

NOT FIRE, BUT FLOOD

Which This Time Sweeps a Score of Fated Miners Out of Existence.

TWO HORRORS IN ONE DAY,

And Both Directly Traced to Negligence of the Most Criminal Character.

IN THE GREED FOR COAL AND GOLD

The Workers Are Pushed Into an Abandoned Shaft Holding an Immense Quantity of Water.

HOW OF A PICK LETS IN THE STREAM.

This Followed a Wild Race for Life, and Only Those Who Caught the First Alarm Were Able to Make Their Escape.

BODIES OF VICTIMS MAY NEVER BE RECOVERED

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WILKINSBURG, Feb. 4.—A terrible mine accident occurred at Janesville, this county, shortly before noon today. Nearly 100 men were at work in the Janesville mine operated by the Spring Water Coal Company, when all at once and with hardly a moment's warning the noise of rushing waters was heard.

In seven minutes after the first report the whole mine was flooded with millions of gallons of water. Every gangway and every breast was filled to the brim.

As soon as the miners realized what had happened they made a rush for the main gangway to escape. Those who were working the furthest away could not reach the main gangway in time. They were overwhelmed by the rushing waters and perished in their tracks.

The Only Path to Safety.
Fire Boss Evans was in the gangway when he saw a stream of water coming toward him. He at once gave the alarm to the engineer above to get ready to hoist the carriage. In another minute men came running into the gangway from all directions. They at once made for the carriage and were hoisted up in safety.

The fire boss was not the first to take the carriage. As soon as he saw what had happened he ran up the main gangway as far as the water would allow him and cried out with all his might for everybody to get out of the mine as there was a flood.

In retracing his steps the hero was nearly engulfed in the water which from a little stream at first had now increased to almost a creek in size. Some of the men who were at work in distant parts of the mine had an awful struggle to get out of the way of the rushing water.

A Wild Race for Life.
Tim Sully says he was pursued by a roaring stream of water through the upper gangway. He ran as the water ran before, but the water gained on him. First it was at his heels then it gained and came up to his ankles, then he fell over a prostrated Hungarian who was running for his life too, but had fallen exhausted. As quick as possible Sully picked himself up. The water was now up to his knees. He did not despair, however, but kept on splashing through the water and reached a point of safety just as the water reached his neck. It was a great race for life. Sully fainted after he was brought to the surface.

The accident was caused by the breaking in a mine of a large reservoir of water, which was stored in an abandoned portion of the mine known as No. 8 shaft. The water had been accumulating for years. Every year it increased in volume.

The Fatal Blow of a Pick.
Charles Boyle and Patrick Cole were at work in No. 8 shaft just below No. 8 shaft. Boyle struck the roof of his chamber, but the water gained on him. First it was at his heels then it gained and came up to his ankles, then he fell over a prostrated Hungarian who was running for his life too, but had fallen exhausted. As quick as possible Sully picked himself up. The water was now up to his knees. He did not despair, however, but kept on splashing through the water and reached a point of safety just as the water reached his neck. It was a great race for life. Sully fainted after he was brought to the surface.

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They Were Forced to Travel Hand-Over-Hand to Shore.

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HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—During a gale last night the schooner *Morgan*, of Gloucester, Mass., was driven ashore at Cowbay, East Halifax, and became a total wreck. The crew barely escaped with their lives. The sea was breaking fiercely all around, and the crew did not know where they were to land in dark decks meant for the water. They started a fire on board by burning the boiler, but the water was so high that they finally sought attention on shore, where they finally secured help. When Captain Graham discovered that the ship was a total wreck, he ordered a light line with the hope that it would be used to haul the crew up to the shore, and when it got near enough a dog swam out and secured it. By aid of the line a hawser was hauled ashore, and the crew was able to scramble ashore hand-over-hand, being dashed about in the heavy waves, often finding it as much as they could to retain their footing. The crew was so exhausted that he fainted before he was ashore. It took two hours to rescue the men from their perilous position.

BAPTIZED IN A COFFIN.
A Dying Ohio Woman Urges a Very Strange Immersion.

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SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 4.—The entire city today is talking of the strangest baptism this section of the State ever knew. For some time Mrs. Rachel Tyler has been seriously ill. During this time she has professed religion and a desire to unite with the Christian (Campbellite) Church. Her illness had been so severe to admit baptism. Last night, however, she became alarmingly worse, and it was feared she would die. She became almost frantic to be baptized, and it was explained that the ceremony would not be more disastrous than her worry of not being immersed.

