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THE COAL MINE HORROR.

The Worst Fears Fully Realized.

TWO HUNDRED AND THREE DEAD BODIES FOUND.

Harrowing Agony of Relatives.

THE LATEST PARTICULARS.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SCRANTON, Sept. 7.—At 7:50 o'clock tonight John Price, E. Morris, William M. Thomas, and Elijah Thomas went down to bring Morris' second trip, for the purpose of arranging the hose. They were down twenty minutes, and E. Morris was brought out insensible, falling before he reached the carriage. The second trip proved more than he could stand; he was resuscitated in a short time. The others were all right and they succeeded in getting the hose ready to haul up.

There were not less than one hundred and thirty-eight nor more than two hundred and fifty people in the Avondale mine when the accident occurred. Some of the men who were in the mine reported that the fire in the furnace was all out. The presumption is that when the fire broke out the miners had kept their senses, and having dragged the hose had tied to the upper chambers, closing the doors behind them. Supporting this is the fact that the rescuers could not find a simple plan of forcing fresh air into the mine. This was continued until four o'clock in the morning, when a party of men, penetrating two hundred feet and opening the door, made the discovery that the fire was still burning in the furnace and had even ignited the coal piled up inside, and those understanding the situation upon hearing this fact, saw in a moment that all hope was at an end, and that all that could be done was to drag the lost miners from their tomb to a Christian burial.

A change of operation was then instantly acted on, and it was determined to direct immediate efforts to the extinguishment of the fire. Means were now arranged to be tried, and the night will be occupied by deluging the mine with water.

WEDNESDAY MORNING'S DEVELOPMENTS.

WILKESBARRE, September 8.—A gentleman who has returned from the Avondale mine, reports that early this morning a successful descent was made, and some of the chambers of the mine entered. A large number of dead bodies were found. There were no signs of life anywhere around in the fearful sepulchre. The bodies were being brought to the surface as fast as possible, and the shrieks of the heart-broken relatives on beholding the lifeless forms of their husbands, fathers and brothers, is harrowing indeed.

AVONDALE, September 8.—3 A. M.—An entrance to the mine was effected about half an hour ago. The chambers were reached without serious difficulty. The first body discovered was that of Mr. Steele. Further on and in the same chamber an appalling spectacle presented itself to the explorers. There in a heap and in all sorts of positions in which their last agonies had ended, lay the bodies of two hundred and three dead men, not a vestige of life being visible in the countenance or form of any of the unfortunate men who had met so untimely and horrible a death.

The wildest excitement prevailed at the entrance to the shaft, and the friends of the dead as the bodies were brought up were deafening. Nothing can approximate to a description of the scenes as they could be seen, and the grief of those who still hoped against fate, went forth in wails of heart-breaking agony. The shrieking and tender words of the mother or wife, as she grasped the lifeless form of her son or husband and tried to bring it again to life, refusing to believe it could be dead, and defending it against all attempts at removal.

At half past seven one of the gangs reported that they went up the plane, just beyond which a barrier was met, consisting of a car packed around with coal and timber. This was cleared away, and proceeding a little further another barrier was met nearly completed, and one man was seen to be crawling back. This man was found upon the outside, where he had just finished his task and was preparing to join his companions on the opposite side of the crawling back. This man was removed, when the whole force of miners were found congregated, piled one upon another and one upon another.

The fourth body exhumed was Wm. P. Ewell, of Plymouth; eyes both open and head turned aside. He had a son in the mine. At 9:30 A. M.—Daniel Jones, who lost his life in an effort to rescue his companions

Monday night, and Thomas Williams, who also ascended but lost his life in the effort, are to be buried this afternoon.

At 8:45 Mr. Wm. Halliday was brought from the mine nearly insensible. The fifth body rescued was a boy named Wm. Williams, aged fourteen. He worked here but one day. The sixth body is Matthew Evans; he died in great agony. Active preparations are making for the immediate removal of the bodies, which will consume the greater part of the day owing to the lack of facilities for hoisting. The condition of the mine is improving.

At 8:45 A. M. Coroner Eno, of Plymouth, who is on the ground, has impelled a jury of inquest, who will view the bodies as they are brought out.

At 8:45 A. M. The body of John Bowen, of Plymouth, a miner, was the third brought out. His left eye is partially open, but otherwise his countenance is placid. He leaves a wife and one child. He was found outside the barricade, behind which were all the other bodies. He was evidently overcome before he could get through.

