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EARLINGTON MINE FIRE TAKES TOLL

Five Dead One Missing As Result Of Blaze, 11 Rescued.

Earlington, Ky., Nov. 17.—Five miners are dead—smothered by smoke—and one is missing, believed to be lost in the mine, as the result of flames breaking out at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Arnold coal mine, a mile south of here.

After battling for hours mine rescue crews erected barricades which enabled eleven survivors, carrying the dead with them, to make their way to the north chamber, under an air shaft, at midnight. The rescuers hoped to erect other barricades to enable the men to be carried out the entry on the south side some time today.

The dead are:

WHITE.

Roy Carnes, 21 years old, single.
Hugh Mack Perkins, 35, married.
Jack Bond, 45 married.

NEGROES.

Alex James, 34.
George Andrews, 42.

The missing man and the eleven survivors are negroes.

Emmett Francis, a 17-year-old negro trapped in the mine, is missing, and hope for his rescue alive is practically at an end. Search, however, was continued for him, but it was feared that he had been buried beneath falling slate.

Eleven Are Saved.

The lives of the eleven survivors were saved by the compressed air piped into the mine for use in the operations, according to three negroes who were able to climb the ninety-five-foot ladder in the shaft to the surface this morning. When they felt themselves growing faint the men would turn on the compressed-air valves and gulp in the air from outside.

Six physicians and Red Cross nurses climbed down the shaft this morning and ministered to the survivors, who were too weak and ill to climb out to safety. Blankets were taken down and cans of hot coffee, besides stimulants. The shaft is too small to permit the men being carried out on cots or stretchers and the survivors must wait until the rescue crew erects other barricades. The rescuers reached the imprisoned men and the dead by working from the shaft at the north end of the mine.

Gathered about the entrance of the mine and near the air shaft, through which early last night smoke was belching, the families of the imprisoned miners and of the victims were gathered. Bond and Perkins have families of several children.

The negroes imprisoned in the mine this morning were Jimmie Rose, John Radford, George Hines, Tom Gant, Henry Jemison, Jeff Hall, Lander Luton, Henry Yarbrough, Tolbert Yarbrough, Clarence Jemison and Jimmie Crouch.

Wallace Hines, negro driver, discovered the fire, which is believed to have started in a short circuit in a cable. Hines was taking a car of coal out of the mine. He ran the gauntlet of the flames and was nearly suffocated by gas and smoke. Reaching the outside, he spread the alarm. The other miners were in four chambers far back in the mine. The flames started three miles back from the entrance.

The miners all were equipped with gas masks, but apparently the smoke and gas was so heavy that the masks proved inefficient.

The roar of the flames could be heard on the surface yesterday afternoon.

Trained mine rescue crews from the West Kentucky Coal Company at Sturgis, with full equipment of gas helmets and pulmotors reached the mine late in the afternoon and went to work with the trained rescuers of the St. Bernard Coal Company, which owns the Arnold mine. Frank D. Rash, manager of the company, and Lee Stillwell, superintendent, personally aided in the rescue efforts.

Barricades of timbers were erected and in some places cloth curtains hung. This cut off the air from the flames and by this means the smoke was diverted from the four chambers where the imprisoned men had been

working, enabling them to escape to the chamber where the air shaft is sunk. Their exit to the south still was cut off, however, and their escape could not be effected until several other barricades were erected, which was started early this morning.

Rescue Car Is Sent.

Pittsburg, Nov. 17.—The mine-rescue section of the Pittsburgh Station of the Bureau of Mines, when informed of the fire in the mine at Earlington, Ky., immediately ordered a mine-rescue car at Seco, Ky., to proceed to the scene of the disaster and give all possible aid in rescuing the entombed men. The car, which is manned by a full crew and equipped with standard apparatus, will be hurried to Earlington as fast as the railroads can move it.

WHOBREY—HAGERMAN

Mr. Curtis Whobrey and Miss Georgia Hagerman were united in the bonds of matrimony Tuesday afternoon at the home of Rev. R. E. Fuqua, the Rev. Fuqua solemnizing the rites.

