

has started on the return and a match lighted in their usual reckless manner may terminate fatally. Thus eternal vigilance should be the motto—afloat or ashore.”

BIOGRAPHICAL.

But before making further reference to his Diary and the confirmation of the depressing news from the Lower Manitou, permit me to correct, from reliable data, some erroneous historical and other notes that have inadvertently crept into Press and private reports, touching the early records of this,

ONE OF THE MOST FAMILIAR OF THE OLD TIME MINING MEN.

Born in Bengal, India, January 27th, 1827, educated in Edinburgh and schools of Engineering in England and India. Served in the Crimea in the Turkish Army before Sebastopol in 1854-5. Thence to Egypt, Palestine and Persia in 1856. From Persia special service to India during the Mutiny of '57-8. Engaged upon triangulation survey in the “Hill Country” and valley of the Indus, 1859. Volunteered for China in 1860 and accompanied the allied armies throughout that campaign, including the storming and capture of Taku Forts and Peking. The forces engaged were as follows: Bengal troops, 7,000 men, composed of engineers (Bengal