

FATE OF THE MINERS

More Than 140 Buried in the Fernie Tunnels.

FORTY BODIES RECOVERED

Disaster Was Due to an Explosion of Coal Dust—Funeral Processions All Day Long in the British Columbia City.

Fernie's celebration of Victoria Day was a sad one. All day yesterday the funeral procession of the men who lost their lives in the coal mine disaster of Thursday were winding their way to the cemetery, and the horror-stricken inhabitants began to realize the full extent of the tragedy—the most terrible, exciting day of the history of the history of British Columbia. Up to last advice 40 bodies had been taken from the tunnels, and it is now certain that more than 140 remain in the workings. The remains of many of the lost miners are being taken to the Provincial Government and the outside world have been appealed for relief. Provincial officers are on the scene, and it is learned that the disaster was due to an explosion of coal dust, which affected the Nos. 2 and 3 workings.

FERNIE, B. C., May 24.—Rescue work in the coal mines is proceeding slowly on account of gas. The report of the mine being on fire yesterday checked work, but it proved to be incorrect. Many rooms in the mine have not yet been reached. So far 40 bodies have been recovered from the main shafts, and more than 100 remain. Some of the miners were killed by falling rocks and some by fire, and others by asphyxiation from gas. Many of the bodies are badly mangled. The English Church is being used as a morgue, where the bodies are placed in coffins. There was a public funeral at 6 o'clock this evening. It will be several days before all the bodies have been recovered, and some may never be reached, as they are buried deep in debris.

The coal company is arranging for funerals for the families of the dead miners. Eleven hundred dollars was contributed on the spot. The board will ask assistance from the Provincial Government and the large cities through the press. It also arranged to co-operate with the coal company in any measure of relief it may offer. Colonel Innes, the expert, is on the spot to secure relief from the government for the many destitute families.

The explosion was due to dust. A government inspector of mines was here when it occurred. All of No. 2 and the right of No. 3 is affected. The inquiry is adjourned for a week. Gas overcomes the rescuers often. Doctors are working night and day. There are many heartrending scenes. All work and business is suspended. The manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is treasurer of the relief fund.

The town today is horror-stricken and heartrending 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.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OPINION.

Places Loss of Life at 110—Bodies Recovered.

SEATTLE, May 24.—A dispatch to the Times from T. C. Thompson, commercial manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company at Fernie, says:

"We are unable at this moment to give the cause of the accident, which happened at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, resulting in very heavy loss of life. About 130 men were in the mines at the time, and of these 30 were saved, leaving the death list at 100. By last night we had taken out 26 bodies, and we expect to have all of them out by tomorrow. The mine ventilation is improving hourly, fans are working well and the prospects are very favorable. There are no present indications of fire, and everything is progressing as favorably as could be expected."

T. R. Stockert, general superintendent, and Archibald, the government inspector of mines, are pushing rescue work as rapidly as possible.

The dead recovered up to 10:30 P. M. last evening were as follows:

- STEVE MORGAN.
- JOE BENJALIA.
- WILLIE ROBERTSON.
- V. JOHNSON.
- J. LEADBEATER.
- FRANK SALTER.
- JOHN MLEOD.
- THOMAS FEARFUL.
- THOMAS JOHNSON.
- W. BREAKLEY.
- JOE TULSA.
- JOHN KORMAN.
- RONALD JONES.
- WALTER WRIGHT.
- ANDREW HOGAN.
- THOMAS GLOVER.
- JAMES CARTLUTY.
- OWEN HOMES.
- W. FERGUSON.
- M. J. FLEMING.
- SAM HAND.
- T. STEPHENS.
- H. JOHN HUGHES.
- JOHN CARLIEFF.
- JAMES MINTIRE.
- HARRY WILSON.
- GEORGE HOUSBY.
- TONY MUTZGO.
- WILLIAM NEVE.
- WILLIAM M'PHAIL.
- JOHN ZELONKA.
- T. FAIRFIELD.
- JOSEPH WELSH.
- AMOS BUCK.

