TELEGRAPHIC.

ENTOMBED MINERS.

Fire in the Shaft of the Osceola Mine Cuts Off Escape.

PROBABLY OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Two Hundred Men and Boys Below When the Flames Broke Out.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Sept. 8.—Huge volumes of smoke still issue from the mouths of the shafts No. 1, 2 and 3, showing that the serious fire which started in the Osceola copper mine shortly before noon Saturday is still raging fiercely, and the bodies of the thirty entombed miners are still lying somewhere below the surface, without a decent decent, suffocated by smoke and gas.

Captain P. Richards, with a gang of seven men, went down No. 7 shaft this evening and went about 700 feet where No. 6 shaft, when they had to come back on account of the fire and smoke and gas. Some of these men were very nearly overcome, only reaching the surface in time to save their lives. It is learned that the place where the fire caught was the worst place that it could have caught in the whole mine, and the only place in the whole mine, and the only place in the mine where fire of any extent could have caught. Many of the men who were working several levels below the twenty-seventh, which place the fire caught, were able to fan up as the eighteenth level, working their way up. Several of the men who escaped claim to have passed men on the ladders who were unable to proceed farther on account of being overcome with smoke and gas. At the time the alarm was sounded over two hundred were under ground, and all would have escaped had they used proper precautions. Several miners in the Engle passed a group of seven or eight men who had stopped to rest and were smoking their pipes. They seemed to be in no hurry or fear of danger. When told to hurry to the surface, they remarked that they had plenty of time, and not one of them reached the surface. The men were kept running up and down all day Saturday, in order to give any of the entombed miners a chance to escape if they could reach the shaft alive, but none came up. Another attempt will be made to reach the men in the morning. There is no danger of the bodies being burned, as it is generally thought the men escaped from the burning shaft to one of the drifts leading to the other shafts and were overcome by gas and smoke before they could reach a place of safety. This being the case the bodies will be recovered as soon as the fire is gotten under control and the gases leave the mine. The cage has been surrounded all day by thousands of people, all hoping that some sign of word would be gotten from the men, but now all have resigned to their homes, fearing the worst. All hope has been given up by the officials of ever rescuing any of the men alive.

Captain P. Richards, one of the oldest and most experienced mining captains in the copper country, says that he is positive the Osceola mine fire is of incendiary origin. He does not think that a fire could have originated where it did unless it had been wilfully lighted.

NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE.

CALUMET, Mich., Sept. 7.—At about 3 o'clock today fire broke out in the shaft of the Osceola mine.

The fire started in shaft No. 3, which is used to carry the miners to the surface from the mine, and when the fire broke out all of the men and boys employed in the mine, about 200 in number, made a rush for the shaft in the hope of getting to the surface.

The fire was the ruin for them, however, and the chance of escaping by the shaft was entirely cut off by flames and smoke. The majority of the imprisoned miners made a break for a cross-cut, and in this way managed to reach another shaft, from which they were taken to the top. Forty were missing when the roll was called.

Within a short time after they had reached the surface smoke began issuing from all the shafts, and the escape of the men below was entirely cut off. The men in charge say now that there is not the slightest chance for any of the men now in the mine to escape with their lives. If they are not burned, they must have been choked by the gases within a short time after the fire started.

The fire broke out in the twenty-seventh level. The Osceola is a copper mine, located two miles from Calumet. As Captain Richard Edwards was making his way to No. 2 shaft he smelled wood burning, but none of the miners working in the levels did not believe there was a fire in the mine, as they could not smell any smoke or see flames breaking. On nearing No. 2 shaft Captain Edwards met Captain Trembert and a party of men who were looking for the fire, and on reaching the shaft they found a large quantity of burning on fire.

Captain Trembert and a party of men were left to fight the fire below, while Captain Edwards went to the surface to get a hose, but when he returned he found that the smoke had taken on so dense a volume of a down, and in consequence he had to come back to the surface as fast as possible.

The Standard Suit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—Judge Lorenzo M. McKenna, special counsel for the United States in its $75,000,000 suit against Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, has completed his argument and filed for the United States circuit court of appeals.

The document consists of 128 closely printed pages, and the argument to be taken to the circuit court of appeals on the 16th will probably attract national attention.

Bridge Rules by a Cyclone.

EUREKA, Kan., Sept. 8.—Eureka was visited by a cyclone which blew down the bridge across Fall River. The wagon bridge was built by the State Normal school students. The new east wing of the state building was reduced to a mass of ruins. This wing was recently built at a cost of $75,000, and was but lately dedicated. The north gable and gable way below the north end was blown in. The roof was rolled up like paper, and carried off half a block. The entire inside of Albert Taylor hall is open to the storm of rain, which continues. The damage at the school grounds is estimated at $10,000, and people are entertained that the wind may yet blow the other walls out. Considerable other damage was done down town.