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survived the journey is a mystery to the hospital doctors who have just begun to probe for the bullet when Picha arose from the operating table and dashed away. The shooting grew out of an intrigue, in which William Patterson and James Williams were involved. The men were bitter enemies, and last night Patterson shot Picha in front of the People's Theater, just as the audience was pouring out of the doors. When Picha reached his lodgings today he fainted from loss of blood. In an adjoining room the Williams woman lay dying on the floor. She had taken morphine because Patterson could not secure bail. Picha may recover.

A BOOM IN COMSTOCK.

THE GREAT LODGE IS TO BE WORKED ON THE LOWER LEVELS.

Another Store of Millions May Be Uncovered and Former Glory Be Restored—A Shut-Down of Five Years to Be Raised in Some Mines.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Reprints from Virginia City declare there is great excitement on the Comstock over a decision to drain the lower levels of all large mines and to begin prospecting and mining, which has been practically abandoned for over six years. All work done since then has been on the upper levels, which have been pretty thoroughly explored with diamond drills.

For half a mile underground there are only small patches of ground which have not been explored by the drill, and these patches cannot contain a bonanza. Below this level everything may happen, and a week's work may uncover ore worth millions and set the whole Comstock to booming again.

For several months the work of draining the great mill mines has gone on, and now John Mackay, Young Flood and others, who control the Middle and North End mines, have determined to begin pumping out the water until hydraulic pumps can be reached and set going. The starting up of the Union, with its enormous machinery, will naturally follow, and the great water will be worked from end to end and away down in the ground.

Outside of Consolidated Virginia and California, the Comstock mines represent an actual loss of over \$50,000,000 in assessments in Nevada. The Nevada mines taken from stockholders \$6,250,000 and returned only \$1,000,000. Of other stocks, the Union has drawn \$2,300,000 in assessments but has not returned. While Justice filed its devoirs for \$3,500,000, but failed to return \$1,000,000. Mexico has cost its shareholders nearly \$3,000,000 and has not returned a single nickel.

THE CONGRESS OF REPUBLICS.
A Committee Presents a Plan for the Meeting in 1893.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The sub-committee appointed Tuesday by the Committee on the Scope of the Pan-Republic Congress, has made a report to-day. It was presented to the Committee of Two Hundred when that committee meets next month in Washington.

The report is practically a draft of a constitution for the proposed congress to be held in the United States in 1893, the year of the World's Fair. Each country shall be entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 5,000,000 population. The delegates to form one body, while representatives of various civic organizations shall comprise a second body. These houses shall act like any dual Parliament.

BLOODSHED IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY.
The First Tragedy in Connection With the Creek Per Capita Payment.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Feb. 4.—The first tragedy in connection with the Creek per capita payment occurred here yesterday, at noon. In the morning Government Agent Miller and Mr. Insley, who accompanied him, were escorted by 18 guards.

At dinner, in a difficulty between Governor McIntosh and the Light Horsemen, and Bob Marshall, United States Indian policeman, the latter shot McIntosh with a Winchester, killing him instantly.

SUNK AT A BALTIMORE DOCK.
A Careless Sailor Is Supposed to Have Left a Waste Pipe Open.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—The steamer *Cirec*, which was on her way to Glasgow via Halifax, and which had been lying at her dock, sank early this morning at her dock. Her cargo of flour is being removed as rapidly as possible. It is, of course, considerably damaged.

ENERGETIC MEASURES TAKEN TO PROTECT THE CHEROKEE OUTLET.
ARKANSAS CITY, KAN., Feb. 4.—Prof. Coppock, Superintendent of the Indian Schools, received the following message from Indian Commissioner Morton yesterday:

Information has been received here that citizens and settlers propose to enter the Cherokee outlet. Give public notice that intruders will be ejected. Keep me advised of day intrusions. The soldiers have been on the strip for nearly a month, but a large detachment has left Fort Reno to occupy the lands, with orders to eject all boomers now in the strip and keep everybody out.

AFTER THE BREWERIES AGAIN.
An English Syndicate Fishing for Milwaukee and Chicago Plants.

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A RESPECTABLE CAUCUS TO-NIGHT.

Rumors That a New Force Bill Is Planned and Pronounced Absurd.

