

SIX DEAD-ONE DYING

Two Bodies Recovered From the Landslide On Sheep Creek.

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE

The Lone Camp Overwhelmed In the Middle of the Night—Some Miraculous Escapes Reported—Line May Be Open By Thursday.

Six dead, one dying, and two injured, is the record made by an avalanche which swept down upon a camp of 12 men on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, one mile north of the international boundary line at 2:20 o'clock Tuesday morning. Charles Olson, foreman of the gang, Thomas King, Dan McCafferty, Pat Desmond, Robert McWhinney and John Conlon, were the men buried alive. Max Englehardt, George Rice and John Clark were injured, the first named fatally. Frank Clark, Albert Somers and the cook, whose name has not been learned, escaped with a scratch or two.

The bodies of Desmond and McCafferty were dug out from beneath the mass of gravel and boulders yesterday afternoon by a gang of men under the direction of Section Foreman J. T. Sullivan, and brought to Rossland on a push car last evening. The bodies were taken charge of by Undertaker Beatty, who will prepare them for burial perhaps on Thursday. On Desmond's person were found checks on the National Bank of Spokane for sums aggregating \$680 and \$48.40 in cash. Foreman Sullivan has the bodies in his custody and will hold them for Coroner Bowes. A gang of 125 men is at work digging for the other four bodies that are known to be under the slide. No attempt to build the railroad over the scene of the slide will be made until the bodies are recovered.

The camp was located on a gentle slope on the west side of the railroad track and not far from the sawmill. It was just opposite the mouth of a gulch coming down from Lake mountain, and it was down this gulch that the awful avalanche of boulders, trees, gravel and water came which caused the loss of life above referred to.

What started the avalanche is still a mystery. Some believe it was a cloud-burst in the mountain, while others think the lake, from which the mountain takes its name, must have burst its banks. The stream which flowed down the gulch before the accident was scarcely a foot wide. All day yesterday it was a fierce torrent five or six feet wide and three feet deep.

The course of the avalanche is plainly marked. It has stripped the banks of the gulch clean on either side, appearing to be a width of 20 or 30 feet. As it neared the bottom, where the gulch was wider, it began to spread out. Right in its course and on the east side of the railroad track was a knoll about 14 feet high. This knoll it obliterated first. Continuing on its course it swept over the railroad, which was about 300 feet from the mouth of the gulch and extended 100 feet beyond. The mass of debris is 300 feet wide and for this entire distance it is 12 to 14 feet deep. Beyond this are rocks, trees and mud deposited in less quantities for 400 to 500 feet in every direction, but the main body of debris appears to have been deposited in an area 400 feet long by 400 feet in width.

The site of the railroaders' camp was only about 10 feet from the railroad track, so that the slide extended about 90 feet beyond it in solid mass and in less quantity for several hundred feet. The peculiarly marked in and out of the main mass of debris had almost perpendicular walls and to this fact two men owe their lives.

The first intimation any of the sleeping laborers had of the disaster was impending was when the young man who slept with the foreman was awakened by a rumbling sound which he took to be a car off the track and bumping along the ties. He woke the foreman and the two got up to investigate. The foreman was the last to leave the tent, but could only have been a very few feet behind his companion, yet the latter escaped the slide unscathed, while the body of the foreman has not yet been seen.

This laborer is the only witness of the awful avalanche, who saw it from the outside. The other survivors were buried under it and wondered where their escape. One of the men, an Englishman, who never stirred from his bunk, had an extraordinary escape. The mass of debris over his body when he was dragged out was fully 14 feet thick, and yet owing to the manner in which the logs in the slide had bridged themselves over his bunk he escaped without a scratch. The man lying beside him had his neck broken and the man who lay in the bunk at his feet was also killed. These were the only bodies recovered at the time this account was written.

Another marvelous escape was that of the cook. He slept under the kitchen table and that frail structure sufficed to save him from loss of life or broken limbs, even though the debris, including big trees and boulders, was piled 10 feet high on top of it.

Agent Ruff went to the scene of the calamity as soon as he was apprised of the occurrence, taking with him telegraph instruments to make connections with Northport in case the wire had been carried away. The same messenger that informed him of the accident summoned Dr. Bowes, who arrived at the slide shortly after the injured and returned to Rossland in the afternoon. J. T. Sullivan, the section foreman here, went down with a push car and 45 men to aid in the work of digging out the bodies. The task was most difficult, owing to the depth of the slide and its composition.

From the position of the bodies of Desmond and McCafferty, Sullivan was led to believe that the unfortunate men rushed directly into the path of the avalanche, not knowing what was happening. The sudden awakening, the dense blackness of the night, and ignorance of the extent and direction of the slide all combined to terrify and confuse the workmen.

One man who observed the slide yesterday morning was of the opinion that every man could have escaped without a scratch had they run in the opposite direction even so slight a

distance as ten feet. McCafferty had gone over 300 feet from the tent when he was overtaken by the tons of gravel and rocks which bore him to the earth and crushed out his life. In one of his pockets was found a rabbit's foot. Evidently the charm failed to work in this instance.

