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A SAD DISASTER.

About Fifty Men Met Instantaneous Death Through an Explosion in a Mine.

THEIR FAMILIES LEFT IN DESTITUTE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Bodies Recovered in a Fearfully Mutilated Condition.—Relief Work Progressing.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

A MINE EXPLOSION

Between Forty and Fifty Laborers Probably Lost Their Lives.

ROSLYN, Wash., May 10.—The first account of any note at the coal office in this place occurred about 1:30 this afternoon, just after the afternoon shift had gone down. A driver had just come out of the slope when a tremendous explosion occurred. The shock spread its rays, knocking the men who had driver boxes, and bruised a man standing 100 feet away. The report was heard all over town, and one little story. The mouth of the slope was surrounded by an anxious crowd, which grew in size every minute. The number of men in the slope is not actually known, but it is known to be from forty-five to fifty. There is nearly a possibility that one of them escaped death. One body was recovered in about two hours, another in four later, and two more at 7:30, all horribly burned and indicating that death was instantaneous. A rail bunch of the dead is that a large portion of the victims leave large families, and, as they have not had to accept two days' work per week during the past year, many of them are in poor circumstances. The scene at the mouth of the slope was sad in the extreme, men, women and children standing about in a dazed condition. The painful lamentations of the negroes added to the horrors.

THE NAMES.

The following is a list of the men who were working in the mine at the time of the explosion: Thomas Holmes, Tom Williams, Robert Graham, Jack Ferguson, Joseph Ellsworth, Jr., Richard Forsythe, Lloyd Jackson, Thomas Foster, John Rees, George Moses, George Rennie, John Lafferty, George Forsythe, Scott Giles, Philip Davies, Will Robinson, A. Pollard, Jewish Ellsworth, Sr., Don McLellan, T. S. Cooper, Price Loving, Andrew Ettinger, Charles Palmer, Mitchell Aall, Mitchell Ronald, Winston Davies, William Haig, E. Oliver, John Dando, Jake Wetherby, Joseph Brewell, Thomas Bender, Harry Campbell, James Houston, Joseph Shepard, William Bennett, Jaggie Imsay, William Pendalls, Sidney Wright, James Morgan, Jack Dunn, Herman Denison.

Nearly all these men are married and had large families. Geo. Brooks' family is in Scotland.

THE CAUSE

in which the explosion occurred runs from No. 5 down to a point where a proposed shaft will be sunk, and is a couple of thousand feet in length. Several levels have been worked in the slope, and it is conjectured that the explosion occurred at some point on the fourth or fifth level. For the past two months there or less danger has been connected with work in this part of the slope, on account of the accumulation of gas, and the management is credited with having exercised unusual precautions. Two air courses were in process of construction in the supposed vicinity of the explosion with the intention of joining them, and it is presumed that when the two miners met the explosion occurred.

Persons who were at the opening of the shaft pronounced the concussion as terrible, it being sufficient to at least throw a coal car out of its place from a point where it was standing near the entrance. Great volumes of after-damp and smoke rolled from the entrance, making the approach dangerous. As soon as it was possible to enter, relief crews were set to work, but their progress was impeded by the smoke and damp, which the tunnel continued to emit. At 4:30 o'clock the first bodies were reached, being those of John Dunn and John Campbell. After that the work of progress was rapidly, and at 8 o'clock two other bodies were brought out, and at 7:30 two others, all terribly burned and mutilated.

THE NAMES OF THE RESCUED

bodies are: Tom Brennon, Tom Rees, A. Pollard, John Bowen, H. Campbell and Wm. Hagan.

As [illegible] was made the frightful assertion that the explosion became more intensified. Timbers were torn out for hundreds of feet and the whole interior fearfully wrecked. It is thought that the fire was started in a lower level, and, as a consequence, it is now in turn on water as soon as the fact is developed. The air fans are working to their full capacity, and every effort is being made to recover the bodies of the imprisoned men. All the miners in camp, who are able to work, have volunteered their services, and the men are working in shifts. As soon as one force is fatigued, another takes its place. Coffee and refreshments are being supplied by the company, and the relief work is progressing as speedily as sympathy and willing hands will permit.

From the last, fear of work of the slope's interior and the doubt as to the existence of fire in the lower level, there is no way of determining how soon the bodies can be recovered.

Several of the miner's bodies which have been taken out are

BADLY MUTILATED,

in one instance, the head being severed from the body.

This is the second fatal accident that has occurred to the company in the past two months. The first resulted in the death of a negro miner, to whose carelessness it was attributed at the time. Excitement throughout the town, who was in the employ of the company then, said that the slope was dangerous from several causes, and recommended extraordinary precautions.

