

It showed that the soldiers were not needed to-day, and Sheriff Skoglund reported that the men were in high spirits and ready to guard the mine which bodies should be recovered.

However, following many vague rumors, the troops were ordered to guard the sleeping cars, including the private car of President A. J. C. Tamm, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

As darkness settled over the mine, the troops took possession of the ground beneath which 300 men lie buried.

F. M. Willmot and W. F. Harris, representatives of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, reached here to-day. They will investigate acts of bravery in connection with attempts at rescue, and will assist in relief work.

The commission said Mr. Willmot "maintains a fund for sufferers in large disasters, and is empowered by Mr. Carnegie to add a portion if desirable to the funds given by the public."

Long, It's a Task Ahead. WASHINGTON, D. C., November 17.—The American National Red Cross headquarters in this city to-day received the following telegram from National Director Ernest P. Blecknell at Chicago, Ill.:

"Permanent representative relief committee organized with myself chairman. The Governor issued appeal to-day directing that contributions be sent to Orson Smith. We have a long, hard task ahead. The situation here is most serious."

Preparings for Swifts. CHERRY, ILL., November 17.—Investigations made to-day by attorneys representing the Italian consul at Chicago disclosed the fact that several lawyers are already seeking to present death claims on contingent fees.

Consul Guido Sabetta's aides uncovered several cases among Italian women, who, hereof of the bread-winners of their families had been asked by lawyers who had sought to impose on the ignorance and distracted condition of the women to be allowed to sue for damages for 50 per cent of the money obtained.

In the little Knights of Twilight Hall (only twelve of the forty-five members of the lodge are alive), where E. P. Bicknell, Red Cross representative, dispensed charity, the sad faces of women petitioning for aid was in contrast to the bustling activity of the relief agents.

Mr. Blecknell remarked that requests for supplies almost invariably are made for fuel, despite the fact that the town exists because of its coal mine. The men who daily brought home the needed supply of coal in baskets are dead in one funeral pyre.

A typical order was filled for Julia Dovan, a bride of six weeks, whose husband, father and brother all were lost. She came to seek relief for herself, her mother, her sister-in-law and eleven children of the two latter. This stricken home was promptly furnished with sausage, four potatoes, soup, tea, coffee and other foodstuffs.

A walk about the streets to-night discovered many careworn women sitting at their windows, alone in houses in which there was no other life.

Consul Sabetta to-night said: "I have been told that Italians come here to earn money only that they may take it back to Italy. My government has offered to care for those who wish to return to the mother country. I have invited them to-day—mothers, wives, children—and I have told them they might go home. No one accepted. These women have made their start in the new country, and at any cost to themselves are determined to educate their children to American citizenship and its opportunities."

"Everywhere I was asked: 'When will they open the mine? That is the one thought.'"

MRS. FORD OUT OF JAIL. She Secures Bail, but Warriner Is Still a Prisoner. CINCINNATI, OHIO, November 17.—Charles L. Warriner, charged with the embezzling \$43,000, continued a prisoner in the Hamilton county jail to-day.

A Tonic. Tired? Just as tired in the morning as at night? Things look dark? Lack nerve power? Just remember this: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a strong tonic, entirely free from alcohol. It gives red corpuscles into the blood; puts steady, even power to the nerves; strengthens the digestion.

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But we do not assume that because a man has a motor expense is nothing to him. All our motoring wear and accessories are moderately priced. The volume of our general business permits of merchandising fine motor wear without the extravagant profits a specialty shop must obtain.

Here are some suggestions for cold weather—and they say it's coming! Overcoats of medium and heavy weight chevots and friezes, \$15 to \$35. Chauffeurs' Livery Great Coats, of heavy cloth.

Lap Robes, medium and heavy weights, in splendid variety of plushes and cloths; Scotch plaids; green and blue cloth, chinchilla lined; Black Fur Robes, plush lined, from \$6 to \$30. Chauffeurs' Leather Caps, \$2. Caps, cravenetted cloth or fur, pull-down, \$1.50 and \$2.

Motor Gauntlets, fur and leather. Motor Reefers and Jackets. Fitted Lunch Baskets. Thermos Bottles—in cases. Medicine Chests. Storm Coats of woolen and rubberized fabrics. Rubber Lap-ropes. Motor Trunks for fit cars. Hold-alls that strap on the rail in the trolley.

AMBERWACO MEN & BOYS OUTFITTERS. day, bail for him not having been secured. Mrs. Jeanne Stewart-Ford, who was arrested on a charge of having received stolen goods, was held in Warriner, spent the night in a cell in the woman's department of the same jail in which Warriner is held. Bond for her was \$10,000.