The Work of Rescue.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 24.—A special from Fernie says 30 miners at least are lost. It is believed the disaster was caused by an explosion of coal dust, so great that the roof of the fan-house was carried over the mountain top and came down in little pieces. Mine inspectors have been in touch with the rescue work of rescue. Relief parties are working heroically in four-hour shifts, but it will be several days before all of the bodies are recovered, as the interior of the mine is wrecked. Fraternal societies are taking bodies of their deceased brethren for burial.

Arizona Miners Offer Aid.

DENVER, May 24.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners today discussed the situation at Fernie, Ariz., where 300 men are on strike, and at East Helena, Mont., where 400 men are at. A dispatch was received from David McKenna, of Gladstone Union, No. 7, at Fernie, B. C., saying that 125 members of that union were killed in the explosion of yesterday. The board proffered financial aid and sympathy through Secretary Haywood. Del-

egates to the convention have arrived from California, Arizona, Utah, Montana and British Columbia.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

Services to Be Held in Several Cities Today.

OREGON CITY, May 24.—Extensive preparations are being made by Meade Post, G. A. R., for the commemoration of Memorial day. Sunday morning the post, with Meade Relief Corps and Company A, Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard, will march in a body to the Methodist Church, where memorial services will be held. Rev. W. E. Grim will preach the sermon, and special music will be rendered. At 2:45 on the morning of Memorial day, the parade will be formed on Main street, under the command of Grand Marshal H. Leighton Kelly, and march to the suspension bridge, where the ceremony of strewing flowers upon the waters in honor of the deceased sailors of the war for the Union will be performed by the post and corps, after which the column will move to Shively's Opera-House, where a programme will be rendered. The column will then move to Mountain View cemetery, where the ritualistic ceremonies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps will be performed.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 24.—Joe Hooker Post, No. 2, G. A. R., of Chehalis, has arranged an elaborate programme of exercises for Memorial day. Rev. J. R. Monfort will preach the Memorial sermon Sunday. Next Thursday afternoon there will be patriotic exercises in all of the schools. On Decoration day the Grand Army veterans, veterans of recent wars, the National Guard and school children will be invited to the cemetery, and in the afternoon there will be exercises at the Opera-House.

SOUTH BEND, May 24.—Rev. H. V. Givler, pastor of the First M. E. church of Tacoma, has been invited by the Grand Army post of this city to deliver the Memorial day address here, and has accepted the invitation. The school children will take a prominent part in the exercises. In the afternoon the Montezano and South Bend baseball nines will play a match game here.

TEN HORSES BURNED.

Were in Stable Which Was Destroyed by Fire.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 24.—The livery and feed stables of Joseph Smith, at Oakland, were entirely destroyed by fire about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The loss included 10 horses, 15 vehicles and all supplies, aggregating about \$5000; insurance, \$1500. A large barn on the same spot was burned on July 4, 1899.

Flag Dedication.

OREGON CITY, May 24.—The exhibition drill to be given next Wednesday evening in the Armory by Company A, Oregon National Guard, will not be a public affair as previously announced. The company has purchased a new flag, which will be dedicated at this time. Senator George C. Brown, Dr. W. E. Carril and Father Hillebrand will make addresses appropriate to the occasion. Invitations will be limited to honorary members of the company, members of Company 1, Second Oregon, members of Woman's Relief Corps, and Grand Army of the Republic, and each member of the company will have the privilege of inviting a few friends. The drill will commence at 8:15 sharp, and after its close an informal dance will be given.

Clarkston to Be Incorporated.

WALLA WALLA, May 24.—E. H. Libby, representing the interests of Charles Francis Adams, at Lewiston and Clarkston, passed through the city yesterday and reports much activity in those cities and great satisfaction over the statement of President Herriman that the Lewiston-Klipapa road is soon to be built. Mr. Libby has been in conference with city officials at once. Clarkston now has a population of nearly 300, and will soon be lighted by electricity. Mr. Libby was in conference while in the city with Hon. Levi Ankeny and Mr. T. C. Elliott, one of the vice-presidents of the Columbia River Board of Trade, regarding an open river.

