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SENTINEL IS A NEWS-SEEKING TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PIEDMONT SECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

TY BODIES RECOVERED FROM COAL MINE

Result So Far of Search in Tennessee—Discovery Yesterday of Three Survivors Redoubled Efforts by Rescue Parties Working in Cross Entries.

By last night's discovery of survivors of Saturday's disaster in the Cross Mountain coal mine, rescue squads went into the entries this morning, digging and mounding energy. Their only hope was finding a corpse-strewn way back to the mine. Bodies were recovered. Two identified. One was Joseph McAlister, who had a wife and four children. The other was a party penetrated into cross entry No. 23. No miners were found in additional directions for rescue were scrawled in chalk on the walls. They evidently were not to change their vantage point in account of altering air conditions. The rescue squad pressed in the direction indicated by the chalk.

At 10 o'clock, thirty bodies had been recovered. A rescue party from the mine reached yesterday afternoon at 4:30 p. m. from Pittsburgh. The men accompanying the party entered the Cross Mountain mine wearing helmet equipment. They believed that with the assistance of rescue experts, the removing of the dead bodies will proceed materially. The oxygen helmets the government rescuers were able to penetrate the Cross Mountain mine, which miners themselves had never ventured. A party of the men who are believed to have perished are American and raised in this valley. Women have been deprived not only of their husbands, but also of their sons. The women seem to have cried themselves out and apparently are in a daze, unable to fully realize the loss of their loved ones. A graveyard was established at Branch, near here, to take the bodies from the mine. The bodies being dug in a circle, the center of the circle, the center in memory of the victims. Volunteers were organized to perform the sexton's task. All afternoon there was not enough work for the sexton's corps to do, and clad in aprons, they presented a sight as they stood about waiting for bodies to be recovered.

Various Theories.

The theories advanced as to the cause of the accident. Presumably, of the Knoxville company, which owns the mine, probably had been caused by a "shot," which is a sort of powder inserted in a hole in the coal to dislodge it. Under might have ignited gases and in one of the many holes in the mine or might have set off dust on the floor of the mine.

Town in Mourning.

Greenville has had lately a day of mourning. Clearing and the hope inspired by the five of the entombed men and the inhabitants of the mine lingered near the mine yesterday. Hope fell when arrived with no encouraging news of the rescuers.

of known dead was increased to 28. Five of the bodies in the mine at the place where men were found lying face down entry No. 22, the vicaried damp. Two more vicaried brought out last night and were so badly decomposed were prepared for burial. They had been found and feet from the main en-

were partially explored, but no traces of the missing men was found.

Fire Hinders Work of Rescuing.

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 14.—The work of rescue squads employed in recovering the bodies of miners imprisoned in the Cross Mountain mine was retarded today by fires in the mine entries. Hope of rescuing more miners alive has been abandoned.

Over 50 Still in Mine.

With the passing of another day without the discovery of any more live men in Cross Mountain mine, hope for the rescue of the fifty odd men still unaccounted for reached its lowest ebb. The report spread through the village that three more survivors had been located and practically the whole population flocked to the mine for news only to be disappointed in finding that it was untrue.

Progress in the Search.

Progress in the search was obstructed by a smoldering fire which raged in left cross entry 17, requiring the efforts of half of the government helmet crew to extinguish it. Barrel after barrel of water was rolled into the mine in cars and pumped on the fire, for a time it threatened to cause serious trouble but finally was subdued. Whether the fire was started by the explosion or from a miner's lamp is a matter of dispute. The body of Horace Irish, aged 60, boss of the gang rescued alive Monday night, was known to be in the vicinity and it is said that those with him when he was killed by the explosion left a lighted lamp beside the body when they were forced to another chamber by bad air. Irish's body has not been recovered.

The owners officially announced that there were 85 men in the mine when the explosion took place.

Friends and relatives of miners unaccounted for are manifesting great impatience because the rescuers are not making faster headway. There are about twenty miles of mine way to explore and less than 25 oxygen helmet men who can penetrate to all corners.

JUDGE BOYD'S STATEMENT AS TO THE WILLIAMS CASE.

Before adjournment of the last term of federal court in Greensboro Judge Boyd declared, says the News, that sentence in the case of N. Glenn Williams and Thomas Craft, indicted and convicted of violations of the United States postal laws, would be passed as soon as a case before the Circuit Court of Appeals, vitally affecting the estate of Mr. Williams, had been settled.

ENGINE FALLS OFF CHUTE.

Engineer and Fireman Instantly Killed in the Crash.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 12.—Engineer Lawrence Maddox, of Columbia, and the colored fireman of a local freight train on the Southern Railway between Columbia and Greenville, were instantly killed at Pelzer when their engine fell twenty feet off a coal chute. The engine was placing cars on the chute and the brakes when applied failed to work. As the tender of the engine turned over it fell upon the men, horribly mangling them.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY BALE OF COTTON.

