

FOURTEEN VICTIMS OF CAVE-IN AT NORMAN MINE; NINE STILL IN THE ORE PIT

Two Weeks' Time May be Required Before All Are Recovered—President W. J. Olcott, of Oliver Iron Mining Company, Issues Orders to Expedite the Work—As Crushed and Mangled Corpses Are Brought to Light Scenes of Agony and Distress on Part of Wives, Children and Other Relatives Are Such as to Turn Stoutest Hearts.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

VIRGINIA, March 12.—The people of this city and the whole of the iron mining region have today given thought to little else than the terrible mine disaster of Saturday evening which snuffed out the lives of many miners and made desolate many homes.

While the death list has been reduced from the first figures given out and is now placed at fourteen, the latter figure is accepted as being official and correct and there is no possibility that this will be further reduced. More men escaped by running away from the avalanche of ore than was at first supposed. The Americans in the city think of the tragedy and talk about it with stolidity, but the foreign people are greatly excited, talk and gesture and rush about from place to place wildly. In every part of the city, throughout the day and evening, there were groups of foreigners discussing the accident which, almost in the twinkling of an eye, ended the earthly existence of so many of their relatives and friends.

Great crowds reached here today from various towns and mine locations hereabouts. Officials of the Oliver Iron Mining company came early in the day from Duluth and gave directions to rush with all possible speed the work of recovering the bodies, although there is absolutely no chance or hope that any who were in the track of the avalanche of earth, ore, rocks, snow and ice, are still alive. All of the fourteen men must have met instant death. Probably the

cave-in was so sudden that they did not realize what had happened.

Might Have Been Much Worse.

Notwithstanding the seriousness of the accident, had it occurred a half hour earlier in the day it would have been many times worse. At that time there were 200 men assembled right in the vicinity of where the slide occurred. The estimate of various competent authorities is that the quantity of ore and other material that broke loose and went thundering and grinding down to the bottom of the pit 125 feet in depth, was 20,000 tons. The frost had penetrated the surface to a considerable depth and what were in effect great boulders of ice and frozen earth swept the luckless victims from their feet and ground them into unrecognizable masses. It is hardly probable that many of those who were overwhelmed can be identified.

The part of the mine which proved to be the tomb of 14 was regarded as the safest. When there was blasting being done in other parts, the men gathered there for safety while charges of dynamite were being set off. The cause of the slide is attributed partly to the fact that the warm weather has loosened to some extent the earth and partly to the jarring from the blasting that has been done in the mine.

Leaves Six Little Ones.

One of the most hearttouching stories that has been told relates to John Paulson, whose body is still in the bank. Paulson was described by

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CAPT. JOHN GILL



Superintendent of the Oliver Iron Mining Company at Virginia, Where Fourteen Lives Were Crushed Out In Saturday's Cave-In at the Norman Mine.

LIST OF DEAD AND INJURED.

The following is a report of the dead and injured given out by the Oliver Iron Mining company yesterday:

Dead and Removed From Mine.

OSCAR PANONEN.
SIVERT CHRISTAFSON.
MARTIN BACKOWICH.
JALMER RIMA.
STEVE MALINKOWICH.
Known Dead and Yet in Bank:
CHARLES MARK.
PAUL PAULSON.
NICK SCUNDA.
GREGO BIONDICH.
TOM KARI.

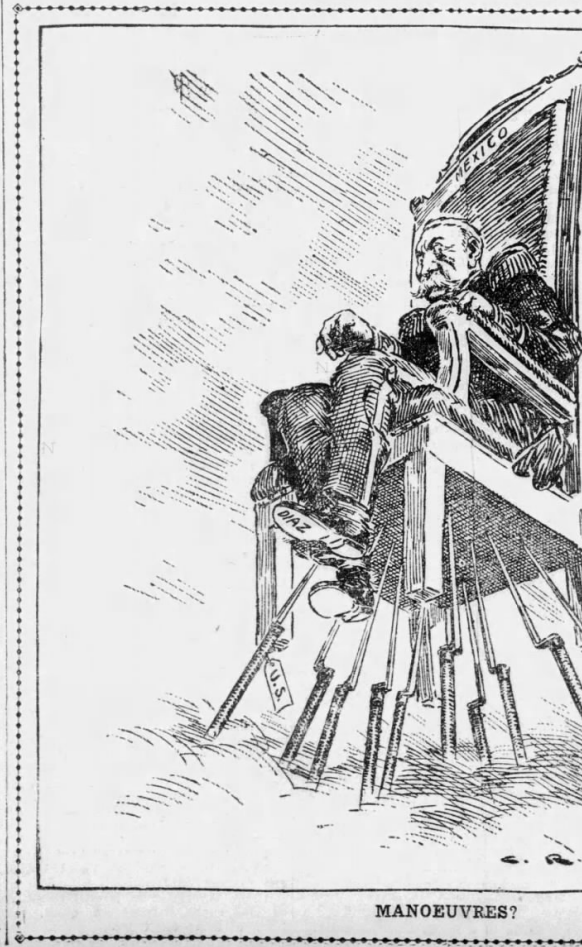
MIKE GRATFICH.
SAL D'AMICO.
JOHN BUI.