The names of the dead men will be announced as fast as they are brought out and relatives will be allowed to enter the mine.

The Coroner's jury have just viewed the bodies of the men who were killed in the mine on Tuesday morning. The bodies are required to be sworn to the facts in each case. C. P. Merriman and H. C. Fay are lawyers, of Wilkesbarre, attending the jury, and Father O'Hara, of Wilkesbarre, is present.

SCRANTON, Sept. 8.—Up to this time ten bodies have been raised from the mine. Some of the bodies were disfigured. The watches of the men had stopped at four to five o'clock, supposed to have been on Tuesday morning. The bodies of two of the boys recovered were found clasped in their father's arms.

One of the men who lost his life in the mine, on Monday, took place this afternoon.

At 8:45 A. M. William Halliday, of Pine Ridge, one of the working party, was brought from the mine nearly exhausted, but subsequently recovered.

Up to 7:15 this evening the work of bringing the dead bodies to the surface proceeded steadily. Sixty bodies have been raised, and their funerals will be held to-morrow.

Subscriptions have been received for the sufferers, viz: \$5,000 from New York board of brokers, \$200 from Asa Packer and \$500 from Gov. Geary.

KEOKUK.

The Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention—Second Day's Proceedings. By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

KEOKUK, Ia., September 8.—The Mississippi Valley Convention reassembled at nine o'clock this morning.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported, as follows: President, Wm. Venable, Iowa; Vice Presidents, R. H. Reynolds, Alabama, J. S. Sharp, Tennessee, Horace Reed, Wisconsin, Cyrus Aldrich, Minnesota, M. W. Delahay, Kansas, Judge Sutton, Louisiana, M. W. Beltzhoover, Pennsylvania, J. W. Batcheller, Ohio, H. W. Webb, Illinois, J. D. Bar, Iowa, Judge Miller, Indiana, E. Ram Barney, New York, B. Field, Kentucky, M. Schenberger, Arkansas; Secretaries, E. A. James, Tennessee, W. B. Murray, Minnesota, G. Collins, Kansas, M. Flood, Louisiana, R. J. Sloan, Ohio, A. J. Messenger, Wisconsin, E. A. Lane, Illinois, Geo. C. Tucker, Iowa, and the temporary secretaries were added by resolution.

The President was conducted to the Chamber and made a speech of considerable length from a pamphlet which he prepared for the occasion.

Mr. Howell, from the Committee on Order of Business, presented the majority report. He explained the reasons which induced a division of sentiment in the Convention, and the Committee reported the following subjects to be acted upon:

First—Mississippi river and its tributaries.

Second—Foreign commerce.

Third—Immigration.

Fourth—Postal telegraph.

The Committee further recommended that Standing Committees be appointed upon each of the foregoing subjects. The Committee on the Mississippi river and its tributaries to consist of one member from each State; the other Standing Committees to consist of five each.

The minority report was then read. It proposes that the Convention shall consider all matters connected with the commerce and travel of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, or which may in any way hinder the development of the country drained by its waters, and that the Convention ought not to be confined to the four subjects mentioned in the majority report; that one subject included in the minority report, the postal telegraph, should be referred to the Committee on the Mississippi river and its tributaries, and that the other subjects of great importance to the Mississippi Valley are excluded. The Committee also think it would be unjust and unwise to refer all the resolutions to Committees without debate. They also believe no Standing Committees should be appointed, but that all subjects should be considered in open Convention, unless Special Committees are ordered. The minority Committee therefore recommend the following order of business:

First—Mississippi river and its tributaries.

Second—Foreign commerce.

Third—Immigration.

And that the Convention shall then be open to consider other matters pertinent to those objects.

Mr. Einkerby, who made this report, said that since the Committee had prepared the report, by a change in the views of members it had become the majority report. After an hour's discussion, which took a wide range, the minority report was adopted.

Mr. James, of Tennessee, offered a resolution that the vote of each State be represented by its representation in Congress; if not, then the members of the State be represented by the members of the State.

haude, Louisiana, Col. Schroder, Arkansas, Louisiana, H. C. Claussen, Iowa, Erling Reed, Indiana, A. J. Messenger, Wisconsin, R. Summer Kentucky, R. Blakely, Minnesota, J. W. Beckwith, Ohio.

On Foreign Commerce—Wm. Barwell, Louisiana, L. A. Shyrock, Missouri, C. Winston, Illinois, R. T. Bowen, Iowa, A. Baines, Tennessee.

