

GAS EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE

Of 225 Miners Who Went to Work Only One is Left to Tell the Story.

FEARFUL ROAR AND FLAMES

Had Worked Only a Short Time. Rescuing Party Hard at Work But Little Hope is Entertained.

COAL CREEK, Tenn., May 19.—Between 175 and 225 men and boys met death at the Faterville coal mines two miles west of this city this morning because of a gas explosion.

The men had not been at work long before the terrible explosion occurred. There was a fearful roar and flames shot from the entrance and shafts.

der the earth until the heavy fall of slate was encountered. All day the rescuers toiled at this slate obstruction and not until five o'clock did they force an entrance through it.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 6; Brooklyn, 5. At Chicago—Chicago, 3; Boston, 2. At Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 3; Philadelphia, 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Cleveland—Cleveland, 0; St. Louis, 5. At Detroit—Detroit, 0; Chicago, 1.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

At Tacoma—Tacoma, 11; Butte, 10.

COLLEGE GAME.

At Eugene—University of California, 11; University of Oregon, 2.

FIRST OFFICIAL ESTIMATE.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The first official estimate of the results of the explosion of Mount Pelee have been announced, says a Fort de France special to the World.

This gives 28,000 as the number of people buried in the ruins of St. Pierre. Six thousand persons were rescued or went to places of safety. Three thousand were probably drowned. This is

the most complete estimate made so far. The relief steamers now on the scene are the American ships Cincinnati, Sterling, Potomac and Longfellow. The French cruiser Suchet and the British supply boat Madlan, owing to red tape, it has been found possible up to the present time to unload the supplies sent by the chamber of commerce of New York.

The bodies of Thos. T. Prentiss American consul, and James Japp, British consul, have been identified and will be brought here for shipment. Both bodies are bruised by the fall of lava and stones almost beyond recognition.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Arrangements have been made to run a steamer to Greenwood cemetery and return on Memorial day. Round trip tickets will be limited to 200 passengers. Call early for information and secure tickets at Pohl's undertaking parlors.

HARRIMAN AT PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, May 19.—President E. H. Harriman, at the banquet here tonight, announced that the Lewiston-Riparian railroad would be built and used jointly by the O. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific.

REPUBLICAN GRAND RALLY

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regard to the Orient, the nearest and most interested in the future of that country, the world would watch our action in the present campaign as to where we stood on the matter. The policy of the Republican party is to hold the islands as a matter of humanity, while that of the Democratic party is to abandon them. This section of the country is most directly interested and the other states will watch to see what we think about it.

In discussing the personnel of the candidates of the two parties in the present campaign, nothing had been said or charged against the personal character of either side. It is strictly a fight on principle. The platforms are familiar to the people. One is in favor of abandoning the Philippines, the other is in favor of completing the work already begun and in behalf of which so much money and blood has already been spent.

The Republican party had declared straight out on the money question, on the tariff and on every issue of importance to the country, and about the only declaration made by the Democrats was that they are in favor of "returning to former principles." What these former principles are Mr. Fulton was unable to tell. They have a record of 40 years of failure, when they have had the opportunity, and the people did not desire any of their "former principles" within their knowledge for all of these years. The people have already time and again repudiated these "former principles" at the polls, and we expect them to do it this time.

In the vote between Mr. Furnish and Mr. Chamberlain, it was a vote on the principles of the two parties and would be recorded against us as such.

He spoke of Mr. Furnish's former Democracy and then spoke of the heroes of the great panic caused by Democratic misrule; the Democrats who thought more of the people and the country than a political name and came over to a party, which they had so long fought and stayed with it because they thought it was right, were heroes in the true sense of the word, and they were honorable men and we were doing well in honoring Mr. Furnish for his bold stand for right. He discovered his bad company and had the manhood to abandon it, and stood by the people in preserving the industries, the credit and honor of the country.

The panic under Democratic misrule was a severe blow to the country then the wars; it was a meat and bread proposition to the men and their wives and children, and it was a hero, indeed, who stood by his guns and voted against the still howling demagogues who said Republicans would make it worse, especially when a voter was fighting his former friends.

