Districts Assigned

Inspectors of Metaliferous Mines Are Allotted Their Spheres of Operation.

Other Official News, Including Incorporation of Companies, and Various Notices.

The Official Gazette, published last evening, contains the proclamation incorporating the city of Slocan, the incorporation of which was announced in the Times a few evenings ago.

Tenders for supplies for the Insane hospital, New Westminster, and the Provincial Home at Kamloops, will be received by the provincial secretary until noon on Monday, June 17th.

Tenders for the erection and completion of a one-roomed school house at Crescent Island, New Westminster district, will be received by the deputy commissioner of lands and works, up till noon, June 20th. Plans, specifications, forms of tender and contract may be seen on and after to-day on application to J. B. Burr, secretary of the school board, Trenton district, Ladners; also for the erection of a similar school house at Chemainus, plans and specifications for which may be seen on and after to-day, on application to D. W. Mainguy, secretary of the school board, Chemainus.

Tenders are also invited for the construction of a 10-foot wagon road from Peterborough up Horse Thief creek to McDonald creek, 20 miles. Plans and specification may be obtained from the government agent at Golden; also for a wagon road from Rossland to the Velvet mine, applications for plans and information to be made to the government agent at Rossland.

The inspectors of metalliferous mines are assigned the following as their respective inspection districts with headquarters as noted. Such assignment to take place from June 15th, 1901, until further notice:

Archibald Dick, inspector; headquarters, Cranbrook, office of deputy mining recorder—Inspection district shall comprise all of East Kootenay and also Goat River mining division of West Kootenay. In addition to the duties of inspector of metalliferous mines, Mr. Dick will also act as inspector of coal mines within the same district.

James McGregor, inspector; headquarters, office of mining recorder, Nelson—Inspection district shall comprise all of West Kootenay except Goat River mining division, and also the Grand Forks and Kettle River mining divisions of Yale District.

Thomas Morgan, inspector; headquarters, government buildings, Nanaimo—Inspection district, Vancouver Island and Coast district. Mr. Morgan is also inspector of coal mines for this district. Notice is hereby given of such inspection districts and that in accordance with the "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, 1897," and amending acts, notice of accidents to employees happening within any of such districts must be promptly reported both to the inspector of such district and also to the minister of mines, Victoria. In mines not included in the above district managers will report, in duplicate, to the minister of mines direct, who, if he considers it necessary, will assign an inspector to specially report. Blank forms upon which to make reports of such accidents may be obtained from the inspector of the district, from the mining recorder, or upon application to the department of mines.

Notice is given to pre-emptors of Crown lands to an amendment to the Land Act, passed at the last session of the legislature, which provides as follows:

"9. Pre-emptors of Crown lands, whether in arrears in payment of instalments of purchase money or not, who at the time of coming into force of this act have obtained certificates of improvement, or who shall have obtained certificates of improvement within twelve months thereafter, shall on conforming with the provisions of the Land Act, except as hereby altered, be entitled to obtain Crown grants of their pre-emption claims upon completing payments of purchase of money at the rate of seventy-five cents per acre, and Crown grant fees, which payments may be made as follows:

"Twenty-five cents per acre on or before the 31st day of December, 1901;

"Twenty-five cents per acre on or before the 30th day of June, 1902;

"and the remaining—

"Twenty-five cents per acre on or before the 31st day of December, 1902, and without any further payment of interest or arrears of interest."

All returned South African volunteers, who have not already done so, are requested to communicate with the minister of mines without delay, as also the next of kin of those deceased or of those who have not yet returned to British Columbia, or any other persons interested in mining properties held by such volunteers. The latest date possible for receiving applications for exemption under the above acts will be the 1st July.

The appointment of Frank H. Eaton, M. A., as city superintendent of the schools of Victoria, is approved by the council of public instruction.

Certificates of incorporation have been issued to the following companies:

The British Columbia Fish Company, Limited. Capital $25,000. Head office, Vancouver.

H. Bell-Irving & Company, Limited. Capital $300,000. General commission, shipping, estate and insurance agents. Head office, Vancouver.

The Victoria Commission Company, Limited. Capital $10,000. Stock brokers, commission, financial, real estate and general agents. Head office, Victoria.

Charles Dickinson, carrying on business at Vancouver, as the M. P. D. company, has assigned to Arthur Braham Diblock, of Vancouver, accountant, for the benefit of his creditors.

Notice is given to creditors of the Wynkoop-Stephens Trading Company, Limited, to send particulars of their claims to J. F. Hemmingway, liquidator of the company, at Phoenix, on or before July 9th.

