

MINE HORROR TODAY NEAR KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Over One Hundred Men Entombed in Mine, in Which Fire is Furiously Raging

Dust Explosion Caused Disaster at Mine of Knoxville Iron Company at Briceville—Rescue Parties Made Attempts to Penetrate the Mine, But Hurdled Back by Flames—Women Flock to the Entrances and Glamor to Go In—Awaiting Arrival of Government Rescue Apparatus.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—A dust explosion imprisoned two hundred men in a coal mine of the Knoxville Iron Company, at Briceville, thirty-four miles north of here this morning, at 7:30 o'clock. The explosion was two miles from the main entrance. A federal mine rescue crew has been summoned. It is not yet possible to ascertain the number killed. It is feared the loss of life will be heavy.

Rescue preparations were begun and by 10 o'clock several gangs of miners had gone into the main cross mountain mine by three entrances. None of the rescue parties have yet reported. As the news spread about the Briceville district throngs of women and children rushed to the mine entrances, clamoring to go inside to aid in the rescue. Many women knew their husbands had entered the mine before the blast. At 10 o'clock it was definitely ascertained that one hundred men entered the mine before the explosion.

Hope Dwindles.

Rescue work was checked before 11 o'clock. Great billows of flames belched from the openings and the rescue parties were hurled back by the flames.

Hope for the imprisoned miners has dwindled almost to despair.

Reports from the explosion scene up to 10 o'clock were vague. Telephone messages from Briceville declared the explosion occurred far back in the mine, which extends two miles into the mountains.

Rescue Parties Driven Back.

Rescue squads who were driven from the mine by flames and smoke declared they advanced a mile into the main shaft before being forced to retire. They discovered no signs of the imprisoned men. Just before the rescuers were driven out by smoke they encountered a cave-in in each of the entries.

Of all the men who went into the mine this morning three escaped, John Lang, Sam Farmer, Bert Haymaker. They were in one of the lateral shafts, and warned by the blast's rumble they escaped before overtaken by flames. These men observed a bad "sign" as they entered the mine. They believe the exact location of the blast is at least two miles in the interior and 800 feet from the mountain crest.

The number of men entombed is now variously estimated at 125 to 268. Because of the cave-in and the smoke and flames it is impossible for volunteer rescuers to proceed into the mine. They must await the coming of Federal rescuing apparatus, due this afternoon.

DON'T WANT TO BE CUT DOWN

Southern Republicans Raising a Howl

Fearful That Their Representation Will Be Curtailed in the National Conventions—Meeting in Washington to Discuss the Plan—Main Objection is to Office Holders Being Delegates.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A conference of about twenty-five members of the Republican National Committee will be held here Monday night to protest against the old threat to reduce Southern representatives in the Republican National conventions. The fight to keep office-holders out of the convention promises to make National Convention meeting Thursday one of the liveliest in recent years. Much of the protest against large Southern delegations is based on the fact that Federal office-holders have predominated and have been "swung into line" to support the existing administrations. Cecil Lyon, of Texas, hopes by keeping office-holders off the delegations that the representation of Southern States will not be impaired. Another move to be made by Lyon and his associates will be to nullify the selection of any delegates made prior to the call for the convention by the National Committee.



FRANK MORRISON
Washington, Dec. 9.—Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, who is here attending a meeting of the McNamara ways and means defense committee, says that more than \$194,000 was raised for the defense of the McNamara brothers and that practically all of it has been expended. According to his figures, \$170,000 was sent to Clarence S. Darrow, of which he will keep \$50,000 as his retainer. Morrison says that as soon as Darrow makes his report it will be published in a pamphlet and will be sent to all contributors to the defense fund.

MAKING FACES AT EACH OTHER

Board and Com. Graham at Dagger's Point

Full Text of the Resolutions Adopted by the State Board of Agriculture and Commissioner Graham's Retraction in Full—Sixteen New Phrases Issued and Number of New Charters Instituted—Change of Courts Authorized.

Dispatch News Bureau.
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9, 1911.

Not since the Department of Agriculture was divorced from the A and M. College in 1907 have such lively meetings been held as were the order this week. In the olden times it was rivalry between the two institutions over authority that caused the lack of harmony; but since the institutions were made separate nothing has occurred to disturb the equilibrium of the department until this week. The report of Commissioner Graham, a synopsis of which was printed in The Dispatch, stirred up the members of the board and the climax was reached yesterday afternoon with the passage of resolutions criticising him for the reference made in his report to Dr. B. W. Kilgore, superintendent to test farms, and Mr. Franklin Sherman, state entomologist.

