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DEATH IN A MINE

TERRIBLE DISASTER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

One Hundred and Twenty-five Lives Lost at Fernie—Not One Man Escaped from Two Workings—Twenty-One got Out of the Third Tunnel.

Fernie, B. C., May 23.—One of the worst coal mine disasters in the history of British Columbia occurred at the Coal Creek mines, at 7 o'clock last night, when from 125 to 150 men met almost instant death in mines Nos. 2 and 3. The explosion occurred in the depth of No. 2, and not a man out of more than 100 employed in that mine escaped to tell the tale. From No. 3 workings, which are connected with No. 2, about 21 men escaped. The first intimation of the disaster which those on the outside received, was a rush of coal dust and fire to the height of over 1000 feet above the fan. Word was immediately sent to Fernie, five miles from the mines and inside of 12 minutes from the time the accident occurred relief parties were at work. R. Drennan, Dr. Bonnel and True Weatherby were the first to enter the mine. When about 500 feet into the working Drennan was overcome by after-damp, and had it not been for his two companions, would have perished. On being removed to the outer air he recovered and gave instructions to the rescuing party to commence repairing the overcasts. The overcasts are the pipes which connect the air through the mine. As they had been almost completely destroyed, it was impossible to enter, owing to the after-damp which prevailed.

Volunteers were called for and a score of brave men sprang to the work. For nearly six hours this policy was pursued with tireless energy. Every few minutes the men would collapse, and were borne to the outer air and their places were quickly filled by new volunteers. The first body recovered was taken from No. 3 mine about 11 o'clock. Several hours elapsed and then three more bodies were recovered. None of the victims gave the slightest signs of life, and were removed to the washout. At 4 o'clock this morning relief parties had penetrated so far that the gas became unbearable, and operations had to be suspended for an hour or two in order to let the men clear the after-damp.

Many acts of bravery were witnessed during the night. The heroic work of a miner named True Weatherby, who time and again entered the pit where men were falling all around him was particularly noticeable. So far only 10 bodies have been taken from the mine, several days will elapse before all are recovered.

The mine is free from fire, and the bodies will be removed as fast as the after-damp is cleared from the mine. The rescuing parties are working four-hour shifts, and the company is doing all in its power to assist in the work. General Superintendent Stockett and Superintendent Drennan have been at the scene ever since the accident, and are doing all in their power for the men who are working. The town is horror-stricken and heart-rending scenes meet the eye on every side. All day the trains to the mine have been crowded with anxious friends and relatives of the imprisoned men, hurrying to the scene of the disaster. A meeting of the board of trade has been called to organize a relief fund for the sufferers. The cause of the accident is unknown, but the opinion of many of the miners is that it was the result of a heavy shot from one of the machines. Many of the miners were ignorant foreigners and one of the mine shifts was always more or less gaseous. It is reported in Fernie this evening that the explosion resulted from the use by a careless Italian of an open lamp. Another theory of the cause of the explosion is that a miner struck a match, exploding the gas, which was almost always present in No. 2 shaft. The true cause of the disaster will probably never be known.

Fernie, B. C., May 24.—The loss of lives in the Coal Creek mines on

Thursday is even greater than was at first reported. It is now estimated that from 150 to 175 men met almost instant death. The first body recovered was taken from No. 3 mine about 11 o'clock, and was a lad of 13.

Washington, May 24.—Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador to the United States, died at the Embassy this morning at 5:35 o'clock.

The improvement which had been noticed in his condition during the past week received a sudden check about 6 o'clock last night, when it was noticed that he was experiencing difficulty in breathing. Dr. Jung, his physician, was immediately sent for and he decided upon a consultation, and Dr. Thayer, of Johns Hopkins University, arrived about 2 o'clock this morning. When Dr. Thayer left the embassy at 3 o'clock for Baltimore, the ambassador was resting so comfortably that a cablegram was sent to his son-in-law, Mr. Bromley, in London, that there was no immediate danger.

Soon after 3 o'clock a distinct weakness of the heart developed and his pulse began to collapse. He died so peacefully that it even surprised his physician. At the bedside when the distinguished diplomat passed away, were Mrs. Pauncefote, the Honorable Maude Pauncefote, Miss Sybil and Miss Audrey, Dr. Jung and a Mr. Bedford, one of the clerks attached to the embassy. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

As soon as it became generally known that Lord Pauncefote was dead, flags were half-masted over the different embassies and legations. At the Arlington Hotel, where the visiting Frenchmen who have come to witness the Rochambeau statue unveiling are stopping, the French flag was placed at half mast.

Whooping Cough.