The annual meeting of the New Westminster Southern Railway Company will be held in the company's office, New Westminster, on July 6th, at 8 p.m.

A NORTHERN STRIKE.

Miners Go Out Because of Reduction in Pay—Talk of Organizing.

Reports from Bonanza and Chechako Hill, in the Yukon district, state that miners refused to work for $4 a day and board during the wash-up, and gave up their positions early in May. They demanded $5 a day and board. The managers of the mines stated that they could secure good men for less money The strike was general, as the majority of mine owners were in favor of paying good wages. There was some talk of organizing a miners' union to maintain a uniform scale of wages in the country. The operators who made the cut were obdurate in their position, stating that they could not afford to pay the price demanded. The outcome of the controversy was being watched with interest. The miners claimed that $5 a day was the average price on all the creeks, and never before had less than this been paid during the sluicing period, and in many cases more has been received.

THE APPOINTMENT APPROVED.

City Superintendent of Schools Confirmed in His Position by the Government.

In the Official Gazette published last evening among other announcements there appears one to the effect that the Council of Public Instruction had approved the appointment of Frank H. Eaton, M. A., as city superintendent of schools for Victoria.

This has an especial significance in view of the following amendment to the School Act, denominated clause 35, passed at the last session of the legislature:

"The board of trustees of any city designated in section 21, hereof, as a city of the first-class, may appoint a city superintendent as the administrative head of the schools of such city, whose duties and functions shall be such as commonly appertain to the office of city superintendent of schools, provided that the appointment of such city superintendent, his salary and revocation of his appointment shall be subject to the approval of the council of public instruction." This confers the power of veto on the council of public instruction over the school board in the matter of the appointment, revocation of appointment, and salary of city superintendent. The office was created by the school board several years ago, Mr. Eaton being the first incumbent. The approval of his appointment is recognition by the government of his official status, reserving to the council of public instruction the power of exercising general supervision over the appointment.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS

To Be Dealt With By License Commission Board Next Wednesday.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of licensing commissioners will be held in the police court at the city hall on Wednesday afternoon next. The business will consist of a dozen applications for transfers of licenses, three of which were held over from the last session. The applications are as follows:

Thos. Flewin, Capital saloon, on Yates street, to Chas. Flewin.

Carl Zoelle, Albion saloon, on Yates street, to James McManus.

Wm. Field, Commercial hotel, corner of Douglas and Cormorant streets, to Stephen White and M. H. McCabe.

The foregoing were held over from the last session. The following constitute new business:

Joseph H. Brown, Albion saloon, Herald street, to Francis Ledingham.

M. E. Fee, premises on corner of North Park street and Quadra, to D. D. Heagerty and Ed. J. Blaquire.

Fred. Weldon and Jno. Henley, Royal saloon, by C. A. Holland, attorney in fact, to International hotel, Johnson street, to B. C. L. & D. Agency Company.

J. Wriglesworth, Retreat saloon, on corner of Yates and Blanchard streets, to Jno. and Chas. Lawson.

G. H. Harrison, Rock Bay hotel, to R. Williams.

H. Helliwell, Adelphi saloon, Yates and Government streets, to Samuel Norman and Ed. Lyons.

Fred. Golden, Queen's hotel, Store street, to R. B. McClellard.

Wm. Clayton, "The Hall," Fort street, to Jos. Meyer.

GRAND LODGE TO MEET.

Convention of I. O. O. F. Orders to Be Held at Nanaimo Next Week.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., will convene at Nanaimo next week. It is expected that about fifty representatives from all over the province will be present at the commencement of the session. The Mainland contingent, headed by Grand Master Johnson, of Vancouver, will arrive Tuesday evening, while the representatives from Victoria and along the E. & N. line will arrive at Nanaimo on Wednesday noon.

It is expected that by holding sessions both in the afternoons and evenings, the business will be practically finished Thursday night. The entertainment of the officers and members of the governing body is in charge of a committee from the local subordinate lodge. So far nothing in the way of entertainment has been definitely decided upon, except a banquet to be given in the opera house Friday night, though a drive and a visit to the mines of the New Vancouver Coal Co. is projected for Friday afternoon.

The representatives from Victoria are as follows: No. 1 lodge, Fred. Carne; No. 2, Frank Taylor and R. C. Fawcett; No. 4, J. E. Phillips, James Bell and F. A. Billingsley; No. 33, Messrs. Siddall and McCann. Grand representative, P. W. Dempster; grand warden, A. Graham; grand secretary, F. Davey; grand treasurer, T. Fox. The grand encampment officers and past chief patriarchs will attend.

