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Entrance to Coal Mine Choked With Huge Rocks.

MINERS DIG THEIR WAY OUT

Pifty-Six Lives Are Lost by a Strange Disaster in Crow's Nest Coal Field-Fall of Turtle Mountain Due to Explosion,

top of Turtle Mountain down on the little town of Frank, on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains, in Alberta, at daybreak yesterday.

Every man working on the surface of the Frank coal mine was killed, entrance to the mine was blocked, and

from the mine, and the death roll is The disaster was at first attributed

to an earthquake or volcanic eruption, but the most probable theory is that an explosion in the mine caused a rock-

mine is owned by H. L. Frank, of

FRANK, N. W. T., April 29 .- This place was visited this morning by the worst disaster that has ever been known in any mmunity in Western Canada, possibly to the entire Dominion. What was either a land or rock slide of such gigantic magnitude as to be utterly inconceivable to the mind of any whose eye has not beupheaval, killed 56 people, destroyed the plant of the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Company, did a vast amount of dam age to the mine and completely devastated about ten square miles of the finest and most picturesque section of the Crow's

ALEX LEITCH, merchant, wife and four ye, John. Wilfred, Allen and Athol, the hoys

soys, John. Wilfred, Allen and Athol, the hope ranging from 4 to 14 years.

C. ACKROYD, miner, and wife.

A. CLARK, Isbover, wife and five children, Charles, Albert, Afred, Ellen and Gertrude.
In age, the children were from 5 to 15.

J. EIROTA, driver.

ANDREW GRAEBACK, trapper.

G. WILLIAMS, miner, wife and three chilfren.

The wife and six children of WILLIAM JOHN VANDUSEN, carpenter, wife and tw-

FOSTER.

THOMAS LOCK. M MADIGAN, miners, single.

M. MADRIAN, miners, single,
JAMES GRAHAM, rancher, wife and two
rown sons, John and Joseph.
ALEX GRAHAM, laborer, and wife.
ROBERT WATT, laborer,
T. HOCHETTE, laborer,
THOMAS DELAP, engineer,
T. TARVILAN withbran

A. TASHGIAN, weighman. JOSEPH BRIGHTON,

J. LEONARD, all employes of McVetch, rati-

Fatally Injured. Fatally injured:

Mrs. John Watkins, terribly crushed and in ernally injured. Lester Johnson, age 14, internally injured. Others injured are:

James Warrington, thigh fractured; Alfred A. Wattkins' girl, many severe contustons; S. Ennis, wife and four children, more or less seriously injured.

Mountain Comes Down. The catastrophe came at 4:15 this morn-

ing, when residents of the town were awakened by a deafening tumuit and a shaking of buildings which it seemed would rattle them into complete demolition. Of all the town's inhabitants, numbering nearly 1000, not one professes to have reached the outside of his domicile in time to see any part of what took place. but when day dawned it was seen that the away and that the country extending from the eastern edge of the town for two miles down the pass and entirely across the mass, a distance of two miles or more mountain, jay buried beneath rock and debris of various kinds for a depth varying from \$5 to 100 feet.

In its sweep the great slide, if slide it was, or upheaval if that be the more proper characterization, demolished and carried away the entire operating plant the coal company-the tipple, boiler and engine-house, electric light plant railway scales, shops and a row of coke

the coal company, burying six of them with most of their occupants and like-wise burying ten other habitations sitnated in the valley east of the town, together with every soul within them.

Beautiful Scene Marred The scene of the catastrophe was inally one of great picturesqueness, being the valley of the Old Man River which forms the eastern elope of the Crow's Nest Pass. Turtle Mountain, a sheer wall of limestone rising to a height of 2500 feet above the level of the town, forms the southern side of the pass. A valley something over a mile wide, lies between Turtle Mountain and the foothills of the Rocky range of mountains to the north. The Old Man River, flowing through the valley follows closely the side of Turtle Mountain, right up against the foot of which the major portion of the town is built, the mountain wall being so straight up that on the longest day in Summer the sun sets in the town at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

The coal mines of the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Company, or more properly the seam being worked, extends along the side of Turtle Mountain in a parallel direction. It is a vertical vein and is worked from a tunnel up. mmediately over the workings that the nountain fell away, burying them to a depth of more than 100 feet. If it was slide, it came from the mountain, crossed the valley and went up the foothills on the opposite aide to a height far above any building in the town, convert-ing cosy homes and property of great value into waste having the appearance of having been buried by a volcanic eruption and valueless for any purpose for all time. As there is no geological expert on the ground it is impossible to rmine the true character of the force exerted. Many hold to the belief that it was an earthquake which caused the mountain to fall away, others believe it to have been a limestone upheaval, while others think it was simply a slide caused possibly by the lime rock slaking under the influence of the thawing weather of