The young couple are excellent people and have the best wishes of their large number of friends. They left immediately for Terre Haute, Ind., where Mr. Whobrey is employed, to make their future home.

LONGTIME—GOETTE IN WOMANLESS WEDDING

The immediate ancestors of Miss Trida Longtime announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their only and beautiful daughter, to Mr. I. Ama Goette. The much-talked-of event to take place at the Court House, Hartford, Thursday night, November the twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred twenty, at 7:30 o'clock.

This play and entertainment has an all-male cast, the majority of whom are well known actors of special merit, at least along certain lines. While their actions may not be vouched for, always, by everybody, yet it is a safe prophecy to state that all who attend these nuptials will be satisfied boosters of the entertainment and none will ask for (or get) their money back at the box office. The entertainment is staged under the auspices of the Local Parent-Teacher Association and the proceeds thereof are to be applied to the good of the cause of education. Extend a helping hand, the cause is a worthy one, besides you attend under a guarantee that it is worth more than the money you pay (whether you happen to be satisfied or not).

There are 48 characters in the play, but it is deemed sufficient, answering the purpose, to set out only 8 of them, as follows:

Miss Trida Longtime, bride—A. J. Porter; Mr. I. Ama Goette, groom—Ellis Foster; Pretta Wydout, flower girl—C. O. Hunter; Hadem Sawdoff, ring bearer—Walter Parks; Shezha Daisy and Heza Purl, ribbon-bearers—James Glenn and Ross Taylor; Miss Stilla Struggler, Maid of Honor—Harold Holbrook.
Admission 25 and 35 cents.

ASSOCIATION OF PARENT-TEACHERS AT FORDSVILLE

Mrs. John B. Wilson, of this place, went to Fordsville, Wednesday, where she assisted in the organization of a Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Wilson reports that a splendid, working organization was effected, and that much good to the cause of education may be expected from the new association, in that section of the County.

MESDAMES BIRKHEAD AND MISCHKE ENTERTAIN

Mrs. E. E. Birkhead and Mrs. H. E. Mischke entertained the Ladies' Social Club yesterday afternoon, at the home of the former, on Center Street. For Mrs. Mischke, the entertainment was a sort of farewell affair to the club, of which she has been a member for several years, as she is to remove to Springfield, Tenn., December 1st. Aside from the fact that the minds of those present were perhaps tinged with the thought of her loss to the club, the event was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

A delicious lunch was served after the games were concluded. Those present, besides the club members were: Mesdames Z. H. Shultz, Oscar Bishop, Henderson Murphree and Sidney Williams.

ALEXANDER CEMETERY IS TO BE IMPROVED

Movement On Foot To Care For Old Burying Grounds.

Certain of our local citizens who have relatives buried at the Alexander Cemetery are endeavoring to get funds together for the improvement of that Cemetery. This is indeed a worthy cause and it is to be hoped that the necessary funds will be raised.

The Cemetery is now in such condition that it will be necessary to dig up the roots of the honey suckle, myrtle and stubble in the ground, spade up the whole cemetery, rebuild mounds, get a start of grass, also to straighten leaning stones and repair broken ones. It is also the desire to put up a new and appropriate fence.

Perhaps few realize the historical interest attached to this cemetery. In it is buried one Alexander Barnett, who was born in Virginia in 1745. His wife, who was Jane Montgomery, born 1748, is also buried there.

Alexander Barnett was a soldier in the Revolution. He served in the southern wing of the Army first with General Gates, later under Nathaniel Green. One of his brothers, Joseph, who afterwards came to Kentucky with him, also served in the Revolution. From the time of their enlistment the two brothers did not meet until at the surrender of Cornwallis at York town.

Alexander Barnett came to Kentucky with Daniel Boone in 1778, and was with him in the Paint Creek expedition. He went back to Virginia and then in 1782 or 1783 returned to Kentucky with his family, and also his brother Joseph and his family, the former settling north of Hartford and the latter in the Sulphur Springs neighborhood.