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The Czar's Proclamation

Russia's Intentions in Regard to Manchuria Outlined in Official Decrees.

Proposals of Government in Respect to Enforcing Law in Territory.

During the last few weeks considerable has appeared in the Canadian press regarding Russia "withdrawing" from Manchuria, but the official proclamation announcing the Czar's intentions has never been published. This highly important decree is given in the mail of the R. M. S. Empress of Japan just to hand. The proclamation is issued in the name of "Foh" (Russian General), and is as follows:

I, Commander of Liao-yang, Fung-fang-Cheng, etc., etc., and of the Imperial Russian Cavalry Force, and General of Pow-kwob (protecting nation), hereby issue this proclamation: In accordance with the instructions contained in the telegram just received from His Majesty the Great Emperor of the Russian Empire, I have been commanded to assume control of the following places with boundaries, east to Fung-fang-cheng (city); west to Liao-ho (river); south to Ngan-shan-chau (Mountain) and north to Yentai.

After the receipt of this order, the first thing I have to do is to pacify the inhabitants. The pacifying of the inhabitants should have the effect of clearing the robbers. Since my arrival at Liao-ho, I have personally seen many of the people who have been parted and scattered everywhere without fixed dwelling places. When walking on the roads, they would be robbed, and when they were in houses, their doors would be smashed. They have lost their properties and employment. They cannot earn their daily living. I feel depressed at this state of affairs. I formerly issued a proclamation to all the people instructing them to do their duty. Unexpectedly those evil people have done the same as they did before, inveigling many members into joining them in robbing and committing adultery. Furthermore, there appear to be many interpreters who, under the pretext of searching for sleepers or bars of iron belonging to the railway, took the chance of extorting money from the inhabitants. These people are more covetous themselves than the robbers, called Hung-hu-tze (Red Mustache robbers). I should have liked to send troops to exterminate these people, but fearing that many would be killed, I have abandoned this step.

Hereafter if any one should again attempt robbery, commit adultery or extort money from the inhabitants, let the people report the name of the offender to me, and I will send troops to arrest him and to punish him severely.

The following rules and regulations are to be strictly observed:

(1) When the following spring comes, it will be necessary to plough the fields as usual. Should any desperadoes come to take by force the horses belonging to the military let the people report to me.

(2) Should any Chinese or Russian subject rob or commit adultery, let him be reported to me.

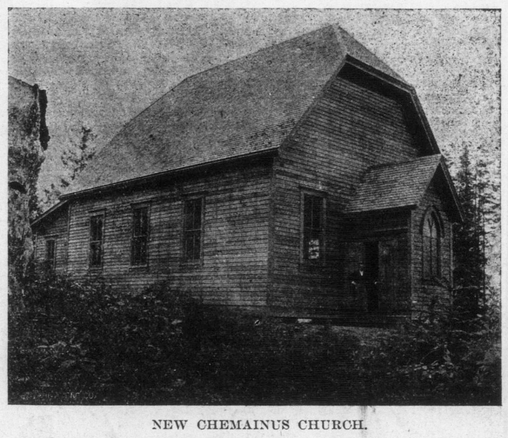
(3) Should any Chinese or Russian subject kill any person without cause, the offender will be decapitated according to the law.

(4) In towns or villages no insurance office shall be established (sic). Failing to comply with this, the offender will be arrested by the troops.

(5) In towns or villages no desperadoes are permitted to take lodgings. Failing to comply with this, the offender will be decapitated.

(6) In cities or country places should any sleepers belonging to the railway be found in possession of anyone let them be sent back to the railway company in order to avoid any trouble.

(7) Should any interpreters who are off duty induce any Russian troops either to commit adultery, rob or extort money, let the people bind them with bonds and send them to me.



NEW CHEMAINUS CHURCH.

The above cut is a representation of the new Baptist church at Chemainus, which was opened a week ago last Sunday.

The church and schoolroom are situated on a bluff overlooking the sea at what is known as New Chemainus, and and has one of the finest sites imaginable. The cost of the structure is in the neighborhood of $1,000, and great care has been bestowed on its external and internal finish.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Vichert, pastor of the Cavalry Baptist church of this city, and there were present Superintendent of Baptist missions, Rev. P. H. McEwen, Rev. Mr. Vansickle, of Nanaimo, and A. J. Welsh. On the Monday evening following an entertainment took place in the new edifice in which a splendid programme was rendered. The church has an excellent choir, and their selections contributed materially to the enjoyment of the large number present. The field promises to be a most favorable one, and the fact that so substantial a church has been erected indicates that the confidence of those in charge of the work in the district is well founded.

