

DEATH'S AWFUL HARVEST AT WINTER QUARTERS

AGONY OF BEREAVED

Story of Terrible Suffering of Heart-broken Wives, Parents, Brothers, Sisters and Little Children.

THE DEAD WILL NUMBER OVER 250.

Young Sister of Clark Falls Dead at Her Mother's Feet Upon Hearing of the Death of Her Brother—Little Boy Clasped in His Father's Arms—Chums Embraced in Death—Sights, Scenes and Sounds That Almost Rob the Strongest Men of Strength and Reason.

(SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS.")

Scotfield, Utah, May 2.—As a stone is thrown into a pool creates a convulsion in the water, so the explosion at Scotfield has created a convulsion in the hearts of the bereaved. The explosion at Scotfield has created a convulsion in the hearts of the bereaved. The explosion at Scotfield has created a convulsion in the hearts of the bereaved.

WORK OF RESCUE.
The removal of the bodies from the mine was begun at noon yesterday. The work was continued in the afternoon and evening. The work was continued in the afternoon and evening.

SHARP AT WORK.
Superintendent W. G. Sharp sent his men to work in the mine. The work was continued in the afternoon and evening. The work was continued in the afternoon and evening.

CHUMS IN DEATH.
David Padfield and Will Jones, chums, were found by the latter's brother, Evan Jones, who was in Torrey's Rough Riders. Evan says that when he came upon them they were locked in each other's arms. He dropped down by them, called them by name and says both opened their eyes and looked at him and then died.

WELL KNOWN DEAD.
Not a few of the victims were widely known in Utah. W. R. Dougall, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dougall, of Springville, and a nephew of W. R. Dougall, of Salt Lake, was an example of this class. He graduated as civil engineer at the Agricultural College, Logan, in 1894, and was but 27 years old. After following his profession with marked success for some years he enlisted in the engineer corps during the late war and went to Honolulu as a sergeant in Captain Mills' company. Before his discharge he had won his shoulder straps. He had been at the mine but a day when his young life was snuffed out. When found by the rescuers, it was seen that he had made a run for his life, but death outstripped him, and he was found in the mine still standing. His two brothers came down last night and will return home with the body today.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED.
According to the latest estimate there were about 200 men all told employed at the two mines, which are practically one mine. About fifty of these were working in what is known as the No. 1 level and raise, and the rest were working in the No. 2 level. It is estimated that the explosion killed about 200 men.

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more returned to aid in directing the work.

Supt. Parmeley headed one rescuing party. He was the first one in the mine and the last to leave it. His brother, Foreman William Parmeley, perished in No. 4.

Besides them a number of horses used in the tunnel were killed. They were found with their noses against the ground. John Beddoes, the engineer at No. 4, had a narrow escape. He had just stepped outside to lift a car when the explosion occurred, wrecking the engine house.

WORST IN AMERICA.

One of the miners sent over from Castle Gate to aid in the rescue work talked interestingly to the "News," when he came out of the tunnel. He has followed coal mining here and in the old country all his life and did valiant service yesterday.

"This explosion is the most disastrous so far as loss of life is concerned, that has ever occurred in America," said he. "There will be 200 dead when we are through work. In the great explosion at Almy, Wyo., a few years ago, 47 were killed. We had some hard experiences today going through the mine. Several times members of our party were overcome by the damp, but we got them out in time. We found the bodies of the men in every conceivable shape, but generally they were lying on their stomachs with their arms about their faces. The men died almost instantly when struck by the damp and did not suffer. They just became unconscious and were asphyxiated. Their faces were all calm and peaceful as though they had just fallen asleep. The men in No. 1 might possibly have escaped had they started to run as soon as the explosion in No. 4, which is connected with it, occurred. Evidently they did not appreciate this fact until too late, as they put on their coats and arranged their tools before starting. They started, however, just in time to meet the damp half-way. The bodies found near the entrance are badly crushed and bruised, as they got the full force of the explosion. They are few in number, however. Mine No. 1 is damaged comparatively little, but No. 4 is badly damaged. Dan Davis, well known to Utah Welshmen, is among the dead, and David T. Evans, a favorite amateur actor here, perished in the mine. The three Gathernum brothers, of Provo, have been taken out dead.

OFFICIALS WORKING.

