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SIXTY MINERS MET DEATH.

Explosion of Fire Damp in the Mines of the Carbon Hill Coal Company.

TOWN OF CARBONADO THE SCENE

Tunnels Ran for Miles Under the Place and the Citizens Were in a Great Panic.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 9.—About noon to-day this quiet coal-mining village was stunned with the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal Company, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. There was an enormous rumbling, smothered sound for a few moments, and then it ceased abruptly. The people who had been accustomed to a livelihood by mining knew at once what this meant, and stood around with blanched faces.

Explosion of Fire Damp.

Apprehensions of some fearful disaster were confirmed in a little while with information that the morning shift in tunnel No. 7 had been caught in an explosion of fire damp. Between 70 and 80 men were at work in the mine at the time, and the meagre report conveyed the information that all must have been killed, as there was no chance of escape. Those who were not killed outright would be hemmed in by falling walls and timbers, and suffocated by the fumes and smoke before any opportunity for relief could come.

A Rush of the Inhabitants.

A rush of the inhabitants was made in the direction of the mouth of the tunnel. The wives of the men supposed to be in the shaft ran to and fro, screaming and wringing their hands with anguish, crying children clinging to their skirts.

It was all that D. T. Davies, the superintendent of the mine, could do to keep the friends of the doomed miners and their wives from plunging madly into the tunnel's mouth. The coal mines were those of the Carbon Hill Coal Company, but they really belong to the South Pacific Railway Company. The coal is a soft, bituminous variety, productive of a large proportion of gas, and has been much used in gas manufacture. The foreman in charge of the shift was J. H. Davies. It is said that seventy-eight men were working under him. Sixteen bodies, all mangled out of recognition, have, so far, been taken out by the relief corps.

Details Are Meagre.

So far the details of the disaster are meagre, as Supt. Davies and Foreman John H. Davies of the day shift are now down in the mine, engaged in the rescue. The number of men employed in the first day shift was 72. The explosion occurred between 10 and 11 a. m., as near as can be ascertained. Davies, the foreman, escaped unhurt, and, besides him, about 20 of the Fins. Most of the men are Welsh, and several of the Welsh miners also escaped, but they immediately turned to and went back into the mine in hope of being able to rescue those still supposed to be alive.

The mines gave work to 400 men, and had an output of 300,000 tons annually. They are situated forty miles from Tacoma, on the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific. The mines are in a deep ravine, through which the Carbon River flows. It is a glacial river. The mines are supplied with every appliance for safety. They are largely tunnelled, and the tunnels are so big that locomotives run into them.

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The Great Fur Auction Wednesday.

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Canadian Temperance League.

Lon. J. Beauchamp of Hamilton, O., was the speaker at yesterday's meeting of the Canadian Temperance League, in Massey Hall. He proved himself an eloquent speaker. Watkin Mills sang several songs.

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THE LOCAL BYE-ELECTIONS.

Mr. Marter and Mr. Haycock Had a Joint Meeting in East Elgin on Saturday.

TALKED ON ONTARIO FINANCES.

North Toronto's Member Made the Liberal-Patron Look Small—Premier at Oshawa.

Aylmer, Ont., Dec. 9.—Determined to have the finances of the province placed before the electors of East Elgin in such a way as to remove all doubt as to the merits of the statements of the two parties, the Conservatives here arranged for a joint debate between G. F. Marter and a representative of the Liberal party. The Liberals accepted the challenge and selected Joseph Haycock, ex-M.L.A., as their champion. The discussion took place this afternoon in the Town Hall here, before one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the town, electors being present from every part of the riding.

Mr. Marter opened the debate by a half hour's discussion on the financial condition of the province. He used a number of sheets printed in large figures, which could be seen by all the audience, and as he pointed to the figures, asked Mr. Haycock to say whether or not they were correct.

The Liberal champion was forced somewhat reluctantly to admit that they were entirely accurate. Mr. Marter's first sheet showed the Sandfield-Macdonald surplus of $3,815,010. The second sheet showed that it was composed only of cash on hand and invested.

Mr. Haycock in his first half hour tried to break the force of Mr. Marter's arraignment of the Government's financial record, but was forced to confess that the boasted surplus had been exploded.

Mr. Marter in his second half hour contented himself mainly with showing that Mr. Haycock, when in Parliament, had himself condemned by his votes the extravagance of the Government. He also showed how, by economical management, the business of the country could be efficiently carried on with a greatly reduced expenditure, while the outlay of the province could be kept within the income. Mr. Haycock claimed that the Government had changed its policy as well as its personnel, and that he was therefore not inconsistent in now supporting them. He said that since Mr. Hardy's accession to the Premiership, no members had been appointed to office, and also hazarded the statement that the printing of the school books had been let by tender.

Mr. Marter closed with a ten-minute speech, refuting Mr. Haycock's argument as to the school book tender, etc.