To Honor Founders of College.

MONMOUTH, May 24.—A Memorial Association, composed of this year's senior class, the alumni of Christian College and the alumni of the State Normal School, was recently formed. It is proposed to place life-size portraits of those who were instrumental in founding the school in the chapel. This year the portrait of President T. F. Campbell will be unveiled in June. It is being made in Portland at a cost of \$200. The portrait of President Campbell should be given this prominence, since his work in the field of education of the State of Oregon is a debt of gratitude, and the alumni take a pride in perpetuating his memory by this small tribute of affection.

Annual Convention of W. C. T. U.

SALEM, Or., May 24.—The 12th annual convention of the Marion County W. C. T. U. was held at Turner last week. The sessions were largely attended, and a successful convention was the result. The annual election of officers resulted in the following selections: President, Mrs. R. M. Steele, of Turner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Allan Rhodes, Salem; recording secretary, Mrs. H. Overton, Woodburn; treasurer, Mrs. Richmond, Woodburn. The 1901 convention will be held in Woodburn.

Speakers in Clackamas.

OREGON CITY, May 24.—The Republican candidates went to Clackamas to-night and spoke to a large audience. Clackamas precinct contains many dissatisfied partisans, but it is expected that the Republicans will carry the precinct by a small plurality. The citizens held a rally in this city tonight at Shively's opera-house.

For Fourth of July Celebration.

WALLA WALLA, May 24.—The committee of the Walla Walla Commercial Club, which has been soliciting funds for the fourth Fourth of July celebration, has raised over \$1200. A genuine old-time celebration is being planned and the committee has been assured the assistance of the artillery for the fort.

Ex-Senator McBride Married.

SALEM, Or., May 24.—Relative of ex-Senator George W. McBride in Salem received a telegram of the Senator's marriage at noon today to Mrs. Laura Schwichtenburg.

Colvig at Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, May 24.—At the court-house last night, the Hon. W. M. Colvig discussed the political situation, a good audience. His remarks were well received.

THE BROOM AS AN EMBLEM OF VICTORY OR SUPERIORITY.

"The broom is hung at the mastheads of ships about to be sold, to indicate that they are to be swept away. The idea is popularly taken from Admiral Tromp, but probably this allusion is more witty than true. The custom of hanging up something to attract notice seems very common. Thus, an old piece of carpet from a window indicates household furniture for sale; a wisp of straw indicates oysters for sale; a bush means wine for sale; an old broom, ship to sell." The popular conception of the broom, when carried aloft, is that it is an emblem of victory.

The O. R. & N. Co.'s "Portland-Chicago Special" (note the name) is entitled to carry the broom, because it is the peer of any train to the Pacific Coast in the matter of equipment, and reaches Chicago and East one day earlier than any other. Lowest rates always. Ticket of New Third and Washington.

AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS

EMINENT ENGINEER REVISITS EASTERN OREGON MINES.

Finds His Predictions Made After an Examination in 1888 are Fulfilled—Richness of Properties.

SUMPTER, May 24.—John R. Parks, one of the eminent mining engineers of the West, spent a few days in the Alamo district examining the Oro Fino mining claims for Spokane interests. Upon his return to Sumpter, he expressed great satisfaction with the results of his examination in this district since his visit here 14 years ago. At that time he examined the Eureka and Excelsior, and also had occasion to inspect the few other properties then being developed. His verdict was ultimate success. Fourteen years later, he finds his conclusions verified in a large degree. Speaking of his visit, and of the region generally, Mr. Parks said:

"The intrusions disturbing the argillites have ruptured them, forming a number of fissures, or true veins, which, by subsequent mineralization, have deposited large low-grade economical bodies of gold ore. The mass of these ores is accompanied by silver, producing values in the neighborhood of 600 fine, while many of them have but the smallest percentage of silver, and the bullion returns from \$17 to \$19 per ounce."

"On my former visit I found many of the prospectors very much discouraged, believing that the veins or deposits would peter out in a very limited depth. But my recent examinations have justified my former conclusions in the fact that as far as the most modern technology is concerned, the practical limit in depth of these deposits will be balanced economically by the cost of deep mining."

