

ENTOMBED IN A MINE.

Disastrous Results of a Cave in at Ashley, Pa.

TWENTY-FIVE MEN IMPRISONED.

Rescuers Bring Forth One Charred Victim and Are Compelled by Gas to Relinquish the Search—Agonizing Scenes About the Mouth of the Pit—Disastrous Prospects.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 17.—Citizens of Ashley, three miles from here, were thrown into the wildest excitement yesterday by a rumbling sound which was heard all over town, and a few seconds later a perceptible shock like an earthquake. People rushed into the streets from houses and stores.

Not before half an hour was the cause explained. Then it was found that an area of nearly a square mile just outside of Ashley, over Baltimore vein No. 4 slope of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre company, had yielded, occasioning the rumble and shock. The report spread in a few minutes and the scene that followed was simply awful. Women whose husbands were at work in the mine rushed out there bareheaded, followed by their children and a great crowd of men and boys.

Buried Alive. The sunken area is at Mallet's Patch, one and one-half miles from the center of Ashley. The ground has come down from a foot to three feet. Numerous cracks at intervals of only a few feet extend from the foot of the mountain into Hanover township, a distance of half a mile, and vary in size from a few inches to several feet.

Not long after a report came that there were a number of laborers and miners inside the mine and imprisoned by the caved earth and coal having choked up their means of exit. This caused most heartrending scenes of anguish. Wives and relatives gave full play to the wildest grief.

Relief parties were organized at once, and worked in shifts of eight men, and the accident was probably caused by robbing the pillars. There was no explosion. The tunnel only allows eight men to work at a time.

The First Victim Rescued. At about 3 p. m. it was announced that one of the rescuing parties had succeeded in breaking through one of the chambers beneath the cave. It was 6:30, however, before they reached the first of the victims.

He was lying at the bottom of a 50 foot plane, and in order to rescue him it became necessary to lower a miner down with a rope. This was done, and the charred and blackened form of Anthony Froye, the first victim, was hoisted to the surface. He was still alive, but his injuries are likely to be fatal.

When the news spread that Froye was burned a feeling of gloom came over the miners' hearts, for they realized that there was little hope of his companions having escaped death. Froye is supposed to have wandered away from the others and while trying to find a way out caused an explosion of gas in some old chamber. If this explosion extended to where the other men were their chances of escape are very slight.

The latest reports from the scene of the disaster is to the effect that the rescuing party has penetrated to within eight feet of the bodies, but the gas is so thick that they were driven back to the surface. The place is full of black damp and further approach in the direction of the victims is impossible even with a safety lamp.

As it looks now very little hope is entertained that any of the men will be rescued alive.

A Heartrending Scene. The men entombed are nearly all married and have large families, all dependent upon them for support. The scene around the mouth of the pit is a heartrending one. Wives and mothers crowd close up to the dark opening and peer in as if their love would dispel the darkness of the fatal depths, while the cries of the little ones calling for their fathers make the hearts sick with pity.

The men who form the rescuing parties are strangers to the families of the victims, and the bonds of possibility they will be rescued alive or their bodies restored.

The Official List. The official list of those imprisoned is as follows: Ellis D. Williams, aged 37, married, seven children, residence Township.

Harry Parry, aged 30, married, five children, residence Newport township.

Owen Parry, his son, aged 17.

Michael Henry, aged 47, married, two sons, residence Ashley.

Thomas C. Davis, aged 37, married, eight children, residence Ashley.

John Scully, aged 31, the support of a widowed mother, residence Ashley.

Michael Scully, brother of John, aged 27, residence Ashley.

Daniel Sullivan, aged 43, married, seven children, one an invalid, residence Wilkesbarre.

John Hanson, aged 33, residence Mott's Patch.

John Allen, assistant mine boss, residence Ashley, aged 33, married, three children taken out several years ago.

Robert W. Roberts, aged 37, married, no children, residence Ashley (brought to the surface at 9 a. m. fatally injured).

