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DEATH'S GRIM HARVEST
The Sun Looks Down Upon the Saddest City On Earth.
BUTTE BOWED IN GRIEF

A 15-year-old boy whose first name is BAILEY and whose mother lives at Provo, Utah, and the following unidentified bodies.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1895.

Last Night's Horror.
With unexpressed regret the STANDARD carries this morning to the people of Montana the news of last night's startling catastrophe in the city of Butte.

As a rule, respecting news, the early reports are apt to be an exaggeration, but manifestly the rule is reversed in this deplorable instance—hour after hour the disaster has been putting on more distressing proportions; up to midnight it was as if the city of Butte were unwilling to admit to herself the real weight and extent of this latest and most terrible visitation.

The news pages of this edition of the STANDARD recite the harrowing story of what happened last night. The opening of the earth under the very feet of the people of that city would hardly have brought a more startling shock. Every home in the city shook under the outburst and, doubtless, as the explosions were repeated, every heart, for the instant, stood still.

Whatever the loss may be to injured property, as the result of the explosion—it is of small account. It will figure up to an impressive total, measured in dollars and cents, but all this will be accounted as worthless dust in contrast with the overwhelming grief incident to the awful sacrifice of human life. Terrible as the ascertained loss of life is sure to be, the melancholy fact remains that the most careful inquiry will never be able to announce the number of last night's victims.

It seems as if all the agencies of an adverse Providence has helped to make the disaster more deplorable. The fire occurred at an hour that was sure to attract to the scene a crowd of more than ordinary proportions. It came at a moment when the members of the fire department were prepared for alert service. The valiant action of the employees of the department, the heartless slaughter of its membership, the intrepid behavior of those who, for the public safety, risked all and lost all—these are considerations which will leave their melancholy impress on the mind and the heart of every man and woman in Butte.

Alas for the lost! All honor to the memory of the brave-hearted men who, in the discharge of duty, met death! They will be held in gentle remembrance, and over their mangled forms the tearful tribute of an afflicted community will be paid!

The responsibility? For the instant, let that fearful issue be held in abeyance. It is with the living; first of all let Butte pay tribute respect to the memory of the lamented dead. We live in a region where the constant use of dangerous explosives is imperative. The storing of this material is easily regulated by law, with regard to the complete safety of the public. Law has not failed; it has decreed how the immunity of the people may be assured. Retribution surely awaits those on whom rests the responsibility for this frightful calamity; it will come under the calm processes of the law, as far as expiation is possible.

But, at this hour, let us linger with the dead; we can deal with the living in due time. Let every business energy in Butte come to pause! First of all, a requiem for the innocent victims and, in their hurried exit into eternity, let it be the invocation of every devout heart that the intercessions of the compassionate Savior of mankind may attend them!

Mormons Down South.
HINTON, W. Va., Jan. 15.—B. H. Burnham, a Mormon elder, has organized the church of his faith at Grapevine, this county, with 24 members. He is conducting meetings regularly and is adding new converts every week. The enterprise is causing great excitement.

To-Day's Weather.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—For Montana: Fair, variable winds, becoming easterly.

Here is the Mournful List of the Victims of the Great Calamity—Many Pathetic Sights—Numbers of the Unknown Dead.

BUTTE, Jan. 16.—7 o'clock a. m.—The earliest rays of morning shed a feeble light on the most dismal city on earth. Butte did not go to bed tonight. Early in the morning many of the exhausted workers retired to sleep, and their places were taken by others.

The early morning light gave no cheer to the distracted mothers, wives, fathers and sons who were searching for the missing. The weeping groups passed from one undertaking establishment to another, looking for those who did not come home last night and hoping to God that they would look in vain.

The rounds of the hospital were made again and again. Down at the smoldering ruins women and men peered into faces hoping to see among the workers or spectators those whom they loved and feared were dead.

At the scene of the disaster the flames which had done such terrible work are still smoldering sullenly. Two lines of hose are playing on the fire. The firemen are volunteers and George Lapp is acting fire marshal in place of the dead chief.

At 6 o'clock this morning the firemen at work on the ruins found another body. At least it was a shapeless trunk, the head and legs gone, and in the hand was clutched a fireman's book. Whoever he was he had died at the post of duty, and no one could tell whether it was the mutilated remains of Chief Cameron, Sam Ash or Norling.

The hose cart and the hook and ladder truck are completely wrecked. The two horses on the truck were killed instantly and one of them in dying had saved the life of Dave Magee, by falling on him.

The body of "Old Bailey" was found 60 yards away from the hose cart, having been blown that distance. His mate had escaped unhurt.

A score of residences near the scene were not occupied this morning. The families had been driven out of their shattered dwelling and had taken refuge with neighbors farther from the scene where they passed the night.

Geo. Boomer, who occupies a brick house not far from the explosion, was thrown out of bed. The stove was knocked over and Mrs. Boomer was badly cut and bruised.

Early this morning the rescuers found in the ruins a little kitten still alive. Its hair was singed, and how it escaped in all the flame and smoke and death is a miracle. It was tenderly carried away and will be treasured.

There is not glass enough in Butte, and perhaps not in Montana, to repair all the shattered windows. The streets are strewn with splintered glass. On Arizona street there is scarcely a whole pane of glass; while as far up as Centerville there are shattered panes. There were some curious freaks.