WITNESS OWENBY BEHIND THE BARS

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Senator Ingalls has returned from Kansas and is in his seat in the Senate chamber to-day. He came to the Capitol early wrapped up in a big fur-trimmed overcoat and wearing a large black sombrero. He was in the Senate chamber all day and was something of an object of sympathy. Several of his colleagues, including those who have rejoined in his defeat, shook hands and offered their condolences, but it was very noticeable that Senators Hoar, Sherman, Edmunds and three or four more are disgruntled with Mr. Ingalls for his vote against the silver rule and force bill, and who have also severely criticized his silver speech, spoke no word of welcome. They sat there as though they did not notice the wanderer's return.

Mr. Ingalls has little to say about the fight or the cause of his defeat. All that he cared to say he said in the little short statement given out in Topeka last night. He said he had no more to say. There are many guesses as to what chance of usefulness Mr. Ingalls will enter when he is out of the Senate, but if he has made any plans he has not announced them. A Republican newspaper at Detroit recently reorganized and placed under new management has telegraphed him an offer of \$10,000 a year to become a lecturer.

Contemplating a Lecture Tour.
The Senate did not accept this proposition, and it is said that he is contemplating entering upon a grand and prolonged lecture tour. A colleague of Mr. Ingalls said today, in speaking of these various reports, that he was a little nervous to extend the same. He suggested that Mr. Ingalls might return to Kansas and resume the practice of the law.

The decision of the Republican Senators to hold their caucus to-morrow night at the Metropolitan Club has created much gossip, and some adverse criticism. It is maintained that a number of the House and others that a public caucus is a very old-fashioned class of a caucus. It is also said that the caucus was held mostly at the residence of Senator McMillan, then afterwards at Mr. Edmunds' and others. This session the Senate might catch some of the news, have been the guests of Senators Stockbridge, McMillan, Sawyer and Cameron.

Plumb Anxious to Act as Host.
Senator Plumb who has never kept house in Washington or entertained his colleagues in any way is very anxious to extend his hospitality. Having no house of his own he looked about him for a suitable place in which to entertain half a hundred statesmen. Two or three apartments were suggested, but objection was made and the club was accepted as a compromise.

When some of the members of the club read this morning that the caucus was to-morrow night they were very much surprised and could not believe the statement. Outside, they said, and in regard to the caucus, they would be admitted to the club, except as they are invited by members.

Investigation develops the fact that Senator Plumb had arranged the caucus in the shape of a dinner party. The Republican Senators will all be his guests and he will give them something to discuss during the order of business to be observed during the remainder of the session.

Rumors of a New Force Bill.
It has been stated with much emphasis during the past few days that to-morrow night's caucus will deal with the force bill, and that the House will pass it.

THE OLD SEWARD MANSION.
Secretary Blaine Purchases It for the Price of \$65,000.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Secretary Blaine today purchased the handsome brick residence, No. 17 Madison place, which he has occupied for the past two years. The sale was made by Thomas J. Fisher & Co., and the price paid was \$65,000. The house, which was owned by the Stoughton heirs, has been known as the old Seward mansion, and it was while he was living there that the attempt was made upon Secretary Seward's life. More recently the building was used by the Commissary Department as a storehouse.

Something less than two years ago Secretary Blaine leased the house for a number of years, with the privilege of purchasing it at any time for \$65,000. Since he has occupied it he has spent about \$17,000 in modernizing and improving it, and has made of it a handsome and commodious dwelling. The price paid for the house was put to the credit of the commissary department.

A QUAY-CAMERON STORY.
The Latter's Money Said to Have Been Paid Back to Him.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The correspondent of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* has telegraphed his paper as follows: Senator Quay is considering the propriety of making a counter-charge against Cameron concerning the so-called defalcation in the Pennsylvania State Treasury. It is concluded that Cameron has admitted the charge, and that there was no defalcation. A campaign was coming on. To Cameron's credit is the fact that he has not offered himself as a candidate for State Treasurer. He was nominated for the office by the Republicans, but the management from the shape of the bill, and the expense of the campaign, he took the money and to-day morning the books showed the cash was short just \$282,000. That amount Senator Cameron advanced from his private fortune. It was put to the credit of the State Treasury.

AN OLD MAN BURNED TO DEATH.
GREENCASTLE, I. D., Feb. 4.—Shortly after midnight Monday night the house occupied by Robert Bond, living ten miles west of here, was burned to the ground, and Bond was cremated. He was 80 years of age.