The meetings of the board were stormy. The board was divided on practically every issue, and there was debate of an acrimonious nature at times. Seven members of the board stood on one side and three members on the other, the seven members, however, being aligned against the commissioner. Messrs. A. Cannon, H. C. Carter and K. W. Carter and K. W. Barnes form the minority, it is said, and Messrs. R. L. Woodard, I. H. Kearney, R. W. Scott, A. T. McCallum, J. P. McRae, Wm. Bledsoe and W. J. Shuford form the majority.

For Co-operative Work.

The committee of the Board of Agriculture and the committee of College will meet here December 15th for the purpose of outlining and furthering the plan for co-operative work between the department and the college in the matter of boys' corn clubs, demonstration and experimental work, which will be done by direction of the committees. Mr. T. B. Parker, who has heretofore had charge of this work, will be permitted to devote his entire time to institute work.

The Resolutions.

The several resolutions passed by the board follow:

Whereas, The commissioner of agriculture in his report to the board of agriculture, which was published in the city evening paper, misrepresents the conditions existing in the department and the sentiment and action of the board,

Therefore, Be it resolved:

First: That recognizing the wishes of the citizens of the state, as expressed by the action of the last legislature, the board of agriculture by vote instructed those employees of the department, who have been so severely criticised by the commissioner of agriculture in his report, to formulate a plan and report the same for harmoniously adjusting the work of the various divisions in the department, so as to avoid conflict and duplication of effort and purposes. This these employees have done as ordered by the board and the board hereby accepts and approves their report.

Second: That the employees so severely reflected on by the commissioner of agriculture have the full confidence and approval of the board of agriculture for their loyal, long and efficient services for the department and the advancement of the agricultural interests of the state.

Third: That we hereby deny and refute the charges made by the commissioner of agriculture against the practical efficiency of the director of his management of the test farms, but by the management of his own farming interests, has shown that he is not only a practical but successful farmer.

Fourth: That the board of agriculture emphatically denies that it has taken any action which infringes on the duties or prerogatives of the commissioner of agriculture as established by law and the custom and policy of the board during the time which the present commissioner of agriculture was a member of the board and in which he fully concurred by vote and expression.

Fifth: The board in its policy and action during the administration of the present commissioner of agriculture has merely endeavored to develop and carry out the broad policies and efficient work formulated and inaugurated during the administration of the late lamented Colonel Samuel L. Patterson.

Commissioner Graham gave out the following:

"The commissioner of agriculture explains and withdraws the portion of his report deemed objectionable. (Continued on Third Page.)"

THE BROTHERS WON'T TESTIFY

McNamaras to Go to Once to Prison

Not Thought at All Likely They Will Go Before the Federal Grand Jury, Which Will Probably Adjourn Until Tuesday—Over Hundred Witnesses Appeared Today—Frisco Labor Leaders Have Been Summoned.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—The McNamara brothers probably will testify before the Federal grand jury. It was rumored that after today's session, the jury, now inquiring into the alleged nationwide dynamiting conspiracy, would not convene again until next Tuesday. It is expected that by that time the McNamara brothers will have begun, at San Quentin prison, their sentences of life and fifteen years imprisonment, respectively, for the crimes they confessed a week ago. Their emphatic declaration that they would not divulge what they knew of the alleged conspiracy, it is said, resulted in a plan to take the brothers to the penitentiary today or tomorrow. Scores of witnesses appeared today. It is known that most of San Francisco's labor leaders will be asked to appear before the jury.

A BIG RUSH.

People "sure do" read the advertisements in The Dispatch. This is proven by the number of children that called at the Wilmington Shoe Company yesterday afternoon for the souvenirs advertised to be given away.

Three hundred horns were given away during the first twenty minutes and people on the street were wondering what had happened, as every child passed was blowing a horn and it sounded like Christmas was here.

In yesterday's Dispatch the Wilmington Shoe Company had a large advertisement in which it was stated that beginning today and all next week the establishment would give presents free with each purchase of \$2.50 or more. All day the store has been crowded with customers.

As this sale only lasts a week, if you want to get a present free your purveyor better not put off making your purchase any longer than possible, as the best presents will be gone. The establishment's window is filled with presents that will be given away.

