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PITTSBURGH MINE HORROR.

There Are Over One Hundred Men

in the Pit.

A CAYE-IN AND EXPLOSION.

Pittsburgh the Scene of the Catastrophe—

Probably All Have Perished—The

Families of the Victims Await News

at the Mouth of the Mine—No Hope

for the Imprisoned Men.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 28.—At 3

o'clock this morning the city of Pitts-

burgh was thrown into a state of

excitement by three

distinct and separate shocks

accompanied by rumblings, resembling

earthquake disturbance. They were so

strong as to awaken the people

throughout the city. The shocks

were followed by a great explosion

of the entire population, which was

added to by the blowing of the whis-

tles of the Twin Shaft at Pittsburgh

junction, accompanied by repeated fire

alarms. Hundreds of people rushed

in mad haste to the Twin Shaft, where

operated by the Newton Coal Company,

from which the alarm came, where

they learned that the shaft had been

closed by an explosion, which had occurred

in the sixth or lower vein of the shaft.

Runners soon gained currency that no

less than 100 men and boys were en-

tombled in the pit. The fearful and

distressing news spread with light-

ning rapidity, and by 8 o'clock this

morning the hearts of the men, women

and children. The hours following

the alarm were full of harrowing

scenes. The anxious suspense of the

workmen, the grief of the friends, and

the tender sympathy of the afflicted

ones, manifested by the spectators,

were painful to witness. Efforts

were made to quiet the friends of the

men in the mine, by tendering the lit-

tle encouragement possible, and un-

made in this work, and soon the im-

minent danger was prevented, and at

least fifty men were pushing their

way to the foot of No. 3 plane, the

scene of the extensive cave-in.

To the encouragement of those who

lived of everything in the mine, word

was sent up that the men were run-

ning about. The fact of these men

living unscathed gave the impression

that the explosive sounds heard were

due to no gas explosion but only to

the rush of air created by the sudden

cave-in. At 6 o'clock this evening

the aspect was as gloomy as it was

early. The morning. Mine Inspector

McDonald was on the ground and went

to the foot of the shaft, where he

made a thorough investigation. He de-

termined that no rescue could then be

made, and his report only confirmed

the stories of his predecessors in the

work of rescue. So far as travel was

possible, the encouragement of all it

was to the encouragement of all it

was found that the fan house had

suffered no injury. This fact gave

hope to those in control that perhaps

the volume of air could be

forced to the rear of the cave-in by

sending it in a roundabout way, but

this afternoon at a consultation of the

leading superintendents of the

Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys it

was feared that this idea was not to

be depended upon.

The officials of the twin shaft at

9 o'clock to-night say that it is hard

to estimate the number in the shaft,

though they will reach not less than

80 and from that to 125. The acci-

dent is similar to the Avondale dis-

aster, which occurred on September

11th, 1869, when 109 miners and la-

borers lost their lives. The rescue

party have cleared nearly 900 feet

THE THIRTEENTH ON TOP.

Won the Military Rifle League Series

for Martins.

DUNDAS FIRST WITH THE SNIDERS.

The Thirteenth Men Made Good Scores

Against a Bad Wind, Passing the

Cornwall Men Who Had the Lead up

to Saturday—The Leading Scores in

the Final Match.

On Saturday the last of the series

of four matches in the Military Rifle

League series took place on the

ranges of the various regiments and

Rifle Associations throughout the

Dominion. Hamilton, like some other

places, provided poor shooting

weather. The wind was strong and

gusty, making high scoring not in

order, although the old hands, as a

rule, did well. The young shots

behind the average. The 13th

first Martini team made the fine

total of 906, an average of over 90

per man. Of the 20 Martini men who

shot nine made 90 or more, and the

average was over 85. The Snider

men were two short of the full six

teams. Sergt. E. F. Rymal headed

the score with the splendid total of

98 out of a possible 105, and Corp.

C. W. Spencer and the veteran Sergt.

H. Harris made 96 each with the

Martini.

FIRST MARTINI TEAM.

200 500 600

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Corp. C. W. Spencer ... 29 34 33

Sergt. H. Harris ... 29 34 33

Pte. A. Robertson ... 29 34 33

Pte. A. Murdoch ... 29 34 33

Pte. T. H. Hayhurst ... 31 31 28

Sergt. Major S. J. ... 31 31 28

Huggins ... 31 31 28

Sergt. W. L. Ross ... 32 30 27

Sergt. T. Mitchell ... 32 31 26

Sergt. D. Mitchell ... 28 33 26

Sergt. E. Skedden ... 29 31 26

304 316 286 906

SECOND MARTINI TEAM.

