

ELECTION RETURNS FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY JUNE 6, 1904.

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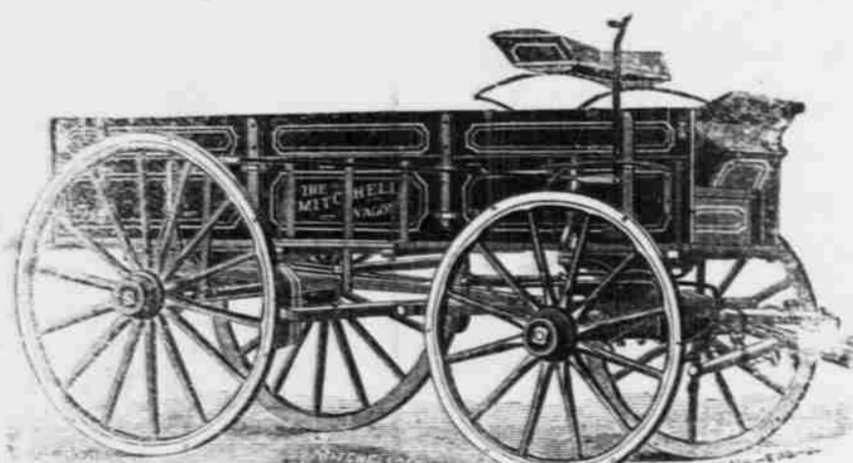
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CRIMINAL RECORDS ECLIPSED.

Eleven Men Torn to Atoms and Nine Terribly Injured—Infernal Machine Used.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., June 6.—One of the most diabolical deeds in the black record of crime which forms part of the mining history of this state was committed when by means of an infernal machine 11 men were killed outright and nine others terribly injured, some of them fatally, at Independence early today. All those killed and injured were non-union miners employed on the night shift of the Findley mine. The men had quit work and were waiting for the suburban train on the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad to take them to their homes in Cripple Creek and Victor. When the locomotive was within 100 feet of the depot a charge of dynamite, estimated at 300 pounds, was set off underneath the platform on which the men were standing by pulling a wire from the Delmonico mine, 400 feet away. The result was terrible. Heads, hands, legs, arms and the trunks of the bodies of the men were scattered all around. Blood covered everything. The depot platform was split in two and the front of the depot was demolished.

The injured were taken to the Victor hospitals and the mangled bodies of the dead, patched together as well as possible, were removed to the coroner's office at Victor.

Three hundred pounds of dynamite placed by unknown assassins at the Independence station of the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad was exploded at 2:25 o'clock this morning while 25 non-union miners employed at the Findley mine, located on Bull Hill, were standing upon the platform, instantly killing 11 of them and fatally injuring 8 or 10 others. The mine was discharged by a man concealed in the shafthouse of the Delmonico mine.

Sheriff Robertson and a detective force have found the machine which set off the dynamite. It consists of a revolver and 300 feet of steel wire. The revolver was placed underneath the platform close to the powder. One end of the wire was fastened to a chair leg, which was used as a lever from the Delmonico property.

The injured were removed as quickly as possible to the Victor and Red Cross hospitals and the mangled remains of the dead, most of whom were unrecognizable, were gathered up.

The murderers evidently did not wish to kill or injure any of the crew in charge of the train which the ill-fated miners intended to take for their homes in Victor and Cripple Creek. When within 75 feet of the depot at Independence the engine whistle sounded as a signal for the men at the depot to get ready to board and to warn any laggards to make haste if they wished to catch the train. This whistle was the death signal, for no sooner had the shrill blast sounded

than a muffled roar was heard and the mountain trembled as if rocked by an earthquake.

The train, which was running slowly, was brought to a sudden stop by the engineer and members of the train crew ran hastily forward to investigate. They were horrified at the sight which greeted their eyes, the spectacle being made all the more gruesome by the sickly flitting lights from the lanterns and burning torches that the roadmen carried. It took but a few seconds for the trainmen to appreciate the terrible results of the explosion and messengers were rushed off for assistance.

MAN BLOWN SEVENTY-FIVE FEET IN THE AIR DESCRIBES THE EXPLOSION.

Charles Rector, of the Shurtloff mine, escaped in the explosion at Independence today by a miracle. He was chatting with several men, unconscious of danger, when the explosion occurred. He saw a number of men rushing toward the depot, and at this movement he was lifted from his feet and was deafened by a terrific crash. When he realized what had occurred, he was surprised to find himself uninjured.

H. W. Vanatta, one of the Findley miners who had a remarkable escape, in describing the explosion, said:

"The earth seemed to heave under the platform and depot, and the noise made was deafening. We had been at the station about two minutes when the explosion occurred. I was thrown through the air about 75 feet. There were about 25 men on the platform and most of them were nonunion miners who worked on the Findley. The shurtloff shift had not yet reached the depot, but was hurrying down the hill. Had these men reached the platform the casualty list would have been doubled. There must have been 300 pounds of powder used, and it must have been set off by an electric spark or revolver, as the miners would have smelled the fuse if one had been used."