Repairs of the White House.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—In his annual report upon public buildings and grounds in Washington, Col. Wilson says he has thoroughly overhauled and repaired the White House. It was found that the flooring in front of the state dinner room, where the guests gather during receptions, had weakened and sank. The beams were found to be giving away, and these were renewed and strengthened.

Women on the Stake Beam.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Sept. 8.—A Woman passed through this city who had crossed the desert on a stake beam. Her name is unknown and the place from which she started is also a secret. She was discovered two days ago near Daggett by the crew of a freight train on which she was stealing a ride on a stake-beam. She was dressed as a boy, but as soon as the trainmen brought her from under the car they were surprised to see she was a woman, which she finally admitted. She refused to discuss her identity, but said she and her husband had been living in an eastern city and he had deserted her, taking with him their little girl. She heard he was in Oregon, and had placed the girl in an orphanage. Being without money she started out to beat her way. As soon as the trainmen heard the woman's story their sympathies were aroused, and she was taken to Los Angeles in a coloose. She is a woman about 30 years old, has blue eyes and a fair complexion, short black hair, and is of course, quite tanning.

THE CHINESE MASSACRES.

Ex-Secretary Foster Speaks on the Subject.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Hon. J. W. Foster, ex-secretary of state, and the recent counsel for the Chinese government, in an address on foreign missions here tonight, spoke as follows on the recent riots in China:

"The opinions formed by me after careful inquiry and observation is that the mass of the population in China, particularly the common people, are not specially hostile to the missionaries and their work. Occasionally riots have occurred, but they are almost invariably traced to the threats of prominent office holders and the ruling classes. They are often literate and interested in the highest degree, and regard the teaching of the missionaries as tending to overthrow the existing order of government and society, which they look upon as a perfect system and sanctified by great antiquity. The war with Japan, which resulted in a humiliating peace and the loss of territory, has greatly weakened the imperial authority, and the detachment of several hundred thousand troops, mostly without receiving the pay due them, has added to the prevailing discontent and disorder. Under such conditions it is not strange that riots should occur. But we in America should be chary of our condemnation when we recall the many outrages which have been inflicted on Chinese subjects in the United States and remember the Rock Springs, Wyo., trouble a few years ago was specially cruel and fatal in its results and refined more seriously on our authorities. I am, however, in full sympathy with the prevailing demand in the United States that China should be held to a strict account for these outrages, but in doing this care should be exercised by our government that it does not lend itself to advance the sinister projects of European governments, which are on the alert to turn the internal troubles of China to their own benefit. The United States is strong enough to act independently of European combinations, and China has never failed to comply with its just demands.

"There seems to be in a part of the public press of our country a misconception of the ground upon which our government bases its intervention on account of these riots. It is not because we are a Christian country and are seeking to support a Christian propagandism in China; it is simply because the people in whose behalf our governmental interventions are American citizens pursuing an avocation guaranteed by the treaty and permitted by Chinese laws."

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Five Persons Torn to Shreds as a Result.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 8.—A frightful accident, resulting in the death of five persons, occurred today at Pierson's Ferry, a small station on the Milwaukee road, twelve miles above Dubuque, Ia. A. Kirschner, of Fountain City, has the contract for pulling wing dams in the river, and has a large force of men employed. These men boarded at a large shanty nearly Edward Latshaw, whose home was in Victory, Wis. This morning Foreman C. H. Owens was passing the building, when he noticed one of the Latshaw boys firing a rifle near the house, which was raised near the ground, and under it a large amount of dynamite was stored. Owens pointed out the danger of an explosion, and the lad promised to stop firing the gun. Owens passed along and had got about fifty feet when the gun was fired again and an explosion of dynamite followed. There were seven persons in the building, which was blown to shreds. Of the seven four were killed, and the boy outside was fired the fatal shot.

The scene of the explosion is a little hamlet, containing only a hotel, saloon, warehouse and a few shanties. The force of the explosion tore a hole fifteen feet deep in the solid rock, wrecking the building above it, and damaged nearly every other building in the place. The mother, two of the sisters and young son were killed in the wrecked house. The baby girl was lying across her mother's dead and mutilated body, crying piteously for her. Latshaw's body was found two yards away. He died in partly buried in the earth. The boy who fired the shooting was thrown over the top of high trees, falling in the earth quite a few rods.

