

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Of the Men in the Alta Mine—All Found Alive—How They Reached Two Miles Below the Surface—Frightful Pathway of Heat and Foul Air—The Hero Who Succeeded—Ingenious Contrivance for Sustaining Life.

(SPECIAL BY TELEGRAPH TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

VIRGINIA (Nev.), June 21.—Yesterday they did not gain on the water in the Alta. From 7:30 in the evening till about midnight they were only able to hold it at about five feet on the station floor. This left a space of eight inches below the roof of the drift. At midnight they got both balling tanks to work, and began to lower the water again. It was determined to send in the boat when the water was lowered another foot, which would leave a space of eighteen inches below the roof of the drift. The wooden boat being thought too large, they sent to this city and got a canoe hunting-boat eight feet long and two and a half feet wide. This was taken down at 1 o'clock this morning. Physicians were also taken down to the mine, to be ready to render assistance. At 4:30 the water was sufficiently lowered, and William Bennett, cousin of Richard Bennett, the shift boss, and Dennis Callahan, went out into the drift in the boat. They have not been heard from since, and it is feared that both have been suffocated by the heat and gases. A German, called Dutch George, went in to look for them by wading out in the drift. He presently came back delirious. He said when he revived that he saw a light and the boat, but no men. He was then taken with cramps, and is in a very bad condition. Two other men then tried to go out in the drift by wading, but only got out 100 feet when they came back, saying they could not stand the heat and gases. Nine men are now missing. Word has just come that from the traps received on the pipe all the men are alive but one; but this is contradicted by a report coming close on its heels that all remains as above stated.

By telephone at this time (12 o'clock) word comes that the water is four feet five inches on the station, and that traps have been hooked to-day on the pipe.

CONTINUED EFFORTS—CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.

VIRGINIA, June 21.—Superintendent Patton came from the Alta at noon. He thinks that all the men in the drift, not nine in number, are dead. The large air pipe—the compressed air pipe—is disconnected, and fact in from the shaft. Patton is going down in a few minutes with ten men from the Union shaft. He will take his men and apparatus, and connect the air pipe as he goes along. He thinks the gas complained of is from the dead bodies.

The last report says there is only a little over three feet of water in the drift. It is now supposed that all the reports of rappings on the pipe were due to stones dropping on it and the excited imagination of the men.

In the last few minutes reports have come that a light has been seen in the end of the drift, and it is supposed that the men are clustered about the end of the compressed air pipe; but the story is not credited by old miners.

THE MINERS ALL SAFE, EXCEPT THE TWO MISSING.

VIRGINIA, June 21.—A man named Pike, of the Union shaft, by wearing a helmet, has penetrated to the end of the Alta shaft. He found the seven men all right, sitting in the cooling-off house 200 feet from the end of the drift. The only lives lost are those of the two men who went in with a boat this morning.

HOW THE MEN WERE REACHED.

VIRGINIA, June 21.—The man who penetrated the drift to the imprisoned miners was Jack Vandusen. He had on an apparatus consisting of a box containing pounded ice, which rested on his back, and from which was a rubber pipe leading to a mask which covered his face, the air passing through the ice to the mask. He found the seven men all right, though weak. They were in a cooling-room, about 100 feet from the face of the drift. They had broken the compressed air-pipe with a pick, and turned the end into the cooling-house. When their ice water gave out they poured hot water from the drift into the barrel, then twisted the end of the compressed air-pipe down into the barrel, and let it exhaust in the water, thus cooling it, while they stood about the barrel breathing the air that came up through the water. When they found that Vandusen had ice in the box on his back, they pulled open the slide and began eating the lumps of ice. One of them told the others that they must not eat the ice, as Vandusen had to get to it; but they had then devoured the greater part, and it was the lack of ice which caused Vandusen to faint in going out, there being a belt of some 300 feet of foul air to pass through. Vandusen told the men that he would inform their families of their safety, and assured them that all possible was being done to get them out. They had a light, and seemed of good cheer.

PASSENGER LISTS.

CARLIN, June 21.—Passed here to-day to arrive in Sacramento to-morrow: D. S. Vernon, Mrs. B. C. Quigley, Arizona; Mrs. J. Sachs and wife, John Lloyd, New York; Mrs. Mary Fletcher, J. Lewis, O. K. Jones, J. C. Long, D. G. Scotland and wife, L. D. Latimer, San Francisco; Mrs. George B. Thorne and daughter, New York; Mrs. Mary E. Fringle and child, Iowa; Captain S. Evans and family, U. S. A. Alfred Rowan, Canton, China; Lieutenant T. Dix Bolles and wife, U. S. N.; Rev. Wm. Laurie, Belfast, Pa.; J. S. Fossell, U. S. A.; H. 189 Saverio, 189 Exchange; Mrs. S. L. Partridge and three children, Wm. Partridge, L. F. Foy, Salt Lake city; Miss L. Bond, Canada; W. Anderson, Miss H. E. Eskine, Washington Territory; Mr. and Mrs. W. Devaroux, Boston; M. E. Pack, Mrs. C. B. Bartlett, U. S. A.; Thompson, Wood River; Wm. G. Farrell, Utah; J. M. Evans, San Jose; Mrs. M. J. Rice, Colorado; J. A. Nalsmith, Laramie; 116 emigrant passengers, including 74 males, to arrive in Sacramento June 4th.

