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THE VERDICT AT DUNBAR.

Lang Found Criminally Responsible—Feeling Against the Verdict.

DUNBAR, Pa., July 13.—The coroner's jury in the case of the Hill Farm disaster rendered the following verdict: "Daniel Shearin came to his death while in the discharge of his duties as fire boss in the Hill Farm mine, on the 16th day of June 1890, by being suffocated with after damp, a smoke caused by an explosion of gas, by John Kerwin opening a drill hole in an unlawful manner, under directions and by order of Robert Lang, superintendent, and that said Robert Lang is criminally responsible in causing the death of said Daniel Shearin."

"David Hay came to his death while in the discharge of duty, in trying to rescue his son in the Hill Farm mine on the 16th day of June, 1890, by being suffocated with after damp and smoke caused by an explosion of gas by John Kerwin opening a drill hole in an unlawful manner, under direction and by order of Robert Lang, superintendent, and that we believe said Robert Lang is criminally responsible in causing the death of said Robert Hay."

The public feeling is against the verdict. The laboring people say the blame should not be laid on Mr. Lang, who has always been faithful in his duty in looking after the safety and welfare of his employees, and that a similar mistake was made by any one under the same circumstances.

Baby McKee's Cottage at Cresson.

CRESSON, Pa., July 14.—Superintendent Dunham, of the Mountain house, Cresson, is making great preparations for the reception of the president's family in September. The carpenters are at work enlarging and repairing the Parke cottage, which has been ten- dered the president by Mrs. Parke, of Pittsburg. The cottage is a two story structure, situated on the west side of Cresson avenue, and is nearly opposite the fine cottage of Hon. B. F. Jones, of Pittsburg. The cottage in its present condition is completely and handsomely furnished. It contains three bed rooms, a parlor, dining room, sitting room and two kitchens, all on the first floor. In the rear of the cottage is a miniature cottage. This will be used by Baby McKee. It is also elegantly furnished.

Attacked by His Own Dog.

ALLESTOWN, Pa., July 12.—Charles Kern, of North Whitehall, which county, lies dangerously ill from the effects of an attack made upon him by his dog, a large and ferocious animal, while he was returning from a harvest field. He defended himself with a rake, but the implement was powerless to ward off the infuriated beast. The dog knocked Mr. Kern down and tore ugly rents in his arms and body. One of his arms was lacerated in a frightful manner, the dog's teeth tearing the flesh, tendons and arteries. Several men ran to Kern's assistance and soon dispatched the dog with rakes, pitchforks and a gun.

Slept Four Months.

PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—Patrick Meehan, 22 years old, an inmate of the insane department of the Philadelphia hospital, awakened Saturday from a sleep of four months, recognized those about him and asked for the attendant who was with him when he sank into his slumber. He came from Ireland a few years ago. He became mentally diseased, was sent to the hospital in February last, was seized with the grippe in March, the attendants found great difficulty in keeping him awake, and finally he fell into a deep sleep, from which he was not awakened until Saturday last.

Lehigh and Schuylkill United.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., July 14.—The last spike in the new Lehigh Valley railroad connection between the Lehigh and Schuylkill valleys was driven at Remimont, West Penn township, Schuylkill county, in the presence of a number of prominent officials of the Lehigh Valley railroad and invited guests. Two gold spikes were driven amid the cheers of the spectators, one by E. A. Wilder, who projected the road forty years ago, and the other by R. H. Sayre, second vice president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company. This line will bring Pottsville within four hours' journey of New York.

Hensel Declines with Thanks.

LANCASTER, Pa., July 14.—W. U. Hensel, former chairman of the Democratic state central committee, was asked by a newspaper representative if he would accept the chairmanship, his name having been mentioned in that connection. Mr. Hensel replied in a manner that left no doubt that he meant what he said: "No, sir, I would not consider the offer of the chairmanship." Mr. Hensel declined to talk further of the political situation.

No Negotiations for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Assistant Secretary of State Adee assured a representative of the United Press that he had no official information respecting the reported negotiations looking to the purchase of the island of Cuba by the United States. Senator Mungua, the Spanish minister, is in Europe, and nothing could be learned at the Spanish legation about the matter.

Luzerne County's Population.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 14.—The official returns from the census bureau, give Luzerne county a population of 199,775. Complete returns will give a county population of over 200,000. The population of the city of Wilkesbarre, as officially announced, is 37,750. Although this is much less than was expected, it is a gain of more than 50 per cent. over the population of 1880.

An Ungallant Groom.

LANCASTER, Pa., July 14.—Nora Breinbach McGeehan, the bride of a night, whose husband threw her into jail on the charge of larceny of his horse and buggy, was taken before Alderman Barr for a hearing. The groom did not appear to prosecute and Nora was dismissed. Husband and wife do not speak as they pass by.

MINNESOTA MOURNS

Over One Hundred Lives Lost in the Sunday Cyclone.

