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Striking Miners in Alabama Attack Load of Strike Breakers

THREE KILLED; ELEVEN HURT

Ambushing a Special Carrying Non-Union Men to Alabama Mines, Strikers Pour a Murderous fire Into the Car Windows.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.-Three were instantly killed and eleven injured, two of whom will probably die, when striking miners fired into a passenger train on the Birmingham Mineral Railroad at Bloston Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. The dead are: Conductor Joe T. Collins.

Willard Howell, non-union miner. The injured:

Major F. H. Dodge, superintendent of safety, Tennessee Coal Company, wounded in hand and leg. E. E. Cox, superintendent of mines.

Tennessee Coal Company, slightly wounded in knee. A. E. Cross, chief clerk, superintendent's office, wounded in arm and

knee. J. C. Johnson, deputy sheriff, slightly wounded in side. A. C. Bryant, deputy sheriff, slight-

ly wounded in side.

W. H. McAuly, soldier, slight in-M. A. Pearson, soldier, wounded in left shoulder.

J. C. Martin, wounded in head, back and arm. A. J. Myer, laborer, wounded in leg.

Robert Sigmon, wounded in arm and breast.

The train was a special bearing non-union men to the Blocton mines under guard of soldiers and deputies. On the outskirts of the town the engineer suddenly saw a log across the track and at once a fusilade was fired into the train. The engineer did not stop, but let the coal catcher throw the log from the track and put on full spead. The place where the attack was made was in a cut, the ground being on a level with the lower part of the windows. The assailant's behind the rocks above poured down a murderous fire directly into the windows and at the engineer. Practically every window in the train was broken and shots struck all parts of the engine and cab. The train proceeded to Blocton and the dead and injured were returned to Birmingham. Dogs were hurried to the scene and took trails through the woods directly to the union quarters. Eight negroes were arrested this afternoon and other arrests are expected.

#### The Results in Illinois. Chicago, Special.—Illinois Demo-

eratie ticket:

Endorsed for United States Senator, Lawrence B. Stringer. Nominated for Governor, Adlai E Stevenson.

Lieutenant Governor, E. A. Perry Secretary of State, X. F. Beidler. Auditor, Ralph Jeffris. Treasurer, J. B. Mount. Attorney General, R. C. Hall. Republican State ticket.

Endorsed for United States Senator, Albert J. Hopkins, or George E.

Governor, Charles S. Deneen (returns incomplete.) Lieutenant Governor, J. G. Oglesby

or F. L. Smith. Secretary of State, James A. Rose, Auditor, J. S. McCullough. Treasurer, Andrew Russell.

Attorney General, William H The result of Saturday's primary election as far as it is accurately

known in regard to the State officers is given in the foregoing list.

# A New York Sunday Tragedy.

New York, Special.-Mrs. Bertha Hood, 32 years old, was shot and instantly killed at her home in Brooklyn Sunday night by Ernest Seitz, 24 years old, of Manhattan. Seitz also shot and seriously wounded the yearand-a-half-old daughter of Mrs. Hood, and then turned the revolver on himself, inflicting a probably fatal wound.

Aeroplane Makes Good. Lemans, France, By Cable.-Wilbur Wright, of Dayton, O., made a flight variously computed at from 21-2 to 31-2 kilometres with his aeroplane here, in one minute and 46 seconds. Throughout the flight Mr. Wright had perfect control of the machine. No attempt was made for a record, the object of the flight being to try out the aeroplane. While flying through the air Wright demonstrated completing two circles, he came down of his own accord.

# DEATH FROM BAD OYSTERS

Young Man Dies at East Durham of Ptomaine Poisoning.

Durham, Special.-W. H. Jackson, young man 22 years of age, is dead In East Durham as the result of ptomaine poisoning. He had been ill since Monday evening. On Monday the young man ate a can of systers and soon afterwards was aken violently ill, lapsing into unconsciousness. Physicians were sumnoned but he remained unconscious nost of the time up to his death and seemed to suffer great pain. The oysters were evidently spoiled and this set up the poison that resulted in his death.

#### Making Much Brandy.

Raleigh, Special.-Internal revenue officers here say that there has not been for twenty years so much apple brandy distilling in North Carolina as at the present time. Throughout the apple-growing sections of the State, distilleries are in operation and others are being bonded. In Wilkes county alone there are 115 apple bonded distilleries. There are forty in Surry and large numbers of them in other apple counties. The officers say there seems to be a general desire among all who have ever in the past operated brandy stills. J. B. Cornett deputy sheriff wound- to have one more pass at the undertaking before State prohibition goes into effect next January. There can be no more bonded brandy distilleries in the State after this season as long as the prohibition law is in force.