Superintendent W. G. Sharp resumed work with a will at 4 o'clock when a rescuing party of 16, directed by State Mine Inspector Gomer Thomas, and including Messrs. Sharp, Frank Cameron, superintendent at Castle Gate, and James Harrison, entered the tunnel of No. 1. It was not long before the bodies commenced to come out; the first was that of Walter Clark, the young man who forced his way into the mine to rescue his two brothers and perished himself in the attempt. He was a married man and leaves a wife and one child.

PITY THE WOMEN.

This body was quickly followed by two others, and then there was a long wait, but in the interim a procession of litter bearers was seen coming down the hill from No. 4.

This was the signal for another gathering of the women, and those who had been hoping against hope were brought face to face with their disaster. Amid the chorus of sobs and moans the ghastly procession moved on to the railroad track, where their burdens were placed in a box car.

BODIES MUTILATED.

Nearly every one of these bodies, secured from near the mouth of No. 4 tunnel, was frightfully mutilated, but the wounds were hidden under blankets. In a comparatively short time thirteen additional bodies had been placed in the improvised morgue.

All efforts are now being concentrated to bring out a large number of bodies known to be in No. 4, where 85 men perished. Here the force of the explosion broke down the timbers, and the bodies can only be got at through No. 1.

Up to noon, 149 bodies had been brought out.

INCREASED DEATH LIST.

It is the generally accepted opinion now that the death list will be larger than previously estimated, and it is not likely to fall short of 250. It is said that the rescuing party now at work has piled up in the tunnel forty bodies which will be brought out at one trip. Foreman Andrew Hood, a brother of Nicol Hood, of Sugar, is just going in with a picked crew of twenty men. He will be followed later on by another rescuing party and it is hoped and expected that every body will be recovered by tonight. No arrangements have been made as yet for the funeral, but it will certainly take place not later than Friday and possibly tomorrow.

There is no need of general help here. Supt. Sharp has exerted himself to the utmost and miners from the other properties of the company have been called in.

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LIST OF DEAD.

Here is the List of Names of the Dead so Far Recovered:

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| WILLIAM HUNTER. | ISAAC MILLER. |
| LEO GORDON. | WILLIAM DAVIS. |
| QUS GORDON. | A. LANGSTAFF. |
| DAVID HUNTER. | — LANGSTAFF (father and son.) |
| PETER COCKLETT. | — DAVIS. |
| LLEWELLYN WILLIAMS. | — DAVIS (father and son). |
| S. J. PADFIELD. | WILLIAM SAMUELS. |
| MATHIAS PATTERSON. | — SAMUELS (father and son). |
| JOHN PITMAN. | ANDREW ADAMSON. |
| DAVID PITMAN. | T. J. REILLY. |
| DAVID EVANS. | WILLIAM PARMELEY. |
| — CLARK (Brothers). | JOHN WEBBER. |
| JOHN HUNTER. | THOMAS WEBBER. |
| DAN MUIR. | JAMES WEBBER. |
| JAMES WILSON. | — ANDERSON. |
| ROBERT FERRIS. | THOMAS PADFIELD. |
| WILLIAM WILLSTEAD. | HENRY WILSON. |
| R. T. EVANS. | CHARLES EDWARDS. |
| LLEWELLYN EVANS. | REINHARD DOUGALL. |
| JAMES WALLACE, SEN. | A. HUNTER. |
| REN. LLOYD. | THOMAS WILLIAMS. |
| JOHN X. LLOYD. | — WILLIAMS (father and son). |
| ROBERT HUNTER. | JAMES GATHERUM. |
| RICHARD THOMAS. | WILLIAM GATHERUM. |
| DAVID PADFIELD. | JOHN BURNES. |
| WILLIAM JONES. | JOHN PRICE. |
| WILLIAM POWELL. | ALEX. WILSON, JR. |
| VALENTINE LONON. | GEORGE CULTHARD. |
| WILLIAM REESE. | HARRY BETTERSON. |
| JOHN JAMES. | WALTER CLARK. |
| GEORGE JAMES (father and son). | LEWIS LEVISON. |
| SAMUEL LIVESAY. | WM. ULATHION. |
| R. DIXON. | D. HINGSWORTH. |
| ANSELMO JACHETTA. | WILLIAM CLARK. |
| FERRARI JACHETTA. | THOMAS GATHERUM. |
| J. MAY. | JOHN MUIR. |
| SOL LAPPI. | GEORGE MUIR. |
| MATT KROSKI. | G. RICHMOND. |
| HARRY MILLER. | D. T. EVANS. |
| R. V. MILLER. | PETER SUTHERLAND. |
| | JOE DELCLIFT. |

INJURED.