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managed the deal so skillfully that before his death as State Treasurer was over his head cleared the \$282,000 put up by Senator Cameron and had made \$100,000 more money advanced by Senator Cameron was made in him. The last payment was made in the name of Cameron to the Pennsylvania State Treasury.

ARREST OF OWENBY.

THE SILVER SCANDAL WITNESS ONCE MORE IN TROUBLE.

His Testimony Is Contradicted by Little, Who Knows of No Statement Except Cameron Speculating—The Cashing of Some Checks Under Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—James A. Owenby, the witness before the Silver Pool Committee, was arrested to-day as soon as he reached the third day, as Cameron was charged with having obtained money under false pretenses in having had a check cashed for about \$17, which was returned by Donald, of the Hanover National Bank, after the passage of the silver law with a refusal to honor it. Owenby told the officer that he had informed the man who cashed the check he would pay him as soon as he received his witness fees, and offered to the officer and discharge the obligation, but the warrant having been issued the officer told Owenby he must go to court.

When the Silver Pool Investigating Committee met this morning Judge Johnson, Owenby's attorney, said he wished to withdraw his objection to the inquiry as to whether his client had not been arrested, and the committee was at liberty to question the witness fully concerning his past life. The committee did not desire to go into the matter. Owenby then voluntarily stated that he had been arrested and acquitted, and that he had been arrested and acquitted, and that he had been arrested and acquitted.

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Irish Heirs of the Deceased A. T. Stewart Proving Their Claims.

SOME ARE ONLY SECOND COUSINS.

But Believe That They Will Secure a Share of the Estate.

GLADSTONE ACTIVE IN PARLIAMENT

BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.
LONDON, Feb. 4.—The deepest interest is taken by all classes throughout the north of Ireland, in the inquiry which is proceeding at the American Consulate here under the authority of the Southern District Court, of the State of New York, as to the claims of various parties in connection with the A. T. Stewart estate. The inquiry, which was opened the third day, is conducted by the Hon. Samuel S. Bayly, United States Consul at Belfast, and Sir James H. Harlett, a local magistrate.

The particular case which led to the inquiry is that of Brough versus Smith. Investigators are being put to the witnesses under examination claiming to be relations of the late A. T. Stewart. At present they include George W. Rosie Begley, Mrs. Mary Begley, the late Thomas Begley, of Meagher's, S. A. Lamb, one of the owners of the Besborough Spinning Company, County Antrim, J. J. Brown, solicitor of Belfast, represents the claimant, J. Holmes, of New York, and Digby Johns, of Belfast, acting for Judge Harlett.

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ON EACH YEAR'S BUSINESS.

An Amended Bill Taxing Coal Lands That Has Vast Import

SHOULD IT FINALLY BECOME LAW.

The Sticking Out of the Word Anthracite Does the Work.

RELIEF FEATURES OF THE MEASURE

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
HARRISBURG, Feb. 4.—A single word stricken out of a bill in the House to-day, by an almost unnoticed amendment, will place a tax of a quarter of a million dollars every year on the coal product of the Monongahela Valley. As amended, the bill then passed a second reading and by the time this intelligence first reaches the wealthy river coal operators of Pittsburgh the bill will be printed ready for a third and final reading.

Just about noon the House was engaged in passing a lot of bills on second reading. It reached one which bore this title: "An act to tax anthracite coal lands and to create a fund for the relief of persons injured, maimed or killed in the employ of individuals, firms and corporations engaged in mining anthracite in West Pennsylvania."

Mr. Davis of Schuylkill county, who had originated the bill, moved to amend it by striking out the word "anthracite" in the title and wherever it occurred in the text. Not much notice was taken of the motion, and it was adopted as amended, therefore, the title now reads: "An act to tax coal lands, etc." That extends its provisions to the great bituminous coal region in Western Pennsylvania, as well as to the entire anthracite district in the East.

What the Change Means.
A conservative member of the House, who has watched the tendency of this Legislature to reduce the tax on anthracite, figured what vast import attached to the amendment of Mr. Davis' bill. He said to-night:

"Last year the output of coal in the Monongahela Valley was over 100,000,000 tons. That means an annual tax by this bill on the product of the Monongahela Valley alone of \$25,000,000. The bituminous coal region entire would suffer to the extent of over \$300,000 a year and the anthracite region would have to pay a tax of \$600,000."

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