#### The Golden Weed at Wilson,

Wilson, Special.-The Wilson tobacco market re-opened for the season of 1908-1909 this week and the golden weed is selling well for the quality offered. Only the lowest the prices are over a dollar a hundred higher than last year's. The Wilson tobacco board of trade held its annual meeting for the election of officers and the following were elected: Mr. W. J. Boykin, president; Capt. J. G. Roney vice president and Mr. K. M. McFarland, supervisor and large corps of buyers and the crops of this section are good.

Acquires Real Estate at Franklin. Franklin, Special.-The United Land Company, a corporation Georgia, has recently acquired large and valuable tract of land here

and is spending a large amount of money in the work of development. It is proposed to make this one of the most desirable residence sections of the town. A force of more than fifty hands has been at work for some time, and a public sale of lots will be had on the 27th of this month. The company offered a reward of \$10 to the person suggesting the best name for the property, which was won by Miss Mary Siler, Bonny Crest' being the name suggested and selected.

# Tar Heel Notes.

Reports coming to Washingtos. from farmers in the county state that cent storm that swept this section is good erop will be realized yet.

company of \$100,000 for a cotton mill at High Point is good. The Messrs. Millis who have the matter in charge have \$65,000 of the amount in hand. It is felt that such a diversion in the industries is needed there.

Crops in Surry county have never been better than the present and the yield of corn from present indications will be the largest that has been raised in this country for many years.

Sparta, N. C., Special.—Frank Murphy, a respected farmer living at Edmonds, Sparta, Mrs. Murphy and their litle child were struck by lightand were stricken down while they were seeking shelter.

# Charged With Abduction.

Durham, Special.-Charged with abducting little Bennie Ashby, of Greensboro, four white people, Ken Surratt, Walter Ashby, Beck Roberson and Jennie Taylor are under arrest here. An officer will take them to Greensboro. The men and woman claim to be married and deny the or so it appeared to the spectators, kidnapping, saying that the boy, that he was absolute master of the brother of Ashby under arrest, folairship, first soaring, then shooting lowed them from Greensboro. The gracefully downward and then mounting again at will, until finally, after boy is being held and says he came

# ENITENTIARY FINANCES O. K. T

The Directors Adopt Resolutions of Regret at the Death of W. E. Crossland and Elect Capt. W. I. Everett in His Stead.

Raleigh, Special.—The penitentiary lirectors adopted resolutions expreslive of their deep regret at the leath of one of their number, W. E. Crossland, Capt. W. I. Everett. of Richmond county, who becomes direcfor in his stead was sworn in. The lirectors stated that the penitentiary was in very fine shape financially, having a balance in its treasury of about \$45,000, and having no debts. Everything at the penitentiary farm on the Roanoke river is as fine as can be. At this farm there are about 1,400 acres in corn; 2,000 in cotton and 800 in peanuts. The crops there were never better. No brick-making is now going on at the penitentiary, because no sales can be made. There are almost a million brick on hand. Of the State convicts 75 are at work on the Elkin Railway; 75 on the Washington & Vandemere and 75 on the railway in Hade county; another 75 being employed on another road. making a total of 300 under contract for this year. Very rapid work is being done on the road in Hyde county and over half of its 70 miles has been graded. The length of this road depends upon whether its terminus is Washington or Belhaven. About 45 miles of it have been graded and it will be finished next year. The work on the road in the mountains is, of course, heavy and is much

#### Progress of Inland Waterways.

Raleigh, Special.—That progress is being made in the preliminary work for the inland water way along the North Carolina coast is evidenced by orders just made by Judge Thomas R. mittee. Senator Culberson was ask for the assessment of damages on property along the North Carolina sounds for the right of way, Norgrades are now being marketed, and folk & Beaufort. The orders were on motion of Col. Harry Skinner, United States district attorney, on whom the duty of looking after these legal interests for the government devolves. There were also orders naming guardians for a number of and sound lands thus condemned by of sales. This market has a strong the government under the right of eminent domain. United States Disstart up the work.

# State News Items.

ciation is chartered to take in hand by W. L. O'Brien, T. W. Watson, H. Y. Shelton and others.

The "Push Rockingham Forward the damage done the crops by the re- Club" is chartered without capitol stock for promoting the social internot as bad as first thought and if est of members and the advancement nesota; W. H. Dunphy, Washington; weather conditions are favorable a of the industrial interests of Rocking- W. B. Haldeman, Kentucky; Thomas ham, Richmond county. A. S. Dock-The outlook for forming a stock ery, W. H. Everett, W. B. Cole, are among the incorporators.

