

THE CROWNING DISASTER.

Explosion in a Virginia Coal Mine Attended with Fearful Loss of Life.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 13.—A special from Pocahontas this morning says: An explosion occurred in the coal mines here last night at 10:30, and from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty miners were killed.

LATER—Further intelligence from Pocahontas represents the work of destruction at the coal mines as horrible and complete. There were 150 men in the mine at the time of the explosion, none of whom are believed to have escaped. Those not killed outright by the terrific force of the explosion most likely perished from after-damp. The cause of the explosion is not yet definitely ascertained, as the entry to the mine is all full of bad air, but the presumption is that one of the miners struck flammable gas. The latest intelligence is that an exploring party entered the mine a short distance and brought out six bodies in a frightfully mutilated condition. There is no hope that any can be rescued alive.

Several parties ventured into the mines this morning, but could not stand the atmosphere. A number of bodies were discovered, horribly mangled, some of them with their heads torn from the trunks and others with limbs all gone, presenting an appalling spectacle. The work of destruction was not confined entirely to the interior of the mines, but houses two or three hundred feet removed from the mines were overturned and in several instances entirely demolished.

The latest intelligence from the Pocahontas mine is that about 150 men were killed. The accident was caused by the men going too far with lamps. All the machinery was wrecked. Efforts are making to recover the bodies, but, in consequence of after-damp very little progress is made. Relief trains with physicians and explorers, has gone to the scene of the accident. The scenes in the vicinity of the disaster are heartrending in the extreme.

POCAHONTAS, Va., March 14.—The mines are still on fire, and the only means of putting it out is to close and seal them. This is now being done, and the mines will remain sealed two weeks. None of the bodies have been recovered.

The Burlington's New Departure.

Commencing March 7th, the C., B. & Q. began running full solid train, including Pullman palace sleeping cars, from the Omaha depot, at foot of Tenth street, to the Union depot in Chicago, without change, transfer or delay of any kind. The train leaves the Omaha depot daily at 4:50 p. m. and arrives at Chicago at 2:30 p. m. Leaving Chicago daily at 12:30 p. m. arrives at Omaha at 9:25 a. m. Standard central time is used. Baggage is checked to destination and rates made as low as by any other route. By using this route and train much time is saved and inconvenience avoided. Timetables, sleeping-car accommodations, and all other information furnished at the general ticket office of Harry Deuel, Omaha.

Alarm About the Cattle Plague.

KANSAS CITY, March 9.—Cattle men here are generally exercised over the feared increase of foot and mouth disease among the vast herds of cattle throughout Kansas and the Indian territory, and Gov. Glick, of Kansas, has been personally solicited to interest himself in the matter. As yet the disease has only made its appearance in two counties in Kansas, and the citizens are carefully guarding against its spreading. If deemed necessary, all afflicted cattle will be killed, the carcasses burned and a strict quarantine demanded. Several hundred cattle are at present afflicted in the vicinity of Woodson county, Kansas, and the disease is being spread in various ways—by dogs carrying bones, rabbits crossing fields where these cattle are, hay that has been mounded over, wheels of wagons or boots and clothing of men passing the fields, carrying it from one section to the other. A well known veterinarian stated that germs of the disease would remain in the cars for six months. Sheep as well as cattle can be afflicted.

Riot at an Opera House.

A riot occurred in San Francisco on the 14th over the sale of Patti tickets. A crowd of 1,500 strong burst in the doors of the Grand opera house and smashed all the plants and pictures. The fury was so great that a man picked up a boy and hurled him through the door of the vestibule. The boy was badly hurt. Coats and dresses were torn to tatters and several women badly injured. Many fainted. The crowd threatened to tear the box office down and gut the whole building unless the box office opened. The rioters smashed in the windows of the box office and the crowd escaped and sent for the police. After a hard struggle and many arrests order was restored. Mapleson was arrested and booked at the city prison for violating the fire ordinance in selling more tickets than there were seats in the house. He was released on bonds.

The Situation at the Pocahontas Mine.