Injured:

OLE ANDERSON.
MIKE VAGONIC.
JOHN MAJORIE.
MIKE BODOVICH.

FIFTY INSURGENTS MEET DEATH AT SAN BARLOTTI

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—A body of 120 insurgents was cut to pieces by state rurales at San Barloti, Puebla, yesterday, according to information received here. More than 50 were killed, 11 seriously wounded and 27 captured. Owing to the fact that the rurales have adopted the revolutionists' tactics of amushing their enemy, none of their number was killed and only a few injured.



NO QUARREL SAYS REVEREND F. AKED

Submits Written Statement to
Rockefeller's Church On
His Resignation.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked submitted a written statement to the members of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church today in explanation of his acceptance of a call to the First Congregational church in San Francisco. "To you who know the facts," he said, "the stories about dissatisfaction and quarrel and such like are merely foolish. From the moment I landed on these shores four years ago until the moment when I read my statement last Sunday, there has been no quarrel between me and any member of the church. I am resigning the pastorate here because I believe I can do better work elsewhere."

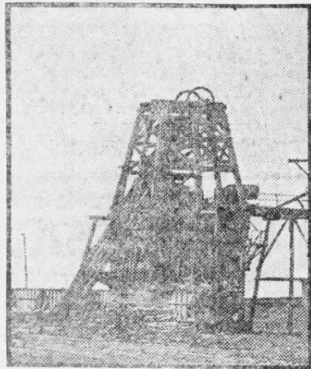
Dr. Aked added that he had "three suggestions from England, one attractive, but I am going to close my mind entirely against any thought of returning to England. I still believe the best work of my life is to be done under the American flag and in fellowship with the American churches."

ESCAPE WAS ALMOST MIRACLE

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Deputy Coroner Seely of Biwabik are investigating the accident on account of the death of the two miners. The body of Babich was taken to Biwabik and that of Stone to Gilbert.

MINE SHAFT AT ELBA



Which Proved to be a Death Trap for Two.

As in the case of the disaster at Virginia the cause here was probably the action of the sun and recent warm weather in loosening the frozen earth and allowing a settling. The drift where the cave-in occurred was 290 feet below the surface of the ground.

William J. Stone, who lost his life in the mine was an Englishman, 23 years old. He lived at Biwabik and less than a year ago.

Joe Babich was an Austrian, 35 years old. He lived at Biwabik and had a wife and five children, who are left in poor circumstances. Babich had worked in the mines for several years and was known as one of the old time miners in this region.

Captain Benny would make no statement in regard to what he thought was the real cause of the accident, nor would any of the others of the mine officials say anything.

FOURTEEN LIVES ARE CRUSHED OUT

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those who knew him as an intelligent, upright man, highly respected and the possessor of many friends. Just a few months ago he lost his wife by death. He was left with six children, ranging in age from 14 years to 2½. He kept his family together in the small but well ordered home and, with the aid of neighbors and friends and the older of his children, was getting along well. The fact that he was doing a remarkable thing in caring for his family the way he did, was the subject of much comment. It seemed as though Paulson, of all men, could not be spared from his family. But while he was at his work earning money for the support of his little ones the accident came and

with the others his body lies somewhere in the great volume of iron ore which covers the men. Once last summer six of Paulson's children were down with typhoid fever. The case of the family and the ill luck that has followed it, perhaps calls for more sympathy than for that of any other, among the victims. The news of the death of the father is still kept from the children, although the older ones know about the mine disaster and have enquired if their father is safe. The news cannot be withheld from the little ones longer than today.

Five Bodies Recovered.

