

COAL MINE EXPLOSION

Scores of Miners Entombed and Work of Rescue Retarded by Fire

Second Bad Disaster at Pocahontas Colliery in Recent Years—Only Two Men Recovered up to Midnight

Bluefield, W. Va., Oct. 8.—As the result of an explosion this afternoon at the West Fork mines of the Pocahontas Coaleries company, where the explosion of 1902 occurred, in which superintendent O'Malley and 16 others lost their lives, 75 men are supposed to be entombed.

Two rescue parties have entered the mines and up to 11 o'clock, two men, named Dolbert and Godash, have been rescued and revived. The mine is reported to be on fire and the work of rescue is retarded. The cause of the explosion is not determined. Great excitement prevails in the neighborhood of the mines. Crowds of men, women and children remained around the drift mouth, awaiting news of relatives and friends among the missing.

The explosion occurred in what is known as the St. Paul entry of the mine. Reports of the number of entombed men vary from 60 to 100 men. The lack of brattice cloth helps to retard the rescue work, and a carload of it is being hurried forward on a special train from Bluefield.

The definite results of the explosion will not be known for perhaps 12 hours. The force of the explosion was hardly noticeable at the mine's mouth, for the entry in which it occurred is 2½ miles in the mountains.

A number of men in the south mine were almost suffocated before they were rescued.

MINERAL EXHIBIT AWARDS

B. C. Mines Win Several Prizes at the Spokane Fair

Awards for the mineral exhibits at the Spokane Interstate fair have been announced by judges, Colonel N. R. Lindsey, L. K. Armstrong and J. W. Hays.

For the best display, a valuable silver cup was awarded to G. W. Cornish of Greenwood, B.C., who represented the Boundary, Phoenix and west fork of Kootenay rivers.

A fine silver cup was offered to the individual mine making the best exhibit and display of ore, for each district respectively, which were the Cour d'Alene, Murray, Metairie and Boundary districts.

The Idaho mine, which is located on Sunset peak, above Wallace, which is controlled by Larsen, Peterson and company, 112 Wall street, Spokane, was awarded the cup for the Cour d'Alene district.

The Lucky Boy, located in Idaho gulch, was awarded the cup for the Murray district. Their display consisted of nice samples of heavy lead ore, assaying 76 per cent lead, 12 ounces silver and \$14.50 in gold per ton.

The Spokane Lead Mines company, 239 Lindell block, was awarded the cup for the Metairie district.

The Strathmore mine, owned by the Strathmore Gold Mining company, won the cup for the Boundary district. The ore assays about \$30 per ton in gold, silver and copper.

G. W. Cornish of Greenwood received the gold medal for the display of his cabinet of rich ore samples.

Silver medals were awarded the Eureka Mines, Ltd., of Nelson, B.C., for rich and beautiful samples of copper ore and carbonates. The Five Metals group, at Crawford Bay, B.C., for copper ore, silver-lead, carbonates, specular ore and limestone.

BRITISH LABOR MOVEMENT

Federation of Miners Breaks From Socialist Section

London, Oct. 3.—The labor movement in Great Britain is at present passing through an interesting phase, which is tending to decide the future dominance of one of two sections of the labor party in the house of commons, the liberal section, led by John Burns, or the socialist section, led by James Keir Hardie.

The Federation of Miners at a meeting held this week at Swansea took a ballot, which although the official figures are not yet available, is expected to have decided against joining the Hardie section.

On the other hand a conference of the railway servants acting simultaneously at Cardiff passed a resolution, after a long and bitter debate, in favor of the Hardie section in spite of the fact that their leader, Richard Bell, M.P., was strongly opposed to the railway men submitting themselves to socialist dictation.

PROGRESS ON LA FRANCE

At Depth of 160 Feet Two and a Half Feet of Shipping Ore.