In Pierson's hotel every window was shattered, and the building is thrown out of the foundation. The stock in trade was owned by, and a small building near it was demolished. Pieces showed on the opposite side of the river where a piece fastened to the dropped on one of boats. They play Allen. The town is like every appearance of being swept by a cyclone. The noise of the explosion was heard at Platville, Wis., ten miles away.

Every foot and train that could be

had was busy carrying people to the scene, and during the day thousands were there. The wounded people in Dubuque are doing well tonight.

BLESSED BY SATOLLI.

A Methodist Preacher Causes Great Excitement Among His Flock.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—There is great excitement in Hyde Park Methodist circles tonight over the report that Rev. Herbert G. Leonard, pastor of the leading church in that fashionable suburb, had this afternoon received the papal blessing from Mgr. Satolli. It is said the obsequie blessed the Rev. Leonard in the name of the pope at a reception at the convent of the Sacred Heart to which the Methodist minister had been invited.

Mr. Leonard admitted to a reporter that it was true. He said he had received the blessing and that he was proud of it. Asked when he intended to leave the Methodist church to embrace Catholicism, he said that he would rather not talk on that subject.

Later N. W. Harris, Andrew Fisher and Paul Carnell, session in the Hyde Park church, were informed of what had taken place, and they lost no time in calling upon their pastor and demanding an explanation. It was a decidedly stormy interview, and Mr. Leonard did not know which way to turn to escape the cross fire of scathing questions that were poured at him from all directions.

His first excuse was that it was all a joke. He said he had been before been interviewed by a newspaper man and hardly knew what he said. Then the reporter was called in and asked to produce his notes of questions and answers. After this had been done Rev. Leonard told the three trustees that he had gone to the convent with a Miss Garrison, a former member of the Catholic church, out of pure curiosity to see great men, and that Mgr. Satolli had blessed the entire congregation, of which he was a member. It is said that the trustees of the Hyde Park church will institute a thorough investigation.

To Extend to Pioche, Nev.

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 7.—A new company has been formed to purchase the Nevada Southern railroad at the receiver's sale and extend the line to Pioche, Nev. The new extension will be known as the California and Eastern Railroad company, and is composed of Bayer, Chilson and Eastern capitalists. R. W. Woodbury, of Denver, will be business manager. Benator H. S. Depew is now on his way East to consult with members of the new organization and the work will commence the date of sale.

Early this winter the road will be extended from Salton to Pioche, passing through the Vanderbilt and Waupah mining districts and through the rich agricultural lands of the Colorado valley, and other mining districts of that locality.

ANOTHER "OUTBREAK."

Sioux Indians Threaten to Burn an Agency.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 7.—A special to the Journal from Chamberlain, S. D., says: Two sioux, at the Rosebud agency, under the leadership of Hollow Horn Bear, a powerful and influential chief, have warned Indian Agent Wright and the employes to vacate the agency within twenty-five days, and threaten to burn the agency building. Determination on the part of the Indian agency to reduce the rates paid the Indians for hauling freight from Valentine, Neb., to the agency is the cause of the trouble. Although a trivial matter in the eyes of white people, the Indians took mortal offense, and threaten each to distant camps brought into the agency about 1,500 angry and excited Indians. The agent attempted to appease the wrath of the Indians finally by consenting to compromise on the reduction. The Indians were not satisfied and further trouble is apprehended.

Crow Dog, the slayer years ago of Spotted Tail, has been lodged in the agency jail for the part he took in the present difficulty. Fort Niobara, is the nearest military post, but the troops are absent on their regular summer field vacation. Messages from Valentine state that settlers adjacent to the reservation are becoming uneasy.

In Custody in Africa.

DENVER, Sept. 7.—A special to the News from Cheyenne, Wyo., says:

A cablegram was received today by E. W. Dunn from Johannesburg, South Africa, announcing that Charles White was in custody at that place. White is the man who became famous as the lion and of Mrs. Nagle of this city, by stealing about $100,000 in money, bonds and valuables. He was arrested in New York a couple of years ago and released under bonds pending action on a requisition from the governor of this state. He jumped his bonds and disappeared, since which time nothing has been heard from him until the receipt of the dispatch today. It is not thought the officials of the county will go to the expense of sending an officer to the Dark Continent for him.

Steamer Ashore.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—A special to the Herald from Yokohama says:

The steamer Bright of the Occidental and Oriental steamship line, bound from San Francisco, for this port, went ashore this (Monday) morning at Sasaki. No details are yet to hand.

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