THE JUDGE REFUSED

To Issue Death Warrant For Execution of E. Boyce, Formerly of This City, at Tacoma.

Judge Snell, of Tacoma, has refused to issue the death warrant for the execution of Eben L. Boyce, the wife murderer, formerly of Victoria, for the reason that under the law no date could be fixed within thirty days from this time, nor could the sheriff execute the writ within that time.

Under the provisions of the Rand law, effective June 14th, the execution must take place at the state penitentiary. The prosecuting attorney gave notice that he would appeal to the Supreme court for a writ of mandate directing the court to sign the warrant. Court waived the usual four days' notice and it is expected the appeal will be argued in the Supreme court to-morrow.

This will bring up the whole question as to whether the omission of the saving clause in the Rand law relieves from execution murderers in this state now awaiting sentence.

Boyce and his wife at one time resided in this city, the former having been a member of the Fifth Regiment band. Some trouble arose between him and his wife, and he went over to Tacoma one day and killed her. He had been brooding for some time prior to the crime. His counsel made an attempt to prove insanity, but the effort was futile and Boyce was sentenced to death.

IS COMING BACK.

Leightner Leaves in the Custody of Detective Palmer This Afternoon.

G. A. Leightner, the absconding local agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, left Winnipeg this afternoon in the custody of Detective Palmer, en route to the Coast. Word to this effect was received by the chief of police this morning, while private sources received a telegram from Leightner announcing his contemplated return.

It was thought for a time that the agent would not come back, that influential friends in the East would affect a settlement. But there are other transactions in which Leightner is concerned which could not be brushed aside so easily, and even if the absconding agent had succeeded in squaring himself with the Surety Company or the railroad people, he would have to face other difficulties.

One of these is a matter of $350 which he secured from a prominent hotelkeeper here on money orders. Yesterday his friends in this city, who have been working hard to make a settlement, forwarded to Winnipeg an amount sufficient to cover the money orders. This has availed nothing, however, and the amount will probably be cancelled.

Seen this morning regarding the rumor that a settlement had been made with the bond company, which is responsible to the railroad and express companies, Mr. Bird, the auditor who is temporarily in charge of the local office, stated that he knew nothing about it. If such a settlement had been made he had not been apprised of it, and as far as he was aware, the railroad company were in the same position in regard to this matter as they were the day the agent left. Of course, he pointed out, the question of settlement was for the heads of the companies to consider.

Mr. Bird was not prepared to give a statement of the amount of shortage. It is said, however, that the sum is in the neighborhood of $2,200.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

Public Meeting to Be Called to Make Arrangements.

His Worship the Mayor received today an influentially signed requisition desiring him to call a public meeting at an early date for the purpose of making all necessary arrangements in connection with the visit to this city of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, in so far as the decoration of the city is concerned, and to toke such other steps as the meeting may deem advisable and proper.

An announcement will be made in this paper to-morrow, giving the date and place of the meeting.

THE ICEMAN'S TROUBLES.—"My business," says John Gray, ice dealer, of Wingham, Ont., "is one of the most fertile fields under the sun for sowing the seeds for rheumatic suffering. For five years I was a great invalid, words cannot convey the faintest idea of my intense suffering and constant pain I endured. 6 bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure permanently cured me." Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—146.

A Trip to The Far East

George Carter Describes His Recent Visit to the Mikado's Kingdom.

Some of the Strange Sights Which Greet European Eyes in Kobe.

Having said good-bye to friends on the wharf, "Haul in the gang plank!" was shouted. The gang plank was hauled in, the whistle blew, the engines began working the propeller and gradually the good steamship Ryojun Maru moved from the dock. "Cast off your head line!" and the last link between land at Victoria and friends and loved ones was gone. She was fairly on her way to the Orient.

Of course we had the usual run of sea sickness, when all the world seemed so blank and the fear of going to the bottom had changed to the hope that we would go there quickly, anything rather than this internal commotion; but four days of misery unparalleled gives way at last to the hope that after all the vessel will keep afloat as life begins to seem worth living again. The captain is a jolly old tar, full of dry humor and keeps us in good spirits in the roughest of weather, merely remarking, if we suggest that it is rough, "that she jumps a little."

