

THE FERNIE DISASTER

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son of the explosion will be heavy, the full extent of which it will be impossible to estimate until the mines have been thoroughly cleared of gas so that they can be inspected.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE SLAVS.

The explosion has demonstrated one thing and that is, that the Slavs are a much lower order of human than the English miners.

EIGHTY ODD STILL IN MINE.

Of the 80 odd men who are now supposed to be in the mine it is as yet impossible to ascertain the identity, especially in the case of the miners who were working on the contract system.

- ROBERT LAMB. GEORGE BEACH. ANDREW PATTERSON. W. J. DAVIS. HENRY HAWKINS. JOE HOUBOS. STEVE SOFASAC. JOHN MATULICK. MIKE BAKOS. S. BALAYTL. JOHN KREVTAS. EDWARD FALEY. CLARE ELLYN. FRANK BANASKI. ALEX. FEATHERSTONE. MAT. MAUGHENEY. JESSE WHEELER. JOHN SZERBOVICK. H. HARTLEY. GEORGE RUTLEDGE. WILLIAM McDONALD. JAMES DICKSON. THOMAS CRAIG. A. J. DAVIS. L. A. BROWN. S. J. MARSHALL. ALBIN CARLSON. ALEX. BODIE. STEVE L. RASKO. ANGUS GUNN. MIKE KURATOR. ANTONI PETERO. N. ROSARIO. WILLIAM LOVE. WILLIAM MARCHAND. ANDY ANGELO. FRED FREDERICTO. F. LEWIS.

(Special to the Miner.)

FERNIE, B. C., May 25.—Today marked the recovery of fully 50 of the victims of the colliery disaster, and the town had all the seeming as if the angel of death had passed over it.

DAY GIVEN UP TO FUNERALS.

Today, was given over wholly to funerals. These were all conducted by the relatives of the deceased. There were close upon 15 of them, and in most instances were attended by none but the immediate friends of the family afflicted, and at the cemetery it frequently happened that four or five little circles would be around open graves at the same time.

THE FLOODGATES OF SORROW.

The arrangements that have been observed in the apportionment of the graves is in itself suggestive. Blood and social ties have been observed as far as possible. In one group there are four brothers, in others there are father and son, while earthly friendships have been observed by reserving and ticketing adjoining pits for men who had been comrades until the fatal Thursday night which carried all

off into eternity. In some cases one of the bodies has been recovered and buried and the grave alongside stands ticketed and waiting for the other. Scores of widows and children thronged the cemetery all day.

There were innumerable cases of little children too young to understand endeavoring to comfort, but each family appeared to be too full of its own sorrow to realize the affliction and need of solace of the other.

MAKING MINE MORE SAFE.

Since midnight on Saturday the efforts of the men engaged on the rescue work has been along the line of making the mine more safe for them in their mission of reclaiming the bodies, as it has since been shown that nothing in the shape of timber has been left in the vicinity of the explosion. That no accidents have happened so far is due solely to the excellent roof of the mine.

60 TO 100 REMAIN IN MINE.

As to the great loss of life there appears no prospect whatever that it will be cut down. Some 51 bodies were out by 6 o'clock this evening. Of those still remaining in the mine the estimate varies from 60 to 100. There is no present exact check upon the number of men at work available.

OTHER NAMES GIVEN.

- The names of those whose bodies were recovered before 6 o'clock this evening were: HENRY HAWKINS. E. A. BROWN. ALBIN CARLSON. GEORGE RUTLEDGE. WILLIAM LOVE.

STENCH IS AWFUL.

There were a number of horses in No. 2 mine at the time of the explosion, and the stench arising from their carcasses this morning was overpowering. An effort was made to get rid of them by eating them up with lime, but this proved too slow and finally it was decided to cut the carcasses up and remove them in pieces.

BODIES BADLY MUTILATED.

The presence of fire in the mine at the time of the explosion is also shown by the severe burning of several of the bodies that have been recovered within the last few hours. The faces and hands of the victims are also shot full of fine rock and coal dust, and present a most revolting appearance, even after they have been cleaned up in the hours.

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION NOT KNOWN.

There are the usual number of narrow escapes, but none of those who did escape know anything of the whereabouts of the origin of the explosion or its cause, and those who did are all numbered among the dead.

blow a vent without working any injury to the fan itself, which did not stop working for an instant. The value of this was important, in that it secured the clearing of the mine of gases much sooner than could otherwise have been attained.

ATTRIBUTED TO MACHINES.

The miners generally attribute the explosion to the use of machines in the mine, which occasions heavy blasts of powder.

MINERS WILL SMOKE.

There is another probable cause, and one which is held by many in view of past experiences. This is that the explosion was caused in the first instance by some of the foreign miners smoking in the mine and lighting matches.

ABOUT THE FOREIGN MINERS.

One matter which has been widely commented upon was the action of the foreign miners after the explosion. While the people of the town were climbing the mountain, having missed the train, to be in nearly all, if not all of the cases proven, the offenders were the foreigners.

A THOUGHTLESS REMARK.

There was an exciting time in town this evening and for a time it was feared that there would be a breach of the peace. It appears that when the news of the frightful calamity at the mine was first brought to the town, a provincial policeman named Stevens, on hearing that there were 150 men killed at the mine made the thoughtless remark that it was a pity there were not another 150 killed.

FERNIE, B. C., May 26.—The rescue work proceeded slowly but satisfactorily at the mine since last evening bodies being recovered since last report, making a total of 59 up to date.