DELVING FOR THE DEAD BODIES

How the Work of Rescue Was Prosecuted at Lake City—The Cone Shaped Cloud That Did the Dreadful Business—The Disaster at Lake Gervais—Bogus Life Preservers on the Sea Wave.

ST. PAUL, July 14.—A destructive storm, including a cyclone and ending in a fierce hurricane, swept the country just north of here at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, carrying death and destruction in its path. The storm originated at a point four miles north of here and moved northeasterly toward White Bear, covering a country accessible only to teams and reports come in slowly. MINNEAPOLIS, July 15.—The storm which burst over eastern Minnesota Sunday night was in many respects unique in the annals of cyclones. Scidom has the same storm caused havoc and loss of life in so widely separated localities as Lake Gervais and Lake Pepin. The first named is a small body of water five miles north of St. Paul, while Lake Pepin is simply a broadening of the Mississippi river between Minnesota and Wisconsin many miles further south.

At Lake Gervais. The storm at Gervais was a veritable funnel shaped cyclone, terrific in its force, but limited in its sphere of action. For some miles in either direction considerable havoc was wrought to farm houses, barns and trees, while some people were injured.

But it was just on the south shore of Lake Gervais that the elements found their victims. Here, in a little valley near the charming lake resort, the cyclone burst, killing six people at least and possibly a half dozen more.

The cone shaped cloud swept everything before it, carrying a number of horses into the lake along with the bodies of three persons not yet recovered. The path of the cyclone left an awful wake of barren country so piled up with broken trees and debris as to be almost impassable.

The Cone Shaped Cloud. Several minutes before the cyclone made its appearance the members of the Good and Schurmaier families and several parties visiting them were either rowing or sailing on the lake or sitting outside of the cottages.

Threatening clouds were arising and the cottages were sought. In the Good cottage were thirteen persons. In the Schurmaier residence were nine persons. The heavens grew darker, and old Mr. Good, seeing the cone shaped cloud far in the north, predicted a cyclone.

All of the inmates of the Good residence, with the exception of Dr. Erchus, went down into the small cell- ular under the cottage. Dr. Erchus was urged by his wife to go, too, but he refused. The wind came, the cone shaped cloud was coming over a half mile north of the cottages, twisting huge trees out of the ground and carrying them forward pell-mell in its path. The doctor had seen enough and he made for the cellar.

Soon there was a crash. The barn belonging to Mr. Good had struck the house, both going to pieces on the little colony of safety seekers. They were all more or less injured. During the storm they remained in the cellar and were compelled to take a thorough drenching.

At the Storm's Mercy. To the people in the two Schurmaier residences fortune dealt a worse blow. Their places of shelter were twisted to pieces by the first and most violent gusts, and none of them having previously sought safety in the cellars were at the mercy of the storm.

George Miller, cashier of the First National bank, St. Paul, was carried forty feet and thrown to the earth and killed. His wife was carried some distance and found buried under the wreck with serious injuries. Mrs. J. H. Schurmaier, Rev. Pfahle and Charles Schurmaier were evidently hurled into the lake, where they were drowned, as their bodies could not be found among the debris. Mr. J. H. Schurmaier, Mrs. Schurmaier and the female servants were carried but a short distance and landed under some trees.

At Lake Pepin. At Lake Pepin the bluffs of the Mississippi rose hundreds of feet high on either side, forming a gorge or canyon down which the hurricane swept with resistless force.

At the point where the boat, loaded with happy excursionists, capsize, carrying fully four score down to death, a long sand bar runs out in the lake. Here in comparatively mild storms the waves run very high. When the storm beated boat was driven up near this bar the fury of the wind was at its height and it was blown over by the wind and engulfed by the monstrous waves as if it had been a fragile eggshell.

Mourning in Red Wing. Yesterday the little town of Red Wing, where so many of the excursionists lived, was in the midst of deepest mourning, all business being abandoned and the stores closed. In the homes of many families lie the silent dead while others wait in dreadful suspense for the latest tidings of the missing.

RECOVERING THE DEAD.

The Work on the Wrecked Steamer in Lake Pepin.

LAKE CITY, Minn., July 14.—What will probably be the most disastrous cyclone that has ever struck this country passed over this city at 9 o'clock last evening, inflicting the loss of lives of 100 or 200 people, damaging property to an extent that at this writing cannot be estimated.

LAKE CITY, Minn., July 15.—The latest report from the scene of the disaster shows that remarkable work is being done in recovering dead bodies. Doubtless there are many that will never be found, as it is almost impossible to get into the cabin of the sunken boat. It seems that that is where many of the unfortunates took refuge, and it necessitates considerable cutting and tearing of timbers to obtain even an entrance to the cabin.

The work of the boys of the First regiment, who came down from their camping grounds, is a marvel.

There are two steamers working at the wreck trying to draw it asunder in hopes that the bodies confined may be released.

The nearest report that can be gathered is that there were 174 on board the

fated steamer when she went down. Capt. Witheren, in command of the steamer when she went down, appeared, and the report that he had fled owing to his indiscreet conduct is of little worth. It seems that the officer was overcome completely with fear, and when he turned the steamer about she capsize. The damage to buildings in Lake City will probably not exceed \$100,000, all told, and may fall considerably below that.