Comparing Mr. Furnish and Mr. Chamberlain as bankers, he showed that as a banker, Mr. Furnish had taken hold of a banking institution in a failing condition and pulled it through and that it did not owe a dollar in the world; that Mr. Chamberlain, as director and cashier of a bank at Albany, had permitted his bank to fail and the creditors were still mourning over their losses. He made no personal reflections but these were the facts.

He showed that the Democratic orators, of which Mr. Chamberlain was principal, had deliberately misstated all over the state the matter concerning the salaries of the state officers; they had charged that the state officers had been drawing salaries beyond the constitutional limit; and they had also stated the amounts drawn largely in excess of the real amounts drawn under the law. He had offered to forfeit \$100 everywhere if they would disprove the issue and gone on making the misstatements.

Mr. Chamberlain at one point had been for the Democratic ticket and at another had been solely for him-

self. He discussed the issues according to the crowd he was in. Mr. Chamberlain had never missed an opportunity to state that he was a big man and Mr. Furnish a small one, and he had repeated it over and over in every speech. Mr. Furnish had said nothing against Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Fulton thought it poor taste in Mr. Chamberlain to brag on himself and run down his opponent; he ought to leave that for some other person.

Explaining the deputy marshaling of Mr. Furnish in which Mr. Chamberlain had charged him with making thousands of dollars, Mr. Fulton explained that Mr. Furnish was deputy under John Myer, a Democrat, who audited the accounts of the government and against whom no one had ever made a charge until his death, and no one then except Mr. Chamberlain in this campaign. He also stated that Mr. Furnish had never made exceeding \$100 in any one month while deputy.

All in all, Mr. Fulton showed to those who are fair-minded that the Democrats have nothing to offer the people; that the Republicans have a clean ticket, on a well-defined platform; they are making a clean campaign; that the interests of this country depended upon the success of the Republican ticket; that between Furnish and Chamberlain if there is any difference in honor and integrity and ability of the two men it is in favor of Mr. Furnish. There is no excuse for a Republican voting against Mr. Furnish and the entire Republican ticket, and for the good of his home and his county and state every Democrat should do it.

He explained Mr. Williamson's position on the fish-wheel question, and said he was representing his home people; that in congress it would be different; he would be representing the whole state, and whatever the people of the Lower Columbia asked they could depend upon Mr. Williamson giving them full consideration.

The rally was pronounced one of the most successful in the history of the country, and the already demoralized mixed forces have seen their end. The remainder of their campaign in this county will be a hollow mockery. Republicanism and good government are in the saddle to win, according to the general sentiment expressed after the meeting last evening.

MR. WISE AGAIN.

Astoria, Or., May 19, 1902.

Mr. Editor:—Now comes Mr. J. I. Huston to the defense of Mr. Williamson; I am informed that Mr. Huston hails from Crook county, the home of Mr. Williamson. Mr. Huston is somewhat lessened when he terms me a political trader, because I am standing up for "my" home county.

Mr. Huston is right when he describes Mr. Williamson as a big-brained statesman; up to the time that I first saw Mr. Williamson I revered George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Webster, Clay, Tilden, and James G. Blaine as America's greatest statesmen; but in the twinkling of an eye I felt impelled, however reluctantly, to drop my idols and in their place put this illustrious statesman from Crook county, who in himself can fill the niche formerly occupied by all the men I used to think great; when I beheld that towering legislator with one arm extended toward high heaven, the other hand pointed to the harmless little fishwheels, when I heard that resonant voice, tempered by eloquence, until it sounded like the gentle cooing of an innocent babe when I saw that majestic bushy-haired statesman, his raven black hair disheveled like a lion's mane; when I saw that fiery flash in his "goo goo" eyes, the flush of indignation on his sun tanned cheeks, my eyes opened in wonderment, my soul was enraptured; I was indeed charmed and I said to myself: we from Astoria are like the proverbial 30 cents, alongside the senator from Crook.