Mr. Parks was for more than a dozen years professor in Columbia University, where his mineralogical work attracted National attention. Since then he has been employed in various parts of the world as a mining engineer, doing special service in South America for large banking interests of New York City. His fame in this work is National, and the cordial endorsement given the region is one of the most cheering factors coming to operators, beyond the actual results of daily development.

He says that should he pass through this great mineral zone with a single mine developed, he would pronounce it the possessor of great values in precious metals, from mere observation of its geology. In such an event, he would not hesitate to start prospectors out, with positive assurance that they would find mines.

Mr. Parks' report of the Oro Fino will be made to the owners, Messrs. Glass and Haggard. Beyond saying that the result of his examination there was satisfactory, he would not speak regarding the direct purpose of his trip here.

Work at the Standard.

United States Marshal Zoeth Houser has returned from the Standard mine, a temporary inspection. Work continues in the lower tunnel, where the rich cobalt-gold ore was found. The strike goes out for a few feet and comes in again for 15 or 20. When the Marshal left, the company was for a larger body than has yet been encountered. This lower tunnel is not under the point in the upper tunnel by 100 feet. The owners believe they have not reached the bottom of the mine, and have been in the edge in the lower tunnel, the greatest values on that level will be found under the strike above. Development will be pushed steadily, and it is thought Mr. Houser says the matte smelter's future will be determined. It is still idle.

Negotiations for Air.

Ernest F. Warner, a member of the Oregon Monarch Company, adjoining the Red Boy mine, has been negotiating with the Red Boy people for air to operate a power drill on the Oregon Monarch. A pipe line of but 300 feet would be necessary for this connection, which would save for the latter company the expenses of compressors in development work.

Electric Rock Drill.

A. H. Willett, president of the Copperopolis Company, passed through this city today, en route to Portland. He said that the new electric rock drill of his company had been put into use. Power is had on Dixie Creek to generate the electricity required. This is the first use of an electric rock drill in Eastern Oregon, and its working will be observed closely. They are being used in Colorado extensively, and also in parts of Montana.

Mining Stock Quotations.

Yesterday's quotations at the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange were as follows:

Alaska M. & N.	Bronze Monarch	Caribou	Copperopolis	Crystal Consolidated	Excelsior	Gold Hill & Bohemia	Huronian	Lost Horse	Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	Riverside	Sumpter Consolidated	Sweden Copper (Std.)	Winnipeg (Std.)
7 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	23 1/2	13 1/2	25 1/2	11 1/2	20	3 1/2	50	60	3 1/2	87 1/2	15

Sales—
Bronze Monarch, 1,000 shares at 17 1/2
Caribou, 4,000 shares at 15 1/2
Lost Horse, 11,500 shares at 3 1/2

SPOKANE, Wash., May 24.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were as follows:

Am. Boy	15 1/2	Ram Car	15 1/2
Black Tropic	12 1/2	Republic	15 1/2
Butte & R.	25 1/2	Reservation	15 1/2
Deer Trail	14 1/2	Sullivan	25 1/2
Gold Lodge	25 1/2	Summit	25 1/2
L. P. Surp.	8 1/2	San Pol	25 1/2
Mtn. Lion	25 1/2	Trade Dol.	12 1/2
Morr. Glory	5 1/2	W. Idaho	15 1/2
Prim. Maud.	25 1/2	Ben Hur	15 1/2
Quip	25 1/2		

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alpha Con.	20 1/2	Justice	40 1/2
Andes	15 1/2	Kentucky Con.	15 1/2
Belcher	25 1/2	Mexican	67 1/2
Beat & Belcher	25 1/2	Occidental Con.	25 1/2
Bullion	25 1/2	Pacific	25 1/2
Caledonia	25 1/2	Overman	25 1/2
Challenge Con.	15 1/2	Potosi	25 1/2
Chollar	25 1/2	Seavast	25 1/2
Confidence	25 1/2	Seg. Belcher	25 1/2
Con. Cal. & Va.	15 1/2	Sierra Nevada	25 1/2
Con. Imp.	25 1/2	Union Hill	25 1/2
Crown Point	25 1/2	Union Con.	25 1/2
Excelsior	25 1/2	Utah Con.	25 1/2
Gold & Silver	25 1/2	Yellow Jacket	25 1/2
Hale & Norcross	25 1/2		