A woman who has had experience with the disease, tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: "Our three children took whooping cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to our giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little girl could call lustily for cough syrup between whoops.—JESSIE PINKEY HALL, Springville, Ala. This remedy is for sale by Graham & Wells.

Havana, May 24.—The bill before the House granting pardon to all Americans for acts committed during the American intervention were amended to grant these prisoners a general amnesty instead of pardon. In this form the bill passed without opposition. A similar bill has been introduced in the senate, where final action will be taken Monday. If this bill passes it will set at liberty Estes G. Rathbone and all other Americans under sentence awaiting trial.

Won't Follow Advice After Paying For It

In a recent article a prominent physician says, "It is next to impossible for the physician to get his patient to carry out any prescribed course of hygiene or diet to the smallest extent; he has but one resort left, namely the drug treatment." When medicines are used for chronic constipation, the most mild and gentle obtainable, such as Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets, should be employed. Their use is not followed by constipation as they leave the bowels in a neutral and healthy condition. For sale by Graham & Wells.

Washington, May 15.—"Never while I am president of the United States shall Maclay's history be used at the naval academy as a textbook," said President Roosevelt to Representative Mudd, of Maryland, a few days ago. And this expression will be approved by the people all over the country. Not only Schley partisans, but fair-minded sympathizers with the deceased Sampson, will commend the president for eliminating from the national naval academy a textbook which teems with prejudice. The president has acted upon commendable motives solely, and cannot be considered a partisan either way. The fact that the Maclay history is "colored" is sufficient to condemn it.

THE COOS BAY ROAD

ENGINEERS TO BE PUT ON THE LINE AT ONCE.

The Construction Company Will Build Dock and Prepare for Work—Decision in August—The Schulknowskia Murder Trial.

Portland Oregonian: The Grand Central Railroad Company, which was recently incorporated in Portland to build a line between Coos Bay and Salt Lake City, and of which J. Thorburn Ross, of the Title Guaranty & Trust Company, is president, will start six engineers with a crew of 21 men and full outfit for Coos Bay on the steamer Alliance tomorrow, with instructions to begin a survey for a railroad from the bay eastward. Next week another surveying party will be put in the field at Roseburg to work toward the coast. Others will be put in the country to the eastward later. The plans contemplate the completion of a reconnaissance of the country so that a report on the enterprise can be made by August 15. Upon that report it is expected definite orders for further progress will be based.

So great is the confidence in the serious intent and substantial backing of this railroad move that the Empire Construction Company, which is presumed to have close relation to the railroad, will in a few weeks send a large force of workmen, with pile-drivers, scrapers and other necessary apparatus, to build a large dock and other preparations for the active work of railroad construction. The company is particularly desirous of getting before the public the fact that this does not necessarily mean that the railroad will positively be built immediately. It merely goes to show that the construction company is willing to put some money into preparations, so as to be on the ground and ready for business when the proper time shall come. If it should turn out that the enterprise should be dropped, of course that money would be lost. The construction company is willing to take the chances at this time for the possible advantage it may thus get.

L. D. Kinney is the chief engineer of the Great Central Railroad Company, and he is authority for the foregoing statement. Since February 4 he says he has been in Oregon, much of the time in Portland, and he is quite proud of the rapidity and secrecy with which the work has been conducted up to this time.

"I cannot say who the principals are in this railroad enterprise," said he last night; "but I can say that my own private opinion is that they have taken hold in such a way that they can't let go. I am confident, too, that they are men who will not be broken by spending what some of us would regard as a fortune to get accurate preliminary information."

"It is also my conviction that the project means a road to Portland as well as one to Coos Bay. It is certainly supported by powerful Eastern railroad interests, and I surmise that they have special reasons for desiring to get into this field."

Mr. Kinney says that Oregon is 50 years behind the times in the way of industrial development. From his examination of the Coos bay country he says he knows it is a very rich region, and one that will well pay working. Mr. Kinney does not expect to remain in charge of construction when that stage shall be reached. He has to do rather with the preliminary work, much of which, in this case has been done.

St. Helens, Or., May 23.—An affidavit of Eva Jeller, sister of August Schevie, in the Schulknowskia murder trial was introduced in evidence for the purpose of impeaching her testimony in court. The statements in the affidavit were corroborative evidence as to the time August Schevie was away from the house on the day after Christmas, the day of the murder. In rebuttal, Mrs. Jeller testified that she had been plied with liquor before making the affidavit; that she might have been forced to make her mark and sign the affidavit, but that she had no knowledge of hav-

ing signed any such paper.

The statements supposed to have been made by the defendant while in the sweat box of the Multnomah county jail were not admitted as evidence.