CALDER'S LAST MEETING

Was Held at Brooklin on Saturday Night—Mr. Carscallen's Address.

Brooklin, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The campaign in this riding, as far as public meetings are concerned, closed to-night with a meeting here in the interest of Mr. Chas. Calder, at which the speakers were Dr. Kaiser of Oshawa and Mr. Henry Carscallen, Q. C., M.L.A., of Hamilton. The town hall was packed, although the meeting was only announced late in the preceding afternoon. Dr. James Moore of Brooklin occupied the chair well.

Dr. Kaiser briefly addressed the meeting in his well-known forcible style, and sustained his reputation as a public speaker.

Mr. Carscallen delivered the most effective and masterly address that the electors have heard throughout the campaign. On all sides, and by both parties, it was unanimously felt that never in South Ontario has there been such an intelligent and eloquent presentation of matters of public interest and public concern.

In opening, the speaker said he was there to discuss "Provincial matters, and, incidentally, men." The management of the former by the Reform governments was described as "idle and wasteful," and the leading characteristic of some of its Ministers was "hypocrisy."

"Give me a man, and not a hypocrite," said the speaker, and ringing cheers greeted this statement, everyone present thinking of the Minister of Agriculture and the Tooley letter.

Mr. Carscallen derided the Premier's new plank regarding the nickel industry. Eighty-five per cent. of our nickel deposits are controlled by an American concern, the Canadian Copper Company, "and well does the Premier know," said Mr. Carscallen, "that his free-trade Grit friends at Ottawa will never allow Sir Wilfrid Laurier to put on an export duty. Mr. Ross claims great credit for having provided asylums for our insane, and other matters requiring mere administrative ability, and, almost in the same breath admits his party has been twenty years too late in adopting measures and passing legislation that true statesmanship and sagacity would, and should, have suggested. Equally derelict had the Liberal party been in their timber policy and the protection of our Canadian workmen."

With dignity and force, the speaker devoted his last few minutes to an appeal, particularly to the younger men, for independence of thought and action in regard to all public matters.

"Your public men are what you allow them to be. Teach them that they must be honest and not hypocritical, and then the tone of public life and the standard of public men will be elevated," were the speaker's closing sentiments, and his words went home to every man, woman and child in the audience, as was testified by the tumult of applause that followed his taking his seat, and the way in which "God Save the Queen" was sung, and cheers for Charlie Calder and the speakers were given.

The Premier at Oshawa.

Oshawa, Ont., Dec. 9.—The Liberal party of South Ontario held a meeting in the Music Hall, Oshawa, to-night, and a very large audience gathered.

Among those seated on the platform were: Hon. Mr. Stratton, Hon. Mr. Ross, Hon. Mr. Dryden, F. L. Fowke, L. K. Murton, Dr. McBrien, E. S. Edmonson, John Stanton, W. E. Sinclair, F. A. Guy, M. P. Cross, E. Mundy, L. J. Coryell, J. O. Guy, E. M. Henry. Mr. Stratton first took the platform, and spoke of many of the public questions of the day.

Hon. John Dryden then took the platform and spoke very strongly, mostly about his own constituency and himself.

He only spoke for a few minutes, as Mr. Ross came after, and he wanted to give him time.

Premier Ross' Speech.

Mr. Ross then took up the same theme, and spoke for a short time on the subjects now before the people.

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An Appeal To-Day.

Among the appeals set down for hearing by the Divisional Court to-day is that of John A. Harper of Peterboro from the decision of Mr. Justice Robertson in his action for damages against the Toronto Type Foundry Co. He claimed $2000 for damages in having to close down his printing plant through the defendants seizing it under a lien. His action was dismissed with costs by the trial judge.

Waterloo Pioneer Dead

Waterloo, Ont., Dec. 9.—Mr. Jacob Seyler, for over 18 years a highly-respected resident of Waterloo, and a pioneer of Waterloo County, died this morning, aged sixty-five years.

DR. TALMAGE DREW CROWDS

To the Metropolitan Methodist Church Yesterday Afternoon, Many of Whom Could Not Get in.

AN ELOQUENT TALK ON THE BIBLE,

Illustrated by Stories Told in His Inimitable Manner Moved the Vast Throng.

It is safe to say that T. De Witt Talmage has very seldom had as many people at his feet as he had yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Church. It was not that they cared particularly to be so close, but there was no other place for them to sit or stand. The church was filled long before 3 and people could be met coming away from the church with the melancholy information, "Can't get in." Every available space in the church was jammed. In the aisles, doorways, inside and around the altar-rail, expectant people waited for the preacher. Even on the platform the preacher's movements were hampered for fear of tripping over plug hats, umbrellas and coats.

A Striking Pulpit Orator.