NEW YORK, May 24.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con.	20 1/2	Little Chief	20 1/2
Alice	25 1/2	Ontario	7 1/2
Bronze Monarch	17 1/2	Quincy	150 00
Caribou	15 1/2	San Francisco	15 1/2
Copperopolis	23 1/2	Tamarack	170 00
Crystal Consolidated	13 1/2	Trinity	12 1/2
Excelsior	25 1/2	United States	21 00
Gold Hill & Bohemia	11 1/2	Victoria	4 1/2
Huronian	20	Wolverine	55 00
Lost Horse	3 1/2		
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	50		
Riverside	60		
Sumpter Consolidated	3 1/2		
Sweden Copper (Std.)	87 1/2		
Winnipeg (Std.)	15		

BOSTON, May 24.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	25 1/2	Oceola	40 00
Alibon	25 1/2	Parrot	20 00
Amalgamated	70 00	Quincy	150 00
Bingham	25 1/2	San Francisco	15 1/2
Cal. & Hecla	50 00	Tamarack	170 00
Centennial	20 00	Trinity	12 1/2
Copper Range	25 1/2	United States	21 00
Domestic Coal	13 00	Utah	21 00
Franklin	11 00	Victoria	4 1/2
Gold Hill	11 00	Wolverine	55 00
Mohawk	45 00		
Old Dominion	21 00	United Copper	25 00

For Purchase of Flagstaff Mine.

BAKER CITY, May 24.—The bond for the purchase of the Flagstaff mine was modified yesterday, as shown by the copy of an agreement between President E. A. Campbell and N. E. Tinkler, who represents the French syndicate. According to the former agreement the sum of \$1,000 should have been paid on May 21.

By the terms of the new agreement \$5000 is to be paid June 10, \$4000 by July 21 and the remainder, \$5000, on or before September 21.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Entire Stock of Stamps and Stamped Envelopes Stolen.
SALEM, Or., May 24.—The postoffice at Ale, this county, was broken into some time Friday night and the entire stock of postage stamps and stamped envelopes and some money were taken. The real value of the stolen property was not learned, but the burglary, in the absence of any definite clue, has been placed to the credit of the gang that has been robbing Willamette Valley postoffices for several months, and has thus far escaped detection. H. B. Condit, the Postmaster, jointly conducts the postoffice and the railroad office in the railroad warehouse at that place.

Rails for the O. & S. E. R. R.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 24.—Five carloads of steel rails have arrived for the Oregon & Southeastern Railroad. The rails are being gotten out as fast as possible. The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company is getting out 10,000 and the remainder will be furnished by the Coast Fork Lumber Company. Bridges across River and Mosby Creek will soon be begun, and will be erected in three or four weeks. In the meantime, the track will be laid to Mosby Creek, three miles and a half, in order to keep the supply of material as well to the front as possible. Grading is progressing rapidly and seven miles of the road will soon be ready for the ties and rails.

Teachers Have a Picnic.

DALLAS, Or., May 24.—The annual teachers' picnic at Hickory today was largely attended, the crowd being estimated at 300. All of the public schools in the county were represented and an interesting programme was carried out. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman delivered an educational address. The afternoon was given over to athletic sports and games.

For Advancement of Salem.

SALEM, Or., May 24.—Salem Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has named a committee to co-operate with the Capital City Improvement League in the advancement of Salem and the interests here represented. The committee is composed of Circuit Judge Boies, Mrs. Boies, T. L. Davidson, H. C. Fletcher, Mrs. P. Strong, F. A. Myers, E. Hofer, T. J. Clark, Mrs. A. V. Davidson and D. E. Swank.

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