Miners Dig Way Out. It was at first believed that death roll was swelled by the total number of men at work in the mine, 17, and that the mine had been ruined by the walls squeezing together under the terrific strain, but happily both proved untrue later in the day, when the men rescued themselves and brought out a report of the condition of the mine. Had the mine been ruined it would have meant a loss to the company of about \$3,000,000, but, as it is, the mine will be reopened, and it is the the actual loss to the company will not exceed \$250,000, if it amounts to so much The imprisoned miners escaped by digging their way to the surface from the upper workings. Some were injured, but not

Bodies Can't Be Recovered, The families of the two Grahams, whose names were separated by a mile, and the employes of Poupere and deVeigh, whose cable was a mile further of were buried fully 100 feet deep, and nowe of the bodies can ever be recovered. In fact it is doubtful if many of the bodies of the dead are ever found.

A citizens' meeting was held early in the morning and steps taken to search the ruins for bodies, but only seven bodles had been found this evening. Most of the bodies recovered were mangled so badly that identification was impossible.

Railroad Hopelessly Buried. The Canadian Pacific Railway is a heavy loser by the disaster. Two miles of line was buried from 50 to 100 feet deep, and a ew line will have to be located and built The entire loss resulting from the disaster, it is estimated, will amount to \$1,000,000, if not considerably more,

DUE TO MINE EXPLOSION.

Mining Men Believe This Blew Off Whole Face of Mountain,

VICTORIA, B. C., April 29 .- Local officials and mining men knowing the vicinity are unanimous in the belief that instead of a volcanic eruption, the discaused by an explosion in the mines of the French-Canadian Coal Company, has a tunnel into the mountain after the manner of a metaliferous mine. It is believed here that an explosion has ccurred, blowing out the face of the mountain, which has thrown 300,000,000 ons of rock down on the mine buildings and tunnels and dammed Old Man's River, on whose bank lies the town of Frank. If the eruption had been of a 'seismic nature, it would have been recorded by the seismograph at Victoria. Rowles Machine, of this city, who re-cently visited Frank, says the town, which is three years old, is named after H L. Frank, a well-known Butte miner. who is operating extensively in coal mining there. In addition to this, a French syndicate represented by Mesers. Flutot and Gobo, is operating in a gully about eight or ten miles distant. Frank is well laid out, the coal company having recently erected some very convenient cottages for the minera. The population will hardly exceed 600. It lies on the Old Man's River, just at the mouth of the canyon, which leads into the Pincher Creek mining country, about 25 miles away. He is of the opinion that the slide may have started from an explosion in the tunnels which, driving outward, started the face of the mountain, which hangs at an angle of about 45 degrees to A private dispatch received here says

that Jack McVeigh, a lumberman, and four men were buried with their sawmill beneath the failing rock at Frank.

ROCK STILL PALLING. Town Wiped Out and Help Would Be

Useless. VICTORIA, B. C., April 29.-Private dispatches received tonight from Frank state that rock is still falling. The town was practically wiped out by the falling

The Frank Board of Trade sent a mes sage here in answer to proffers of as-sistance, saying no help was needed, nothing could be done.

Not Due to an Earthquake. VICTORIA. B. C., April 29.—Baynes Reed, secretary of the meteorological service here, has developed the film of the seismograph, which discloses not the slightest trace of seismic disturbance. The reports of a voicanic eruption or earth-quake at Frank, N. W. T., are utterly dis-

Edward of Britain Visits the Pontiff.

RECEIVED IN CREAT STATE

Ceremony of Middle Ages Observed at Vatican.

THEY CONVERSE IN SECRET

Attired in White, With Face Like Ivery, the Aged Lee Grasps the Hand of Protestant Sovereign -Catholics Cheer Edward.

King Edward, of Great Britain, the most powerful Protestant sovereign of Europe, yesterday paid a friendly visit to Pope Leo at the Vatican.

The King resides in the British Embassy during his stay in Rome, and has been the guest of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

Until 1870 the pope was the temporal sovereign of the papal states, of which Rome was the capital. In that year King Victor Emmanuel I annexed the papal states to the kingdom of Italy. and ended the pope's temporal sov-

Pius IX, who was then pope, shut himself up in the Vatican, declared that he was a prisoner and still maintained his claim to temporal as well as spirit-

in Rome involved nonintercourse with any Ambassador accredited to the King ward's residence in the British Embassy would be a difficulty in the way of an interview, but Pope Leo has been less insistent than his predecessor on

such points of punctilio.

Edward is the first British King since the revolution of 1688 to meet the pope

ROME, April 29.-King Edward visited Pope Leo at the Vatican this afternoon, going direct from the British Embusay in a closed carriage. He was accom-panied by Colonel Lamb, the British military attache. The carriage bearing the King was followed by another containing members of His Majesty's suite.