Harry Jones, laborer of former, aged 43, married, three children, residence Newtown.

Robert X. Pritchard, aged 31, married, one child, residence Hanover.

Charles James, aged 31, married, five children, residence Hanover.

Anthony Frantz, married, one child, residence Ashley, rescued at 7 o'clock, body burned.

John James, aged 37, married, two children, family in Wales, residence in Ashley.

John Williams, aged 36, married, six children, residence Newtown.

Jonathan Williams, aged 31, married, two children, residence Newtown.

Richard Jones, aged 31, married, two children, residence Newtown.

William Estlin, aged 31, married, two children, residence Wilkesbarre.

Thomas J. Williams, aged 30, married, one child, residence Ashley.

Thomas Clouse, aged 30, married, no children, residence Newtown.

Owen Williams, aged 31, married, residence Ashley, one son, aged 11.

John Henry, aged 47, single, residence Mott's Patch.

Frank Gallagher, aged 31, single, and two others, names not carried off byburglars.

WINDYBRO, May 17.—A La Cled dispatch to The Free Press says that burglars entered the mounted police barracks here and carried off the safe to a swamp a quarter of a mile off, where they broke off the doors and ransacked the contents, getting away with \$1,000.

A PROLIFIC FORGER. The Ferris Pea of a Jersey Youth Gets Him Into Trouble. PHILADELPHIA, N. J., May 17.—William G. Stiers, son of a well to do farmer in Harford county, and until recently a telegraph operator on the Jersey Central railroad, several weeks ago, it is alleged, forged the name of Henry Hittchinson, of Flemington, to a check and fled. At about the same time it is charged, he forged the name of James Houdon, superintendent of the New Jersey division of the Lehigh Valley railroad, to a pass for the train between York and down the coast.

Charles J. Henry, the company's detective, was notified, and with the aid

A DARK HORSE WINS.

Castaway II Defeats the Brooklyn Handicap Favorites.

GREAT CROWDS AT GRAVESEND.

Twenty Thousand Spectators Witnessed the Great Handicap—Castaway II an Easy Victor by Six Lengths—Hodge, Second, and Eric Third—Time, 2:10.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The race track of the Brooklyn Jockey club at Gravesend was simply jammed with a solid mass of humanity. The cause of the crush was the great general stake race of this club, the Brooklyn handicap. It had rained during the early hours of the morning, but by noon the sun came out and many who had hesitated about going then started out.

The track, which was very heavy, caused by the rains of the morning and this caused Belmont's Roach and Fildes to be scratched, much to the disappointment of that stable's many admirers. The conditions and starters in the race were as follows: Conditions of the Race. The Brooklyn Jockey club handicap for 3-year-olds and upwards, the value of which is guaranteed to be \$10,000, the second horse to receive \$2,000 and the third \$1,000; one mile and a quarter. The starters were:

Castaway II, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
Hodge, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
Eric, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
Los Angeles, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
Cynosure, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
Come-to-Taw, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
Oriflamme, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
Vigour, Bay, 4, 110 lbs. 2:10
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When the bell rang there were about 20,000 people present. A Good Start. The flag fell to a very good start, with Castaway II in front and Vigour, second, the others in a close bunch. Passing the start the rear division closed somewhat on Castaway, who was only a length in front of Vigour. Then came Eric, Sir Dixon and Los Angeles. Going around the first turn the same position was preserved, save that Castaway slightly increased his lead and the tail enders moved up slightly.

On the back stretch Castaway increased his lead to three lengths and was romping along as though he liked it. Eric was second, a half length in front of Vigour, who was a neck in front of Cynosure, with the rest in a close bunch. On the next turn Castaway was six lengths in front, with Hodge three lengths before Sir Dixon, whom Cynosure followed, and the rest in a close bunch. Hodge dropped back to fourth place; the others were strung out.

In the stretch. Turning into the stretch it was plain that it was Castaway's race. The others began to move with their mouths open, but heavy going interfered with them. Eric moved quickest and went into second place, while Hodge improved his front from fourth to third. Come-to-Taw took fourth place, and the others began to tire.

