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AN AWFUL EXPLOSION

Nearly a Hundred Victims
of the Butte Disaster.

DEAD WERE STREWN EVERYWHERE

Firemen Respond to Their Last Call—
Shapeless Trunks Quiver and Die
in the Arms of the Living.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 17.—Fire broke out in the Butte Hardware Company's warehouse in the southern part of the city at 9:50 o'clock last night. Ten minutes later a terrific explosion of powder occurred, which broke nearly all the plate glass windows in the city a mile away, and shook the buildings to their foundations. Firemen who were fighting the flames at the time were nearly all blown to pieces. Two more explosions followed at intervals of five minutes, each killing and wounding numbers of men. The excitement was intense. The fire attracted a large crowd. Hundreds standing near the scene when the first explosion occurred were cut down by the terrible force of the explosion. The debris from the cars standing near the warehouse and adjoining buildings were scattered high in the air for a half mile away, many flaming articles striking people in the crowd and around the city.

At 9:55 o'clock the fire department responded to a call from box 72—the call of death to nearly the entire department. The firemen heard a rumor that there was powder in the building, but this was denied and after a moment's hesitation they began fighting the fire. At 10 p. m., when the men had barely started to work, an explosion shook Butte to its very foundations. The powder in the warehouse blew up, spreading death and ruin to all near. All but three firemen were killed. Herd among the spectators, as soon as the atom of the shock had passed away—while some ran in terror—immediately began pulling the mutilated bodies of the firemen and injured from proximity with the flames. From all over the city people began moving toward the fire, and the crowd had greatly increased within five minutes.

The second explosion, almost equal in volume to the first, heightened the general terror, and spread death and destruction at the disastrous scene. In this explosion scores of citizens were killed and injured. Parts of bodies were hurled hundreds of feet away. One man near the Northern Pacific water-tank was struck by the leg and thigh of a human being, driven by the force of the dynamite from the fearful scene. Still, heroes were left to pull the shrieking wounded and groaning to a distance, but the people of the town hesitated. There had been more rumors of carloads of powder in the vicinity besides that stored in the warehouse. Five minutes later a third explosion did come, but it was mild, injuring but few.

All occurred in fifteen minutes. The awfulness of the scene after the explosions is beyond description. It presented the appearance of a field of battle. The cries and groans of the injured and dying made the scene altogether unearthly. Blood and brains were spattered around, with here and there pieces of flesh. Between the Northern Pacific and Great Northern depots, a space of 300 feet, the ground was literally covered with parts of human bodies and with the dead and injured. It was a scene of utter and absolute destruction.

Houses in the vicinity were thoroughly wrecked as if by a cyclone. One rescuing corps gathered twenty-seven dead bodies in one pile. The rescuers pulled some bodies out still quivering. Remnants of human beings were still groan-

ing, while their legs and arms had been torn off. Shapeless trunks quivered and died in the arms of the living.

Every vehicle in the city was brought into service to carry away the scores of dead and the hundreds of injured. Hospitals were filled, spare rooms in hotels taken, and private houses thrown open where it was necessary.

Chief Cameron directed the attack on the building, while some firemen hauled the lines of hose along. Others started to tear off the iron covering the building so they could get at the flames. Just as they had succeeded in tearing off part of the covering and had secured an entrance, the first explosion came. A blinding sheet of flame forced the roof from its fastenings and shot hundreds of feet into the air, followed by a momentary deadly silence. Then came an awful roar, carrying with it annihilation to those who closely surrounded the death-trap, and destruction on every hand.

Sights in the undertaking establishments this morning are awful. All are crowded with heaps of human flesh. Here half of a head, and a mutilated trunk below it; in another place an armless and legless trunk, with the face disfigured beyond all recognition. Scarcely any of the corpses are recognizable. There are twelve dead at the Butte undertaking rooms; ten at the Montana, and nineteen at the Sherman. Forty-three wounded are in the hospitals, twenty-eight of them in a critical condition. It is impossible to obtain anything like a complete list of the dead yet. The loss of life is variously estimated at from fifty to seventy-five, and the wounded will probably exceed 150.

Hill Questions the Right of the Senate to Refuse Consideration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—In the senate the urgent deficiency bill was taken up, and Hill addressed the senate in regard to the ruling out of his amendment giving United States courts jurisdiction of the question of the constitutionality and validity of the income tax. Hill questioned the right of the senate to refuse consideration of his amendment. The point which he made was that the pending bill was not an appropriation bill within the meaning of the rule. Morgan, who made the point of order against the Hill amendment, offered to withdraw and let the senate vote on the amendment, but Hill refused to allow this, saying it would deprive him of his speech. Morgan then gave notice he would withdraw the point at the conclusion of Hill's speech.

Brisson's Large Vote.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—M. Floquet, formerly premier, declared in the lobby of the chamber of deputies late this afternoon that M. Henri Brisson, president of the chamber of deputies, could count on 100 votes in the senate and 300 among the deputies. If this is so, M. Brisson will be elected president tomorrow. Republican senators at the meeting voted for a candidate for the presidency. The following was the result: M. Waldeck-Rousseau, 63; Brisson, 54; Loubet, 18; Challemeil la Coner, 17; Dupuy, 4. Second ballot: M. Waldeck-Rousseau, 84; Brisson, 66.

Comment on the French Crisis.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Pall Mall Gazette says: "France is now in the throes of the most menacing crisis since the downfall of the second empire. The republic has proved sterile. France would prefer an effective autocracy, but where is the pretender. The Napoleons are invisible, Count de Paris is dead and the Duc d'Orleans is deplorably indiscreet."

Effects on Stocks in England.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Stocks opened weak on the news of the resignation of the president of France. International stocks and English consols and French rentes have declined.

A Dispatch From Eussia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A dispatch was received by Secretary of State Gresham this morning from Ambassador Eustis, saying no trouble in France was apprehended.

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Revives the Franking Privilege.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The printing bill signed by the president revives the franking privilege. This provision was never referred to when the bill was before congress.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottles at the Snipes-Kinersly Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

For Dredging Everett Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A resolution was passed in the house today, on motion of Doolittle of Washington, authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000, appropriated for the dredging of Everett harbor, Wash.

A Secret.

If all the ladies knew the simple secret that a bad complexion is due to a disordered liver, there would be fewer sallow faces and blotchy skins. This important organ must be kept active and healthy to insure a clear and rosy color. Dr. J. A. McLean's Liver & Kidney Balm as a purifier, beats all the creams and lotions in existence and will produce a more permanent effect. Removes bad taste in the mouth, offensive breath, yellow tinge in the skin, wind on the stomach and that dull, bilious feeling which so surely indicates the torpid liver. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Snipes & Kinnersly, Drug Co.

Copyright Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A committee of newspaper publishers today appeared before the house committee on patents to support the bill amending the statute relating to copyrights.

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