Yes, we seemed but little rats attacking a lion; but when the awe of the moment had passed like an iridescent dream and I felt myself, I was wuffed at the first sight of Mr. Williamson, I resolved; that great was this illustrious "fishwheelman," the interests of 2000 fishermen and 2000 more men and women who work in the canneries, the iron works, the can factory and the box factories, all of whom are dependent upon each other, were still of some importance, and that I'd rather be a little rat, carrying crumbs of bread and comfort into my little nest, than a lion who is king among the powerful beasts, who wax fat at the expense of a great industry of this state—a lion who cowers down before a dozen wheelowners who are destroying the salmon just as they are about to reach their natural spawning grounds, but only paw the ground and shows his teeth when the multitude comes near him and asks for redress.

A verse from a new song I have heard my children sing lately seems appropriate at this time: "Don't judge by appearances, but by his actions more; You never know when you may drive a good man from your door. Looks don't make the man, you know, a wise man truly wrote, For many an honest heart may beat beneath a ragged coat." Mr. Huston can call me a small bore politician, a pigmy, a rat or whatever he pleases; it is on a par with "Fisherman" (?) saying that I am seeking to advertise sox, etc. The people themselves will judge my motives and I fear not what their verdict may be. This newcomer has no idea how much time, money and labor I have spent on this fishwheel proposition and

his little soul can conceive of no other motive save that of politics.

Mr. Williamson is a good enough man of ordinary ability, and were he a candidate for some minor office in Crook or adjoining counties I should say nothing; but he is now before the people of Clatsop county asking their support in his candidacy for a seat in the Congress of the United States; and I feel it my duty to state that which is true—that Mr. Williamson not only denied us his support, when Clatsop county was in need of friends, but that he was bitterly opposed to us and our bill.

If, in the face of these facts, the people of Clatsop county choose to advance Mr. Williamson to a higher position, it is their privilege. What sense is there in trying to bring my business or politics into this controversy, or to refer to our little local campaign? I don't want to be dragged into the local fight unless I have to be; I have very dear friends upon both of the local tickets. We shall have to fight Mr. Williamson's friends again, and it will be necessary for all of us to work together to save our great industry.

It is claimed by his defenders that Mr. Williamson did right because he comes from Eastern Oregon. Well, there was Senator George Probstel, Republican, Senators William Smith and J. W. Morrow, Democrats, all from Eastern Oregon. They received several telegrams from influential constituents asking them to vote against our measure; but these gentlemen said that it was wrong to discriminate against us, so long as fishwheels were prohibited in every other river and stream in the state; that it was wrong to allow fishwheels to pump salmon out just as they were about to spawn eggs above tidewater, where nature intended they should deposit their spawn; and that they would vote as their conscience dictated and then justify themselves before their constituency when they got home. And so these noble sons from the eastern part of our commonwealth, regardless of their political convictions, voted for the best interests of all the people.

I cannot get myself to believe that Mr. Williamson, if elected to Congress, would sever his friendship for the wheelowners in his section and work for any measure of relief which the people of Clatsop county may deem necessary for the preservation of their main industry. It would be but natural for him to acknowledge any petition we send and use the old stereotyped expression: "Your petition received and it shall receive due consideration." That is the way things are done in Washington when a Congressman can't "see his way clear" to comply.

I have every respect for Mr. Williamson as a gentleman, but he is entitled to the votes of the people who must make a living in Clatsop County. That is the only question before the people at this time; my business or my politics are not to be voted upon just now.

It would look better if some one who knew more about our interests than Mr. J. I. Huston would discuss this matter. He has little to lose here; if there is not another salmon caught in Astoria he can pack his little grip and leave. But the rest of us have everything here. Respectfully, HERMAN WISE.

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OLD PEOPLE

Do not always receive the sympathy and attention which they deserve. Their ailments are regarded as purely imaginary, or natural and unavoidable at their time of life. Disease and infirmity should not always be associated with old age. The eye of the gray haired grand sire may be as bright and the complexion as fair as any of his younger and more vigorous companions.

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