The STANDARD windows escaped unscathed while those of the Northern Pacific and of the Broadway Cafe, on either side, were smashed to smithereens. The Courtney, Case & Gravelle plate glass windows in the Owsley block were completely smashed, while those of Leys in the same block escaped without damage.

There is a heart-rending story of the awful disaster. The following is a complete list of the dead at the different undertaking establishments at 6:30 a. m.

Butte Undertaking Rooms.
JULIAN HANSON.
W. H. NOLAN.
ELMER GREEN.
CHARLEY SMITH, (a colored newsboy).

REVISÉD LIST OF THE DEAD.
It Tells a Heart-rending Story of the Awful Disaster.

The body of an unknown man of slim build, 5 feet 8 inches tall, with dark mustache.
A headless trunk, which is believed to be the body of CHIEF CAMERON.
Montana Undertaking Rooms.
ASST. FIRE CHIEF SLOANE.
FIREMAN GEORGE JACK.

ASH, NORLING, MOSES.
The firemen believe that the bodies of their comrades, Sam Ash, Dave Moses and J. P. Norling are still in the ruins.

SAM ASH was married less than three months ago, while Norling had only been married for about two months, and their wives are prostrated with grief.

MRS. MOSES was completely wrapped up in her son and as she is afflicted with heart disease it is feared that the news of his death will kill her. She was always oppressed with a great fear that her son would be killed at a fire, and every time the fire bell rang she knelt down and prayed for him.

LAPP'S SAD DUTY.
As soon as it became evident that Chief Cameron and his men had been killed, Mayor Dugan appointed George Lapp fire marshal pro tem, in order that the city might not be left without efficient fire protection.

NEARLY FIFTY DEAD.
Coroner Richards viewed all of the bodies to-night and announced that an inquest will be commenced at the Butte undertaking rooms at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

FORTY-THREE BODIES FOUND.
There are 43 bodies recovered at this hour and there are believed to be 47 dead. Three at least in the hospitals, it is believed, cannot live. It is feared the ghastly total will not fall below 50.

JUDGE NAUGHTEN was among the first to rush to the assistance of the mangled victims and he secured the first wagon for their removal to the hospitals.

THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE, which resulted in such a terrible catastrophe, is not known. The horror of the affair seems to have driven all knowledge of how the fire started or who turned in the alarm.

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SEEKING HER FATHER.
One of the Most Pathetic Incidents of the Awful Calamity.

One of the most pathetic incidents was the search of Miss Robbins, a daughter of Professor E. W. Robbins, for her father. With streaming eyes and quivering lips, she went about asking every one she met if they had seen her father. At the undertaking rooms she pleaded for an opportunity to see the bodies, but as they were not yet dressed she was denied admittance.

All night long she continued her search, and as morning dawned the policeman and reporters knew that the object of her quest lay cold in death, a cruel crash over his right eye, showing how the sudden summons came, but none had heart to break the news.

Excuses were made that her father might be caring for some friend or even might be at home, but she refused to go and finally, as the first editions of the papers came on the streets, she secured a paper and found her worst fears confirmed.

E. W. Robbins was one of the finest mathematicians in the Northwest, and for about two years has lived in Butte, teaching mathematics. He was a man of about 60 years of age, and before coming to Butte was a guide to hunting parties through the mountains of Montana and Wyoming.

He was a man of woodcraft and mountaineering and was very often engaged by prominent New York people to show them the haunts of bear, deer and elk. He was never guilty of ruthless slaughter, and never permitted to be members of his party, and was an ardent advocate of strict game laws. Mr. Robbins lived near the scene of the explosion and left the house at the time of the fire to see what the fire was.

VERY LITTLE POWDER IN TOWN.
It may be well to state that in the hardware stores up town very little giant powder is kept.

The coroner is already at work preparing for the inquests, which must be held, and the propriety, legality, or criminality of keeping giant powder stored in large quantities within the city limits will be rigidly investigated.

ANACONDA'S SYMPATHY.
A special train over the B. & A. P. from Anaconda arrived at 3:50 o'clock this morning, conveying to Butte a number of sympathizers with Butte's distress, ready to assist in the work of rescue in every way possible.

SUPERINTENDENT CHAPMAN and Auditor Meln were among those who came over on the train. They brought over coaches to be used on the Great Northern train this morning in place of the shattered coaches.

All the bridges and trestles on the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and B. & A. P., near Butte, have been carefully examined since the explosion and it is believed all are safe.

A shoulder bone was found at the ruins at 7 o'clock this morning.

THE HORRIBLY BURNED, headless trunk, with short stumps of arms and legs which is supposed to be all that is left of brave Chief Cameron was discovered in the ruins between Kenyon-Cornell Commercial company's warehouse and that of the Butte Hardware company's.

The surviving firemen believe it to be his on account of a small hook which was attached to his belt and imbedded in the flesh of his back. The chief was the only one who wore a hook in his belt and the fireman have no doubt that the body is that of their fearless leader.

The body, or rather the part of a body, was found right in where the fire was the fiercest, and the flames the thickest, which accounts for the terrible manner in which it was burned.

The fire, close to where the chief's body was found, was the last extinguished, as it was not expected that any bodies would be found at that point.

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