

MINE HORROR.

Nearly 200 Men Believed to Have Perished.

ONLY ONE HAS YET BEEN BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE.

A Terrible Tale of Woe From Pennsylvania.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—After a night of suspense and uncertainty made heart-breaking by contradictory reports coming from around the pit's mouth of the Harwick mine, where the fatal explosion occurred yesterday, relatives of the entombed miners were forced to the conclusion that all hope of life remaining in those below, would have to be abandoned.

At 9 a. m. between 180 and 190 men are in the bottom of the mine and all of them are believed to be dead, only one of the miners being brought to the surface unconscious.

One of the rescue party was overcome and died and another is still unconscious. It will probably be several days before all the bodies are recovered.

Pittsburg, Pa. Jan. 25.—From all that can be gathered at this hour, between 180 and 190 men are lying dead in the headings and passageways of the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal Company at Cheswick, the result of a terrific explosion today. Cage after cage has gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those that went down to work this morning has been brought to the surface. The rescued man is Adolph Gunia, and he is still in a semi-conscious condition at the temporary hospital at the schoolhouse on the hillside above the mine.

In addition to the miners at work when the explosion occurred it is now believed by practically all the men of the rescue party who have come up the 220-foot vertical shaft for a warning and a breathing spell, that Selwyn M. Taylor, the Pittsburg mining engineer, who plotted the mine and who was the first to reach the bottom after the explosion, is among the dead. Of those in the mine all are probably dead.

The explosion occurred at 8:20 this morning and the first warning was the sudden rumbling underground and then a sheet of flames followed up the shaft. Both mine cages were hurled through the tippie, twenty feet above the landing stage and the three men on the tippie were hurled to the ground. A mule was thrown high above the shaft and fell dead to the ground. The injured men were brought at once to this city, where two of them have died.

As soon as the rumble of the explosion and the crash at the pit mouth startled the little village, the wives and children rushed to the scene of the disaster, but there was not any way to get into the deep workings. The cages that let the men into the mine and brought them out again when the day's work was done were both demolished. All day long there was a jam of people around the mouth of the pit. There was calls for assistance and for surgical aid from the men in charge of the mine, but it was not until after four o'clock this afternoon that the first attempt at rescue was made. The two men who volunteered were driven back by the foul air.

Shortly after 3 o'clock Selwyn M. Taylor and one of his assistants signalled for the engineer to lower them into the shaft. Taylor is still down there. Three unsuccessful efforts have been made to reach them.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—At 12:15 this morning Robert North and Michael Cain of the rescue party, came to the surface and reported that Selwyn Taylor had been found alive and that 75 of the miners had been located, the majority of them, it is believed, alive.

The little village of Harwick that surrounds the mining workings two miles back from the Pennsylvania R. R. has been horror stricken all day. Wives and relatives of the entombed men have crowded about the entrance to the pit

beseeching for news of those they loved, only to meet the answer, "We do not know yet, if we find him we will send him home."

The little school house has been prepared as a morgue and hospital, and girls from the highest class in the school have been impressed as nurses. Doctors have been summoned from the towns of Springdale and Denny, and from Pittsburg, but nothing can be done until further details come from the mine.

Mr. Schetz, manager of the mine said last night:

"The explosion this morning was terrific. Both cages were blown from the shaft, one of them a distance of over 200 feet. Three men at work on the tippie were blown to the ground and one of them is already dead. The other two are badly hurt, but I am told they are resting easily and may recover."

"There are at least 150 men in the mine, and I am afraid that there are a number more, although there are several men on the pay roll who did not report this morning."

THE COLLEGE WON.

Took the C. R. C.'s Into Camp at Hockey Last Evening.

The U. N. B. students defeated the C. R. C.'s by a score of 5 to 0 in the local league hockey match at the Arctic rink last evening. It was a fast, clean game all the way through and the best team won. The college boys have improved greatly since they last appeared on the ice in a match, and their work was a surprise to the C. R. C.'s as well as to the spectators. They shot straight and true, their combination work was excellent, and they put up a snappy clean game.