The List of Injured Who Have so Far Been Removed From the Mine is as Follows:

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| THOMAS LIVESAY. | JOHN KIRTON. |
| WILLIAM LIVESAY. | JOHN BEDDOE. |
| ALEX. C. WILSON. | WILLIAM BOYTER. |
| JOHN WILSON. | HARRY TAYLOR. |
| THOMAS SELLERS. | |

family. Will Clark, who lost his life trying to save his father, had a beautiful sister Lizzie, aged 16, who was devoted to her brother. When informed this morning of Will's frightful death she fell dead at her mother's feet. What words are left with which to picture the agony of Mrs. Clark who, in the twinkling of an eye, almost, has seen husband, sons and daughter stricken down?

WAITING FOR THREE.

Another sad picture is presented at the mouth of No. 4 tunnel, where with drawn features and haggard face, sits young John Miller, of Helper, who is waiting for the bodies of his three brothers, Harry, Rance and Isaac, who have been brought out. R. J. Roe, a young man who was working in the bottom of No. 6 shaft, bears on his person the evidence of his frightful experience. His face is a mass of lacerations from the flying splinter while his head is cut and his body bruised, but he is alive and thankful. When the damp struck him he was literally knocked out of immediate danger and some instinct guided the blinded and almost senseless man to the shaft air.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Sam Wyherly, the well known volunteer, who served in battery M, had an even more thrilling experience. The force of the explosion from the No. 4 raised carried him clear beyond the damp zone and today he is pluckily serving with a rescue party.

VIOLENT GRIEF.

The violence of the women's grief this afternoon exceeds anything yet seen. Some of them seem to have been driven mad; and small wonder. A procession of them waiting and screaming follows the bodies as they come from the mine and it seems impossible to quiet them. Superintendent Sharp's party has just arrived from the south, bringing a large number of those who have lost husbands, sons or brothers.

MOSTLY MARRIED MEN.

Terrible Nature of the Disaster Only Beginning to Be Known. (SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS.") Scotfield, Utah, May 2.—The appalling nature of the disaster had not fully dawned upon the people of this place last night, as the company kept the grief-stricken wives and children away from the scenes of operation.

After the bodies had been prepared for recognition a locomotive and car were pressed into service at 2 o'clock a. m., and began the work of bringing the bodies to this place, which is about three miles from Winter Quarters.

GHASTLY EXHIBITION.

The Latter-day Saints meeting house and other public buildings were hastily prepared to receive the remains of the dead.

During all the long night lights were

easily dislodged. It is thought that when the giant powder was touched off it ignited some of the dust of which every coal mine in the country has more or less.

WHAT MEN THINK.

Inquiry on the part of a "News" man among the miners disclosed the fact that they entertained various opinions regarding the terrible affair, some being exceedingly bitter in their denunciation of the company and others took a more conservative view of the matter and said it was one of those things over which no man has control and for which no man or men should be held responsible.

The force of the concussion must have been something terrific in number 4, where the explosion occurred. The tunnel might be well likened unto a huge cannon as the air rushed through the mouth of it with such force as to blow John Wilson, one of the drivers, across the narrow canyon nearly two hundred yards. His horses were thrown nearly half of this distance.

As might well be expected the bodies of nearly all the men recovered from No. 4 are in a badly mangled condition. Some are almost beyond recognition. The machinery of the mine was torn out and ventilation ceased instantly, so that those who were not killed outright by the explosion must have smothered very shortly afterwards.

In No. 1, the tunnel of which runs into the mountain, a short distance south connects with No. 4, and the danger to the men in this mine was not from the force of concussion so much as from the foul air, or fire damp, as it is termed, which came quickly from the mine where the explosion occurred. All men on the lower levels of No. 1 took warning by the evidences of an explosion that manifested themselves and made their way out of the mine before the fire damp overcame them, but further in the hapless and helpless miners gathered in groups in the endeavor to protect themselves from the poisonous gases that were slowly and surely enveloping them with a shroud of death.

COMPARISONS.

Other Similar Accidents Which Have Had Large Fatalities.

The nearest approach to this accident in any mine in this vicinity occurred about five years ago at the Southern Pacific mine in Almy, Wyoming.

