to indicate that it was safe to tear down the temporary wall, the foreman led his men out, the body of the man who refused to stick with the rest was found only a few feet away from the temporary brattice. He had become a victim of the gas. "Tales of numerous single miners who hurriedly built walls across niches and corners in the workings, stopping the drafts with parts of their own clothing and those existing their lives from the gases, were numerous as rescue squads reached the surface. "It will probably be late today before a complete official check of the dead and injured will be available, according to company officials who remained at the mine all night in an effort to relieve the minds of anxious relatives. "Many of the more seriously injured may succumb, it was said at the hospital in Bessemer, where they were taken after they were brought from the mine last night. "It was after midnight before the state militia at that scene of the able to clear the district about the mine entrance of the hundreds of curious who came to watch the rescue work. "Fourteen men were working within the mine about one mile from the entrance when the explosion took place. All felt the force of the blast, entered a pocket in the wall so the mine and were rescued uninjured at 7:30 o'clock last night. "Shortly before midnight the work of identification of dead men halted, authorities and officials turning all of their attention to caring for the injured. "The jam of automobiles about the mine during the late hours last night caused several collisions, no one being badly injured, but property damage was heavy. The arrival of State troops finally relieved this traffic jam. "The force of the explosion was felt in Birmingham, nine miles distant, the concussion being distinctly heard in the South Highlands residence district. "The list of identified white dead: Hugh Correll; Percy Waldrop; Gail Burdette; D. A. Busby; Eugene Robinson; Robert Justice; Ed Brill; Tom Warrick; Herchel Warrick; Sam Huez; Jim Scott; Herbert Knight; James Sumner; Grady Crowder; Hubert Early; Will Anthony; Lige Stanford.

COMMUNITY WORKERS HAD GOOD MEETING YESTERDAY

Were Guests of Rev. G. R. Gillespie at Clara-Dunn-Armstrong Community House—Hear Rock Hill Woman Speak. Gaston County Community Workers were delighted with the November meeting which convened at the Clara Armstrong and Dunn community house Thursday afternoon and felt greatly indebted to Misses Vaughn Murray and Gretchen Fiegenfeldt, who were responsible for the afternoon program, in securing Miss Mary E. Frazier, of Rock Hill, to speak before the workers at this time. Miss Frazier is at present in charge of the Women's club work at Aragon, Industrial and Arcade Mills, of Rock Hill, and Baldwin Mill, at Chester, S. C., discussing at length the subject with which her whole life is inspired and none more of greatest interest to this body, that of building mill communities and bettering mill employees, both for the sake of the worker and the owner. Miss Frazier is a graduate of Columbia University and has served in several capacities in connection with the child labor bureau in Virginia, her native state, as supervisor of state work in North Carolina and for five years in similar work in Georgia, possessing thorough knowledge and rich experience in this dealing daily with human nature. A spirit of optimism permeated the entire address lending encouragement as she spoke at length of the big problems of the work and the slow but sure results in making more efficient operatives and better citizens, comparing for example two mill villages in Rock Hill and after ten long years faithful work the women's club had grown from 5 to 4 members to 38 who are now transforming the village and taking the major part in young people's recreation and later.

HAS BROKEN BACK BONE OF ILLICIT WHISKEY BUSINESS

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 23.—Federal officials here today declared that the session of United States district court now drawing to a close has "broken the backbone" of illicit whiskey manufacturing and selling in western North Carolina. Following a concerted drive by prohibition officers, Deputy marshals and sheriffs' forces the past six months about 500 defendants were arrested. Judge E. Yates Webb disposed of 130 cases during this term of which 84 to jail terms and fines aggregating \$9,225 was imposed. Only one defendant was acquitted. During the court session it developed that the "Cat's Head" section of Henderson county had yielded nine stills within an area of about two square miles. This was pronounced the worst hot-bed of distilling in the section. Five men were convicted from this section, one being sent to prison and four to jail. One woman was convicted of selling a still and was fined \$500. "Dr. Henry F. Glenn, returned this morning from Hilton Head, S. C., where he has spent the past week on a hunting trip. Dr. Glenn bagged two fine deer, one of them said to be the largest ever killed at the hunting lodge. Other Gastonians are expected to return tonight are S. S. Shuford, Drs. Parker and McConnell and H. M. Van Sleen. From time to time through the hunting season parties of Gastonians will go to Hilton Head.

COTTON MARKET

GASTONIA COTTON Today's receipts 56 bales Price 23c cents CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Cotton futures closed steady at 25 points up: December 25.30; January 25.40; March 25.48; May 25.84; July 26.00; October 26.24; Spot 25.45. (Continued on page 8.)