There is also a charter for the Quinn Furniture Company, of Eliz abeth City, eapital \$10,000, by C. W Quinn and others.

Cashier R. B. Roberts of Internal Revenue Collector Brown's office, a Statesville, reports that the total collections for July, 1908, amounted to \$188,340.48, an increase over the collections for July, 1907, of \$6,009.29.

The postoffice receipts for the Wil-Whole Family Killed by Lightning. son office for the month of July amounted to \$1,215.81. The receipts for July last year amounted to \$1 147.99. The site for the public of the men he has asked to serve on building for which an appropriation was made at the last session of Conning and instantly killed Wednesday gress, has not yet been decided upon. The three were in the field stacking Several sites have been offered the rye when a violent storm came up government, and there is a great difference of opinion among the people here as to the proper one.

# Fayetteville Negro Shoots His Girl.

Fayetteville, Special.-Frank Council, a young negro of bad reputation, last week shot his sweetheart, Hattie Newell, though not seriously, beshe refused and walked off with anthe woman, one taking effect in the every bale not under contract to right knee and one in the left thigh. spinners.

**Chairman Mack Getting Forces** Organized For Campaign

### MEN ON FINANCE AND SPEAKERS

Before Leaving Buffalo For Chicago, Chairman Mack Announces the Appointment of Finance and Speakers' Committees.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the Democratic national committee, announced before his departure for Chicago the appointment of a finance committee for the Democratic campaign with Moses C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, as chairman, and John E. Osborne, of Wyoming, as vice chairman, and speakers' committee, with John H. Atwood, of Kansas, as chairman and Champ Clark, of Missouri, as vice chairman. The finance committee is made up of twenty-nine members, and the speakers' committee is composed of twenty-seven members.

Announcement was also made by Chairman Mack that Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, had been appointed to succeed David R. Francis, of Missouri, as chairman of the advisory committee. In making known | bama, of the advance fleet of the Atthe change Mr. Mack said:

"Former Governor Francis' acceptance of a place on the committ was assured. I did not anticipate that he contemplated a stay of any length abroad, but wired him. He answers that he will be absent so much of the campaign that he ought not to be chairman, but would be pleased to be a member of the com-Purnell, in the Federal Court here ed to accept the chairmanship and has accepted.

Finance Committee. The finance committee appointed by Chairman Mack is as follows: Finance Committee-Moses C. Wetmore, chairman, Missouri; John E. Osborne, vice chairman, Wyoming; C. N. Haskell, treasurer, Oklahoma; W. A. Clark, Montana; Thomas L. Johnson, Ohio; Lewis Nixon, New Campau, Michigan; Francis G. New lands, Nevada; Williard Saulsbury, Delaware; Alexander Troup, Connectrict Attorney Harry Skinner said ticut: Richard F. Pettigrew ,South in speaking of the progress of the Dakota; George Turner, Washington; work preliminary to the construction Martin H. Glynn, New York; Ellison of the waterway, that seven orders Tucker, Arkansas; M. A. Miller, Orefor condemnation of lands and assess- gon; Melbert B. Carey, Connecticut; ment of damages complete the right George Fred Williams, Massachuof way from Pamlico Sound to Beau- setts; Johiah Marvel, Delaware; W. fort harbor, a distance of sixteen | S. Jennings, Florida; W. R. O'Brien, miles and that work will begin on Indiana; M. F. Dunlap, Illinois; E this section within a few weeks. In C. Wall, Wisconsin; Isaac Reese, Tenfact that the contracts for the con- nessee; J. Taylor Ellyson, Virginia; stuction of this section of the water- Thomas R. Brown, Vermont; W. E. way has already been awarded and Chilton, West Virginia; Blair Lee, the contractors are all ready to Maryland and Eugene E. Reed, New Hampshire.

# Speaker's Committee.

The speakers' committee is as fol-The Winston-Salem Athletic Asso- lows: John H. Atwood, chairman, Kansas; Champ Clark, vice chairman the Carolina League ball team of the Missouri; C. A. Towne, of New York; Twin City, the capital stock being R. B. Glenn, North Carolina; B. R. \$25,000 authorized and \$950 paid in Tillman, South Carolina; R. E. Lee, Mounteastle, Tennessee; John H. Lentz, Ohio; Augustus Thomas, New York: T. H. Alexander, Colorado; Jeremiah Black, Pennsylvania; Henry Warren, Indiana; T. P. Hudson, Min-H. Dowd, New York; Guy B. Tucker, Arkansas; T. A. Jennings, Florida; S. P. Donnelly, Idaho; E. L. Jones, Maryland; John Sunderland, Nevada; William Collins, North Dakota; W. T. Brady, Oklahoma; M. A. Miller, Oregon: Frank K. Nebeker, Utah, and J.