Although the appalling character of this accident strikes Utah people with double force on account of the rarity of such occurrences here, it can not be compared with the great explosion in the Pemberton mine, near Pontypridd, South Wales, in 1891. In that frightful affair over five hundred lives were sacrificed. That was probably the most horrible mine explosion the world has ever known. Other accidents involving great fatality have occurred in Wales and in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and the one of yesterday ranks as high in fatality as the worst of them.

LOSS TO COMPANY.

Damage Done to Mine and Business is Almost Incalculable.

Superintendent Sharp is at the mine, personally having charge of the operations of removing the heaps of dead. He says that the loss to the company is at the present time almost beyond estimate. The mine damage, loss of daily output and consequent business and probably family claims will foot up an enormous amount.

SECOND THIS YEAR.

This is the second accident of the kind that has occurred this year upon the property of the Pleasant Valley Coal company, an explosion having occurred at the Castle Gate mines in March. These mines have only just been repaired sufficiently to resume operations; but there were no lives lost in the accident which caused the damage.

CAUSE SPECULATED UPON.

Operating Superintendent Parmeley Says It Was Giant Powder.

Thomas Parmeley, superintendent of operations at the mines, says that he believes the dust in the mine was ignited by an explosion of giant powder, which was taken in by some of the miners. There are many other theories being advanced, but it is unreasonable to expect that a correct solution will be arrived at until the excitement is over and access has been had to all parts of the mine and a conclusion reached in that way, and from the testimony which may be had from survivors—if there may be any.

NOT SAFE OUTSIDE.

Five Men Working in the Open Air Were Severely Hurt.

A curious fact connected with the affair is that five men, Thomas Sellers, Alex. C. Wilson, John Wilson, Harry Taylor and John Beddoes, who were working outside of the mine, were very severely hurt.

John Wilson was blown with his horse a distance of two hundred yards across the bottom of the canyon. The back of his skull was crushed and something had been driven into his abdomen. He is in a terrible plight.

Thomas Sellers was fifty yards away from the mouth of the tunnel, but he had his right foot crushed, shoulder knocked out of place and his back badly hurt.

Harry Taylor had his jaw broken.

John Beddoes was severely bruised.

SALT LAKE WILL ACT

Mayor Thompson Issues a Proclamation and Names a Strong Subscription Committee.

ALL UTAH MOURNS WITH BEREAVED.

Many of Its Cities are Represented on the Death List—Provo's Magnanimity—Raises a Fund of Nearly \$5,000 in a Remarkably Short Time—Individual Suffering and Sorrow—One Family Loses Eight Members—Others Almost Wiped Out of Existence—Indescribable Scenes.

(SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS.")

The whole State of Utah may be truthfully said to be clothed in a mantle of mourning over death's awful harvest among the coal miners at Winter Quarters.

The latest tidings from the scene of suffering and sorrow only add to the gruesomeness of the horror. It is not yet specifically known how great the loss of life will be. Still enough is known to cause it to overshadow in fearfulness every other like catastrophe west of the Mississippi river. Conservative estimates during the day place the number of dead beyond two hundred and fifty.

Three hundred and ninety-eight men entered the mine for work yesterday morning and a great majority of these have perished. It will not be surprising if the total death figures aggregate three hundred.

A notable feature of the disaster—and one that was a forcible reminder of the great sacrifice of human life—was that there was not enough coffins in the State for the sudden great demand. As a consequence the local undertakers have been severely taxed in their efforts to supply the requisite number of caskets. Only one hundred and twenty-five coffins were immediately obtainable, and gangs of carpenters were put to work to make up a part of the deficiency, while an order for one hundred was placed with the Denver undertakers.

The whole State stands appalled at the calamity that came upon it without the slightest sign of warning. The history of Utah coal mines show that the State has been singularly free from accidents. In fact the State has been regarded as the safest coal mining section of the country. There was an explosion at one of the Castle Gate mines in March which did considerable damage to property, but no lives were lost, and only recently the Pleasant Valley Coal company has been congratulating itself on its extreme good fortune in being able to avoid the disastrous consequences that so often attend coal mining in other sections of the country. Today in officials are overwhelmed with regret, but have in no wise forgotten the men who have made the mines the profitable property that they have been.