There is little of additional interest from the Pocahontas mines up to the 14th. Another explosion was feared, and as a precaution against it, a guard was set at the entrance to the mines. The east mine will be worked again in a few days. The resumption of work in the west mine, where the explosion occurred, will not take place for two months or more. Governor Cameron, of Virginia, has been informed that \$2,500 would meet the pressing necessities of the dependants of entombed miners. Soliciting committees raised over \$500 in a short time at Lynchburg, and a call has been made for a meeting of the Lynchburg tobacco association for the purpose of increasing the subscription. Fifty barrels of flour and 2,500 pounds of bacon have been shipped to the sufferers.

Girls' Book Knowledge.

Think of an undeveloped brain getting up book knowledge on ten different subjects all the same day, and this going on day after day for several years! It is altogether contrary to the principles of sound psychology to imagine that any sort of mental process, worthy of the name of brain thinking, can take place in that brain while this is going on. The natural tendency of a good brain at that age to be inquisitive and receptive is glutted to more than satiety. The natural process of building up a fabric of mental completeness by having each new fact and observation looked at in different ways, and having it suggest other facts and ideas, and then settle down as a part of the regular furniture of the mind, cannot possibly go on where new facts are shoveled in by the hundred day by day. The effect of this is bad on boys, but is worse on girls, because it is more alien to their mental constitutions.

A Michigan farmer objects to his son taking up the study of physiology, which is in regular course at the schools. The authorities insist. The parent thinks he can select what studies he chooses for his boy, and will take the matter into court.

"THE THIRD HOUSE."

Its Good and Bad Members—The Remarkable Experience of a Close Observer of Its Workings During a Long Residence in Washington.

Correspondence Rochester Democrat.

No city upon the American continent has a larger floating population than Washington. It is estimated that during the sessions of congress twenty-five thousand people, whose homes are in various parts of this and other countries, make this city their place of residence. Some come here, attracted by the advantages the city offers for making the acquaintance of public men; others have various claims which they wish to present, while the great majority gather here, as the crows flock to the carrion, for the sole purpose of getting a morsel at the public crib. The latter class, as a general thing, originate the many schemes which terminate in vicious bills, all of which are neither directed at the public treasury, or toward that revenue which the black-mailing of corporations or private enterprises may bring.

While walking down Pennsylvania avenue the other day, I met Mr. William M. Ashley, formerly of your city, whose long residence here has made him unusually well acquainted with the operations of the lobby.

Having made my wants in this particular direction known, in answer to an interrogative, Mr. Ashley said:

"Yes, during my residence here I have become well acquainted with the workings of the 'Third House,' as it is termed, and could tell you of numerous jobs, which, like the 'Heathen Chinese,' are peculiar."

"You do not regard the lobby, as a body, vicious, do you?"

"Not necessarily so—there are good and bad men comprising that body; yet there have been times when it must be admitted that the combined power of the 'third house' has overridden the will of the people. The bad influence of the lobby can be seen in the numerous blood-bills that are introduced at every session."

"But how can these be discovered?"

"Easily enough, to the person who has made the thing a study. I can detect them at a glance."

"Tell me, to what bills do you refer?"

"Well, take the annual gas bills, for instance. They are introduced for the purpose of bleeding the Washington gas light company. They usually result in an investigating committee which never amounts to anything more than a draft upon the public treasury for the expenses of the investigation. Another squeeze is the abattoir bills, as they are called. These, of course, are fought by the butchers and market-men. The first attempt to force a bill of this description was in 1877, when a prominent Washington politician offered a fabulous sum for the franchise."

"Anything else in this line that you think of, Mr. Ashley?"

"Yes, there's the job to reclaim the Potomac flats, which had it become a law, would have resulted in an enormous steal. The work is now being done by the government itself, and will rid the place of that malarial atmosphere of which we hear so much outside the city."

"During your residence here have you experienced the bad results of living in this climate?"