E. Burke, Vermont. The chairman of the two committees will probably make their headquarters in Chicago. Chairman Mack left here for Chicago at 8:20 o'clock.

# Cleveland Memorial Committee.

New York, Special.-Mayor George B. McClellan announced the names the Grover Cleveland memorial committee. The committee is headed by Francis Lynde Stetson and its office will be arranged for a memorial meeting or other public tribute to the late statesman and former president.

# Big Corner in Cotton.

New York, Special.—The entire cot-ton supply available for delivery on contract, is said to have been cornered by J. L. Livermore, a young broker. In the last two weeks cotcause she chose the escort of another ton has advanced on this market man in preference to himself. \$3.50 per bale and shorts are border-After a negro performance, Council ing on a panie. Believing that there offered to take his girl home, when would be a big crop, contracts sold short, and prices were depressed. other man. Council followed until Consequently the stock was bought they reached the vicinity of the Con- and shipped away, making the availfederate monument on St. James able supply the lowest in years. Square, when he fired two shots at Livermore is said to have acquired

#### NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The Sultan of Turkey granted a constitution and will call a Parlia-

The first steps toward the organization of a national aerial society were

taken in Washington, D. C. Governor Hughes announced he would accept a renomination if it

A bill has been introduced in the Portuguese Chamber of Deputies to expel the religious orders from the

It was announced that the authorized issue of \$500,000,000 emergency currency would be ready by the time Congress meets.

Judge Taft declared that the prompt and cheap administration of justice was the greatest question now before the public. The Tower Building, New York

City's first steel skeleton skyscraper,

is to be torn down and replaced by a thirty-eight story structure. The Textile World Record, a trade paper, sharply criticised the Government for buying British and not American khaki for the army in the

Philippines. The Traffic Squad, of New York City, started an anti-odor campaign and arrested automobile drivers for permitting clouds of smoke to trail from their machines.

The Government of Russia is preparing for an outbreak of cholera along the Volga and is taking steps to prevent the disease from reaching St. Petersburg and Moscow.

The battleships Maine and Alalantic battleship fleet, sailed from Manila for Singapore on their way round the world to the Atlantic Coast

#### Starvation in Southern China.

Hong Kong, By Cable.—Represen tations were made to the government that unless the officials here relieve the suffering resulting from the typhoon winch recently swept parts of Southern China, thousands will die from starvation. The work of the government has so far been inadequate. Army officers are making distributions of rice, but the work i slow and thousands who have not yet been reached are now in a pitable condition.

### Father Kills Son.

Salmanca, N. J. Soccial - Henry from a reformatory, where he served a term for robbery, was shot and killed by his father when he went home. He had been with his father only a few minutes, when they quarreled. He struck at his father with a chair and the father shot thrice, killing his son instantly with the last builet He claims self-defense,

# Tax on "Near Beer" In Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Special .- A bill was passed by the lower house of the legislature imposing a tax of \$200 on all saloons or restaurants selling "near beer" and prohibiting manufacture of "near beer" unless the manufacturer pay a tax of \$300. According to the prohibition law now in force no beverage can be sold in the State containing more than 2 per cent of al-

#### 100 CLEAN A WHITE

FEATHER. Melt white soap to a jelly and put a tablespoonful into a large glass jar. Fill with gasolene, then place the feather in the jar. Cover and let it remain all night. In the morning shake well and rinse in clean gasolene, then hang up where the air were the freely expressed wish of the can reach it. When thoroughly dry curl.-Boston Post.

#### To Settle Rate Question.

Washington, Special.-During the next month or six weeks it is probable that the inter-State comerce commission will decide upon the question of the reasonableness of the proposed increase of freight rates in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and portions of South and North Carolina in the Southeastern territory, and in Texas, in the Southwestern territory.

#### Two Policemen Beaten to Death.

Metheun, Mass., Special.-Covered with bruises, the bodies of Charles Emerson and Frank McDermott, members of the Metheun police, were found in a meadow on the outskirts of this town. The two officers were sent out to watch for chicken and vegetables thieves. They failed to return and a search was instituted for them. There was every evidence that the two officers were beaten to

#### Decrease in Death Rate.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.-A decrease in the death rate from the tuberculosis of 15 per cent. is reported by the department of public health in this city, as compared with similar periods last year. It is believed that the lowest morality rate is due to the educational campaign against the "white plague" which is now being carried on in Philadelphia.



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