The King wore a Field Marshal's uniform. He had no escort, except some policemen in plain clothes, and no troops lined the streets. People gathered on the streets and looked on with curlosity, but they abstained from any demonstra tion. It was also remarked that, contrary to the usual etiquette, King Edward did not lunch at the British Elm. bassy but had luncheon at the Quiring and after a brief stop at the Embassy drove to the Vatican. Thus far did King Edward give way to the Vatican's desires. The carriage in which the Kins drove to the Vatican did not belong to the Quirinal, as a carriage of the King of Italy could not go within the precincts of the apostolic palace.

Medieval Court Ceremony. The Vatican is, perhaps, the most cereconious court of Europe. It is undoubtedly one of the most picturesque and all costumes worn there are of medieval imes. As King Edward's carriages, at 4:20, entered the court of San Damazo surrounded by the well-known Loggie of Raphael, which has been trodden by the feet of every sovereign who has visited Rome, with the exception of the present Shah of Persia, His Majesty was saluted by a battalion of the Palatine Guards in full uniform. Tattoo was given on the drumheads. There was no music as there are no papal bands. It is declared that since the grotesque rendering of German royal anthem by bugles on the eccasion of the visit of the Emperor of Germany, the experiment of having

music has not been repeated. When the royal party reached the grand staircase leading to the papal apartment, King Elward was greeted by the, Marquis Sacchetti, who acted for Prince Ruspoll, the introducer of sovereigns, who is ill; Monsignore Merry del Val and Prince Antoci Mattel. At the upper landing there was grouped in imposing array a number of other ecclestaetics, who formed a choice and mag nificent assembly. Among them were: Monsignore de Azevedo, the papal major domo; Monsignore Piffer, the papal sacristan; Monsignore Constantini, the great almoner; Monsignore Grabinski secretary of the congregation of ceremontale; Prince Rospiglio, commander of the noble guards; Count General Pecci. nephew of the pope, commandant of the palatine guards; Marquis Serlupi, master of the horse, and Major Tagliaferri. commandant of gendarmes. Behind this group, attired in brilliant uniforms, were the Knights of the Cape and Chamberlains in black velvet breeches, blouses with stiff white ruffs and gorgeously jewelled chains about their necks, giving a touch of brillant color to the scene.

They Join Hands on Meeting. King Edward addressed a few words of thanks in return for the hearty greetings offered him. The royal party then proeeded between ranks of the Swiss Guards. whose halberds gleamed in the sunlight that streamed through the wide windows. The hum of the busy city alone broke the deep silence that reigned within the Vatican. At the Clementine Hall the party was met by the Papal Master of the Chamber, Monsignore Bisletti, who was attended by personages of the secret antechamber. Upon arriving before the pri-

vate apartment of the Pope, the noble

At the conclusion of this ceremony, the foor of the Pope's apartment was imwas revealed standing on the threshold. His hand was extended, awaiting his guest. His Holiness was dressed in r of white and a red velvet cape bordered with ermine. Even King Edward paused a moment upon seeing the Pontiff in his white garments. The Pope's face was the color of lvory, but he moved without ald and with no apparent difficulty. From his entire person there seemed to emanate sentiments of benevolence and spiritunlity. The King and the head of the church clasped hands and exchanged a few words in French. King Edward passed whum the Papal apartment, the

door was closed and the Pope and his guest were left alone. King Edward remained with the Pontiff for 20 minutes. A bell was then rung and King Edward's suite was admitted and presented to the Pope. This little coremony seemed to please the Pope imm ly. At its conclusion, King Edward took his leave, the Pope crossing the room at his side and saying his last words at the

From the Vatican King Edward passed through the plazza of St. Peter, where he was warmly greeted in English by a number of Scotch pilgrims now in Rome who shouted "Hurrah for the King." Had King Edward looked up at that moment he would have seen a figure in a window of the second story of the palace; is was Pope Leo. Contrasted with the British Sovereign, who stood below in the sunlight and toe center of the animation on the immense plaza, the solitary white figure in the palace window seemed to further the idea of the Pope as a prisoner Instead of returning to the British Em bassy, the King drove directly to the Quir-

What They Talked About, Some particulars of the interview be ween King Edward and the pope have ecome known. The pope greeted the King, saying in French:

"I am happy to see Your Majesty." King Edward replied: "I am happy to e here and to add my congratulations to those of others upon your having outlived the days of St. Peter."