At a depth of 160 feet the ore shoot on the La France Creek Mining company's property shows two and one half feet of good shipping ore, is the encouraging report brought to town by Thomas Wall, who is in from the La France creek. The lower tunnel to tap this showing in the winze is now in over 450 feet with about 250 feet more to be driven, he estimated, to tap the ore, which will give a depth from the surface of 440 feet. At present supplies to last all winter are being ordered, and a force of men are at work fixing up the trail. Mr. Wall is highly optimistic over the present showing, which he states is second to none on the east side of Kootenay lake, and predicts that further development at depth will prove the La France creek and Crawford creek mineral belts to be one of the best camps contiguous to the city.

WEEK'S ORE SHIPMENTS

Detailed Tonnage List for Nine Months of 1906

Great Increase is Recorded Over Last Year—Zinc Properties Alone are Lagging Behind

The ore production for the upper districts of the province, now that the year is closing its third quarter, is showing a marked improvement over previous years. The copper-gold shipments leave little to be desired while the lead production is much better than it was, with more mines opening. One vexatious cause of delay at present is the lack of ore, owing to it is declared, to the failure of the Jute crop in India, whence the demand in this market is supplied. A heavy shipment is at present being made and it is hoped that this trouble will be obviated within a few weeks. But in many of the camps at the present moment hundreds of tons of lead ore are lying on the dumps, waiting for sacking.

The zinc industry so far has not made the progress which was anticipated for it earlier in the year, due to several causes which were lately detailed in the Daily News. A Slocan zinc owner, speaking of this subject yesterday to a representative of The Daily News, said that the demand for zinc was daily increasing and with proper encouragement the supply would largely increase also. But the trouble was in treating the ore after it had been mined. First of all, in the majority of cases, it had to be separated from the lead contents, entailing a heavy loss of possibly 20 per cent or more. Again, after the ore had reached the smelter, the recovery there was certainly not greater than from 80 to 85 per cent. These two losses taken together amounted to a serious charge upon the industry and that industry an infant one. Hence he advocated a bounty.

It will be noted that the ore shipments have greatly increased from many mines and that many more shipping mines are now at work. At present there are upwards of 140 mines shipping from various points in Yale-Kootenay but the smelters are dealing with ores, principally for fluxing purposes, from several mines outside these limits.

The list of mines presented below is not quite exhaustive as several of the mines which are running mills have not for this year neglected to supply any data, whatever, and these therefore are included. It is probable that, were they included, the aggregate tonnage would be swelled nearly 20,000 tons.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS

Grainby	Year	1905	1906
Grainby	15,997	630,909	
Brooklyn	2,805	110,225	
Mother Lode		74,742	
Sunset	90	21,818	
Rawhide	56	11,717	
Oro Denoro		4,108	
Shoshone	560	4,998	
Mountain Rose	106	1,650	
Jade	60	1,180	
St. Eugene		538	
Skylark		89	
Strathmore		47	
Rambler		35	
Preston		14	
Prince Henry		15	
Elkhorn		9	
Butcher Boy			
Total	20,290	801,805	

ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS

Centre Star	Year	1905	1906
Le Roi	1,475	97,566	
Le Roi No. 2	502	20,245	
Le Roi No. 2, Milled		10,125	
Jumbo	370	3,700	
White Bear	200	2,000	
White Bear, milled		490	
O. K., Milled		18	
Mabel			
Total	6,711	241,071	

SLOCAN-KOOTENAY SHIPMENTS

Sullivan	Year	1905	1906
Sullivan	600	19,550	
Ymir	17	800	
Ymir, milled		630	
Eva		289	
Eva, milled		121	
La Plata		121	
La Plata, milled		455	
Hunter V.		3,579	
Zine to Frank		3,500	
North Star		1,683	
Hunter Belle		1,520	
Reliance, milled		1,520	
Silver King		149	
Arlington, Erie		46	
Burke		21	
Queen		20	
Whitewater		52	
Whitewater Prince		20	
Ottawa		20	
Arlington, Slocan		406	
King		32	
Lone Bachelor		214	
Vancouver		307	
Kootenay Belle		42	
Standard		219	
Rich		250	
Black Diamond		184	
United		182	
Monitor-Ajax		159	
Payne		128	
Black Prince		122	
Mountain Boomer		108	
Hewitt		102	
No. 1		96	
Silver Cup		80	
Whitewater Deep		30	
Sunshine		27	