Four bodies were recovered early Sunday morning. These were of men that were near the outer edge of the slide and not covered deep. A large force of men worked all day up to 4 o'clock and only one other was recovered. The work was discontinued at 4 p. m. for the reason that there is danger to the men who are engaged in recovering the bodies. It was arranged that at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning forces of men should be put to work and these will put in the full 24 hours in eight-hour shifts, until the body of the last man who is reported missing shall have been found. Before the men go on with the work the dangerous parts of the bank will have been loosened and allowed to roll down or be made safe in some other manner.

Thousands visited the morgue yesterday, where lay the bodies of the men taken from the pit, and yet there was one man who was not identified. He has the appearance of being an American, and some believe he was the one they knew as a shovel runner in the pit, but no one could tell his name.

In order to facilitate the work of recovering the bodies, the mine officials have ordered from Eveleth mining equipment known as a wrecker, by which the frozen boulders of earth and ore now covering the victims may be lifted.

The officials of the company, who came here today, gave orders for the blasting down of the banks in order to make it safe for the men who are and who will be engaged in the work of recovery.

Ole Anderson, one of the injured, tells of his hairbreadth escape from being ground to pieces. As it was, he was but slightly injured, but more than once in the few seconds it took for it all to happen, he was between great frozen masses of earth, and how he escaped he does not know.

Owing to the fact that the families of the victims do not speak the English language to any great extent, it was difficult to learn particulars. It is known, however, that Martin Rackowich and Jalmer Rima, whose bodies have been recovered, both had families. Rima leaves a wife and five children. Paul Paulson and Tom Karl, who are still under the ore, also had families.

Dr. J. E. Crow, the deputy coroner, stated tonight that he would make a thorough investigation and hold an inquest if he finds such to be necessary to fix the cause and to attach the blame, if any one is responsible.

The wives and children of the victims, most of whom realized the enormity of the calamity which had befallen them, refused to be comforted. There was weeping and moaning and wringing of hands as the news was imparted that loved ones were undoubtedly among the dead, and that there was no hope to be held out that there could be any survivors. Strong men shuddered and wept as they looked from the eminence into the great pit which was the tomb of their

broadcloths, even if they were somewhat scorned last year to the profit of the chevots and homespuns, will see a renewed vogue; at least the dressmakers and tailors are making at the present time some exceedingly pretty models in this material.

For afternoon wear, tailor costumes of all enjoy all their prestige. In making them in the empire style, without cut at the shoulder or armhole, and very charming.

As trimming for simple tailor-mades wide braid continues to be the smartest, although stitched bands of silk are also seen on some of the new models.

Everything is narrow—shoulders, backs, hips and dresses. A few short skirts are about two yards wide at the base. Two yards and a quarter and two yards and a half are conservative widths.

You can go as far and as fast as you like in any of them with perfect comfort. It is only the extreme widths that look ridiculous. The others are pretty if you like to look slender.

The chiffon blouse matching the

countrymen, their fellow workers, their comrades and their friends.

In order to facilitate work, as well as to protect the people who surged about the place where the accident happened, the mining company placed guards and allowed no one, except employees and those having important business at the pit to go anywhere near. This action was considered necessary on account of the great throngs, who would risk even their own lives to go in places where the bank might not be in a more safe condition than where the slide took place.

No arrangements had been made up to tonight for the funeral and burial of the victims. A Finlander, who was unable to speak English, but who seemed to be a leader among his people, gave the information, through an interpreter, that he was sure there were eight Finlanders among the dead, and that he had records which showed that there were 19 dead in all.

RED WING AGAINST ANTI-AUTOMATIC GUN BILL

RED WING, March 12.—Red Wing sportsmen are up in arms against the bill which was introduced in the legislature some days ago to prohibit the use of repeating and automatic shot-guns in the state. Petitions are being signed which will be presented to the local representatives, asking them to use their influence in killing the bill.

INFANT DIES.

Anna Eureka, the 2-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sandelin, 217 North Twenty-fifth avenue west, died Saturday afternoon after a short illness and will be buried this afternoon with services from the residence at 1:30 o'clock, at the Lutheran cemetery.

WHY THE STATUE KEPT MUM.

The Venus of Milo refused to tell how she lost her arms.

"If I should say I broke them off while trying to button my dress up the back," she said, "you'd ask me what has become of the dress."

Relapsing into stony silence, she paid no further attention to the questioners.

ITS ORIGIN.

From the New York Sun: Wagner had just invented his style of music.

"Got my idea from the children playing with their Christmas presents," he explained.