

110 MEN KILLED.

A Startling Story from the Pennsylvania Coke Region.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION.

Deadly Fire Damp Completes the Holocaust at Scottdale.

NONE LEFT TO TELL THE STORY.

One Hundred and Ten Men at Work When a Miner's Lamp Causes an Explosion and Not One of the Party Escapes—Fifty Killed Outright and Others Suffocated by Foul Gas—Heart-rending Scenes at the Mouth of the Pit as the Burned and Mutilated Bodies Are Brought to the Surface.

SCOTSDALE, Pa., Jan. 28.—Eighty miners are known to have been killed in the shaft of the Mammoth coke works mine by a terrible explosion which occurred early in the morning. Mine Boss Eaton, who escaped about one minute before the fatal explosion, is the only individual remaining to relate the story. An order for eighty coffins was given to a Mount Pleasant undertaker.

John Boles, whose brother is in the fatal shaft, was here and related the following story: "About 9 o'clock we heard a loud report in the direction of the shaft. We immediately started to the opening, only to find a suffocating volume of smoke and gas gushing therefrom, and at once knew what was wrong. We began the work of subduing the flames and clearing the shaft of gas. This we accomplished by starting the large fans. I am convinced that every man who was in the shaft at the time was killed either by falling timbers or by the after-damp. When I left the mine in the evening fifty persons were known to have been killed."

District Master Workman Wise issued an appeal to the miners and coke workers throughout the coke regions for prompt contributions in aid of the families of the unfortunate victims of the disaster.

The news of the explosion was received by Mr. H. C. Fricke in Pittsburgh in the afternoon. Mr. Fricke was filled with consternation at the extent of the disaster. He said: "We have never had an accident like this in any of our mines. The Mammoth plant was thought to be in the safest of hands when we gave it in charge of Mine Inspector Fred Keighley. No expense has been spared to make our mines as safe as possible."

Twenty-five trimmed coffins were shipped from Pittsburgh to Mt. Pleasant. Another lot of seventy-five has been ordered for shipment in the morning.

One Hundred and Ten Men were employed in that part of the mine in which the explosion occurred and not one was left to tell the story of the disaster. Not more than fifty of the men were killed by the explosion. The others were overcome by the after-damp, and while some of the bodies are horribly torn, burned and mutilated, others were found with their teeth clinked on the iron rail. Others were found with their faces plunged into the water, and not a few were found upon their knees as if engaged in prayer. Fire Boss Sneath was identified by his gum boots. His body was scattered about in a dozen places. His head was torn from his shoulders. Both legs were torn off and that part of his body recovered was roasted and blackened. His left hand, clutching his lamp, was found over one hundred feet from the trunk of his body. One of his gum boots was found fifty yards away. One of his feet, with part of a leg attached, was found also. When the

parts of his body were collected and sent in a sheet to the pit mouth, they were identified by an engineer recognizing the boots. There is little information regarding the horror. Everybody in the pit was killed. The position of their bodies told the story of their end. The force of the explosion was felt for miles around, and caused a panic among the pupils in the township school house nearly a mile away. The men employed in the Mammoth No. 2, separated by 100 acres of coal, felt the shock and were the first to sound the alarm. Supt. Keighley, a thoroughly competent man, sent to all the company's mines in the district for aid, and from 10 o'clock a. m. until midnight an army of men were engaged in

Carrying Out the Dead. The scene around the shaft mouth is indescribable. Mothers, sisters, children, and old men crowd about, eager to recognize their loved one. Their wailings and shrieks of anguish strike terror to the stoutest heart. Scarce a house in the hamlet but is in mourning and the work of carrying out the dead continues.

A Miner's Oil Lamp. The explosion, it is supposed, was due to the ignition of a miner's oil lamp. A few men, realizing the situation, fell to the ground, thereby preventing the gas from striking them. The persons not killed are in such a critical condition that their deaths are momentarily ex-

pected. The fire which broke out after the explosion was caused by the immense fans. The Mammoth plant embraces 500 ovens, one of the largest plants in the coke region, but it is hard of access. It is situated near the United works, where an explosion recently destroyed the entire shaft. It is a singular fact that misfortune seems to have followed ex-Mine Inspector Keighley, the superintendent of the fatal shaft. His experiences in the Hill Farm disaster resulted in his tendering his resignation as mine inspector.