Removal of the Capital—A. F. Muller, Iowa, T. A. Reeves, Missouri, M. W. Deane, Kansas, Wm. Bussey, Louisiana, W. A. Steel, Illinois.

On Immigration—E. A. Stander, Missouri, Chambers, Iowa, D. R. Eddle, Illinois, A. T. Shaw, Tennessee, W. R. Fish, Louisiana.

The Convention then adjourned until three o'clock on Thursday morning. The morning session was exhausted in motions and in counter motions and fruitless debate. Very little business was done, and the subjects of the Convention was transacted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

During the morning session of the Convention letters were read from President Grant, written by his Private Secretary, Robert M. Denison, and from Governor Rice, of Iowa, Jas. S. Negley, of Pittsburgh, Penna., Governor Butler, of Nebraska, C. E. Murray, of Illinois, regretting their inability to be present. The Convention reassembled at three o'clock.

Mr. Swift, of St. Louis, offered the following:

Resolved, That both science and experience have fully demonstrated that there is no necessity, in order to facilitate railroad transportation, for the construction of three hundred feet span bridges over rivers.

Resolved, That the piers of the bridges now in course of construction by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, of three hundred feet span, will be a dangerous obstruction to the navigation of the Ohio river, and the attempt of the Company to erect bridges across said river with spans over the channel of less than four hundred feet, is an act of bad faith towards the river tributaries of the Mississippi.

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SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

TIDIOUTE.

Heavy Freshet in the Allegheny—Forty-Eight Hours' Continuous Rain—Railroads Obstructed by Land-Slides—Bridges Washed Away.

(Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

It has been raining steadily at all points on the Allegheny river at the past forty-eight hours, and it is still pouring down with no sign of cessation. A large quantity of lumber has been swept away. All the tributaries of the Allegheny are swollen over their banks.

The river at this point is rising at the rate of six inches per hour, with nine feet in the channel at this time. A heavy freshet may be expected at Pittsburgh, perhaps a great one that of 1865.

The railroads along the river are all out of order, obstructed by land-slides and the washing away of bridges. A vast amount of lumber will be run out on the present rise.

DEATH OF SENATOR FESSENDEN.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PORTLAND, Me., September 8.—Senator Fessenden died at half past six o'clock this morning. He was sensible until the hour of death, and had passed a comfortable night until three o'clock. Physicians were in attendance and did everything to relieve his sufferings, which otherwise would have been great at the close.

Senator Fessenden's funeral will take place at half-past ten o'clock, Saturday morning.

LATEST FROM CUBA.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HAVANA, September 7.—Céspedes and Quesada, with 5,000 men, attacked Los Tunas, garrisoned by 400 sick and invalid soldiers. They were repulsed with a loss of five hundred men, many arms and flags. It was a complete rout, as much as they had not opposed the column of Penagol, only five hundred men, who were repulsed with a large loss.

WASHINGTON CITY, Sept. 8, 1869.

Advices from the Cuban forces have been received from the town of Pinar del Rio. In these letters the friends of Cuba have accounts of several engagements which had recently taken place. The Cuban army, consisting of 1,000 men, invested the town of Pinar del Rio. On the 12th General Puellos sent out a force, numbering 700 men, to attack the town. They were attacked and defeated with the loss of almost the entire command, in casualties, desertions and prisoners. The town of Pinar del Rio is reported deserted by General Puellos troops, who after recent engagements retreated to Neuva. These letters report that the friends of Cuba who had moved out from Los Tunas, had attacked the Cuban troops, who were numbering over seven hundred, were composed of the entire strength of General Quesada's force, and commanded by Valmaseda in person, consisted of 2,000 regulars and 1,500 volunteers. With this force General Quesada was attacked, and the town of Pinar del Rio was captured with very severe loss. While the Cuban force was over one hundred, while that of the Spanish force was over 2,000. Valmaseda retreated to Los Tunas, and under the cover of the fortifications of that place secured protection for his troops. The Cuban forces, who were invested the town of Pinar del Rio, were repulsed with a loss of 1,000 men. A fight is reported near Puerto La Grande, in which the Spanish forces, numbering over seven hundred, were defeated. It is reported that after the first fire the troops deserted in a body to the Cuban forces, leaving their officers, who were captured and paroled, next to the sea coast. General Quesada and his regulars and 1,500 volunteers. With this force General Quesada was attacked, and the town of Pinar del Rio was captured with very severe loss. While the Cuban force was over one hundred, while that of the Spanish force was over 2,000. 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