

A BINE HORROR.

YOUNGWOOD, Pa., Jan. 27.—“We want youngsters to go down the shaft!” yelled a grimy faced man at the entrance to the mammoth No. 1 mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company a little after 9 o'clock this morning as he flashed his torch in the countenances of scores of men with blanched faces who crowded around.

There was no lack of responses, for down in the earth lay the bodies of more than 100 of their comrades.

The scene of the catastrophe is situated on the Sewickley branch of the south-western division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

There are two mines, No. 1 and No. 2, belonging to the Frick company. No. 1 is entered by a shaft 107 feet deep, and No. 2 is entered by a slope. The mines are connected by interior workings. Fire-damp, the dread of coal miners, was remarkable here for its absence. No trace of it has ever been found in these mines, and for that reason the common coal digger's lamp was used.

Early in the morning, Fire Boss William Smith had made his tour of the mines, in accordance with the laws of the state, and had found everything apparently in order. The men were ordered to work. One hundred and ten of them, it is estimated, went down the pit shaft, where in a short time they were to meet death. They went down with laughter and with jests.

A few minutes after 9 o'clock there was a dull rumble; then a cloud of smoke and dust shot up the shaft of Mammoth No. 1 30 feet above the tall derrick. It slowly settled and for a few moments there was silence.

Then the workers from Mammoth No. 2 began pouring out of the slope. All rushed towards the shaft No. 1. Many of these men had been bruised and shaken up by the force of the explosion but none were injured seriously.

When the rescuing party reached the bottom of the shaft, one glance and the odor of the deadly fire damp told the story.

The party returned to the top of the shaft, and the ventilating fan, one of the most powerful in use at any coal mine, was at once started up at its utmost speed.

Again the rescuing party went down. The force of the explosion was visible on every hand. The wagons used in the mines were splintered to pieces in some cases, and in others had been jammed together in a solid mass. Mules were seen which had been driven against the ribs of the workings with such force that their bodies lost all resemblance to living reality.

Here and there lay human bodies. Some were mutilated, and all were blackened by the flames which had swept throughout the works. The bodies of those who had been killed by the effects of the explosion lay in distorted attitudes; while those who had apparently escaped the flames and concussion but had rushed to the flats, and had succumbed to the stealthy suffocating fire-damp, lay in sleeping attitudes. Some at full length, with heads resting upon their hands, others face downwards, with their heads in pools of water. One man had climbed into a wagon which had not been wrecked, and there with his dinner bucket by his side, had laid down to dream.

When the news of the explosion was carried to the miners' families, mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts rushed to the shaft. But the story was soon told.

“All the men in flats Nos. 2, 3, and 4 are dead. As fast as we get their bodies out, and they are identified and fixed for burial we will send them home,” was told them.

There was no loud expression of emotion. A sob could be heard here and there and the man or woman walked away with a bowed head, returning to a desolate home to await the arrival of the dead.

It was only a few minutes after the explosion that the first body reached the surface. The body was still warm but life was extinct. The next man brought up appeared to be still breathing, but the utmost exertions of the physicians failed to revive him.

Then began the procession of the dead. All day long the victims were brought up. A morgue was hastily improvised in a two-story frame structure formerly used as a residence by a superintendent.

SCOTTSDALE, Pa., Jan. 29.—Sixty-two victims of the Mammoth mines disaster were buried in the Catholic cemetery here yesterday. Thirty more will probably be buried to-day in the same cemetery, as part of the dead were of the Catholic faith.

The burial exercises were conducted amidst a drenching rain in the presence of 1000 relatives and friends. The bodies were placed in two trenches each 200 feet long and 6 feet deep. Thus far 108 bodies have been recovered from the mine.

The entire coke region is still in a state of complete demoralization.

PITTSBURG, Pa., January 29.—A special from Mammoth mines says this afternoon it was discovered by the rolls of the company that 23 men are missing in addition to the 108 found dead. This increases the total dead to 131. Twenty-seven more miners were buried to-day. Many of the graves are marked unknown, the terrible mutilation preventing identification.

The working girls' clubs of New York had a grand ball in the Madison Garden one evening last week. There were 2,000 girls present and just three men, who however were not permitted to dance. And yet the girls enjoyed themselves immensely, and the affair is set down as one of the most successful balls of the season.

Cocagne Items.

A very interesting ceremony took place on Saturday morning, 24 inst, at the residence of James Lucas, Esq., when Miss Annie Connors, one of Bay Verte's fairest daughters, was united in marriage to our popular friend, Mr. Edgar Lucas. The young couple are receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends all of whom I trust will join hands with your correspondent in wishing them a long and happy career.

Just such another “happy event” as the above occurred here on the morning of the 26th inst, the principals being Miss Selina Bilodeau, one of our most estimable and accomplished young ladies, and Mr. Malcolm Cormier a prominent and enterprising young merchant of Cocagne River. Leaving church the bridal party immediately drove to the residence of the bride's father entering amidst the good wishes and hearty congratulations of the many guests assembled to receive the happy couple.