SOLDIERS IN A WRECK. Two Killed and Several Injured While Returning from the Front.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 28.—A disastrous collision between the north-bound regular passenger train and a south-bound special occurred on the Blue Valley railroad at Florence, a small station five miles south of Irving. The special was carrying about four hundred soldiers, part of the Seventh cavalry and battery E. light artillery, bound for Fort Riley, on their way home from Pine Ridge. The dead as far as can be learned are: Sergt. Schoerbat, battery E, artillery, cut all to pieces; Private Mett, troop G, Seventh cavalry, left leg cut off and head mashed. The most severely injured are: Sergt. Scharp, troop G, Seventh cavalry, arm broken; Capt. Godfrey, troop D, leg and shoulder injured; Sergt. Wirtz, troop C, internal injuries; Private McGuire, troop C, left side and face badly scalded; Private Erick, troop E, right arm broken and hand cut; Lizzie Dennet of Lincoln, Neb., right arm broken and forehead cut.

Fatal Explosion at Rock Falls, Ill. STERLING, Ills., Jan. 28.—The Rock Falls paper mill was blown up by an explosion of "bleach" at 6:30 last evening. The mill was demolished. Two men, John Meyers and Alonzo Bell, have been taken from the ruins dead. Three or four other workmen are missing, and are supposed to be in the ruins. The accident happened just at 6 o'clock, at which time the night force were changing places, and as many were coming and going it will be impossible to know who is missing until daylight.

O'Neill's Murderer. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 28.—The murderer of Conductor O'Neill of the Chicago and Northwestern road at Long Point last Thursday was arrested in a straw stack where he had been hiding since the shooting. Detective Purcell, who was with O'Neill when the latter was killed, obtained a written confession from the man that he shot the conductor. He implicated two other men, one of whom, H. P. Gardner, was arrested in this city and taken to Tama, where the self-confessed criminal is closely and secretly guarded to prevent violence by the excited populace. All the other suspects have been released.

The Kaiser's Birthday. BERLIN, Jan. 28.—The striking feature of the Kaiser's birthday celebration was the presentation of a set of colors to the castle guard by the emperor, who said they were modeled on the pattern of Frederick the Great's colors, which a shameless enemy had carried off to France. His majesty gave a public reception to prominent military men, distinguished civilians and the members of the diplomatic corps. A cloud was cast over the celebration by the sickness of the Kaiser's three oldest children, Prince William having influenza, Prince Frederick a severe cold, and Adelbert a slight bronchitis. None are seriously ill, but all abed.

Must Pay for a Brake Man's Life. WATERLOO, Ia., Jan. 28.—The Iowa supreme court has just affirmed the judgment in the case of J. F. McDermott vs. The Illinois Central Railroad Company for \$10,500 damages and interest for two years, making about \$12,000 in all. The damages were for the killing of J. J. McDermott, a brakeman who fell under a train at Dancombe and was killed. The original verdict was rendered by the district court in Hardin county, and was based on alleged negligence on the part of the company. Mrs. McDermott, the mother of the dead man, who is the principal beneficiary of the verdict, is a poor widow, living in this city, and is the mother of sixteen children.

A Boy Murderer to Hang. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 28.—Charles Miller, the boy who murdered Fishbaugh and Emerson, the two St. Joseph boys, in September last while the three were stealing a ride together in a Union Pacific freight car, was sentenced. He will be hanged Friday, March, 29. Miller, who is but 16 years old, is unaffected by the sentence.

Quarrelled with the Wrong Man. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28.—J. B. Davis was instantly killed and his brother seriously injured in a shooting affray with David Leatherman at Point Coupee Parish. The Davis brothers quarrelled with Leatherman about the settlement of an account. The coroner's jury decided that Leatherman acted in self-defense and has released him from custody.

Hotly Green Agate Loses. CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The second attempt of Mrs. Hetty Green of New York to redeem section 31 of the town of Cicero, which she claimed was sold to the Grant locomotive works at a price far below its value, has failed, the suit being thrown out of court.

Lymph Treatment at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Five patients at the city and county hospital received injections of the Koch lymph in the presence of Mayor Sanderson and a large number of prominent physicians. The patients were in various stages of consumption.

Rubber Advances. NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A cable was received in this city stating that the Brazilian syndicate continued to buy rubber largely in Para and prices had advanced 40 cents a pound for upper river fine rubber.

A Murderer at Large. NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Leopold Henderson, who was stabbed during a row Saturday last, by an Italian named Saturni, died. Carlo escaped.

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THE Travelers' Protective Association has secured favorable committee action at Washington on their proposed amendment to the interstate commerce law allowing railroads to make reduced rates to commercial travelers. The proposition will undoubtedly be carried through both houses before adjournment, as it should be. It is in the interest of a most deserving, active and energetic class of men, to whom all channels of commerce should be made as easy of access as possible.

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