STATESVILLE, Dec. 14.—Mr. Adam C. Troutman, a farmer living some miles from Statesville, was so badly crushed beneath a bale of cotton that he died yesterday.

Mr. Troutman and his son were hauling their cotton from a gin and when within a half mile of home a bale on which he was sitting toppled from the wagon and he was caught beneath it.

The son released the father and with help carried him to his home where efforts of physicians to save his life were in vain. He was seventy years old and is survived by a large family.

BOLD HOLD-UP OF A FAST TRAIN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Atlantic Coast Line Train No. 80 Is Stopped By Robbers and Several Sacks of Registered Mail Taken—Hold-Up Men, Who Were Passengers on the Train, Make Their Escape.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 12.—Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 80, from Florida to New York, was held up by robbers shortly after midnight at Hardeeville, South Carolina.

A posse left for the scene early this morning. Particulars are lacking.

Later—Registered Mail Taken.

The train left Savannah for New York at 12:45 this morning and was stopped by robbers near Hardeeville, S. C., just before daybreak. Several sacks of registered mail were taken.

The train was running in two sections. The express cars, in which it is believed the robbers aimed, were carried on the second section and escaped attack.

Night Telegrapher McRoy, at Hardeeville, cleared the train from that station. Soon after it got away but before it had gone out of sight it stopped. A few minutes later the second section arrived from Savannah. The crew ran ahead to find out what had happened to the first section.

BOY ADMITS THEFT AT PRAYER.

Robbed Worshipping Woman on Thanksgiving Day for Christmas Cash.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 14.—Under the "third degree" Frank G. Marshall, 14 years old, confessed that he was the pickpocket who robbed Mrs. William Borgert of \$19.02 while she was kneeling in prayer at the Thanksgiving Day service at the Twelfth Street Baptist church. The boy in his confession told how he had followed her to church and taken a pew back of her. While the congregation was at its devotions he reached far enough under the pew to open the hand bag and extract the money. He managed to slip out of the church before the prayer was finished.

McNAMARAS TOIL AT LOOM.

James B. Not Yet Examined for Tuberculosis at Penitentiary.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Dec. 14.—James B. McNamara has not been examined yet by the prison physicians for tuberculosis, and it is impossible to state when he may be, said Warden John E. Hoyle today. "Heretofore the custom has been to make no examinations of that kind unless specially asked by the prisoner, or when the prisoner's condition is plain to be seen," the Warden explained.

PAID HIS \$4,500 FOR A BRICK.

Bunco Steerers Use Civil War Memories to Mulct a Colonel.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Colonel George P. Clark, more than 70 years old, of No. 215 Quincy street, Brooklyn, is anxious to meet a pair of affable strangers who took him to a room in a Brooklyn hotel, induced him to give him \$4,500 of his money, and sent him home with a nice little tin box in which reposed a perfectly good brick.

Leaf Tobacco in Storage.

A meeting of the presidents or managers of the dry prizeries of the tobacco belt was held in Danville one day last week. Reports showed that more tobacco is being received by these storage plants this year than ever before. Following are approximately the amounts of tobacco received by the different plants so far: Danville, about 400,000 pounds; Housh, Va., about 300,000 pounds; Redstone, Va., about 150,000 pounds; Waukegan, Va., about 100,000 pounds; and Oxford about 100,000 pounds.

2 Masked Men Murder Young Married Couple In Cleveland County

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, a young couple residing at Fallston, near Shelby, Cleveland county, were murdered by two masked men Tuesday night after which the home was robbed of about forty dollars.

The crime was one of the most horrible that has ever been committed in North Carolina.

A long distance message to The Sentinel from Shelby says that Mr. Dixon was summoned from his home to his barn shortly after dark Tuesday evening. Upon his arrival there he was seized by the two masked men, who cut his throat and otherwise abused him unmercifully. Death followed in a short time.

From the barn the men went to the home, cut Mrs. Dixon's throat and left her for dead. A colored man, who happened to be passing the home, heard the woman's piteous appeal for help. He rushed into the house and found Mrs. Dixon lying on the floor with blood flowing from the wounds inflicted on her throat and neck. The negro ran out and gave the alarm. Soon neighbors gathered and Mrs. Dixon was able to give a description of the men who had committed the crime. She stated that one was a tall man while the other was small of stature.

Mrs. Dixon lived until next morning. A large crowd of neighbors and officers were out all night looking for the guilty parties.

It is reported that certain parties had an old grudge against Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, and that these are suspected of being guilty. The robbery, however, leads others to believe that the two masked men entertained the idea that Mr. Dixon had a large sum of money in his home.