Having retired to rest one night I was suddenly awakened by a crash, followed by a torrent of water; I sprang out of my berth, nearly scalping myself against the upper berth; rushed out of the cabin to find a Jap with a lantern very deliberately, and not a bit excited, mopping up some sea water that has escaped from the ocean, and finding an unguarded window had playfully broken the glass and then spread itself over the floor.

Another night the ocean was in playful though, perhaps, a bit boisterous mood, and taking a fancy to one of the deck houses Neptune commanded a big wave to bring it in, the wave swelled with pride, reared itself and taking a running jump landed fairly on top of that deck house. It then played football with it for a few moments around the deck and then, with a final embrace, carried it to King Neptune. This was great fun for the waves, but they played too rough, and soon they had broken the football into pieces and spoiled the game.

"Rub your eyes; yes, rub your eyes well; where haf you bine," says the captain, "I have not seen you since Wednesday, and to-day is Friday?" "Well, honor bright, captain, I know I slept well, but bless me if I thought I had slept clear through the 48 hours." Then he laughed and said we "jumped the line" last night and so lost a whole day.

"Dere she is, I knew she vas due," so said our captain, as away in the distance, more like the smoke from a steamer than anything else, one could see on the horizon the first streak of land on which was situate Ich a bone lighthouse. It was a relief after eighteen days of ups and down on the Pacific to see land once more. Soon we came within sight of the shore, which was composel of tier on tier of what looked like sand hills. "We shall be in Kobe to-morrow night," says the captain, and sure enough about 8 o'clock the doctor came aboard and reported a clean bill of health, and we proceed to tie up to the pier (Hatoba).

Next morning after breakfast, it being Sunday, I strolled along the dock and came in contact with Japan for the first time. Everything seemed so strange and novel. Almost the first sound was, Ricksha! Ricksha, sir! Ricksha! I looked or tried to look very wise and walked along, but every time in the road I was accosted with Ricksha! Ricksha! Now for the first time I saw the Japanese women toddeling along on their wooden clogs with babies on their backs. I never saw as many women with babies before; girls, too, with the inevitable baby on their backs, and as though there were more babies than women and girls here came men and boys with babies on their back.

Everybody seemed happy; the women as they clattered along played with the baby, the girls the same, men and boys ditto. There was no rushing or crushing in the streets—everybody was polite and pleasant. The hotels were places of comfort. Boys, boys, boys, everywhere to wait on you. You walk up the steps, the boy opens the door. You enter and find a boy at every door to open it to you. Boy to take your hat and coat. Boys bowing and scraping at every turn; quick, active obliging boys.

The stores were attractions which absorbed you for the first few days, after that you settled down, and unless you had business or plenty of money for excursions, you get unmistakably tired of city life in Japan. The stores were very small, opening directly on to the little narrow street, carpeted with straw matting and heated (?) by the inevitable fire pot, which is similar to a jardiniere half filled with ashes, and a few sticks or chunk of charcoal burning in the centre. The storekeepers, mostly girls, squat on a little cushion and warm their hands apparently, believing if their hands were warm they were warm all over.

The weather was bitterly cold, but this was all there was to produce warmth. I would like to say that the shop women and girls were pleasant and modest—quite the reverse of what I had been told. Most of them spoke a little English, but some of them cannot speak any. It is great fun trying to trade with them by signs, but they are very quick and soon catch your idea, and give you prices of their wares. The curio stores are great places for the "globe trotters," and, of course, prices fluctuate quite a little. The Satsumi and Colosonnie ware is very rich and beautiful, also their screens, which you can buy from $5 to $400 for one piece.

The ricksha is an experience. Having decided to try one, you hail your man and he trots up with his overgrown baby buggy, and you jump in; he steps in the shafts and back you tip; you adjust yourself with as much dignity as possible, by which time your man is trotting you along at a lively gait; the feeling is decidedly funny; you don't know exactly what to do; smile your must, or burst; so you smile and everybody smiles back to you, for there are dozens of rickshows going and coming in all directions; you ride for an hour and then pay 20 sen, i.e., 10 cents, and that ends it, unless you want to continue for a longer time. The rickshaw man has no change, so be sure to supply yourself with small coins, or he will absorb a 50 sen piece and give you such a profound bow that you cannot check it to ask him for the change.

GEO. CARTER.

BRIDGE CONFERENCE.

General Manager Buntzen, of the Street Railway Company, Meets the City Council.