The defense introduced an expert gunsmith from Portland, who testified that it would be an impossibility to determine by the indenture of the plunger as to whether a cartridge had been exploded by a rifle or by a revolver.

Twenty-two witnesses have been examined in this case, and after the defense closed their evidence the jury was taken out to the scene of the murder to look the ground over for themselves.

The argument of counsel will probably be submitted to the jury tomorrow morning, which will be the 10th day of the trial.

Whatcom, Wash., May 23.—Alfred Hamilton, also known as Alfred Hawkins, was hanged this morning at 6 o'clock for the murder of D. M. Woodbury, at Anacortes on September 7, 1899. His neck was broken by the fall, and he was pronounced dead in 16 minutes and five seconds. Hamilton maintained his iron nerve to the last. Answering Sheriff Brisbin's query if he had anything to say, "No, I am here to die." He cursed the sheriff when he read the death warrant to him before the execution, and rushed up the scaffold stairway two steps at a time.

Holds Up a Congressman.

"At the end of the campaign," writes Champ Clark, Missouri's brilliant congressman, "from overwork, nervous tension, loss of sleep and constant speaking I had about utterly collapsed. It seemed that all the organs in my body were out of order, but three bottles of Electric Bitters made me all right. It's the best all-around medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter." Overworked, run-down men and week, sickly women gain splendid health and vitality from Electric Bitters. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Graham & Wortham.

Fort de France, May 23, 3 p. m.—It is reported on seemingly reliable authority that a new crater is forming at Ajoupa Bouillon, which lies on the side of the mountain opposite to St. Pierre, with its northern face to the Atlantic. A huge fissure is said to have opened there, which is vomiting gases and volcanic matter similar to those thrown out from the crater at the summit. The volcano is now throwing off large quantities of ashes. These fell upon boats which were coming to Fort de France this morning and prevented them from approaching the shore nearer than 10 miles. Even at that distance the decks were rapidly covered with ashes. The indications seem to point to another volcanic outburst.

London, May 24.—A dispatch from Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, dated May 23, says a faint light was observed last night in the direction of Martinique, accompanied by detonations, and that fears are entertained of further disaster.

No Loss of Time.

I have sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for years, and would rather be out of coffee and sugar than it. I sold five bottles of it yesterday to threshers that could go no further, and they are at work again this morning.—H. R. PHELPS, Plymouth Oklahoma. As will be seen by the above the threshers were able to keep on with their work without losing a single day's time. You should keep a bottle of this remedy in your home. For sale by Graham & Wells.

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HIS CAREER

BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF HONORABLE J. K. WEATHERFORD.

He Is Candidate for Congress in This District—Grew from Boyhood to Manhood Over in Linn.

J. K. Weatherford, the Democratic nominee for Congress from the First District, came to Oregon when 12 years of age, crossing the plains with Charles Morgan, late of Washington County Oregon. At that time his father and mother were dead. When he reached Oregon he obtained employment at the Brownsville Woolen Mills, where he was engaged for some years. Afterwards he attended the Corvallis College, from which he graduated. During the summer he worked in the harvest field to obtain money to attend school on the following year. After graduating he taught school for a time in Brownsville, and while so teaching he was elected School Superintendent for Linn County. At the expiration of his term as Superintendent he was elected Representative, and became speaker of the House, the duties of which he performed with credit to himself and honor to his constituents. He was elected Senator from Linn County for two terms. His work and vote while a member of the Legislature is such as commended him to the people as a judicious lawmaker. He drafted, introduced and secured the passage of the present law regulating warehouses, which has borne good results, the Supreme Court recently holding that by the provisions of this law farmers and others could follow their property in the hands of any one obtaining possession of it from the warehouseman, without permission of the owner. This is one of the best and most salutary laws on the statutes. A number of the laws of Oregon are due in a measure to his work. It cannot be said of him that any law that he secured the passage of, has ever been repealed. He has been a member of the board of regents of the State Agricultural College since 1885, receiving his appointments from Governors Moody, Pennoyer and Geer. He is now president of the board of regents. He has assisted in making it a practical school, giving a practical rather than a scientific education to those attending.

He is largely interested in farming and stock raising, and gives considerable of his time and attention to this industry. He takes an active interest in everything that is calculated to build up and develop the country.

Mr. Weatherford is a ready debater, a logical reasoner and would well represent his district in Congress. He would be found working for the interest of his district, endeavoring to improve its various bays and harbors and would as far as possible preserve the public domain from such inroads as lately were made under the guise of law by the North Pacific Railroad Company on timber lands.

He is an earnest advocate of the Indian War Veterans. His home has been continuously for the last 25 years in Albany, in which city he has filled the position of mayor and other offices, and assisted very materially in building up the public schools.

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