George Remick was hurled many feet from the platform, but escaped with only a few bruises, although heavy timbers and rocks fell all about him.

SITUATION BECOMING MORE INTENSE.

Since the occurrence at Victor Monday, the situation at that place has grown more intense. All union men have been disarmed, and hose has been stretched over town to be used in dispersing the crowds without the use of fire-arms. Soldiers and deputies have much difficulty in keeping the streets passable. Wholesale arrests of union miners are to be made as fast as they are found. Mounted armed men have been sent on a quick march to the extreme northern and southern ends of the district to guard all avenues of escape of union miners marked for arrest.

Good morning Sheriff McClallen. Do you feel brave?

Fifteen Hundred Japanese Repulse 4000 Russians, Inflicting Heavy Loss.

TOKIO, June 7.—Admiral Togo reports that as a result of their search therefore the Japanese have discovered and exploded 41 mines in Talien Wan bay during the past two days. Chinese who were formerly employed by the Russians as pilots are now engaged in this work.

ROME, June 7.—Gen. Amagata is preparing to take personal charge of the Japanese forces in Manchuria while Gen. Oku will command the forces preparing for assault on Port Arthur.

OFF TO THE FRONT.

MUKDEN, June 7.—The war correspondents detained here for some time have been granted permission to proceed south.

ANOTHER JAP VICTORY.

LONDON, June 6.—The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent wires: "Four thousand Russians belonging to Gen. Stakelberg's brigade, May 31, engaged 1500 Japanese, five miles south of Wafang Tien. The Russians were repulsed, losing 200 killed and 400 wounded. The Japanese lost more than 100 killed."

RUMOR OF NAVAL BATTLE.

CHEFOO, June 7 (3 p. m.)—An impression prevails here that a naval battle took place last night in the Gulf of Pechili. Passengers on steamers passing the Liao Tse Shan promontory at the time did not hear any firing, while reports come from Teng Chow of heavy firing being heard there from 11 o'clock last night until 2 o'clock this morning. Vessels from the Miao Tao Islands confirm this report and so do the residents of hills in the vicinity of this city who heard the firing and saw flashes out at sea during the night.

The fact that the Russians were endeavoring, June 4, to clear the roadsteads of Port Arthur of mines indicates an intention upon their part to give battle outside the harbor upon the first favorable opportunity.

A Japanese correspondent returning from Talienwan says there is a persistent rumor there that the Japanese battleship Yashima struck a mine off that port recently and was sunk. Chinese arrivals from Talienwan are unable to confirm the story.

LONDON, June 8.—The St. James Gazette says that a rumor which is current on the stock exchange today that Port Arthur had fallen cannot be confirmed.

The Exchange Telegraph company also reports a rumor of the fall of Port Arthur with a Japanese loss of 11,000 men.

A dispatch from Rome today says a Yinkow dispatch asserts that an attack on Port Arthur has been proceeding both by land and sea since Saturday and the fall of the fortress is imminent.

TOKIO, June 8.—Reports have been

received here which indicate that the rumors of yesterday to the effect that an attack has been made on Port Arthur were premature.

The official report which leads to this belief says that Monday four Japanese gunboats made a close reconnaissance of Port Arthur for the purpose of examining the entrance to the harbor with such certainty as to make sure whether the Russian fleet were concentrated there.

The investigating squadron was compelled to run in to a point where it was exposed to a terrific fire from the Russian batteries, but held on until reaching a place where an inspection could be made. One gunboat, on which the cannonade centered, was hit eight times and sustained considerable serious damage.

One sailor was killed and two wounded. The cannonade lasted until the gunboats withdrew. From the fact that none of the vessels inside the harbor made any show of taking part in the affair, nor came toward the entrance it is presumed that the harbor is still blocked, or that the Russians will make no attempt to use their fleet except as a last extremity.

It is believed here in Tokio that the cannonading accompanying this reconnaissance is that which was reported by the Chinese junk.

According to the statement of its vice president and general manager, the Council City and Salmon River Railroad of the Seward Peninsula, Alaska, is built on a grade composed of gold nuggets, gravel and ice. The road is built across a tolerably level piece of country, a large portion of which is swampy. The grading was practically all done by a steam shovel, the gravel and dirt being lifted out of the water and dumped ahead of the end of the track on which the machine was built. After being piled up the grade soon froze solid and has so remained ever since. It will never thaw out entirely, Mr. Dickinson says, and is a firm roadbed, once constructed. Gold nuggets were picked out of the dirt in great quantities. The railroad is an infant in mileage, being only 13 miles long at present, but is building to Council City, 53 miles from the starting point at Dickson, at the mouth of Salmon River, near Nome. It has the distinction of being the first standard-gauge railroad in Alaska, and is equipped with modern rolling stock and locomotives. J. Warren Dickinson is the vice president and general manager, and was in Portland last week acquainting local traffic representatives with the route and its connection. Mr. Dickinson says that the line will ultimately extend for a distance of 1500 miles, tapping a rich region of the interior with its branches and connecting future commercial centers of the Northwest Territory.

Lane county elects the entire Republican ticket except Sheriff Fred Flak, who will carry the county by about 700.

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