The city council held a private conference with General Manager Buntzen, of the Street Railway Company, last night upon the question of concerted action with regard to the erection of a bridge at Point Ellice. The results of the conference were considered very satisfactory, the tramway company showing a disposition to deal very fairly in the matter of a joint bridge.

Ald Beckwith as a result gives notice of motion "That at the next sitting of the council he will introduce a motion asking for leave to introduce a by-law to raise by way of loan upon the credit of the municipality the sum of $60,000 for the purpose of erecting a permanent bridge at Point Ellice to replace the present structure."

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NOTICE.

Princess Royal, Sadie and Excelsior Mineral Claims, Situate in the Skeena River Mining Division of Coast District. Located on Princess Royal Island.

Take notice that I, A. S. Going, agent for R. P. Rithet, W. Wilson and John Irving, free miner's certificates No. B4030, No. B48950, and No. B2943, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements for the above claims. And further take notice that action under Section 37 must commence before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

(Signed) A. S. GOING.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1901.

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Several Explosions of Gas Mine at Port Royal, Pen sylvania.

Twenty Miners Are Missing It Is Feared They Are Dead.

Port Royal, Pa., June 11.—E explosion of gas in shaft No. 2 Pittsburg Coal & Coke company's about 6 o'clock last night seven m supposed to have been killed and entombed.

This is the partial list of the su dead: Wm. McCune, general s tendent of this district; Dennis ley, pit boss; Michael Roy, fo Michael Daly, who entered mine first time yesterday morning; Davenport, married; Anthony S married, Jola Peoples, who has and two small children here.

In the attempt to rescue the known to be in the mine other live placed in jeopardy and may b About 6 o'clock there was a low bling sound followed by a roar, sounded like a cyclone, then

Three Sharp and Short Repor

Immediately measures for the res those in the mine were taken rescue party, composed of the me had knocked off early in the day formed. The men entered the sha started towards the spot where thought some of the men might be Lying at the bottom of the shaf Lawrence Settler and John Stake conscious and covered with dirt, th were quickly taken to the top mine. When they recovered the the rescue party where four othe were entombed.

About 7 o'clock Wm. McCune, Wortley, Michael Roy and several bosses, with about 20 men, went shaft No. 1, which is just oppos the Baltimore & Ohio side of the and they are probably lost. About hours after the rescue party had in the mine, two more explosion heard.

Meanwhile the crowd around th ing of the shaft had increased, in mothers, wives and sisters of m tombed.

At 3 o'clock A. W. Sweeny and Stratton came to the surface b Harry Beveridge

In an Unconscious Conditio

with both arms and legs broke badly burned. He cannot live. and Stratton succumbed after r the surface.

Before he died Sweeny, wh mainly instrumental in savin eridge, was able to tell that he over the bodies of at least three his way out.

The explosion occurred at th when the shifts were changing fr to night turn, and it is impos tell how many were in the mine time, but certainly no less than entombed.

Twenty Men Missing.

Port Royal, Pa., June 11.— o'clock this morning Superin Wm. McCune's hat and a couple letters have been found, the ha blown to fragments. There is n of him or any of the rescuing p

The Port Royal mines are situ the Youghiogheny river 37 mile Pittsburg. They are owned Pittsburg Coal company. Distri erintendent McCune, who is killed, at the head of the above volunteers, was one of the most enced and best known miners in Pennsylvania. The Port Royal are located on the thick vein co and are for that reason extreme ons and dangerous. The state officials have made their mana the object of reputed caution.

All the rescuing parties have e of the burning mine. They say black damp makes work impossi they give up hope of finding any men alive. Twenty men are

Known to Be Missing,

and are supposed to be dead. Th Frank Davenport, Antonio Stick Peebles, Jermiah Daly, Wm. M superintendent of the mines of th burg Coal company between Wes ton and Eureka, Wm. Allison, dent of several mines belo Newton, Dennis Wartley, pit the Port Royal mines, Michael boss at the Euclid mines, John pit boss at the Darrs mines, Pe Canto, boss driver at Port Roy No. 1, Bernard Ball and an u

The injured brought out are: Smith, pit boss at the Smithton both eyes destroyed and fatally Frithe Kreuter, miner, both destroyed and fatally burned.

Seven years ago there was a ion at Port Royal and the mine re. It was necessary to fill water to quench the flames. To hole was drilled from the bed river. This is now closed with which was arranged for such a ency as the present, and to dro the fire all that is necessary is the plug and the water will hiss, of course, cannot be rese till all the men in the mine ha recovered or known to be beyond

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