The rest of the conversation was o the part of the British sovereign, concerning the attitude taken by the pope on the principal social questions of the day and on the part of the pope about the situation of the church in the British Empire It has leaked out that the pontiff informed King Edward that in view of the meeting he had personally examined into all questions regarding Catholic Interests now pending in various parts of the British Empire, and had prepared a memorandum to which he hoped the King would pay his benevolent attention. It is under stood that one part of the memorandum concerns the school question in Canada nd contains practically the same points as the memorandum given by the to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Pre-

Calls Edward "Very Nice Man." The pope, speaking to his familiars, seemed to be greatly pleased at the visit of King Edward. He said: "He is a very

At the reception at the Embassy King Edward expressed his great satisfaction at having met the pope personally, and with reference to the pontiff's appearance

"It is wonderful! He looks more to be 73 than 36 years old."

One of the pope's chaplains called at of the Diplomatic Corps are here and the British Embassy this evening with a portrait of the pontiff for King Edward, apon which was a dedication in the pope's hand and his autograph.

Farewell Dinner to King.

Tonight the British Ambassador gave an official dinner to King Edward, at which the King and Queen of Italy, the royal Prince, the Ministers and other dignitaries were present. This was followed by a recention, for which 600 invitations had be sent out. All the approaches to the Em-

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President Roosevelt. coded by a military parade of 4000 United States and 10,000 state troops.

display, lasting three hours. The ceremonies is the occasion of the great gathering of National and state officials, church dignituries and other

ST. LOUIS, April 28.-Following is the rogramme for the opening day of the World's Pair dedication ceremonies, which

will commence tomorrow morning: 10 A. M .- Freedom of the city will be 19 A. M.—Freedom of the city will be ten-dered President Roceevelt at the St. Louis Club by Mayor Wells. 10:30 A. M.—The military parade formed on Grand avenue, under the direction of Grand Marshal Major-General H. C. Corhin, will start west on Lindell boulevard from Grand

and the Presidential salute will be fired President Roosevelt will take his place

reviewing stand.

1:30 P. M.—Band concert as growd gathers at

Introduction meeting to erder.
The programme:
Invocation by Cardinal Gibbons.
Introduction of Thomas H. Carter, of the National Commission, president of the day,
Grand chorus, "The Heavens Proclaiming." Presentation of the building by David R. Francis, president of the Exposition Company. Dedication address by the President of the

United States. Chorus, "Unfold, Ye Portals."

Prayer by Bishop Hendrix. Benediction by Hight Rev. Henry C. Potter. Centennial salute of 100 guna. Everything is prepared, President Roosevelt, ex-President Cleveland, the members

practically all of the troops that are

take part in the parade are housed upon

the Exposition grounds. The city has put forth every effort to entertain its visitors and all parts of it have been lavishly decorated with flags, streamers and drapings of red. blue and yellow bunting. There is but one thing that can mar the effectiveness of the open ing day and that is unpleasant weather, and unfortunately this is promised, prediction of the Weather Office being for showers tonight and tomorrow. There is every appearance tonight that the pre-

diction will be verified. Passenger trains by the score rolled into the Union Passenger Station all morning. and militiamen and regulars, Governors and Governors' staffs poured through the gateways in what seemed a never-ending stream. Visitors who were no gold lace arrived by the tens of thousands. It was the first of the coming rush, and it came like a tidal wave. St. Louis faced the situation nobly however and everybody was cared for promptly.

Cardinal Gibbons, who is to deliver the avocation at the dedication ceremonies comerrow, arrived late last night and was orted to the residence of Archhishop Kain, whose guest he will be for the re-mainder of the week. Governor Odell, of New York, came in this morning attended by his staff. Following him closely came special trains bearing a squadron of cavalry, a provisional division of the Navy, militia and a provisional regiment of in-fantry, all from New York. Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota; Gov-

Mickey, of Nebraska, arrived early this morning, and Governor Cummins particu-larly was attended by a staff sufficiently numerous to make a squadron of cavairy in itself. Governor Durbin, of Indiana. with a staff of 50 people, is expected this the following state troops arrived during the day: One provisional regiment and hand

ernor Cummings, of Iowa, and Governor

the day: One provisional regiment and band from Ohio, 1000 officers and men; four regi-ments from Missouri, 2000 officers and men; one regiment and band from Iowa, 850 officers and men; one regiment and band from Illinois, 1000 officers and men; one battalion and band from Oklahoma, 200 officers and men; one battalion and band from Louisiana, 200 officers and men. General Gomes of Cuba arrived during General Gomez, of Cuba, arrived during the morning. He was given a hearty we come at the depot by a reception commi-tee and escorted to the Planters' Hotel.

Ex-President Warmly Welcomed-Sleeps Under Roof With Roosevelt. ST. LOUIS, April 29.-Grover Cleveland arrived at 5:50 o'clock. His train should have come in at 5:25, and a large reception committee was walting for him over 30 minutes. The committeemen were not allowed to be idle, however, for the train. from Washington bearing the members of the diplomatic corps, which was not expected until 5:15, came in 30 minutes fore the committee had looked for it The diplomats were promptly taken in

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