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THE EXPLOSION

The Lives of One Hundred Men in Danger at Baltimore No. 2.

ALL BUT A SCORE RESCUED

Wilkes-Barre Visited by Another Mine Disaster—Big Explosion Occurs While the Miners Are Fighting Fire—Heroic Work of the Rescuing Party—Men Taken Out in an Unconscious Condition. List of the Victims.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 21.—A disastrous explosion occurred in the Baltimore No. 2 shaft, operated by the Delaware and Hudson Coal company, shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. The colliery when in full operation employs nearly 200 men and boys; less than one-third of this number, however, were at work when the explosion occurred. At this writing (10:20 p. m.) all but a score of the men have been accounted for. It is possible that all can be gotten out of the mine in safety. A great many of the miners had narrow escapes. As soon as the report of the explosion was heard, all hands made a rush for the main gangway, hoping to effect their escape by way of the shaft. The after-damp, however, was so strong that many of the men and boys were overcome. The strongest managed to reach the foot of the shaft first. The older men had to be carried along by the younger comrades. Some of them became exhausted and were taken out with great difficulty. The cause of the explosion was on a plane one mile distant from the foot of the shaft, between thirty and forty men being employed there. The ventilation is said to have been normal, and there was an accumulation of gas, but what ignited it is, up to 11 o'clock tonight, as yet a mystery. There are three theories. The first is that a lamp of one of the miners. The second is that a blast set fire to a small body of gas and that the men were fighting down the shaft and proceeded through the workings for some distance and found two unconscious men. The latter were brought to the surface and taken to the hospital. Matthews and his party then again attempted to proceed further into the mine encountered a large body of gas and all had a narrow escape from death. The rescuing party that went into the mine at eight o'clock made good headway and reached a point within 500 feet of the foot of the plane where the explosion occurred. They stumbled across the bodies of three men who lay unconscious from the effects of the gas. Their names are Owen Marley, Anthony Mulvey and Charles Burger. All three were brought to the surface as quickly as possible and taken to the hospital.

GRIEF OF RELATIVES.

It was pitiable to behold the grief of the relatives of the entombed men and boys. Inside Foreman Matthews was the first to enter the mine with a rescuing party. He did not go far, however, until he was driven back by the after-damp. After ventilation had been somewhat restored he again went down the shaft and proceeded through the workings for some distance and found two unconscious men. The latter were brought to the surface and taken to the hospital. Matthews and his party then again attempted to proceed further into the mine encountered a large body of gas and all had a narrow escape from death. The rescuing party that went into the mine at eight o'clock made good headway and reached a point within 500 feet of the foot of the plane where the explosion occurred. They stumbled across the bodies of three men who lay unconscious from the effects of the gas. Their names are Owen Marley, Anthony Mulvey and Charles Burger. All three were brought to the surface as quickly as possible and taken to the hospital.

THEORIES OF THE CAUSE.

The belief now is that the dynamite exploded and the fumes found their way to the plane. The men at work in the mine this morning and that they had notified the men at work in the plane to get out. The plane men deny this. They say the first notification they received was the blinding smoke which came in upon them.

There was great rejoicing at the head of the shaft when the men were brought up. The doctors say that with good care all may ultimately recover. Superintendent Foote said tonight that he was not prepared to say how the explosion actually occurred. The company has always taken every precaution to protect the lives of their employees against falls and explosions.

LABOR LEADERS MEET.

Action Favoring the Election of United States Senator.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—The first matter of importance at the session of the American Federation of Labor today was a resolution from the committee on law, which shuts out local trades unions and local federal labor unions from representation in conventions of the American Federation, with the committee's recommendation for its adoption. Attention had been called to the fact that the resolution would exclude the fishermen who have no national organization and can have none.

Former action favoring the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people was reaffirmed. The executive council was instructed to present a bill in congress refusing street car companies the right to use the words "United States mail" on their cars.

The Butler bill, now before congress, favoring the ownership of all telegraph

NO AGITATION OVER THE CUBAN AFFAIR

Mr. Cameron's Resolution Arouses Little Interest in the Senate.

VARIOUS SUBSTITUTES ARE OFFERED

The Senate Passes Mr. Call's Resolution Referring to the Imprisonment of American Citizens in Spanish Penal Settlements—Synopsis of the Report of Senator Cameron.

PANIC AT CHICAGO.

Three Private Banks Are Closed on Account of the Failure of the National Bank of Illinois.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The closing of an institution which was considered the second largest national bank in the city, quickly followed by the failure of three private banking houses, which did business with it, caused a flurry of excitement in financial circles today and led to the closing of several banks by timid depositors. A flood of rumors relative to other banks and business firms added to the intense nervousness which pervaded the city. The panic long after banking hours and the close of the courts.

The banks which were closed today: National Bank of Illinois, capital, \$1,000,000; liabilities, \$1,000,000. E. S. Dreyer & Co., bankers, mortgage brokers and real estate dealers, liabilities, \$150,000; estimated value of assets, \$150,000. Rosenthal Savings Bank, Roseland, Ill., small capital and estimated assets equal to liabilities.

SENATOR CAMERON'S REPORT.

The report of Senator Cameron from the committee on foreign relations which was presented to the senate today to accompany the Cuban resolution, was adopted by the committee Friday afternoon. The report, in opening, with modern precedents of European intervention where independence was the issue involved.

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MEN OF PROMINENCE.

MR. HAYWOOD'S REPORT.

The State Treasurer Submits Figures for the Year Ending November 30.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—The report of State Treasurer Haywood for the year ending November 30, shows general fund receipts of \$12,655,137.50 and sinking fund receipts of \$300,000. Among the items in the column of receipts were the following:

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The house spent another day's session in consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and still came to no result thereon. Nearly all of the time was given to discussing the future control of the library, whether by the joint committee on the library as proposed by that committee in Mr. Quigg's substitute, or by the librarian, as proposed by the committee on appropriations.

SYMPATHY FOR CUBA.

Italian Radicals Will Introduce a Motion Favorable to Insurgents.

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