

NOT A MINER ESCAPES

EXPLOSION IN THE VULCAN MINE KILLS FIFTY-FIVE TO SIXTY.

Most Disastrous Accident Ever Known in Newcastles Camp—Explosion Supposed to Have Originated From Underground Fires.

DENVER, Feb. 20.—A special to the News from Newcastle, Colo., says: An explosion occurred at the Vulcan coal mine at 11.30 yesterday morning which was the most disastrous ever known in the history of this camp. Today dozens of the homes in our little city are desolate because of some beloved one, father, husband, brother or son who left their homes with not a thought of danger or the awful death that so surely awaited them and are now lying lifeless at the bottom of the Vulcan slope. All business is practically suspended; everyone is dazed at the awfulness of the sudden disaster. No warning was given as the peaceful villagers until a sudden report from a hundred cannons resounded throughout the valley, making the earth tremble.

People rushed out of homes and places of business to see what had happened and one look toward the Vulcan mine was sufficient to form a dense cloud of smoke issuing from the mouth of the slope met the eyes of the gazers and told the tale. A throng of spectators were soon at the scene of the disaster, a distance of nearly two miles from Newcastle. A glance was enough to dissipate any hope for the lives of the entombed men. The force of the explosion had caused a caving in the tunnel and air course was filled with the fallen rocks, earth and timber.

The number of victims cannot now be accurately stated, estimates running from 50 to 70. These best informed think the number is very likely between 55 and 60. The excitement at present is so intense that efforts to secure a complete list is useless.

Both Fan Houses Wrecked. Both fan houses were wrecked and the slope and vicinity were so full of debris and the gas so bad that it was hard and dangerous work to begin the rescue. Nevertheless willing hands were soon at work and five men went down as far as possible to ascertain the condition of the slope and found it such that it will require much labor to regain the miners. The gas was so bad that after the party had gotten 300 feet they were compelled to recede. The party consisted of Superintendent Herrick of the Vulcan and John Evans, William Reese, Sam Hills and Robert Templeman from the Consolidated mine. The last named mine shut down immediately upon hearing of the disaster and sent their entire force of 150 men to help rescue the unfortunate ones. The construction of a temporary fan house was commenced at once and the work of pumping fresh air into the mine will soon begin. It is hardly possible that any of the miners are still alive, but the starting of the fans will be made as soon as possible in the hope that if any have survived they may be kept alive till help reaches them.

Only Man to Get Out. The only man who got out of the mines at the time of the explosion was Edward Walsh, who was near the mouth of the tunnel and was blown out. His skull was fractured, arm broken, the face badly cut and burned and all the hair burned from his head. He was breathing when found, but expired shortly after without showing consciousness. Two young miners, Tom Connelly and James Petric, met with narrow escapes. Their eyes becoming sore, they quit work in the mines and had just emerged from the tunnel when the explosion occurred.

A MIRACLE HOW THEY ESCAPED.

Out of 650 Human Beings in the Troy Fire Only Three Were Killed. TROY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—What seems almost a miracle in connection with the disastrous conflagration in Troy Monday night is the fact made evident last night that the loss of life is no greater. The list of three killed and 15 wounded is verified, and the miracle appears in the fact that those noted as missing have reported and that out of the 650 human beings, who crushed and struggled for life in the flame boned building, but three fatal endings came.

The dramatic incident of yesterday occurred about noon, when, at 101 River street, a member of the firm of Stettinheimer & Co. began calling the roll of the employes to find the missing. Pale faced women, nervous from the shock of the fire, stood in rows before the caller of the roll. As the call proceeded the answers came readily, and there were looks of joy upon the faces.

When the names of the dead women were reached, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Foley, there were sobs and tears. When the call was completed seven absentees were noted and emissaries were sent out to find them. The apprehension in the meantime growing into a settled belief that they were in the building. By 5 o'clock all had been located and police and firemen were alike in their wonder as to how the great mass of humanity escaped. Insurance men limit the loss on the building and contents at no more than \$100,000.