Alexander died in 1819, and his wife in 1825. Their children were as follows:

Mary, born 1770, died 1814, unmarried.
Jane, born 1772, died 1828, married her cousin Joseph Barnett, who was born 1777, died 1823.
Rachel, born 1774, died 1803, married her cousin Robert Barnett, who was born —, died 1797.
Rebekah, born 1777, died 1858, married James Baird, who was born 1781, died 1868.
Sarah, born 1782, died 1862, unmarried.

Robert, born 1784, died 1865, married Elizabeth Condit, who was born 1794, died 1830.

Elizabeth, no record of birth, death or marriage.

Lucretia, born 1786, died —, married M. S. Bennett.

Joseph, no record of birth, death, or marriage.

Most of these children are also buried in Alexander Cemetery. Alexander took up an enormous tract of land north of Hartford, as stated above. From this land he deeded the strip on which the Alexander Cemetery and school house are located to "Baptists and Presbyterians, and for burial purposes."

This cemetery is in an extremely disheveled condition, is fast going down, and unless it is put in condition many graves are destined to become lost. It is hoped that everyone descended from the above, and everyone who has relatives buried in the Alexander Cemetery, will desire to make a contribution toward this work. Anyone desiring to do so will please send card or letter to A. M. Barnett, Hartford, Ky., stating amount he or she is willing to give, with name and address.—Contributed.

In addition to the above and among other large families, the heads of which were old settlers of that region of the County, and numbers of their descendants repose in this burying ground are the Stevens family, the Tinsleys, Fords and Allens.

WILLIAMS—TAYLOR.

Mr. and Mrs. Sep T. Williams announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Anna Marie, to Mr. Claud Liles Taylor. The ceremony will be performed at Liberty church, Wednesday evening, December 1, at 8 o'clock.

SHIP BOARD BLAMED FOR ENORMOUS LOSS

Property Worth Millions Left Unprotected To Deteriorate.

New York, Nov. 16.—Machinery and shipbuilding equipment, valued at millions of dollars, was left out in the open to deteriorate in value months after plants were closed down with the ending of the war, Paul H. MacNeil, a former resident engineer of the shipping board in the South Atlantic district, testified today before the Walsh committee, investigating shipping board affairs. MacNeil said he was stationed at Savannah and had five yards under his supervision, his immediate chief being R. H. Dillingham, at Jacksonville, the district plant engineer. Just what his own authority was, he did not know, he testified, but he said he "assumed a great deal in the endeavor to straighten out tangles."

He said the yards were well organized "better, perhaps, than was the emergency fleet forces, for they generally could get the better of the government organization." He brought into his testimony the name of the Terry Ship Yards and the National Shipbuilding Company, and a marine railway organization, over which he had supervision. He said that the Terry people had a trust loan from the fleet corporation to be used in ship construction, and that over his protest money in this fund was used to finance a subsidiary organization engaged in dry-dock work, when their contracts were only about one-third complete. Through his efforts \$116,000 of this fund was held up, but he added that he had ascertained that part of the money was again diverted.

Finds Vouchers Missing.

Speaking for the National Ship Building Company, the witness said that work had shut down previous to his arrival on the scene.

"I found nothing had been done to take care of the properties and valuable machinery was left uncovered to the weather," he said. On his own responsibility he took steps to save as much of it as was possible. He invoiced the properties as to quantity and percentage depreciation, but not as to value. His "guess" at its value was between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. He also asserted that in the auditing of the affairs of the plant 101 numbered vouchers could not be accounted for.

Another point he made was that equipment, ordered previous to the closing of the plant, was still coming to the yard. He tried to have it stopped and suggested it was new and could be returned to the vendors by payment of the freight only.

"They told me to keep my hands off and let the machinery come," MacNeil declared.

The Terry Yard, he testified, had a complete equipment and contracts for several tankers and composite shipments, none of which was completed. He valued the equipment of this yard at about \$1,500,000 and added that while there was sufficient lumber on hand to build sheds to protect the exposed machinery, it was not done. The Marine railway, he testified, was built on land owned by a private individual, who had an agreement for rental of his property, with no specific amount named. The railway was built with emergency fleet funds amounting to about \$100,000 with an additional \$12,000 worth of filling supplied by the government for another operating. This property, he said, was in controversy, and it was his opinion that under the laws of Georgia, it was owned by the man who had title to the land. The rental asked, he understood, amounted to about ten times the appraised value of the plant.