Play had not proceeded more than ten minutes when Malloy secured the puck at cover point and shot the first goal for his team. The C. R. C.'s had scarcely recovered from the shock when Bobby Winslow, after executing some very clever dodging, landed the rubber in the net a second time for the college. It was a clever piece of work and the applause of the spectators made the rafters reverberate. Malloy succeeded in scoring again for the college and when half time was called the score stood: U. N. B. 3; C. R. C. 0.

The C. R. C.'s showed some improvement in the second half and tried hard to score but without success. At the end of fifteen minutes play Malloy got the puck, carried it by Cover Point McKee without difficulty and shot a goal for the college. A little later Winslow added another to the list on a pass from Malloy, just to round out the score.

The college boys forced the play all the way through, and the only matter for surprise is that they did not pile up a bigger score. The C. R. C.'s forwards did good work, but their defence was terribly weak. The spectators seemed to be with the U. N. B. to a man, and this no doubt had a depressing effect on the C. R. C. boys. For the college Malloy and Winslow put up a star game, and Coburn, Hughes and Waycott did the best work for the C. R. C.'s.

The game was refereed by J. Douglas Black, and while the C. R. C.'s claim that he "roasted" them, the spectators seemed to have a different opinion.

The line up was as follows:

U. N. B.		C. R. C.
Pageley	goal	Wandlass
Smith	point	Waycott
Nalder	cover point	McKee
Malloy	left wing	Hazlett
Trites	right field	Dalton
Lunney	rover	Coburn
R Winslow	centre	Hughes

BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENARY.

Fredericton Auxiliary Arrange Plans for the Celebration.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Bible Society Executive was held in the secretary's office last evening with Dr. Inch, the president, in the chair.

Arrangements for the celebration of the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society were discussed and progress made towards maturing plans.

It was decided to hold a grand public celebration in the opera house on the Thursday following Bible Society Sunday, and on that occasion two prominent men in church or state will be brought to Fredericton to address the public.

Mr. L. W. Johnston's plan for a Bible census centenary offering was approved and adopted. By this plan it is proposed to assign one ward to each of the evangelical churches and the responsibility for the thorough canvass of that ward will rest upon that church. Between fifty and sixty collectors will be needed for the work, and each ward will require a staff about as follows: Kings, 9; Queens, 10; Carleton, 13; St. Ann's, 15; Wellington, 9. The work will not occupy more than two hours, and will be begun at 8 o'clock on Monday, 7th March, and conclude at 5 o'clock.

All the members are most enthusiastic

over the approaching celebration and last evening the counsel of Dean Partridge and Canon Roberts proved helpful to the committee.

It will be interesting to our readers to know that just a century ago "about three hundred respectable persons of different denominations" assembled in the old London Tavern in Bishopsgate. Although the country at that time was in a panic and arming itself to the teeth at the prospect of a great French invasion, these "respectable persons" were busy with a work of peace. On that day the British and Foreign Bible Society came into existence. Granville Sharp was in the chair, William Wilberforce was the orator, and Zachary Macaulay was on the first committee—three brothers in arms who were to win the greatest victory of peace in the annals of our country—the emancipation of the slave—and who were equally zealous in this work of faith.

A Pronounced Success.

The great gathering of people at Edgecombe's today at the silk sale were more than pleased with the bargains offered. It will be continued tomorrow so that those who could not get out today will have an opportunity to secure some of the bargains. Next Tuesday Mr. Edgecombe will give a grand leap year social bringing in all the other departments.—d.

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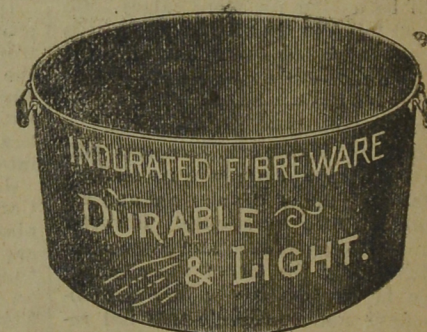
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