NEWHALE, June 21.—Passed here to-day to arrive in San Francisco to-morrow: A. G. M. Mrs. B. C. Quigley, Arizona; Hon. John Wason, S. S. Milberry, Tucson; A. G. Manning, A. E. Pedro, Tom Hayne, A. S. Forest, A. L. Anderson, T. Walters, M. Murphy, Mrs. G. L. Wilson, C. P. O. Story and wife, J. J. Van Wert, Mrs. M. P. Story and wife, San Francisco; W. H. Norway, Santa Barbara; J. J. Valentine, Oakland; S. Combs and wife, Mendocino, Cal.; Kellogg, Berkeley, Cal.; J. Hilliard, Los Angeles; N. H. Tallman, Peoria, Ill.; A. D. Deane, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. S. H. Stough, Chicago; Mrs. Charles Linn, Stockton, Mrs. C. O. Southard and child, E. Vulture, Arizona; Mrs. T. C. Mayon and child, Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK SALES.

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PACIFIC SLOPE.

Arizona Indian Affairs—Murder Case in Fresno County—Investigating a Unit States Marshal—The State Normal School—Another Whipping Given the Apaches by Mexico—The Middle Breeds—Advices from Mexico via Tucson—Etc.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

CALIFORNIA.

The California Delegates. SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—In the election of delegates to the Democratic State Convention last night, Hearst captured a majority between 75 and 90 out of the 108 chosen.

Small-Pox—School Bands Redemmed. SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—No new cases of small-pox were reported to-day on the steamer Alouette. It is thought the virus of the contagion on board the vessel has abated.

A case of small-pox was reported to-day at the Health Office—that of a woman residing on Fourth street, nearly 20 years of age.

The school bonds of 1872, amounting to \$100,000, and maturing on Thursday, were presented at the City Treasury to-day for redemption. The bonds were referred to and presented mainly by the London and San Francisco Bank, Bank of California, Anglo-California Bank and A. Sato.

The Merchants and Produce Exchanges. SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—The Merchants' Exchange, after several months' negotiation, to-day decided to lease its property, including the records, telegraph lines, signal stations, horse and water service, etc., to the Produce Exchange for seven years, at \$1,500 per month, the Produce Exchange to have the privilege of buying the property during this period for \$275,000, which will be considered a part of the purchase price to be made. The conveyance will be ratified to-morrow by the Directors of the Produce Exchange, and on Monday by the Merchants' Exchange.

Women's Protective League of California. SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—The Women's Protective League of California, which proposes to substitute white for Chinese labor, and establish a Women's Home, has organized, with the following officers: President, Mrs. M. J. Stephens; Financial Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Stephens; Executive Committee, Mrs. H. Davidson, Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Mrs. William Garrison, Mrs. L. Russell.

Accidental Death—Shooting Match. SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—The coroner's jury returned this evening a verdict of accidental death in the case of Miss Crockett, daughter of Judge Crockett, who was found dead in the water in the bay at 11 o'clock to-day. The Cosmopolitan Gun Club has accepted the offer of the California Club to shoot for a diamond medal, emblematic of the local championship, which will be taken place at San Bruno on the 11th inst.

Miscellaneous San Francisco Items. SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Judge Allen rendered a decision to-day in favor of the San Francisco Savings Union against Henry C. Maynard, who had received \$30,778, and an order of foreclosure made.

John Brophy has brought suit in the Superior Court against the Potrero and Bay View Railroad Company, for \$25,000 damages, for alleged personal injuries received by reason of the negligence of a driver of one of their cars.

The public schools of the city closed to-day for a five weeks' vacation.

The United States Grand Jury were discharged to-day at 12 o'clock.

To-day on motion of the United States District Attorney, thirty-two criminal charges were dismissed against that number of offenders in the United States District Court.

An Absconder Held Firm. NAPA, June 21.—G. Barch, who last November fled from the hands of Sheriff Rogers, of 834 000 to his creditors, has lately been heard from. He is now in Switzerland, and writes that losses and other matters had disturbed his mind so that he did not realize what he was doing when he left Napa.

The State Normal School. SAN JOSE, June 21.—The Board of Normal School Trustees met last Friday evening and elected Professor Allen Principal of the Normal School here, with the exception of the branch school at Los Angeles, without extra salary, and directed him to proceed to Los Angeles as early as possible to assume the duties of the office.

The building will be completed for occupancy before the 1st of August. Professor C. J. Platt was elected Vice-Principal of the Normal School here, with the exception of the branch school at Los Angeles, without extra salary, and directed him to proceed to Los Angeles as early as possible to assume the duties of the office.

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MARRIED.

Gold Run, June 1.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Silver Lake, Cal., to Annie L. Everhart, San Francisco, May 29—James H. Mann to Marie, Mary E. Bojling.

San Francisco, June 1.—Wm. E. Marsh to Fannie L. Taylor.

BORN.

Stockton, June 1.—Wife of Felix Cohn, a daughter. (San Francisco and New York papers please copy.)

Sacramento, May 31.—Wife of James McCall, a son. (San Francisco and New York papers please copy.)

Stockton, May 28.—Wife of John McCall, a son. (San Francisco and New York papers please copy.)

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