"Little Red Riding Hood"
Carry the youngsters to see it today at the Grand.

CONVENTION ENDS

State Baptists Closed Their Yearly Session Last Night in Winston-Salem—Strong Addresses Made on the Work of the B. Y. P. U.—Handsome Tributes to Memory of Prof. Carlyle.

Special to The Dispatch.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 9.—Yesterday afternoon's session of the State Baptists' convention opened with singing and prayers. The report on obituaries was read by Rev. S. F. Conrad. It included Rev. F. H. Jones, of Reidsville; Rev. O. P. Meeks, of Charlotte; Prof. John B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest; Hon. Charles C. Clark, of New Bern; Hon. Henry C. Dockery, of Rockingham; Rev. W. S. Melvin, of Bladen; Rev. P. A. Whitener, of Catawba; Rev. D. S. Kennedy, of the Eastern Association; Mrs. Essie Burham, of Lumberton; and Mrs. J. B. Boon, of Hendersonville.

Many beautiful tributes were paid the memory of Prof. Carlyle by former Wake Forest students.

The night session was called to order by Vice President Gilbert, T. S. Stephenson, after singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The report on the B. Y. P. U. was read by Rev. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, who also made a strong plea for the convention to adopt the B. Y. P. U. work. Prof. E. L. Middleton spoke at length, explaining details of the work, what it does and what it means for young people. Rev. J. B. Weatherston closed with a strong plea for clean lives of young people through the B. Y. P. U. work.

A resolution thanking the press local and State for the reports of the session and the people of Winston for their hospitality was adopted.

After singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again" and prayer by Dr. Henry A. Brown, the eighty-first session passed into history, to meet again in Goldsboro, December 3, 1912.

CONTROLLER BAY CHARGES DISMISSED

Washington, Dec. 9.—A formal report to the House from the Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department dismisses from Congressional consideration the Controller Bay charges, which formed the basis for the widely quoted "Dick to Dick" letter and accusations that Richard S. Ryan was acquiring a monopoly of valuable Alaska harbor rights.

STOKES STILL A VERY SICK MAN

New York, Dec. 9.—There was no marked change today in the condition of W. E. D. Stokes. He had passed a restless night, but it is doubtful if he will be able to attend the trial of the two show girls, whom he charges with trying to kill him, when it is resumed Monday. The trial adjourned yesterday afternoon with Miss Lillian Graham, under cross-examination on the stand, where she spent the day telling her story.

Miss Graham's assertions in the witness chair that she was afraid of Stokes, because her sister told her she had good reason to believe that he murdered Al Adams, the "Polley King," was informally brought to the attention of District Attorney Whitman, who said:

"At the proper time an inquiry will be made to determine the truth of the statement and its bearing upon the verdict of the coroner's jury in the Adams case."

Stokes's attorney declared that the girl's insinuation was pure "tommyrot."

The jury that investigated Adams' death at Stokes' hotel, October 1907, brought in a verdict of suicide.

BILL INTRODUCED TO BOOST COTTON ABROAD

Washington, Dec. 9.—A bill to boost the American cotton trade abroad has been introduced in the House by Representative Heflin, of Alabama. An appropriation of \$100,000 is asked for the purpose of sending eight agents to South American countries, Japan and China, to display samples of cotton goods, and urge their sale.

WAS OFFERED \$10,000 TO STOP COURT FIGHT

Washington, Dec. 9.—Maxwell Edgar, a Chicago lawyer, who, in 1907, led the legal fight to force the International Harvester Company to pay more taxes, testified before the Lorrain Senatorial Investigating Committee today that he was offered \$10,000 to desist. He said offer was made by a Chicago lawyer named Tons, who claimed to represent Clarence S. Darrow and Edgar A. Bancroft, the latter an attorney for the company.

STATE'S LEAF TOBACCO MARKETS DOUBLED

Special to The Dispatch.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—The leaf tobacco markets in the State more than doubled in November over the corresponding month last year. Nearly twenty six million pounds were sold against nearly thirteen million. Winston-Salem leads, with four million; Henderson second, with two and a half, and Greenville, Oxford, Kinston, Roxboro, Reidsville and Rocky Mount each over a million.

SKELETON OPINIONS

Introduced in Court Procedure by Chief Justice White.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Skeleton opinions have been introduced by Chief Justice White, in the Supreme Court of the United States. He has named them officially "memorandum opinions" and they are designed to meet the growing demands upon the time and energies of the justices.