FERNIE, B. C., May 27.—Careful and conservative checking of information from all sources now leads to the placing of the number of killed by the explosion at the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's mines at 151, and up till midnight last night but 50 bodies had been recovered.

Explorations, which have so far been made in the underground workings, have demonstrated beyond a doubt that the explosion took place at some point in the workings of No. 2, probably at a point about 3000 feet from the entrance.

BODIES RECOVERED.

- Following is a list of the names of the men whose bodies have so far been recovered: Steven Morgan. Joe Sengala. William Robertson. Boy, widowed mother. Victor Johnson. John Leadbeater, family, Lethbridge. Frank Salters. John R. McLeod, Nanaimo. Thomas Fearful, Sr., wife and family at Fernie, from Montana. Thomas Fearful, Jr. Thomas Johnson. W. H. Brearly, Overman, single, from Stockton, England.

OF IMPORTANCE TO ROSSLAND

A report was current yesterday that the War Eagle and Centre Star mines had closed a deal for the purchase of the Silica reduction works and the concessions owned by the British Columbia Bullion Extraction Company, Limited, located at Silica, a mile and a half south of this city, but no definite information is obtainable.

It is generally known that the War Eagle and Centre Star mines have had under consideration for a long period the adoption of a process of reduction more economical in its operation than the ordinary smelting process and the incidental division of profits with the custom smelter, so that the rumor carries weight in the minds of many.

The Silica plant was built to treat Rossland ores by a cyaniding process, and the experiments conducted there from time to time were claimed to have given excellent results. Operations on a large scale have never been carried on at Silica, so that the plant is practically as good as the day it was installed.

- Joseph Tuka, Italian, wife in Italy. John C. Korman. Ronald Jones. Walter Wright. Andrew Hoven. Thomas Glover, wife and six children in Fernie. James Cartledge. Owen Holmes. William Ferguson. M. J. Fleming, from Red Lodge, Mont. Sam Hand, from Staffordshire, England. Thomas Stevens, wife and family. John Karney, from Nelson. John Hughes. James McIntyre. Harry Wilson, boy. Tony Mutzo. William Neace. William McPhail, father and mother in Fernie. John Zelonica. John Welch. Amos Buck. Antonio Frederico. Edgar Reid. Andrew Pietro. J. Flora. Phillip Schroeda. Andy Postrosh. John Krevats, boy. Rennie McMillan, boy. John Hawley. E. A. Brown, father of an engineer on the C. P. R. out of Kamloops. Albin Carlsen. George Rutledge. Harry Hawkins, Cambridgeshire. William Love, Montana. Joe Velgi. Matteo Frederico, unknown Italian.

OTHER VICTIMS.

In addition to the above list the management of the mine have the following names of the men known to have been in the mine at the time of the explosion. Robert Lamb, fire boss, married man, with one child, Nanaimo; George Beach, single, Staffordshire; Andrew Patterson, single; W. J. Davis, married; Joseph Hobus, Steve Sofasac, John Matulick, Joe Mataga, Mike Baks, boys; Ed Parley, Clare Ellyn, married; Frank Banaski, Alexander Featherstone, single; Matt Maughene, single; Jess Wheeler, single; John Soderovich, H. Hartley, William McDonald, boy, father and mother in Nelson; James Dickson, Thomas Craig, A. J. Davis, married; S. J. Fish, single; Alex Bodi, Steve Rasko, Angus Gunn, Mike Kurator, N. Rosario, A. M. Marchant, Andrew Angelo, P. Frederico, Frank Lewis, single; Malcolm McLeod, wife and eight children, in Nova Scotia; James Wilson, Jr., son of former manager, father and mother now here; John Stewart, from Nova Scotia; John Owen, William Owen, son of fore-going; George Beaver, wife and family in Fernie; Alexander Walker, Joe Shelling, Aaron Colclough, Thorpe brothers, two.

FOR FERNIE SUFFERERS

The Fernie relief fund was swelled yesterday by a contribution of \$50 from the corporation. Printed subscription lists have been distributed over the city, and returns from these will doubtless commence to come in at an early date.

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HOW BOILER INSPECTION ACT WORKS

The Velvet Mine Closed Down For More Than a Week--Manager Telegraphing For Elusive Inspectors.

The latest example of the way in which existing legislation hampers and injures mining operations, is attributable to the Boiler Inspection Act which was passed last year, notwithstanding the earnest protest of several mine owners.

More than a week ago a small blister was observable in the boiler. Any competent boiler master could easily repair it, but the law must be obeyed. A special messenger was at once sent into Rossland for a boiler maker and a bricklayer to do the necessary repairs.

then wired to the chief boiler inspector Victoria stating circumstances and asking if he could not authorize local engineering firm to make repairs, as mine was shut down and company suffering daily heavy loss.

WILL PAY EXPENSES

CROW'S NEST COAL COMPANY DIRECTORS REFUTE CERTAIN STATEMENTS.

DAY PRECEDING ACCIDENT MINE WAS INSPECTED BY GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR.

TORONTO, Ont., May 26.—The Crow's Nest Coal Company directors authorize the statement that the company will pay all funeral expenses, relieve against immediate want and suffering, and provide permanently against any destitution.

DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE.

The Fernie Disaster Caused Hot Words Yesterday Afternoon.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 26.—The Fernie disaster caused hot words in the British Columbia house this afternoon.

Sir Henry Campbell, Liberal leader, in motion, said unboundedly felt through conclusion of previous in admitting now their friends whose military purpose and so liberty and so the respect of foremost of all opponents of the country on the ation of peace.

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