Cooke Makes Statement. CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Edgar S. Cooke, of Chicago, whose name has appeared in different accounts of charges against Charles L. Warriner, of the Big Four Railroad, to-day protested violently against the allegation concerning him, and had nothing to say, but published statements concerning Mr. Warriner's shortage make me anxious to prove my innocence. I propose to make some one prove the charges that have been made against me. I have been waiting for someone to recognize his best friends, who have come, I have about decided to go back anyway.

Mr. Tucker was in Washington to-day and was to be seen at the Ways Convention at Norfolk, from Winchester, where he had gone to consult Dr. Hunter McGuire. The Maxwells in Mr. Tucker's eyes have been developing for some time. They have proven very annoying to Mr. Tucker, who is unable in certain light to recognize his best friends, who he often passes without acknowledging their salutations. Eye surgeons have examined the Maxwells, but Mr. Tucker of speedy relief and removal of the trouble, which is not regarded as very serious.

A serious incident regarding Mr. Tucker's trouble is that his father, Hon. John Randolph Tucker, the former Democratic leader, has suffered a similar eye affection. The elder Mr. Tucker would frequently remark that he achieved his greatest work after the operation.

THE WEATHER. Forecast: Virginia—Fair Thursday; cold, with light to moderate northwest wind; light to moderate northwest wind. North Carolina—Fair Thursday; cold in early portion; Friday fair; moderate northwest winds.

WAS CALLED DOWN BY BISHOP ATKINS. Remarks of Minister Contained Slurs and Were Too Personal. WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE. One of Presiding Elders Asked to Have Character Investigated.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HICKORY, N. C., November 17.—This morning in the First Methodist Church, the Western North Carolina Conference convened in its twelfth annual session. Bishop James Atkins is presiding, and to-day Rev. W. L. Sherrill was re-elected secretary, this being the fifteenth consecutive year he has served in this capacity. The roll call showed 157 clerical and ten lay delegates present at the opening session.

The characters of ten of the presiding elders were passed, but when the name of Rev. C. F. Sherrill, the other presiding elder, was called, he answered for himself, and said, "Certain rumors have been circulated touching my moral character, and I ask for an investigation of the same at this session of the conference."

Bishop Atkins appointed Rev. J. C. Rowe, Parkersburg, and L. Cordeiro, a committee to investigate the rumors and to judge whether a trial of the case is necessary. All of the presiding elders submitted encouraging reports of the work in their districts. Six preachers were received by transfer from other conferences; two of these, W. F. Sandford and O. P. Routh, coming from the North Carolina Conference, and the others from the West.

R. L. Durham, a layman, presented a paper recommending that all reports of pastors be omitted on the conference floor, except those of the presiding elders, and those of such preachers as the presiding bishop may request. Considerable discussion ensued, and in favoring the spirit of the paper, Rev. H. F. Chretzberg said that he was opposed also to the time of the conference being taken up with addresses by sectional men of the church.

"I am tired," he said, "of seeing the big men of the church going up and down canvassing for the bishopric." Bishop Atkins called him to order, claiming his remarks to be out of order, to contain slurs, and to be too personal. "I mean no slur," Dr. Chretzberg answered, "and I can do in my credentials if you want them."

Bishop Atkins insisted that his remarks contained slurs, and Dr. Chretzberg gracefully withdrew them. In the course of his remarks Dr. Chretzberg was heartily cheered, showing sympathy from his hearers. Bishop Atkins announced that he had transferred Rev. J. P. Hipps from this conference to the East Columbia conference, and had appointed him to Walla Walla, Wash.

The appointments will not be read before Monday or Tuesday, but already there is much guessing and surmising going on among preachers and laymen as to what changes will be made. The anniversary of the Epworth League board was held to-night, and Rev. S. A. Steele, D. D., was the speaker.

News of Manchester. Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch. The case of the Commonwealth against Cleveland Farmer and William Gillman was concluded in the Corporation Court yesterday. The jury returned a verdict unable to reach a decision, found a verdict yesterday and sentenced both men to three years in the penitentiary.

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World Will Want 20,000,000 Bales. Finley Urges Farmers Not to Neglect Cultivation of Cotton. SALISBURY, N. C., November 17.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway, addressing a large gathering of folk from the countryside here to-day, and later speaking at a banquet of the Board of Trade, expressed the conviction that in no area of equal extent in the world is the agricultural outlook brighter than in the Southern States, and urged the farmers not to neglect the cultivation of cotton.

"We may well look forward to a time in the not far distant future," said Mr. Finley, "when the world will be clamoring for an increase of 20,000,000 bales every year." Mr. Finley said he did not view with any alarm the tendency of young people to leave the farm, but said he believed the increased attractions of farm life would soon turn the tide in the other direction.

"In viewing the figures," said Mr. Finley, "it is not to be wondered that those responsible for the management of the railways of the South, seeing the agricultural advance going hand in hand with the industrial development, should have faith in their territory and should be striving to the utmost to increase the carrying capacity of their lines, so as to be able to promptly handle the increase in traffic which will be the result."