The witness said he had no criticism of the manner in which the yards under his jurisdiction were handled while they were active, but he did criticize the manner in which the financing was taken care of. The steward service of the board was gone into by Sidney I. Ackerman, recently on the steamship South Pole. He told of alleged unsatisfactory methods of marking purchases of supplies for shipping board vessels in foreign ports, particularly at New Castle, England. He said that the

board's representative there apparently had no check on the value of articles purchased and testified that supplies he purchased came to him without adequate billing and inspection. Bologna he said, cost the board more than real.

Ackerman was steward on the steamer Dio which previous witnesses said was the ship concerned in the manipulation of fuel oil at Rio de Janeiro with alleged profit to its captain and some of its officers of \$9,000. He said he had nothing to do with this matter and was not asked to join in it. He did corroborate testimony of previous witnesses that sufficient meat was taken on board in the South American port to last the ship for nine months, the meat being bought by the captain. Some of the meat he added, was thrown overboard after the ship put to sea because it spoiled.

Officials of the Submarine Boat Corporation, in a statement issued today, took exception to testimony given before the committee yesterday by Thomas H. Partell, who said he was an inspector of hulls in the corporation's yard in 1918, and describes riveting work there as "fierce."

The statement claims the vessels, the hulls of which Partell testified he inspected, only recently have been examined by the department of the superintending engineer and found to be entirely tight and seaworthy.

The corporation officials say the ships in question have been thru severe tests at sea and are now reported to be in no need of repairs, which reports, they claim, should show Partell's testimony to be unfounded.

MASONS MAKE MOVE FOR WORTHY PROJECT

At the instance of Matanzas Lodge, F & A. M., Hartford Lodge No. 675, authorized and directed A. C. Porter, Master, to communicate with all of the other Masonic Lodges, 15 in number, within the County, with reference to the proposition that the lodges as a whole, take such steps as equitable and necessary with the view of taking one ward from the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, a boy or girl from Ohio County, preferably, and defraying the expense necessary to their acquiring a good high school education.

Boys and girls of the home receive common school training, that is to the eighth grade, and according to rules of the institution, are then discharged, you might say just as they arrive at that period in life where they are capable of taking on a good and useful high school education.

Mr. Porter has forwarded notices to each of the lodges within the County, asking that action be taken authorizing and directing that a delegate or representative attend a meeting to be held in the Lodge Hall at this place, December 22, at 10 o'clock A. M., that plans may be perfected to put the project into realization.

It is estimated that the total cost to the combined lodges would not exceed \$300.00 per year, an insignificant outlay, considering the very great good that may be accomplished.

POUND SUPPER.

A Pound Supper will be given at Alexander School House Saturday night, November the 29th. The proceeds from which are to be donated to the Kentucky Children's Home Society. The entertainment and supper are to be given by the school, under supervision of the teacher, Dudley Westerfield.

METHODIST CHURCH.

There will be preaching at the Methodist church in Hartford next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. The new pastor earnestly solicits the presence of every member and a cordial invitation is extended to the general public. Why not turn over a new leaf and begin attending Church again? We shall expect you.

T. T. FRAZIER, Pastor.

MRS. GENTRY DEAD.

Mrs. Casander Gentry, an aged and highly respected lady, died at her home Sunday night, of erysipelas, at "old" Mercer mines, near Reader. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Albert Maddox, at Goshen, where the remains were buried Monday afternoon.

CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE NOV. 22

Two Weeks' Session—Both Civil And Criminal Cases Are Up.

The Ohio Circuit Court is to be convened in its regular November term next Monday, the 22nd, for a two weeks session. Quite a number of cases, some of considerable importance are to be heard at this term. A Grand Jury is to be impaneled and both civil and criminal actions are, and will be placed on the docket for trial.