The crime has stirred the neighborhood and other friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, who were held in high esteem, and the prediction is made that an attempt will be made to lynch the guilty ones, should they be captured.

LATER—Two Negroes Charged With The Crime.

Hack and John Ross, negroes, are in jail at Shelby charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, two estimable citizens of Cleveland county, who were killed at their home near Fallston, Tuesday night.

A special from Shelby to the Charlotte Observer says:

The sentiment is strong against Hack Ross and if the coroner's jury fixes the blame on him, lynching may be expected. Sentiment is at fever heat, but the good citizens are determined to be sure of their move before they take the law in their hands. They know Hack Ross made a threat that there would be "somebody missing in the neighborhood" if they took his meat, and Mr. Dixon had a mortgage on Ross's hog. Ross could not pay for the hog and took it back to Mr. Dixon Monday, but the sentiment seems to be that this seemingly friendly feeling was feigned to cover up the awful crime he had planned. And, too, Ross lives about a quarter of a mile from Mr. Dixon's, and tracks were found by Chief of Police Jettison and Deputy Nelson Lattimore that exactly responded to the shoe Ross was wearing because of the heavy tracks in the neighborhood.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH FOUND DEAD.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 14.—In a humble home on a suburban street the bodies of Mrs. Fannie New Pinnix and her husband, William G. Pinnix, lie dead as a result of a dual homicide at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, committed by the husband, a former employee of the Southern Railroad and of a prominent North Carolina family.

They left letters and memoranda showing that he had planned the tragedy as long ago as Thanksgiving Day.

WARMEST DECEMBER 12 IN NEW YORK IN 40 YEARS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The warmest December 12 since the local Weather Bureau began business forty years ago was reported by Forecaster Scarr yesterday. The thermometer hung in the 50's all day and attained a maximum of 60 degrees at 3 p. m. The humidity maximum was 90 at 3 a. m. For those who sweated in overcoats Mr. Scarr added, "some relief is in store today, though not much."

SILVER TUBE AIDS HORSE IN BREATHING.

AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 14.—Probably the only horse in the world having a silver throat is owned by J. T. Renfro, was given to him as a valuable because it had difficulty in breathing. As it is a highly bred animal, he took it to an expert veterinarian. A silver tube was inserted into the animal's throat to take the place of the affected portion of the windpipe. The horse is well and can go any distance without trouble.

PRESIDENT TAFT TO THE CORN CLUB BOYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—More than twenty Southern boys who won prizes for premium yield of corn heard President Taft talk today on the benefits that would accrue to the South through such work as they have been doing.

The President declared the Southern people would no longer have to depend on fifteen cent cotton to feel prosperous, if the lessons those boys learned were taught others.

Representative Lee, of Georgia, told the President next year sixty thousand Southern boys would go into corn raising for the prizes offered.

SAILOR RESCUES PRINCESS FROM A WATERY GRAVE.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 14.—Princess Louise Victoria, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland and sister of King George V., and her daughters had a thrilling experience yesterday when the Peninsula and Oriental steamship Delhi on which they were voyaging to Egypt struck the reefs off Cape Spartel, the northwest extremity of Africa.

While being taken ashore by the long boat of the British armored cruiser Duke of Edinburgh, they were thrown into the water by the capsizing of the boat, one of the daughters having a narrow escape from drowning. She was rescued by a sailor and carried to land with the others, all suffering severely from the bitter cold.

The Delhi struck at one o'clock in the morning in a thick fog. Immediately all the passengers hurried from their staterooms half-dressed and put on life preservers. Water poured steadily into the cabins, while enormous seas, sometimes mast high, broke over the vessel. Signals of distress were sent out by wireless and the first warship to arrive was the French cruiser Friant.

It was long past daylight before the Friant's steam launch was able to come alongside the Delhi. In the meantime preparations were made aboard the stranded steamer to send the women and children ashore. One of the boats of the Delhi was lowered and filled with passengers. The launch finally succeeded in getting this in tow and then steamed to the British cruiser Duke of Edinburgh, where the frightened women and children were safely taken aboard.

FOUND THE GIANT TREES.

California's Mighty Sequoias Discovered Seventy Years Ago.

It was seventy years ago—June 20, 1841—that John Bidwell discovered the "big trees" of California. He was the first white man, so far as we know, who ever beheld those monarchs of the forest.

Nine years later a hunter named Dowd was led into the company of the forest kings by a bear that he was chasing, and it was by Dowd that the knowledge of the monster trees was spread abroad, but to Bidwell belongs the distinction of having been the first civilized man to gaze upon the wonderful trees.

HATCHET SPARK'S EXPLOSION.

Man Driving Nail Sets Off Gas That Wrecks Building.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Mansion Hotel at Valley Forge was wrecked by an explosion of acetylene gas. The proprietor, J. C. Wolfe, and his son Harvey, had a narrow escape from being killed.