Foreman Sullivan and a portion of his gang had the task of pushing the hand car carrying the two bodies recovered, from the scene of the disaster to Rossland after they had quit work on the slide last evening. Sullivan said last night when he was seen at his home just beyond the big trestle, that the slide was the worst he had ever seen.

"I have been working on mountain railroads for 17 years and I thought I had seen some pretty bad slides, but none of them amount to a straw compared with this one," he remarked. "It is simply frightful, and unless a person can see it its extent is hard to realize. We are now engaged in searching for the other four bodies and will do nothing to repair the road until they are found. We count on recovering the bodies tomorrow and building a track through by Thursday night."

Agent Ruff was also of the opinion that trains could get through by Thursday night. There are three engines on this side of the slide. Desmond and McCafferty were both single men, according to the statements of their fellow workmen. They were terribly crushed, and while there is no shocking disfigurement of their bodies, they presented a very ghastly sight when they were dug from their graves of gravel and rocks.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.

Wayfarer Fell Off the O. K. Bridge and Is Badly Injured.

J. C. Ward, missing his train at Northport on Monday afternoon, attempted to walk into Rossland over the Red Mountain track. All went well till overtaken by night at the trestle bridge under repair opposite the O. K. mine. Ward, in endeavoring to cross it, fell through and was badly cut about the neck and head. He was taken to the O. K. boarding house and, after having his wounds dressed by Dr. Coulthard, was brought up to the Sisters' hospital, where he is lying in a dangerous condition. Strong hopes of his recovery are, however, entertained.

SOUR DOUGH ALLEY.

It Will Be but a Memory After This Week—First Avenue Opened.

Sour Dough alley is becoming a thing of the past. By the end of this week it will be no more if the work of transformation continues as rapidly as it has progressed during the few days that the workmen have been moving the buildings to the south line of First avenue. F. J. Walker, who owns a good deal of the ground upon which Sour Dough wound its maze-like way, is doing the moving. He said yesterday that the moving is going on very fast. He said yesterday that by Saturday Sour Dough will be but a memory and persons desiring to go from Spokane to Washington street north of Columbia avenue will be able to walk along First avenue on a plank walk which will be put down by that time.

Most of the houses along Sour Dough will front on First avenue when the work of moving them is completed. The First avenue will be opened through to Lincoln street at once and a 10-foot alley with a board walk will run east and west about on the line formerly occupied by Sour Dough. Groups of men were gathered on the sidewalks yesterday remarking upon the passing of the famous alley, whose abolition is a striking instance of Rossland's growth and a strong reminder that conditions that once sufficed are no longer able to accommodate the demand for business locations and traffic room.

BLAKE FEELS HURT.

Says The Miner Has Libelled Him and Begins Criminal Proceedings.

J. N. Blake does not like being stigmatized a jumper, especially a common jumper. He objects to being called a blatherskite, is virtuously indignant at being thought a hypocrite and says that when THE MINER stated that those of the Quartz Creek squatters, who have paid rent to Messrs. Bowles and Blake will lose their money, that THE MINER could only have meant either that Messrs. Powell and Blake had obtained that money under false pretenses or were not entitled to it.

He says this is libel, and therefore he has a summons issued against John R. Reavis, the president, and H. W. O. Jackson, the editor of the ROSSLAND MINER, for criminal libel. The case will be brought up this morning at 10 a. m., before Justice Townsend.

Pine Ridge Company Meet.

At a meeting of the Pine Ridge Gold Mining company, held at the office of Martin & Curtis, the following officers were elected: W. L. Panis, president; T. H. Rea, vice-president; J. Stinson, treasurer; W. L. Orle, secretary. The company's property consists of three claims on Cayuse creek in Deer Park on the Lower Arrow lake. All three claims show strong and large ledges, assaying \$4 in gold on the surface.

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE.

Spokane's Citizens Want a Business Man For Mayor.

Spokane, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—Tonight at eight o'clock sharp will be called the convention of the people's party, or, more properly speaking, the fusion party, for the purpose of nominating a mayor, comptroller, treasurer and ten councilmen.

A careful canvass of the situation today indicates that none of the candidates now up for the nomination for mayor will be selected on the first ballot, but that the fight promises to wax hot between the different elements of the fusionists, in which each will strive to nominate its separate champion for the office.

Within the past 24 hours, however, a new phase of the situation has come to a head that promises to put a different aspect on the labors of the convention other than what has been looked for, and which may be the means of causing the defeat of all the mayoralty candidates now prominently seeking the nomination.

It is the desire of the mass of the people of the city that Spokane be given a free, clean, business-like administration free from politics and politicians, such as have been inflicted upon the city for

several years past, and that a clean, straight-cut business man, who is not hampered by any party affiliations or ante-election promises, should be placed at the head of the city government. This sentiment has now crystallized to the extent that it now seems to be a foregone conclusion that the name of Dr. E. D. Olmstead will be presented before the convention tonight for the nomination for mayor.

Dr. McLean's supporters still claim their man will be nominated on the first ballot, while the opposition is just as certain that he will not only not be nominated on the first ballot, but that he will not be nominated at all. The supporters of Dr. Boyd and J. C. Byrd say their candidates have both gained strength in the last 24 hours, and that McLean's strength has suffered a corresponding decrease. Mayor Dell's name will not go before the convention.