From the special dispatches received by the "News" from its correspondents upon the ground it appears that aside from the general sorrow attendant upon the calamity there are many individual scenes of a most heart-rending character—scenes that will cause the strongest to weep. It is stated that one John Mulled of Helper, who was in the mine near the mouth of the tunnel waiting for the remains of three dead brothers to be brought out in order that he might carry them to their homes for burial, Lizzie Clark, a sixteen year old girl, on being informed of her brother's death, dropped dead at her mother's feet this morning making a total of four deaths in the family. The heaviest visitation came upon the Hunter family, where father, three sons, one son-in-law and three nephews are among the dead, making a total of eight in all.

In the way of relief the people of Utah have again shown their magnanimity in the generous manner in which they have stepped forward with a view to alleviating the distress of the afflicted. Mayor Thompson this afternoon appointed a finance committee consisting of gentlemen whose names are standing as indicative of public spirit and enterprise. These gentlemen will immediately commence a canvass for subscriptions and it is certain that many thousands of dollars will be raised by them before night fall.

Provo has already come forward most liberally, having raised nearly \$5,000. Governor Wells stated this afternoon that the whole State would sympathize with the sufferers in their terrible affliction and that it would do everything in its power to administer to the wants of the bereaved.

SALT LAKE WILL ACT.

Mayor Thompson Appoints a Committee to Solicit Subscriptions.

Mayor Ezra Thompson today issued the following proclamation, appointing a committee to solicit and receive funds for the benefit of the sufferers of the mining disaster at Scotfield, Utah:

Whereas, The terrible mining disaster, which occurred yesterday, May 1, 1900, at Scotfield, Utah, resulting in great loss of life, and thereby leaving many mothers, widows, and orphans in helpless circumstances,

Now, therefore, I, Ezra Thompson, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby appoint the following named persons as a committee to solicit and receive subscriptions for the relief of the destitute ones in this great calamity: John E. Dooley, A. W. McCune, W. S. McCornick, M. H. Walker, Frank Knox, L. S. Hills, T. R. Jones, John C. Cutler, A. H. Tardiff, Thomas Kearns, John J. Daly, A. W. Carlson, Simon Bamberger, John T. Duggan, James Chipman, O. J. Salisbury, F. H. Lannan, Wm. Iggleheart, R. C. Chambers, and L. Thomas, W. A. Nolden, Dr. Theo. Meyer, D. H. Peery, Jr.

EZRA THOMPSON, Mayor.

QUICK ACTION.

Provo Subscribes \$5,000 for the Relief of Stricken Families.

(SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS.") Provo, Utah, May 2.—In response to a call from Mayor Taylor this morning a meeting was held at the court house to formulate some plan for the relief of the sufferers of the mine explosion. The court room was crowded with citizens.

It was decided to send a delegation of citizens to Scotfield to investigate the situation there and see how best the citizens could be of assistance to the bereaved ones. The committee was composed of Jesse Knight, Reed Smoot, Mayor Taylor, Judge Dusenberry, Sheriff Storrs and Myron Newell. The above committee immediately went to the scene of the disaster to render all aid possible and represent the garden city.

A finance committee of ten were appointed to start a subscription for the relief of the widowed and orphaned by the terrible accident. The committee is composed as follows: C. E. Loane, chairman; S. S. Jones, T. N. Taylor, L. Holbrook, J. W. Farrer, W. M. Roylance, J. W. Knight, R. R. Irwin, R. A. Barney, and J. H. Twelves. The first named was appointed treasurer of the fund.

The bishops of the four wards compose a committee to receive the remains of Provo citizens killed, and to assist the bereaved families in arranging for the funerals.

The finance committee at once commenced to work, and it is now estimated that between \$4,500 and \$5,000 will be collected. Among the largest subscribers are C. E. Loane, \$1,000; J. E. Knight, \$500; L. Holbrook, \$250; J. H. Twelves, \$100; T. C. Thompson, \$100. The other donations up to this time range from \$1 to \$25. The committee will make a house to house canvass for donations and the amount realized cannot be estimated. Fifty-three men have volunteered to go to Scotfield to assist, if needed.

HUMANITY.

Armour & Co. Start the Relief Movement Very Substantially.

Today Armour & Co., packed up and shipped to the bereaved families two barrels, 400 pounds of bacon, 500 pounds of ham, and a big assortment of canned goods. The agency here also notified Sept. Sharp that it was prepared to send at once any other relief in their power.

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