At midnight fourteen bodies had been recovered, and all were identified. The work of recovery is now slow, on account of the large body of gas. It is now almost certain that every man in the mine was killed, and that the dead will mean forty-eight.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

The Platform of the Connecticut Democrats.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 10.—The platform adopted tariff revision on the floor of the national platform of 1888, demands free raw material, denounces the McKinley bill, declares for a ratio currency of gold, silver and paper, founded upon the coined money of the land, establishes Australian ballots, opposes the multiplication of silver dollars, wants no force bill, with legal tender attributes attached, no financial frenzy, certain to result in the permanent reduction of wages, the unwilling of contracts, and widespread distress; applauds the integrity, statesmanship and fully justifies of Grover Cleveland (voluntary ovation); denounces the administration of Benjamin Harrison. Not a word is said in the platform about the delegates for any particular candidate.

THE IOWA DEMOCRATS.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., May 10.—The State of Iowa will send a solid delegation to the National Democratic convention instructed to vote as a unit for Horace Boies for President of the United States. These instructions will be comparatively, and the Hawkeye Democrats will not think of a second choice until Boies no longer has a hope of receiving national favor. Should the contingency arise, the Iowa delegation will be solidly cast a solid vote for Cleveland.

Ladies in Convention.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Nearly 400 delegates, in the Federation of Women's Clubs, which is about to hold its biennial session here, are in the city. The headquarters is at the Palmer House, and a number of meetings were held today. Tomorrow the convention will hold its first session in Central Music Hall, and be called to order by Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown, the first president of the federation. Many well-known women will attend. The object of the federation is to discuss and compare methods of conducting women's clubs throughout the world, in order to mutually benefit each other. The association was organized in 1890 at a meeting of the Sorosis in New York, but this is the first general gathering. The National Council of women is a distinct body held an executive session at the Palmer House today. The meeting was presided over by Miss May Wright Sewell of Indianapolis, and among those present were Francis Willard and Susan B. Anthony. The reports of three important committees, which have been at work for a year, were discussed. One committee has been working to secure equal rights for women in the divorce courts and get an equal representation upon the diverse committees, seeking to have uniform divorce laws in each State throughout the union. Another committee from the women was the work of another committee, while Mrs. Leland Stanford, Harriet Taylor Upton and others have been working to secure from the federal government the passage of a bill enacting equal pay for equal work performed by women and men in the service of the government.

The woman suffragists also held a meeting, resulting in the forming of a society for the furthering about of equal suffrage. Ex-Senator Cable of Sandwich, Ill., was chosen president; Olympia Brown of Racine, Wis., vice-president at large, and Mrs. A. J. McKinney, corresponding secretary.

Complaints Against a Steamship Company.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Representative Bowers (Cal.) today appeared before the House pacifics committee to urge favorable action on the resolution introduced by him requesting the postmaster-general to take the necessary steps to have the contract between the government and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, for mail transportation on the route from San Francisco to Panama, set aside, on the ground that the service was not performed by the company in accordance with the spirit and letter of the law. A long preamble to the resolution recites to effect that the company has received and is now receiving a large subsidy from the transcontinental railroads, to enable the roads to charge excessive rates for transporting passengers and freight, by reason of which the steamship company refuses to accord to the only American port at which it touches (San Diego, Cal.) the ordinary facilities which, as a common carrier, it was bound to furnish passengers and shippers of freight; which facilities it freely accords to all Mexican and Central American ports.

Mr. Childs, the Distinguished Editor, in Denver.

DENVER, May 10.—Hon. George W. Childs held a public reception at the Chamber of Commerce this morning. It is estimated 8000 people visited the chamber during three hours. The first signatures of the constitutional union upon the floor were greeted with prolonged cheers. During the afternoon the party was entertained at the residence of one of the organizators of Childs. From 4 to 7 this evening a public reception will be held at the Mining exchange. The evening will be spent at the Chamber.

From 4 to 5 o'clock a public reception was held in the new Mining Exchange building and nearly all the leading citizens, including all the mayors of the Territories, had taken advantage of the opportunity to shake hands with the distinguished visitor. Mayor Platt Rogers welcomed Mr. Childs to a brief speech. W. F. Hamburg, president of the Denver Typographical union, also cordially welcomed the great philanthropist. Mr. Childs modest and pleasantly, with every one in the room, he declined to make a speech.

Polish Students Arrested.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—A dispatch from Lodz in Poland, where Russian soldiers have been firing upon striking factory workers, says that a number of students were arrested and taken to Warsaw under military escort. The town continues in a state of siege.

Additional details show a terrible state of affairs at Lodz. The strikers, besides burning and demolishing valuable property, set fire to the buildings. The united forces of the military and police were powerless against the mob and unable to prevent those from offering to the flames. Of the operatives, the bookkeepers employed in the factory and the Jewish rabbinical. These persons were unfortunately killed and robbed by the mob. Ten were killed outright and hundreds badly injured. The bloodthirsty fellows engaged by the strikers, the Russian soldiers, to whom the factory owners had offered the right of plunder,