McLean On the First Ballot.

Spokane, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—Dr. J. D. McLean was nominated for mayor on the first ballot. The vote was: McLean, 86; John Hearn, 32; Dr. J. M. Byrd, 23; J. C. Byrd, 27. Necessary for a choice, 77. Floyd Daggett (democrat) was nominated for comptroller; F. J. J. Quirk (silver republican) for treasurer.

SPITE WORK AT BOTTOM.

Sergeant Kalmus, Who Attempted Suicide Now on Trial For Embezzlement.

HELENA, Mont., April 20.—[Special.]—Israel Kalmus, commissary sergeant of the quartermaster's department at Fort Harrison, is now standing court martial for embezzlement. Sergeant Kalmus was the man who attempted to commit suicide about a month ago in the basement of his barracks by hanging himself. It was the disgrace of his arrest and trial that was certain to follow, and his discharge from the army, so near the time when he would be retired on half pay after 30 years service, which caused Sergeant Kalmus to attempt to take his life.

As near as can be learned he did not misappropriate the funds of the government, but money belonging to his fellow soldiers. The amount, as near as can be learned, was \$160. Spite work appears to be at the bottom of the prosecution.

SPOKANE RIVER BOOMING.

Higher Than Last Year and Still Rising—500,000 Feet of Logs Gone.

Spokane, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—Five hundred thousand feet of logs escaped the Spokane and Idaho Lumber company's boom at Idaho Falls yesterday afternoon and came down the river, passing through the city and over the falls last night after dark. An attempt was made to corral the logs above the falls but it was unsuccessful. Grave fears were entertained for a time that the logs would carry out the water works dam and bridges in the upper part of the city, but they passed without doing any damage. The Spokane river is now higher than at any period last year and is rising at the rate of eight inches in 24 hours. A flood is anticipated.

Spokane's New Exchange.

Spokane, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—The promoters of the new mining stock exchange have called a meeting of the subscribers to assemble at the mining club room this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of proceeding to the organization of the exchange.

The prime movers of the proposed new exchange say they now have 100 of the most prominent mining men on the list for men of the city enrolled on the list for membership. In view of the large number of signers the promoters have concluded to increase the limit of membership to 200 instead of 150 as was first contemplated.

Only Eleven Days Left.

Spokane, Wash., April 20.—[Special.]—Only eleven days more remain before Gin Pong will pay the penalty of his brutal crimes under the federal or super court sentence. The governor can be persuaded to use his authority. Sheriff Dempsey is not worried over the proposed appeals and is going ahead with the arrangements. The execution of the gallows was begun. The sheriff has decided to issue but a few invitations, although applications are coming in very fast. The trap will be sprung by electricity as in the case of Brooks, the colored man, hanged in 1892.

Trades and Labor Assembly Organized.

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Rossland was held Sunday afternoon. Delegates from the different organizations. A committee was then appointed to wait on the city council in regard to work to be done by the city. The typographical union reported that all the employing printers had signed the scale for one year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, James Ousick; vice-president, Michael Powell; secretary-treasurer, P. J. Holohan; executive committee: Fred Barker, Thos. J. Corrigan, and R. A. Hutchins; sergeant-at-arms, A. J. Long.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Big Three Company.

EDITOR MINER.—Sir: I see by THE MINER that somebody is inquiring about the Big Three mine in connection with the work, and you reply that nobody representing the company is there at present and you think that no work is going on. I wonder what do they mean. We were induced to buy shares in that company with great promises to yield big dividends. I have bought shares for my own money. Naturally they expect something for the money that they invested. They seem to be very slow about their work, as they began long ago to develop their property. I hope they will soon begin in earnest and not disappoint us as they have done. Will you good enough to enquire into this matter and oblige. Yours truly, SHAREHOLDER.

[We have asked O. G. Labree, manager of the Big Three properties, for a statement on the matters referred to. He said: "We have developed the Big Three claims to a point where they could no longer be worked economically without machinery. It will probably cost \$20,000 to buy all the machinery necessary, and we are now making arrangements for that. I think we shall be ready to commence in a short time. We have done everything in our power to develop the mine and to convince us that we have some valuable ground. We are well satisfied and have no doubt that the Big Three company will come out in fine shape. It seems to me this is all I can say on the subject."—E.]

Hon. Mr. Martin's Pledge.

VICTORIA, April 15. EDITOR MINER.—Sir: At the meeting at Kamloops which reference was made yesterday in the house by Mr. Martin, Mr. Martin pledged himself to resign his portfolio, and guarantee in aid of the British Pacific scheme, be brought down by the government, resigned his office and the right to so secure any further land grant. We made a memorandum in writing of the terms of Mr. Martin's pledge on the same day. Mr. Martin had evidently no written memorandum to refresh his memory, and his statement last night that he was only pledged against supporting a grant of annual interest to the amount of \$250,000, is not

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correct. There were other gentlemen present, personal friends of Mr. Martin and politically opposed to ourselves, whose recollection of what Mr. Martin did pledge himself to is likely to be less biased than his.

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