FOUR KILLED IN A MINE SHAFT.

Ship Jumped the Track and Turned Over on the Men. REPUBLIC, Mich., Feb. 16.—A terrible accident occurred at 6 o'clock this morning in the Republic mine, while men were coming up in the skip from work out of No. 1 shaft. The accident was caused by the skip jumping the track and as there was no signal to be given to the engineer to stop the skip, it was pulled on until it caught and turned over on the men. The following were killed:

WILLIAM MCGRAW, single. JAMES DODGE, married. ADOLPH BEITEL, married. MATHEUS TROBELG, married.

In Their Own Light.

Mrs. Deborah Reed, 83 years old, of Attleboro, Mass., voted "yes" on the referendum. She writes to a grandniece in Oakland, Cal.: "It seems that some women stand squarely in their own light, and do not want their rights. So those who do must wait awhile. Equal suffrage will come some time, though, in the not far distant future."

The Little Town of Marcellus, Mich.

has two women on its school board, a woman undertaker and a woman barber.

JULIAN COULD GET NO FORFEIT.

Threw Away His Chance For the Money by Not Claiming It Feb. 14.

EL PASO, Feb. 18.—Martin Julian came across the Rio Grande this morning for a conference with Stuart and Buck Connelly. Julian started out by claiming the forfeit, but was told he could get no forfeit. The articles of agreement provide that "The man failing to appear at the ringside" should forfeit. Maher was ready to appear at the ringside, or would be as soon as the morning train got in from Las Cruces. In addition to that there was no ringside, so Mr. Julian was told. There was a ringside on Friday, the day set for the fight, and if he wanted to claim any forfeit for the failure of Maher to appear at the ringside, he should have done so on that day.

Fitzsimmons dubbed Maher and his friends a pack of curs. Connelly lost his temper and returned the compliment with emphasis. A row was imminent, but order was finally restored. Julian then made a proposition that Connelly name arbitrators, and he (Julian) would accept their decision. This proposition was greeted by yells of approval by the crowd and Connelly accepted it. The committee named by Connelly agreed that the articles of agreement of December 6 were abrogated Friday and that under the circumstances Julian could not justly claim forfeit. The committee consisted of Dan Stuart, George Siler, Louis Houseman, William W. Naughton, Tom O'Rourke and Hugh Fitzgerald.

A compromise was reached and the fight is now positively set for Friday. Connelly putting \$1,000 to guarantee Maher's appearance in the ring on that day.

SITUATION IN FRANCE CRITICAL.

Present Crisis May Lead to a Change of Government.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The political crisis which has arisen out of the demand of the senate for a vigorous and thorough inquiry into the Southern railway scandals, that body having emphasized its attitude in the matter by twice refusing a vote of confidence in the Bourgeois ministry, is now practically a struggle between the chamber of deputies, which has supported the Radical ministry, and the senate, which seems bent upon overthrowing it, even at the cost of most serious disturbance. But, it is claimed, the resignation of the ministry will not alter matters to any great degree, as it appears to be no longer a question of confidence or non-confidence in the cabinet. The chamber of deputies, it is asserted, has practically, by defying the senate, endangered the constitution, and the result is a condition of affairs about as threatening as any since the troublesome times of 1871. The newspapers are filled with excited articles and vivid reproductions of interviews with political leaders, and many of them have expressed the opinion that a constitutional solution of the problem is impossible.

RUSSIA MAKES A COUP D'ETAT.