It has been said Talmage to hear was not the Talmage to read, but this was not the case yesterday. The audience was very much impressed and convinced of his power as a speaker. Clean shaven, with a powerful voice and an almost dramatic delivery, he was a very striking figure in the pulpit. His power of telling stories is great, and it seemed to please him to see how he could sway the people by them, for he gave three or four in succession. Some of these, such as the love of a mother that was gone and her dying charges, seemed unnecessary, for it was something people did not need to be reminded of.

Why These Services?

At 3 o'clock Mr. Talmage, Revs. R. P. Bowles, C. O. Johnson, Dr. Sutherland and Dr. German entered and took seats on the platform. Dr. Sutherland conducted the opening services and the congregational singing was one of the most impressive features of the service. After a prayer, Dr. Sutherland explained that one of the objects of that service and the one Monday evening in Massey Hall was to aid Clinton-street Methodist Church in raising a mortgage. Already $6800 had been raised and $1200 more was needed to put the church on a working financial basis. The collection was then taken up, after which Mr. Talmage commenced his sermon.

His text was chosen from the 19th Psalm and part of the 8th verse. "The statutes of the Lord are right."

What Talmage Said.

Old books, he said, go out of date. What questions they discussed and wrongs they struck at had long ago ceased, while the things they advocated had passed away. Many of the city and national libraries were resting places of dead books. Once in a while one came across an old book whose leather lips seemed to say, "I wish I was dead." Monuments and pillars were erected for dead men and women, but none for dead books.

His Dearest Treasure.

He then spoke of the Bible and how tyranny, persecution and superstition had not destroyed it. Now in its pathway schools, churches and asylums of mercy had been raised. The dearest treasure he owned was a dear old family Bible, which he had leafed, seated on his mother's knee while she told him its sweet stories. Some people doubted its authenticity, but there was more evidence that it was true than that Shakespeare wrote Hamlet; Milton, Paradise Lost; or Scott, Marmion.

The Most Popular Book.

To-day the Bible was the most popular book, the church the most popular institution, and Jesus the most popular name. When in early days efforts were made to destroy the Bible there were only 400 copies, but now there were 400,000,000. Everywhere it was seen under the painter's brush, the resurrection, crucifixion, and birth of Christ glowed on canvas and walls, while from the sculptor's chisel figures starter up.

Science Proved It.

Objectors laughed at the possibility of some of the old biblical tales, but these were true. For every scientific man who rejected the Bible there were a dozen of his class who believed entirely in it.

Joseph Henry knew all the facts of geology and believed the Book of Genesis, and all the facts of astronomy and believed the sun had once stood still.

Was Made Sick.

Some young scientists made him sick. With a little knowledge of the feelers of a beetle and legs of a grasshopper and Darwin under their arm, they patronized the Lord. His great wonder was how the Lord got along without them before they were born and after they were dead.

He then indicated the manner in which some people read the Bible and said, in reading it, Genesis was the door to go in and Revelation the door to go out. All the great books in the world were but the Bible diluted. It was the firmament around which suns, moons, stars and eternities wheeled and triumphed.

A Concluding Prayer.

The variety and effects of the Bible were then spoken of, after which he told several stories which greatly moved the people. Mr. Talmage closed his sermon with an eloquent prayer.

Knights of the Grip.

At the regular meeting of the Canadian Order, Knights of the Grip, held in the Temple Building on Saturday night, the following were elected for the year 1900: Richard Ivens, high chief gripman; J. E. Kent, chief gripman; J. D. Bland, chaplain; W. J. Micks, captain; P. J. Sheppard, lieutenant; George H. Haslam, sergeant; R. S. Mooney, secretary; S. Stirling, treasurer; L. Duncan, assistant-secretary; John Grant, forager; M. A. Smith, custodian; Harry Barker, chairman Musical Committee; W. Cauldwell and W. J. Hopwood, auditors. T. F. Corey, the present high chief gripman, will occupy the past high chief gripman's chair during the ensuing year.

Commandery No. 5 (Ottawa) was instituted on Saturday night, by Sir Knights Silliman, Madill, McAllister, Hopwood and Escott, representing the Supreme Commandery.

Gigantic Auction Sale.

The auction sale of the big stock of jewellery of Davis Bros., conducted by Charles M. Henderson at 191 Yonge-street, was largely attended Saturday, both afternoon and evening. There was hardly standing room at either sales. The sale is wholly unreserved, and is perhaps the largest one ever conducted in Toronto. Jewellery and ornaments of all sorts are being sold at marvelously low prices. Gold watches, diamonds, bronzes, marble clocks, electro-plate, fancy goods, opera glasses and a host of other articles eminently suited for Christmas presents are being sold. Mr. Joseph Davis is present at the sales and gives his personal guarantee to all articles. Charles M. Henderson personally conducts the sale in his inimitable manner. Sales begin at 2.30 and 8 p.m.

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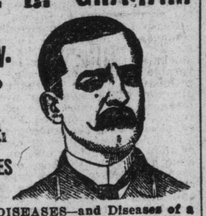

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