Widow	Year	1905	1906
Emerald		219	
Pearl		200	
Central		184	
Lorna Doone		182	
United		169	
Monitor-Ajax		168	
Skylark		162	
Sunset		152	
Payne		128	
Majestic		123	
Vancouver		106	
Mountain Boomer		104	
Hewitt		94	
No. 1		88	
Silver Cup		88	
Whitewater Deep		80	
Sunshine		87	
Widow		76	
Payne		76	
Red Fox		66	
Majestic		64	
Tamarack		62	
Widow		62	
Queen Dominion		42	
Emerald		40	
Molly Hughes		40	
Idemyston		35	
Mercury		35	
Silver Glance		35	
Buffalo		34	
Black Diamond		32	
Little Donald		32	
Granite		24	
Crawford		20	
Canadian		20	
Lucky Boy		20	
Buffalo		20	
Mother Lode		21	
R. E. Lee		21	
T. G. Procter		21	
Waller and Cavanaugh		20	
Bismarck		18	
Neepawa		18	
Mountain Con		18	
Midnight		13	
Don Pedro		13	
Meteor		13	
Manitou		11	
Noonday		11	
Cliff		11	
Emily Edith		10	
Ruby Silver		10	
Aurora		9	
Empress		9	
British Empire		9	
Happy Medium		9	
Highland Light		9	
Summit		9	
Blank		9	
Ore Hill		9	
L. Henry		9	
Sara B.		9	
Wonderful		9	
Harney		9	
Marion		9	
Five Metals		9	
Goodenough		9	
Regina		9	
Total	630	29,900	

GRANBY RECEIPTS

Grainby	Year	1905	1906
Grainby	15,997	630,909	
Oro Denoro		3,160	
Jumbo		2,145	
Skylark		230	
Total	15,997	641,138	

B. C. COOPER CO'S RECEIPTS

Mother Lode	Year	1905	1906
Mother Lode	74,742		
Emma		636	
Big Copper		60	
Strathmore		7,346	
Total	74,742	7,346	

DOMINION COPPER CO'S RECEIPTS

Brooklyn	Year	1905	1906
Brooklyn	2,805	110,225	
Sunset		90,378	
Rawhide		538	
Mountain Rose		106	
Oro Denoro		1,474	
Total	2,805	112,381	

TRAIL SMELTER RECEIPTS

Centre Star	Year	1905	1906
Centre Star	1,534	107,812	
Le Roi		97,566	
Le Roi No. 2		20,245	
St. Eugene		538	
Skylark		89	
Iron Mask		105	
North Star		8,302	
Snowstorm		1,773	
Ymir		1,382	
Silver King		1,382	
Providence		1,100	
Ben Hur		988	
Eureka		379	
Crown Point		379	
Lone Bachelor		214	
Kootenay Belle		307	
White Bear		200	
Ymir		17	
Sally		74	
La Plata		74	
Central		67	
Dandy		67	
Mother Lode		60	
Rambler		60	
Paradise		47	
American Boy		47	
Emerald		24	
Silver Hustler		24	
Black Diamond		21	
Mabel		21	
Helen		16	
Poorman		16	
Preston		16	
Giant		12	
Don Pedro		12	
Strathmore		12	
Aurora		9	
British Empire		9	
Summit		9	
Ore Hill		9	
Sweeney		9	
Baltimore		9	
Harney		9	
Greenhorn		9	
Mountain Boy		9	
Total	8,306	200,804	

HALL MINES SMELTER RECEIPTS

St. Eugene	Year	1905	1906
St. Eugene	28	9,252	
Hunter V.		65	
Hunter V.		2,871	
La Plata		121	
Blue Bell		46	
Arlington, Erie		46	
Cork		21	
Second Relief		70	
White Star		66	
Queen		438	
Ottawa		20	
Arlington, Slocan		406	
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Vancouver		307	
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Total	632 29.94
MARYSVILLE SMELTER RECEIPTS	
MARYSVILLE, B.C.	