Mr. Finley did not counsel the growing of cotton to the neglect of other crops, but suggested that an increase in production is necessary to keep pace with the demand of the world, and that it be accomplished by more intensive cultivation of the soil, and a variety of other crops with cotton to the profit of the farmer.

ADOPTS UNIFORM CODE OF DEMURRAGE RULES. Feature of Convention of National Association of Railway Commissioners—Forty-Eight Hours Allowance for Loading or Unloading Cars. WASHINGTON, D. C., November 17.—Despite the opposition to the "forty-eight hour free time rule" and the failure to embody a "reciprocal demurrage rule" in the National Association of Railway Commissioners, in convention here, to-day adopted a uniform code of demurrage rules to be applicable alike to State and interstate transportation. This code was incorporated in a resolution of a committee, headed by Commissioner L. H. Adams, of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The object of the association in approving the code was to facilitate its actual application to all transportation on the ground that demurrage charges are levied and laxly enforced, constituting one of the strongest of those who seek to render the law against discrimination impotent.

The fight against the adoption of the code was led by O. P. Gethlin, of Ohio, who, with William P. Shea, of Virginia, and John A. Webb, of Mississippi, minority members of the special committee, had prepared a number of amendments. One of the most determined advocates of a limitation to forty-eight hours was C. F. Staples, of Minnesota. "I have often wondered why our farmers could not get cars in which to ship their grain," said he.

"I now find out that it was because you fellows in New England and in the Florida were keeping them ninety-six hours for unloading." The majority of the committee reported that it considered the question of "reciprocal demurrage" or a fine on the roads for failure to deliver cars after they had been ordered to be kept within its province. The minority members took the opposite view, but the association upheld the majority.

In supporting a reciprocal demurrage amendment, Chairman R. R. Prentiss, of the Virginia commission, said that the big shipper could get cars on account of the volume of his business, but it was the little shipper that needed the protection of a code of rules. He deemed the reciprocal demurrage particularly in favor of the small shipper.

Memorial Hospital last Friday to be operated upon for a gunshot wound received in September, 1907, by Early Davis, in a serious condition. He was reported as getting along nicely last Sunday, but since then complications appear to have set in. Dr. George Bell Johnson and Mural Willis, who operated on the boy, consider the case remarkable.

Personal Mention. Mrs. Robertson, of Salem, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Sidney Peters, on Porter Street. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shotwell, Mrs. J. W. Walshaw and Mrs. Boyd Hudson have been attending the conference in Newport News. T. M. Fendley, Sr., who has been on a hunting trip in Pemberton, returned home Saturday.

M. A. Campbell, member of the Committee on Consolidation, who is rallying from a long attack of typhoid fever, continues to improve. Mrs. Sherrill came at the revival services at the Methodist Church, last night. St. Jev. A. M. Randolph, D. D., bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, will preach and confirm at the evening services of Meade Memorial Church on December 5. Mrs. Robinson, of Salem, is visiting her brother, Rev. Benjamin Dennis, on East Twelfth Street.

Miss Margaret Selligrew, who has been visiting her brother at the church here, will return home to-morrow. Mrs. William I. Clifton left yesterday to spend some time in New York.

Velth Appeals from Decision of Magistrate Levels. W. P. Velth, of Barton Heights, who was charged with the death of a dog, yesterday on the charge of keeping a vicious dog, was placed under bond of \$50 to file the animal in the park at 8 o'clock. The decision, and the case will come up for final action at the next term of the Circuit Court.

OBITUARY. Stanhope Libby. Stanhope Libby, the son of George W. Libby, died yesterday at his home, 1503 Grove Avenue, in the forty-first year of his age. Mr. Libby, who had been a member of the law firm of Clark & Son as secretary and treasurer for the last ten years, worked all day yesterday. On his arrival at home late in the day he was taken to his room, complaining of feeling badly. In a few minutes he was dead. His wife was at his bedside.

He married Miss Mabel Robinson, of Lancaster county, who survives him with one child. He leaves one brother, Mr. W. H. Libby, and one sister, Mrs. M. R. Royall. F. M. Royall died last night at 9:30 o'clock at his residence in Highland Park. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Mrs. Evelyn Bridges Walke. Mrs. Evelyn Bridges Walke, the wife of Selden Walke, died yesterday at her home in Columbia, after a long illness. She leaves her husband and two small children. She was a member of the Episcopal Church to-day (Thursday) at 12 noon. Interment private.

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more closely examined, and the inspector came to the conclusion that they could not be practically recovered. Mrs. Gandel and Dalemura were also ordered to move out as soon as possible. The latter has been voluntarily ordered to leave for three months ago he was moved out of an unsafe house near Sixth and Marshall streets by order of the Building Inspector.

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