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WILL LIKELY WANT TO KICK OUR REMSEN BOARD

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Wiley-McCabe controversy will be brought to the front again in a few days, when the House's Agriculture Department Expenditures Committee makes its report on its investigation. The committee is expected to recommend the abolition of the Remsen Referee Board, which has blocked the activities of Chief Chemist Wiley, the pure food champion, along certain lines, notably in the benzoate of soda case.

BISHOP WILSON ILL IN FLORIDA

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 9.—Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is seriously ill here. The Bishop is in advanced years and very feeble. Fears are felt for his recovery. Bishop Wilson, whose home is in Baltimore, was attending the Methodist Conference here.

SIX JURORS SO FAR IN PACKERS' CASE

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Six members of the jury which will try the Chicago packers, indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, have been accepted tentatively by both sides. Adjournment has been taken until Monday.

DEMISE PEONAGE EXISTS IN COLORADO

Washington, Dec. 9.—In a statement made public today former Governor Henry A. Buchtel, of Colorado, vigorously denies that conditions approaching peonage exist in the Colorado sugar beet fields. The statement referred to the testimony of Jas. Boykin, of Colorado, before the House Sugar Investigating Committee, that men and women in the beet fields worked sixteen hours daily at the back-breaking labor. Buchtel explained that these men and women are Russians or Italians, who work by the job, not by the day.

"By aid of his wife and children, these men make more money in one month in Colorado, than he could make in two years in Russia, or Italy," said Buchtel. "Usually that man will own his own farm at the end of two years. He and his wife each earn about \$5 a day in the beet fields, and each of his children about \$3 a day. The crime of giving poor laborers of other countries a chance to own a farm, by the labor of approximately two years, is an old crime in this country."

DANCING FOR SCHOOLS Chicago Has Novel Plan to Combat the Dance Hall Evil.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Dancing, free to all in the city public school buildings, is proposed as a part of the war against the dance hall evil here. Eleven schools will be opened as "social centers" next week, and dances probably will be arranged for later.

DR. ELOT OPERATED UPON.

Boston, Dec. 9.—President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard, was operated upon for appendicitis at Kandy, Ceylon, today. It is stated that the operation was apparently successful. A quick recovery is anticipated.

Funeral of Mr. Faison.

Friends in Wilmington and in all parts of this State, will learn with profound regret of the passing of Mr. Isham R. Faison, aged 87, of Faison, who died yesterday evening at 5 o'clock at his home. His life was one of a strong but tender character. His death will be a great loss to his community, and his kindly face will long be missed. The funeral will be preached in the Presbyterian Church of that place, of which he was long a ruling elder, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

FARMHAND BLOWN TWO HUNDRED FEET

Libertyville, Mo., Dec. 9.—John Harris, a farm hand, was blown two hundred feet by a namite today, when he started a brush fire over a stump under which four sacks of dynamite were placed. Harris' recovery is probable.

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CHINESE REBELS DESTROY TOWN NEAR PEKING

London, Dec. 9.—The Chinese Revolutionists have destroyed the town of Chang Hsin, 12 miles Southwest of Peking, according to a dispatch from Tien Tsin. All foreigners are safe.

HONEYMOON CULMINATES IN PITIFUL TRAGEDY

Denver, Colo., Dec. 9.—Mrs. John L. Hadden, a bride of three weeks, died today on a train bound for Denver from Rifle, Colorado, as the result of terrible experiences she and her husband had while on their honeymoon. They were lost eight days in the mountains, losing their way in the snow while driving in an open buggy. Hadden is an attorney of Cambridge, Mass., and his bride's body will be taken to that city for burial.

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INFANTA EULALIE

Madrid, Dec. 9.—The Infanta Eulalie may lose her income of \$50,000 a year because of her defiance of King Alfonso. He cannot take her title away from her, but he could induce the cortes to omit her name from the next appropriation bill. The infanta, who is living in Paris, published her book on morals in defiance of the order of her nephew, King Alfonso. The infanta and her sister, the king's mother, have not been on good terms for some years. The infanta has a mind of her own, as many residents of the United States discovered when she visited that country in 1893 to attend the World's fair in Chicago.

"Little Red Riding Hood"
Carry the youngsters to see it today at the Grand.

"Hello, hello, Central! Give me my husband."
"What number?"
"Oh, the fourth, if you must know, you impertinent thing."—Judge.