Sergt. H. McNeilly ... 33 32 29

Sergt. W. Will ... 28 32 31

Corp. E. R. Marshall ... 33 30 28

Pte. E. Elmer ... 27 31 28

Major E. G. Zealand ... 27 29 25

Pte. F. Morrison ... 28 31 25

Capt. F. B. Ross ... 24 30 28

Lieut. A. Pain ... 30 32 19

Sergt. A. Miller ... 29 30 28

Sergt. D. Garson ... 29 20 27

293 289 264 846

FIRST SNIDER TEAM.

Sgt. E. F. Rymal ... 32 33 33

Maj. J. J. Mason ... 31 32 30

Capt. J. H. Harding ... 27 32 28

Lieut. J. M. Gibson ... 27 32 28

Pte. J. Cleaves ... 29 27 30

Pte. C. E. Madgett ... 31 25 26

Pte. G. W. Fisher ... 25 28 25

Pte. E. S. G. ... 29 28 25

Capt. E. W. Moore ... 31 28 22

Col. Sgt. S. Atkinson ... 29 27 20

298 291 266 855

SECOND SNIDER TEAM.

Pte. J. Stewart ... 29 31 30

Sgt. E. A. Moore ... 29 31 30

Pte. H. Beckett ... 27 29 28

Sgt. W. J. Allan ... 28 30 24

Pte. W. Millicamp ... 32 30 18

Pte. J. Messurier ... 27 25 24

Pte. C. McNab ... 24 31 21

Col. Sgt. F. Hallford ... 29 30 17

Pte. E. T. Deegan ... 29 28 16

Pte. G. Harvey ... 27 27 12

282 293 217 792

THIRD SNIDER TEAM.

Pte. C. Lipke ... 28 31 34

Pte. F. Skedden ... 32 32 27

Pte. C. Cripps ... 29 30 26

Pte. F. R. Findlay ... 30 32 22

Sgt. C. D. Dunford ... 30 28 25

Pte. H. A. Potter ... 20 30 26

Sgt. A. Bismarck ... 24 23 26

Pte. H. Bostead ... 24 23 26

Pte. F. C. Chittenden ... 21 27 16

269 283 250 802

FOURTH SNIDER TEAM.

Sergt. C. N. Stewart ... 29 32 23

Pte. A. E. Cropper ... 23 30 83

Pte. W. F. Ambrose ... 29 30 24

Col. Sgt. W. Woodroffe ... 25 25 29

Pte. J. Parkinson ... 21 28 28

Pte. R. Bates ... 24 20 22

Pte. L. Jamieson ... 22 23 20

Corp. L. H. Millen ... 22 17 24

Pte. G. Curran ... 27 16 17

Pte. B. Smith ... 23 24 6

246 258 220 724

FIFTH SNIDER TEAM.

Pte. T. Pomfrey ... 27 28 28

Pte. F. Burns ... 26 28 27

Pte. H. Stokings ... 26 29 18

Pte. H. Bowditch ... 24 22 25

Pte. R. McNaught ... 21 26 21

Corp. F. Hannaford ... 23 13 19

Pte. S. J. ... 25 19 64

Pte. J. W. Harper ... 24 22 19

241 248 226 715

SIXTH SNIDER TEAM.

Pte. J. Horning ... 31 28 33

Pte. W. Holmes ... 29 32 31

Pte. J. Payson ... 26 25 17

Major H. McLaren ... 26 25 15

Pte. J. Leith ... 26 25 15

Pte. A. Hanton ... 17 22 26

Lieut. J. Hillings ... 24 24 8

Pte. W. Murray ... 26 19 6

Total, eight men ... 210 203 148 561

THE BEST SCORES.

As usual the Thirteenth regiment

teams are well to the front in both

Martini and Snider competitions.

In the Martini competition the

Cornwall team made a tremendous

score in the first match, but were

beaten in an ordinary position in the

succeeding ones, and on Saturday

was passed by the Thirteenth's first

team, which comes out on top once

again. In the Snider competitions the

Dundas and Waterdown cracks of the

77th Westworth regiment have cap-

tured the first prize, beating the

Thirteenth first Snider team by

twelve points. The leading scores

were:

Martini teams:

Guelph Rifle Club ... 909

13th, Hamilton, 1st team ... 906

14th, Campbellford ... 888

15th, Victoria ... 872

57th, Peterboro ... 870

43rd, Ottawa, 2nd team ... 868

Sussexvale, R. A. ... 859

59th, Cornwall ... 855

43rd, Ottawa, 1st team ... 850

45th, Lindsay ... 846