"Well, while I have not at all times enjoyed good health, I am certain that the difficulty which laid me up so long was not malarial. It was something that had troubled me for years. A shooting, stinging pain that at times attacked different parts of my body. One day my right arm and leg would torture me with pain, there would be great redness, heat and swelling of the parts; and perhaps the next day the left arm and leg would be similarly affected. Then again it would locate in some particular part of my body and produce a tenderness which would well nigh drive me frantic. There would be weeks at a time that I would be afflicted with an intermitting kind of pain that would come on every afternoon and leave me comparatively free from suffering during the balance of the twenty-four hours. Then I would have terrible paroxysms of pain coming on at any time during the day or night when I would be obliged to lie upon my back for hours and keep as motionless as possible. Every time I attempted to move a chilly sensation would pass over my body, or I would faint from hot flashes. I suffered from a spasmodic contraction of the muscles and a soreness of the back and bowels, and even my eyeballs became sore and distressed me greatly whenever I wiped my face. I became ill-tempered, peevish, fretful, irritable and desperately despondent."

"Of course you consulted the doctors regarding your difficulty?"

"Consulted them? Well I should say I did. Some told me I had neuralgia; others that I had inflammatory rheumatism, for which there was no cure; that I would be afflicted all my life, and that time alone would mitigate my sufferings."

"But didn't they try to relieve your miseries?"

"Yes, they vomited and physiced me, blistered and bled me, plastered and oiled me, sweat, steamed and everything but froze me, but without avail."

"But how did you finally recover?"

"I had a friend living in Michigan who had been afflicted in a similar way and had been cured. He wrote me regarding his recovery and advised me to try the remedy which cured him. I procured a bottle and commenced its use, taking a table-spoonful after each meal and at bed time. I had used it about a week when I noticed a decrease of the soreness of the joints and a general feeling of relief. I persevered in its use and finally got so I could move around without limping, when I told my friends that it was Warner's Safe Rheumatic Cure that had put me on my feet."

"And do you regard your cure as permanent?"

"Certainly; I haven't been so well in years as I am now, and although I have been subjected to frequent and severe changes of weather this winter, I have not felt the first intimation of the return of my rheumatic trouble."

"Do you object to the publication of this interview, Mr. Ashley?"

"Not at all, sir. I look upon it as a duty I owe my fellow creatures to alleviate their sufferings so far as I am able, and any communication regarding my symptoms and cure that may be sent to me at 506 Maine avenue will receive prompt and careful attention."

"Judging from your recital, Mr. Ashley, there must be wonderful curative properties about this medicine?"

"Indeed, there is, sir, for no man suffered more nor longer than did I before this remedy gave me relief."

"To go back to the original subject, Mr. Ashley, I suppose you see the same familiar faces about the lobby session after session?"

"No, not so much so as you might think. New faces are constantly seen and old ones disappear. The strain upon lobbyists is necessarily very great, and when you add to this the demoralizing effect of late hours and intemperance habits and the fact that they are after found out in their steals, their disappearance can easily be accounted for."

"What proportion of these blood-bills are successful?"

"A very small percentage, sir. Notwithstanding the power and influence of the lobby, but few of these vicious measures pass. Were they successful it would be a sad commentary upon our system of government, and would virtually annihilate one branch of it. The great majority of them are either reported adversely or smothered in committee by the watchfulness and loyalty of our congressmen."

J. E. D.

Our Animal Census.

The number of people in the United States increases about 1,500,000 a year, but the number of farm animals increased 4,000,000 during 1883, according to a report just presented to the commissioner of agriculture by Mr. Dodge, statistician of the agricultural department. The world-wide attention recently excited by the American hog gives especial interest at the present time to the animal census of the republic, which is as follows:

Table with columns: Animal, 1884, 1883, Increase. Rows include Horses, Mules, Milch cows, etc.

Although we have less pigs than people, we have more than any other country on earth, and we have almost a sheep apiece, or nearly twice as many of the fleecy family as the United Kingdom, and we have more milch cows than all the British cattle together. We have about as many horses as families, allowing an average of five persons to each family; and there is one mule for every thirty inhabitants. During its first century this republic doubled its population every twenty-five years, and Mr. Griffen, an eminent English statistician, recently attempted to excite alarm by predicting that our growth will continue at the same rate until the soil will not be able to support so many people. It will not be equally perplexing to know how to reduce the animal census, should there ever be danger of overcrowding, as indicated by the present rate of increase.

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