The Landing of Marines at Seoul, Corea, the First Move Toward a Protectorate.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Times prints a dispatch from Kobe, Japan, which says: News from Seoul, Corea, proves that Russia made a remarkable coup d'etat on the night of Feb. 19. That night 300 Russian marines with a field gun were landed at Chemulpo and marched to Seoul. The king secretly left the palace for the Russian legation, when he proclaimed his ministers guilty of treason. Two of the ministers were arrested and executed and the other, Tsing-Won-Kun, the father of the king, is a prisoner at the legation. An anti-Japanese ministry was then formed. A bitter feeling has been aroused. A cabinet council was held, attended by the military officials. It is reported the Russian minister declared that Russia was not responsible and that he merely afforded protection at the king's request. But it is believed this precludes a Russian protectorate over Corea.

NANSEN FINDS THE NORTH POLE.

Siberian Agent of the Norwegian Explorer Brings News of His Success.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—A telegram received here today from Irkutsk, Siberia, says that a Siberian trader named Kouchanoff, who is the agent of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer who sailed in the Fram June 24, 1893, for the Arctic regions, has received information to the effect that Dr. Nansen has reached the north pole, has found land there, and is now returning toward civilization.

Macao Crosses the Line.

HAVANA, Feb. 18.—It is now reported that Macao has succeeded in crossing the military line drawn across the island to prevent his escape from the province of Pinar del Rio, that he has passed between Neptune and Waterloo, on the south coast, and has entered the province of Havana.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Large sales of cash wheat at today were responsible for closing May wheat 1/2 high. No one expected it to open strong and higher. It did and the closing strength, after a drop of nearly 1/2 from the opening, was just as much a surprise. Corn and oats closed firm and higher. Provisions moved practically no change.

CLOSING PRICES.

WHEAT—May, 60 1/2; July, 60 1/2; Sept., 59 1/2. CORN—May, 30 1/2; July, 30 1/2; Sept., 29 1/2. OATS—May, 21 1/2; July, 21 1/2; Sept., 20 1/2. PORK—May, 49 1/2; July, 49 1/2; Sept., 48 1/2. LARD—May, 43 1/2; July, 43 1/2; Sept., 42 1/2.

South Omaha Live Stock.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,200; 10 lower; active; 2000; 1000 western steers, \$2.75-\$3.00; Texas steers, \$2.50-\$2.75; cows and heifers, \$2.00-\$2.50; calves, \$1.50-\$2.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.00-\$2.50; calves, \$2.00-\$2.50; hogs, \$3.00-\$3.50; sheep, \$1.50-\$2.00; mixed, \$2.00-\$2.50; light, \$2.00-\$2.50; heavy, \$2.00-\$2.50; mixed, \$2.00-\$2.50; light, \$2.00-\$2.50; heavy, \$2.00-\$2.50.

The Spreading Struggle.

Mr. M. Wolstenholme edits The Woman's Voice at Sydney, New South Wales. Its motto is, "Democratic, but not revolutionary; womanly, but not weak; fearless without effrontery, liberal without license." The Abbeville (S. C.) Medium says: "The struggle for equal rights for women is not confined to our state, but is going on throughout the world among the most enlightened people. The voice is an advocate of suffrage, and the question seems to be a live one in these localities."

HELEN'S FACE A BOOK.

Helen's face is like a book—Charming all its pages.

There I read an old romance; Here I read a new one living. There I read an old romance, But in Helen's lightest glance For a livelier tale enchants, Wild excitement giving! What is printer's ink to me? Commas, dots and dashes? What is printer's ink to me? If with Helen I may be, Exclamation points to see, Underneath her lashes! —Lark.

A DROP OF BLOOD.

In 1775 the brigantine Governor Clinton left Philadelphia loaded with flour for Spanish Town, Jamaica. It was the 15th of December, and Captain Ira Drake, her commander, expected to eat his New Year's dinner on the island. Everything was auspicious, and with a north-west wind he sailed down the river. He remarked long after that he felt unusually flurried by his parting with Mrs. Drake and his daughter Emma, on the wharf, but not being of an imaginative turn of mind the impressions passed, and he saw the tall poplars and red roofed farmhouses in the Neck fade away under the winter sunset with professional indifference.