While making repairs workmen hit one of the gas pipes, causing a leak, and Mr. Wolfe's son was driving a nail, when a spark from the steel hatchet ignited the gas. An explosion followed, and the room was a complete wreck.

TWO ACRES BROUGHT \$314 IN TOBACCO TO GROWER.

J. W. Tuttle, who lives in southern Guilford, believes he has established a record. Tobacco grown by him on a little less than two acres of ground brought the tidy sum of \$314.65, or an average of \$157.32 1/2 to the acre. The tobacco weighed about 1,750 pounds and brought nearly 18 cents per pound on an average. Mr. Tuttle went to Guilford from Stokes county.

WRITES 79-FOOT LETTER.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—What is believed to be the longest letter ever written is being read by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Los Angeles. Penned by C. Milton Morse, of Portland, Ore., a friend of the Hamiltons, it contains 32,000 words, and is written on a continuous sheet of wrapping paper 79 feet in length.

The letter was written in a spirit of jest when the Hamiltons upbraided Morse for apparent lack of interest in their correspondence. In the letter Morse said he had written for 20 minutes on each week day for two months and had devoted twice that much time to the letter on Sundays.

GROWTH FARMERS' UNION IN NORTH CAROLINA

WILSON, Dec. 13.—The annual meeting of the North Carolina division of the National Farmers' Union assembled here today for a session of three days. One of the most interesting features of the convention will be the annual reports showing the remarkable growth of the organization during the past twelve months. During the year just closed 14,000 new members were enrolled in North Carolina, distributed among more than 2,000 local branches of the union.

National President C. S. Barrett made the principal address at the opening session Wednesday. He declared that the cotton holding plan submitted by the financiers was not in line with the proposition he laid before them; that he thought they restricted too much and that their restrictions were harder than the farmers would be willing to submit to. He urged the farmers to reduce their acreage, raise their living and thus get in position to hold their cotton.

Other addresses were made endorsing President Barrett's position. E. C. Hudson, of the State Agricultural Department, spoke in no improvement. President Alexander of the Union presided.

A correspondent writing from Wilson to the Raleigh News and Observer says:

Eastern Carolina, with pride, boasts of its intelligent farmers; but by "down easters" there are others. We speak of those from the Piedmont section and those higher up in "the land of the sky." Why, a more representative body of intelligent gentlemen never honored Wilson with their presence than the planters from the West.

The way in which Mr. H. D. Brown, secretary of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce, is handling the vast number of Wilson's guests is a credit to himself and the representative body he represents. It's a "Doe" knows how.

A delegate from a Western county was heard to remark: "Never in my life have I seen so much money in circulation as I see in Wilson. It's not so up in my neck-of-the-woods where trapping is our chief occupation. There hides and skins are used for currency, and the man or boy who is fortunate enough to ensnare a bear or other fells that he has enough lucre to keep the wolf from his door for many moons." Continuing, he said: "Not long since a neighbor stopped at my home and borrowed a mink skin which he purchased at a cross roads store a gown for his wife and daughter. A few days after I met him coming from his trap and he paid me back every cent. Not having a mink skin he gave me its equivalent in muskrat skins, and I had so much wealth that I could hardly 'tote' it— but what's the diff—the hides get what we want, and it's no skin game, either."

The delegates from Chatham are as thick on the streets of Wilson as are moulton cotton tails in that grand old county. A delegate from the "rabbit district" remarked to a Wilson county planter: "My friends, why don't you Eastern farmers pay less attention to the cultivation of cotton and tobacco, and more to raising what you need for home consumption? Up my way the first consideration of the farmer is: Wheat, corn, hay, oats and meat, and when we have housed a sufficiency of these products the chilling blasts of winter do us no harm; and you know, sir, that 'he who provides not for his own household is worse than an infidel.' "That is true, brother," was the reply of the Wilson farmer, "we raise all of the cereals you name, and in abundance, and would raise our meat, too, only that the cholera plays havoc with our hogs." "I said nothing about hogs" said the Chatham man. "When I say 'meat' I mean rabbits—I've housed about five hundred as fat high-jumpers as you ever stuck a tooth in—as fat as nigger babies and as brown as berries. Why, sir, there's not a hog in my townshipp."

Two of the jolliest of jolly delegates are from the Shelby section—Messrs. J. C. Beam and J. Z. Falls—and they continually crack jokes at the expense of each other.

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GREENWICH, Ark., Dec. 14.—Geo. Barnes' big duck, Empress Eugenia, laid an egg that is shaped somewhat like a pumpkin, with a distinct stem attachment, is of mottled yellow hue and has spots on it that give its south aspect the look of a jack-o'-lantern.