They finished in this order: Castaway II romped in a winner by six lengths, Hodge second, three lengths before Eric. Come-to-Taw was fourth, Los Angeles fifth, Vigour sixth, Oriflamme seventh, Sir Dixon eighth, and Cynosure ninth. The time was 2:10, and considering the condition of the track was very fast. The quarters were run in the following time: Quarter, 0:25; half, 0:51; three-quarters, 1:17; mile, 1:43; mile and a quarter, 2:10. The mile and a quarter on Castaway II paid \$121.50.

The Other Events. First race, 3/4 mile—Civil Service, 1; Blue Rock, 2; Portland, 3. Time, 1:02. Second race, 1/2 mile—Tom, 1; Staggard, 2; Madstone, 3. Time, 1:02. Third race, expectation stakes, 3/4 mile—Albatross, 1; Terrier, 2; Turnout, 3. Time, 1:02. Fourth race, Brooklyn handicap, 1 1/4 miles—Castaway II, 1; Hodge, 2; Eric, 3. Time, 2:10. Fifth race, 1/2 mile—Correction, 1; Claudine, 2. Time, 0:52. Sixth race, 1/2 mile—Sparling, 1; Foxwood, 2; Quail, 3. Time, 1:01.

Races at Louisville. LOUISVILLE, May 17.—The races resulted as follows: First race, 3/4 mile—Ora, 1; Katrina, 2; Jeanette, 3. Time, 0:52. Second race, 3/4 mile—Rose Howard, 1; Maj. Treadwell, 2; Time, 1:02. Third race, 1/2 mile and 1/4 mile—L. L. Leban, 1; Cecil B., 2; Bettina, 3. Time, 1:34. Fourth race, 3/4 mile—Lady Washington, 1; Ethel, 2; Anna, 3. Time, 1:02. Fifth race, 1/2 mile—Louise Forest, 1; Eugenia, 2; Lenna, 3. Time, 1:02.

A Witness Murdered. WHEELING, W. Va., May 17.—The body of Paul Turk, a wealthy farmer, was found hanging to a tree near Beverly, Hancock county. The body had been hanging for several days. Turk disappeared on the 10th inst. An important witness against his nephew is a murder trial which was to come off soon, and it is believed he was murdered to prevent his testifying. The affair has created intense excitement.

Sent Back to China. WASHINGTON, May 17.—As a result of correspondence between the department of justice and the treasury department it has been decided to send back to China the twenty-five Chinamen who were smuggled into this country from Mexico and who are now in custody at San Diego, Cal. They will be transferred to San Francisco and placed on the first steamer sailing for China.

The George F. Edmunds Wrecked. DENNISPORT, Mass., May 17.—The schooner George F. Edmunds, of Gloucester, Cap. Pool, from Philadelphia for New York, with a cargo of coal, went ashore on Hardscrabble shoal and is in a perilous condition, half full of water. The vessel is insured for \$8,000 in the Boston Marine Insurance company. The crew landed safely, after rowing nine miles.

Eloped with His Aunt. CARON CITY, Colo., May 17.—George W. Titus, of this place, has a wayward 17-year-old son. Recently the young man ran away with his mother's sister, a widow past the half century age spot. They have since been together as man and wife at Trinidad, Titus' home, a miner, went to Trinidad to find his son. He couldn't induce the young man to return with him.

Its Excellent Qualities. Comment to public approval the California liquid fruit remedy of Figs. It is pleasant to the taste and by gently acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, it cleanses the system effectually, thereby promoting the health and comfort of all who use it.

Crushed by a Cave In. NEWARK, N. J., May 17.—Antonio Petrone, 48 years of age, of No. 18 Drift street, while engaged in digging a cellar at Morris and Central avenues, was fatally injured by the caving in of the entire ceiling. He was dug out by the fire department, but he was killed. His body was horribly crushed.

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