The Number of Lives Lost.

The number known to have been saved is now estimated at about seventy-five, which leaves about 115 people thought to have perished in the wreck. This number will undoubtedly be diminished as full returns come in from those who escaped.

From all that can be learned the storm did not seriously affect any other locality than the vicinity of Lake City. Some of the crops on farms near by which were in the path of the hurricane were more or less damaged by wind and hail.

The bodies taken out were taken to Red Wing by a steamer, wherewith they will be identified as fast as possible. There is a great deal of adverse comment noted in regard to the life preservers used. When cut open only a few of them were found to be composed of cork, a majority of them being filled with seaweed or rush that would not hold itself afloat after it became saturated with water.

GEN. FREMONT DEAD.

The Sudden Ending of a Brilliant Career.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Gen. John Charles Fremont died at his residence, No. 49 West Twenty-fifth street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His death was sudden and unexpected and resulted from an attack of peritonitis. Dr. Martin attended the patient but was unable to afford relief. The general was out on Friday in apparently good health. His son, who lives at Sing Sing, was notified of his father's illness, but was unable to reach New York before death occurred.

Gen. Fremont was born Jan. 13, 1813, at Savannah, Ga., his father being a French immigrant. He was graduated at Charleston college, taught mathematics, became an engineer in the government's employ in the west, received a commission as lieutenant of engineers, explored the Rocky mountain region and gained great fame by his successful penetration to the Pacific coast through almost incredible hardships.

He took a prominent part in the conquest of California, was elected as one of the first United States senators from that state (1843-45), was the first Republican candidate for president in 1856, served in the Union army as a major general (1861-62), was nominated for the presidency by the Cleveland convention of 1860, but declined the nomination, and has not since taken an active part in politics, though he was appointed governor of Arizona in 1875. Of late years he has been engaged in promoting southern railroad enterprises.

His wife, formerly Jessie Benton, daughter of the famous Thomas Benton, of Missouri, survives him. NEW YORK, July 15.—The funeral of the late Gen. John C. Fremont will take place at 10 a. m. to-morrow at the Church of St. Ignatius, 56 West Fortieth street. The pall bearers will be Gen. Sherman, Gen. Howard, Admiral Braine, Col. Floyd Clarkson and four members of the association known as the Pioneers of the Territorial Day in California, of which Gen. Fremont was once president.

Boston's Centenary of Methodism.

BOSTON, July 12.—The centenary of Methodism in Boston was celebrated yesterday afternoon by a meeting near the site whereon, 100 years ago, Rev. Jesse Lee preached the first Methodist sermon ever heard in this city. Dominic Lea's pulpit was a table, and his canopy was the old elm on the common. The exercises yesterday, which were largely attended, consisted of music, invocation, scriptural readings, a poem and address on the progress of Methodism and a historical statement by Rev. L. B. Bates. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Spencer and benediction by Rev. J. W. Lords brought the meeting to a close.

To Contest McKinley's Seat.

OREVILLE, O., July 12.—The deadlock in the Democratic congressional convention, sixteenth Ohio district, was broken last night after two days and one night of balloting by the nomination of ex-Lieutenant Governor John G. Warwick, of Massillon, O. Mr. Warwick, who will be the opponent of Congressman McKinley, is a business man engaged for many years in extensive milling interests and owner of coal mines. His first and only political office was lieutenant governor of Ohio.

Jumped Over Niagara Falls.

BUFFALO, July 15.—A special from Niagara Falls to The Express says: About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a man jumped from the parapet wall at Prospect point and passed directly over the falls. He was a man of about 25, or 30 years of age and came here from Buffalo. As he jumped upon the parapet wall he stopped long enough to regain his balance and shouted, "Good-by, boys; I am going over the falls." The body has not been recovered.

Struck a Bonanza.

DENVER, Col., July 15.—News has reached here from Lander, Wyo., which says that two boys, Phil Horch and Sam Davis, 16 and 17 years of age respectively, who have been working mining claims near the famous Buckeye mine, 20 miles south of Lander, have struck ore which assays from \$23,000 to \$40,000 per ton in free gold. Miners have started for the new fields by the hundreds.

Five Bodies Recovered.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 12.—At Dartmouth last night the ferry landing stage while crowded with about 150 persons, collapsed and they were thrown into the water causing a large loss of life. Five bodies have so far been recovered. They are those of a woman named Silver and her child, a woman named Lyndat and two soldiers.

Shot in Self Defense.

RICHMOND, Va., July 14.—Bennett Barham, who killed Walter Hall, his father-in-law, last April, has been acquitted of the charge of murder. The trial was attended by immense throngs of people. The evidence showed that Barham acted in self defense.

The Population of Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 15.—Full census reports from Western Washington show a population of 225,000, estimated population of Eastern Washington, 125,000, making a total population of the state of 350,000.

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