Our school was formally opened on Wednesday, 21st inst, by Miss Barrean, of St. Louis.

I am pleased to note that Mrs. Marcell Legere, who has been so long and dangerously ill, is now recovering under the skillful treatment of Dr. Legere, of Buco-touche.

Mrs. Carroll, widow of the late Wm. Carroll, of Smith's Mills, is recovering from the effects of a very severe attack of inflammation of the lungs under Dr. White's skillful treatment.

Miss Lizzie Bilodeau is home on a short visit from Waltham, Mass.

The obliging and genial proprietor of the Bay View Hotel, Mr. D. F. Bourgeois has recently gone out of the business and removed to Grand Digue. The hotel has since been reopened by M. Robt. Gallant of Moncton.

DYING.

January 29th, 1891. [The above came to hand too late for last issue.]

Around St. Louis.

Rev. Father Pelletier who has commenced his annual visit around the parish has been obliged to discontinue on account of the frequent bad weather. This visit is a cause of joy to every family.

Prosper Gallant, aged 19 years, son of Urbain Gallant, died Thursday. He was a man enjoying the esteem of all.

M. Honore Landry has the contract to drive the mail between St. Louis and Cameron's Mills. For this purpose he bought a nice warm Siberian-hound. No doubt he will make good pay out of this contract.

The last few weeks some of our young men seem to be troubled with the matrimonial fever; and for it they have found the remedy. One of our bloods had made up his mind to follow their example. Everybody expected to see him enter into partnership with one of our feminine storekeepers. I am not sure whether the preparations for the wedding were ready or not, or if our hero received what we call in our language une pelle.

William Hornman, a hermit and miser who lived in the utmost squalor and half starved himself, has been killed in the hut which he inhabited near Argentine, Kansas. He is supposed to have owned about \$20,000 in cash, but no money can be found, and there are suspicions that he was murdered and robbed.

MARRIED.

WILSON-WARD—By the Rev. W. MacLeod, at Bass River, on the 27th, Robert Wilson to Eliza Ward, daughter of Henry Ward.

EASTMAN-ROBERTSON—At West Concord, N. H., Dec. 25, 1890, (at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. F. Roper) by the Rev. C. F. Roper, Fred A. Eastman of West Concord, to Miss Margaret E. Robertson, of Boston, Mass., formerly of Richibucto.

BLANCHARD-RICHARD—At St. Charles, Jan. 26, by the Rev. W. Vennor, Julien Blanchard to Miss Mary Ann Richard.

LUCAS-CONNORS—At Cocagne, Jan. 24, by Rev. C. Elliot Mackenzie, Edgar E. Lucas, of Cocagne, Kent Co., to Annie M. Connors, of Tidnish, N. S.

DIED.

STEEVES—At Moncton, Jan. 30, of membranous croup, Minnie Lansberg, youngest child of Enoch W. and Elizabeth Steeves, aged two years and 3 months.

MERSEREAU—At Tracey Station, S. Co., Jan. 10th, Lawrence Mersereau, aged 98 years and 7 months, leaving seven children, thirty-four grand-children, thirty-four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

DAIGLE—At St. Charles, Jan. 28, Agnes Robichaud, wife of Joseph J. Daigle, R. I. P.

MURRAY—At Doaktown, Northumberland Co., on the 20th ultimo, Annie A., eldest daughter of John L. and Amelia A. Murray aged 24 years.

FLETT—At Nelson, on 22nd ult, of typhoid fever, Matilda May Flett, aged 2 years and 2 months, daughter of Rebecca and the late H. S. Flett.

VONDY—At her residence, Chatham, on Wednesday, 21st Jan., after a short illness Mary A. Vondy, daughter of the late Thos Vondy, Sr.

ROSS—At Chatham, N. B., on 27th ult, Mrs. Wm. Ross, aged 55 years.

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The Houlton Pioneer says that the farmers pocketed \$115,406 on the potatoes sold in that market on Monday. This figure certainly seems to be a trifle high, but Aroostook booms sufficiently to accomplish most anything.

Conductor Thompson of the I. C. R., who was injured at Painsec on Saturday last, is now confined to his residence at Moncton. It was feared at first that he would lose his foot, but he has improved so that amputation will not be necessary. The ankle, however, has been quite seriously injured and it is feared it will be stiff for a long time.

To think of a woman freezing to death in a compartment of a passenger car on one of the greatest railroads in Great Britain! It is explained that the guard had neglected to put a hot water pan in her car. Hence the tragedy.

A man named David Felton, said to be of unsound mind, has been arrested by Detective Skeffington and it is said he admits having placed obstructions on the I. C. R. track in September last at Hayward's siding. He is also believed to have fired several barns and other buildings.

J. W. Bars, of Halifax, has given the governors of Acadia college, Wolfville, \$10,000. The gift was on condition that they set apart an equal amount from his previous donation to enable him to found a \$20,000 professorship in the arts course of the college. This was agreed to and the chair will be known as “The J. W. Bars professorship of classics.”

NOTICE.

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Richibucto, Jan. 29.

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