DEATH'S CRUEL WORK

The Grim Specter's Frightful Havoc in a Coal Mine.

NOT A SINGLE SOUL ESCAPED.

One Hundrsd and Seven Have Been Taken Out Dead So Far-Forty-Eight More Still Believed

Youngwood, Pa., Jan. 28.—The disaster in the Mammoth No. 1 mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company will go down to history as one of the worst that ever occurred in the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania. The exact loss of life cannot yet be determined. The lowest estimate places it at 20, the highest at 155. What is regarded

The scene of the calamity is on the Se wickley branch of the Pennsylvania rail. road. Two mines are involved in the acid ent. Both are owned by the H. C. Friel. Cokee company. They are known repectively as "No. 9" and "Mammoth No. 1 the twas in Mammoth No. 1 that the explosion took place. Both these mines have been considered as entirely free from fire damp, and for that reason the men worked in them with torches and with the com-

For some reason, however, fire damphad collected, and collected in great quantities in the Mammoth, and a very short time attention of the manufacture of the men had descended to work it ignited, causing a terrific explosion, which sent clouds of dust and debris hundreds of feet into the air, and killed every one of the men who but a few minutes before had entered it.

Mine No. 2 is connected with the Ma moth by interior workings, and a mome after the explosion took place men car rushing from it blackened, begrinded a half stunned with the concussion, whi had come to them through the apertur into what was the death chamber of the compades in the Mammoth.

When the explosion took place it sounded like distant thunder, and there was a perceptible interval of time between the sound of the explosion and the sponting out of the earth of the black column of smoke, dust and debris, which set at rest all momentary doubt as to what was the nature of the disturbance.

Those in the vicinity of the mine openin instantly grasped the situation in all is horrible significance. All were men mor or less experienced in mining matters, an all knew at a glance that what they sa and heard meant death to probably everiving being who was in the mine.

above the tumult could be heard the loud, rigning voice of Superlainednat Keighley calling for volunteers. The response was mimediate. Twenty non cause forward mimediates are considered to the photon, and they were lowered in it down the shaft. They only reached the bottom of the shaft, and returned at once to the heart that all how turned at once is the fame that all how of there have the shaft and returned at once is the fame that all how or there being any survivors was vain. The olor of fire damp was averywhere, and everywhere was death and with. It was unused to remain until many constraints of the shaft of the shaft

The terrific force of the explosion was withten every hand—oul wagons ground within one way hand to be successful to the control of the contr

ly fumes of the gas. Twenty-two Identified.

Twenty-two bodies have been identified. The other bodies which have been removed recognition. Sense the sense where the recognition. Senseth, the five boss, who has spected the mine on the morning of the exposition and reported everything all right, was identified only by his gum boots. He must have been nearest the explosion, His body was scattered about in a dozen pieces. His head was tour from his shoulders and

The first boss, as is his duty, had been it he mine and examined the working places lite is supposed to go to the face of one working, and by a chalk mark indicate that he has been there. Whether this was not sell the tall. The only evidences than be attended to his duffes are the regular certificates of inspection which General Superlutendent Lynch received from Scant and others which guaranteed the Scant and others which guaranteed the

The minors knew these certificates heen filled out and went to work. The never returned. Superintendent Keighle who was unite inspector in the Dunb district when that horror occurred, was the mine when the explosion tools place the notified General Superintenderly, but had been a superintendents in the region to it seems.

When the volunteers entered the min a sight impossible to picture met them. Not a living thing was in the wreckness it was almost a solid as the coal itself, so terrific was the force of the explosion. This obstruction was removed with difficure to the coal of the coal

 After walking a distance, surrounded be dangers unseen but more terrible that can be imagined, they found the trunk The ranged neck with the blood oozin from it told the story of the appalling disaster. Working their way in, the band found the bodies strewn along the gangdensity of the strewn along the ganghand the strewn along the ganghand the street is the street of the

Heart Broken Wemen.

Every time a corpse would be brought to
the surface it would pass through the line
of watchers without comment save the expression, "Another one?" A noticeable
feature of the crowd at the shaft was the
absence of women. They had returned to
their little whitewashed homes, for they
knew all hone was gone.

Superintendent Keighley was a sorely distressed man. He has been in three big fatalities in this region, but this is larger

"No man living knows the cause of the accident, and its ill sever be known for a verticity. About 300 feet from the bottom excellent, and its which was caused the the approximation. Emply care combledy weeked in the gangawy which was caused the dip where the men were working, and then we were constantly falling over doub tooks. Not the directed attention over doub tooks. Not the directed attention over doub tooks. The discussion of the second of the conclusion and they assembled to it. This is follows and they assembled to it. This is proportion of the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the discussion of the dead bodies taken on the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the dead bodies taken on the control of the dead bodies taken on the dead bodies taken on the control of the control of

John W. Bell, fire boss at Hecla No. 1, said: "About two years ago there was an explosion of gas at this nine, and one man was burned to death. No safety lamps were used here. I do not know whether or not the fire boss did his duty, but let us be

charitable enough to loope he did."

The Last Examination of the Mammodh miles last last he link, which is his observation at the inlet, which is his the slope, a mile or more away from the shart, here are 8,50% cubic feet the miles was marked fair. The report was signed by William Jenkins, inspector of the Second Bituminous district. Superior was long thought to be the safets miles of the twenty-nine operated by the Friek company. He thought it possible that in company. It is chought it possible that in

Following is a copy of Sneath's last re

To Thomas Lyuch, General Superintendent:
This is to certify that I, the undersigned, have
this 27th day of January, 1891, examined the
working places of the Marimoth mine of the
Frick Coke company, and find the same to be in
safe condition for the miners and other persons
employed therein.

WILLIAM SKRATH, Fire Boss.

On a part of this paper is the following:
This will certify that I have inspected the rope,
cages and all other parts of the winding machin
ery connected with said mine, and find the same
in good running order.

Thomas Payterson, Master of Machinery George Perffer, Engineer.

General Manager Lyneh said: "The numfeeneral Manager Lyneh said: "The number of Killed depends solely upon the number of men in the mine. We have been employing 300 men at these works, but on account of slackness in the coke business we have been putting down a number of ovens, «Some of these men went away, but I don't know how many returned and divided up the work there was to do."

One Hundred and Seven Recovered.
The reports of the disserte have spread
far and wide, and while rhiling on a special
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moth, the reporter met many men whe
were tramping to the mine for news of the
fate of relatives employed at the works.
The funeral of the victims is expected to
take place on Sunday. Many of them will
be buried all Scottable, where the former-

by Threet, or have restatives, who have been discussed in the control of the cont

t 48 more still entombed.

Injured in a Rusaway.

Vesteralay morning a hostler employes by Daniel Brackbill, of West Earl town ship, was injured in a manway accident He was driving two mules hitched to a control of the man was thrown from the wago and landed on his face. He was eaugh nucler the wheels and was run over. Hi almost tone off. He was taken to Bair Hotel in an unconscious condition, and Dr. Hurd at stended him. The man is

Four Cars on the Rampage.
Tuesday nourning as four cans we being run into M. F. Steigerwalt & Son coal yard, on North Water street, the met with a mislap. The brakes no being proceptly managed the care result into the timber at the end of the treat the process of the process

Commissions Received.

A. G. Carpenter has been appoint justice of the peace for West Earl, to the vacancy caused by the death of Jo F. Leib. His commission has been ceived at the Recorder's office. T commission of J. W. Yocum, reappoint

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