The Governor Clinton was only 430 tons, and she left port in company with 26 others, foreign bound, most of them square rigged. At the present time there are only two ships owned in Philadelphia, and neither sails from here. Mrs. Drake and Emma walked up Second street to their home, which was in the house then a two-story, afterward the tea store of the late eccentric John Lamond, who died a few months ago. To be a captain's wife in those days was to hold social position next below the magnates of Society Hill, and Captain Drake was reported a prosperous man.

"Mother," said the daughter, "do you feel any unusual anxiety in parting with father this voyage?" "No, my dear. Don't let such things get into your mind."

"Yes, but the Aggy Slade has been cut over 60 days, and she's bound for Jamaica too. Poor Mrs. Polson is just wild about her husband. How I do wish father would give up the sea and stay ashore!"

Shipmasters' wives had to have stout hearts in those days; there were perils on the sea then that are unknown now. A West India voyage meant poor charts, dodging among the reefs and rocks of the Bahama banks, northerly hurricanes and more deadly assaults from the desperate ruffians that infested the coast of Cuba and were secretly paid by the Spanish authorities, who shared their plunder, and at this time both Tardy and the La Fittes were known to be cruising in the Gulf.

Christmas passed, and as New Year's came on a feeling of uneasiness and dread entered into the Drake household. Emma had an additional source of anxiety. Sam Spain, although only 24, was first officer of the Governor Clinton and a splendid specimen of the American sailor, and before this voyage he and Emma had exchanged vows. And so poor Emma fretted and made her mother anxious.

New Year's day, 1794, was cold, blustering and sleety, and after attending at early mass at St. Joseph's both women sat down to breakfast. "For the Lord's sake, Emma, don't tell me anything about your dreams. You make me nervous. Your father and the brig are all right, and when the Quikstep comes in we'll hear from Spanish Town. She sails from there today."

"But, mother, there is something in dreams, and I never had such dreadful ones before, and you know—good God, what is that?" And the girl's voice arose to a scream. "Oh, mother! On your hand, on your hand!"

The mother looked and grew pale as death. There on her plump, white hand was a drop of ruddy blood. She murmured, "Maybe I pricked myself with the fork." And with a shudder she wiped away the dread token. But there was no wound, the skin being unbroken. "There, there, it has come again. Oh, mother, let's pray! My dear father and Sam are in peril! I know it. I feel it."

Churchill's Push.

When Lord Randolph Churchill was at Oxford, he was constantly in conflict with his dean at Merton on the subject of compulsory chapel, and on one occasion he was sent for to listen to a grand remonstrance. It was a chilly day, and the dean was standing with his back to the fire when Lord Randolph entered. After about ten minutes another delinquent was ushered in, and found Lord Randolph standing with his back to the fire and his countenance comfortably upraised, while the unfortunate dean was arguing away out in the cold, near the door.

By Halves.

"I always meet trouble half way," said the man who had paid half of his promissory note and arranged for an extension of the other half.—Detroit Free Press.

Alice Moore McComas.

Mrs. Alice Moore McComas has been made one of the associate editors of The Spectator and Woman's World, published in New Orleans. She will conduct a mother's department and is to take charge of a woman's suffrage department, to which she invites contributions from suffragists.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, North Platte, Neb., January 20, 1896. Complaint having been entered in the office of Abigail E. Furish against the heirs of Mordecai C. Furish, deceased, for failure to comply with act as to the survey entry No. 705, dated November 27th, 1880, upon the south half of the North-east quarter of Section 25, Township 20 N., Range 22 W., in Lincoln county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at the office on the 21st day of February, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning the same.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

David G. Gates, non-resident defendant, will take notice that on the 1st day of February, 1896, The First National Bank of North Platte, Nebraska, plaintiff herein, filed its petition in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage executed by the defendant to the said bank, and for the purpose of selling the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 25 and the northeast quarter of section 26, township 20 north, range 22 west, Lincoln county, Nebraska, to satisfy the amount of said debt.

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