The Docket for the first five days has been made up as follows:

1st Day—Monday Nov. 22.
George W. Shultz, vs. R. L. Simons, etc.; R. H. Westerfield vs. Frank Roberts; Acme-Jones Co., vs. W. E. Ellis &c.; Bank of Fordsville, vs. John M. Graham.

2nd Day—Thursday, Nov. 23.
Alva Karnes, vs. Fred M. Klein &c.; J. W. Hazell, vs. Same; Flora Howard, vs. Ohio County Drug Co.

3rd Day—Wednesday, Nov. 24.
I. C. Orkes, vs. Broadway Coal Co.; Ernie Bell, vs. Ben Quigg; A. C. A. vs. L. Marlow; A. C. A., vs. Charlie Carter; A. C. A. vs. Joe Seaton.

4th Day—Thursday, Nov. 25.
N. P. Dennis, vs. W. H. Maddox; C. W. Reynolds, vs. V. B. Curry; Ida H. Barnard Admrx., vs. Rockport Coal Co.; L. A. Adams, vs. Same.

5th Day—Friday, Nov. 26.
Comth. of Ky., vs. Hudson Flener; Comth. of Ky., vs. Marshal Jarvis; R. A. Rowan, vs. W. L. Allen &c.; L. R. Goodall, vs. L. & N. R. Co.; Rough River Lumber Co., vs. Same; S. A. Moseley vs. James P. Southard.

The following list of citizens have been summoned, from which, the grand and petit juries are to be selected:

Grand Jury.

E. J. Crunk, Harlin Stevens, R. B. Canary, William Chick, W. K. Hardin, Guy S. Hazelrigg, Ira Hicks, J. T. Ralph, Earl S. Miller, L. F. Gibbs, J. D. Monroe, R. C. Miller, Charlie L. Mullikin, J. A. Leach, William Johnson, E. A. Carter, J. E. Armstrong, J. J. Harrison, J. H. Keown, J. M. Parris, W. F. Newcomb, E. C. Woodburn, R. F. Keown, Forrest Hendrick.

Petit Jury.

R. C. Hocker, L. A. Stevens, N. W. Jowsey, R. E. Baldwin, John Duncan, L. C. Harper, Burt Barnard, C. E. Miller, Ike Henning, O. T. Burdett, Gilbert Hoskins, J. W. Odell, J. S. Kirk, H. E. Daniel, S. D. Ferguson, Ben Woodburn, J. W. Taylor, Rosco B. Jarnagin, U. S. Condit, Martin Fleener, W. C. Nicely, J. S. Lanham, Sam James, R. B. Tompson, Roscoe Calloway, J. B. Renfrow, Cecil Cooper, Arthur P. Daniel, M. N. Duvall, C. D. Hudson, J. C. Duggins, R. H. Goodall, Alledore Brown, R. L. Hamilton, Ed Langly, Estili Board.

OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW HARDING CARRIED THIRD

Official count in the Third Congressional District revealed that Senator Warren G. Harding had carried the district by nine votes over Gov. James M. Cox in the race for President, while Senator J. C. W. Beckham received a majority of 410 over Richard P. Ernst in the Senatorial contest, and Congressman R. Y. Thomas was re-elected by a majority of 557 over John H. Gilliam, Republican Congressional candidate.

The district vote was: Harding, 36,134; Cox, 36,125; Beckham, 36,284; Ernst, 35,874; Thomas, 36,430; Gilliam 35,782.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Seth Rhoads, Route 5, Hartford, to Rilla Morgan, Route 4, Philpot.
Leonard Lee Carter, Equality, to Violet Adington, Centertown.
Curtis Whobrey, Terre Haute, Ind. to Georgia Hagerman, Hartford.
George Cummings, Dundee, to Nannie Dever, Dundee.

"SOME" BEETS

Rev. W. J. Miller, of Route 2, brought two beets to this office a few days ago that weighed 8 1/2 lbs. One tipped the scales at 4 and the other at 4 1/4 pounds. They are of the red variety, smooth and of good shape.