

A Daring Adventure.

(From the Philadelphia, Pa.)

The Anson mine is situated about a mile west of Ferris, Ontario county, N. Y. At 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Feb. 22, 1883, a powerful explosion occurred in the powder house to the west of the mine, and the Superintendent, Captain E. A. Savage, and applied him of the fact. Hastily rising Capt. Savage ran to the door being locked he could not get in. The fire was on the roof, and a few moments later the explosion had hold of the powder house, holding out for some time for the families living near by. The general manager, considered the window and door of the large engine and boiler house to be open and the dwelling houses there. The fire progressed rapidly, the flames and keys were projected it was deemed unsafe to approach, the building, holding in that each person thought of getting away from its time would allow them. The Anson mine was a startling new event. The building and machinery all put in new and at great expense to the owners. In a few moments more the greater part of those must be blown to atoms and possibly a lot of life sustained; too. Those were the thoughts with which he passed through Capt. Savage's mind, as they stood for a moment undecided. "Boys, this is too bad," was his next exclamation. "Give me the keys, I will chance it," meaning his life, and started for the door of the burning powder magazine. James Gregory said, "Boys it is a shame to stand here and see him go alone," and at the same time he started after Mr. Savage. The Captain told him to go back, but he said, "If you are going, so am I." The men all begged them not to run away, but they went when Capt. Savage got the door open the fire was very hot and the box containing the exploded powder quickly caught fire. Gregory gripped the powder. After getting all the giant, black powder and exploded at a safe distance, they returned and put out the fire amid the grateful cheers of men, women and children. Captain Savage came here from Massachusetts; he is a very capable person and well liked by his men. Gregory is a young Irishman from Ellburgh, Ontario county, N. Y., and a braver pair seldom met at one place. The general manager very kindly thanked his superintendent and blazer when all was over, and you have heard it rumored that something more than these would be given to those two brave defenders of life and property.

A Looker On.

Advice to a Young Man.

My son, it may be, as you grow older you will be seized with an ambition to serve your country in the halls of Congress. To this end you should begin now to acquire that polish and easy elegance of language which will enable you to shine in debate. Read the daily papers and thus familiarize yourself with the language and manners of the American legislator. Cut out the official reports of the great financial debate between the Hon. Mr. Cleave and the Hon. Mr. Snark, that it may be to you a text-book upon monetary matters.

The Hon. Mr. Cleave—"In presenting this bill for the issue of 400,000,000 of copper dollars per diem, Mr. Speaker, I am moved to say—"

The Hon. Mr. Snark—"The honorable gentleman is a liar, and doesn't take it up."

The Hon. Mr. Cleave—"Sir, Mr. Snark is the honorable gentleman doesn't take that back in two shakes of a sheep's tail I will kick the everlasting shaft right out of him."

The Speaker—"The gentleman must be careful in the heat of debate, not to overstep the bounds of courtesy and parliamentary usage."

The Hon. Mr. Snark—"The gentleman is a low-down son of a gun from a wooden shoe-country, and he won't wipe one shoe of me."

The Hon. Mr. Cleave—"Will the gentleman step out from behind his desk and put up his manly? Dance to me, you snark, I only want a pound."

The Hon. Mr. Snark—"I'll slap your nasty, dirty mouth, you venerable old beast."

The Hon. Mr. Cleave—"Aw, w, shut up, skinny; what are you giving us?"

The Hon. Mr. Groves, of Texas—"Black his eye! Hit him in the mouth!"

Other honorable gentlemen, from various states—"Smear him one! Send him one on the paste horn for Jack! Smear him in the snout!"

The Hon. Mr. Can Handle, the Speaker, mildly—"The honorable gentlemen will please keep within the bounds of parliamentary courtesy."

The Hon. Mr. Cleave, jumping up in the air and cracking his heels together—"Whoop! I kin show up and carry out any son of a thief between Chicago and Carlo! If you don't believe it smol of my boots!"

The Hon. Mr. Snark—"Hold me down, somebody! I'm the bad man from a river district, and I was borned! Where do you want to be hit first?"

And just here the police, on their way to close a disorderly house in the neighborhood, stepped in and closed the debate.

From this page of congressional history, my son, you can see how direct your reading in order to acquire a sufficient knowledge of financial matters to participate in a debate on the funding bill. It may be a good thing to go to Congress if you think your head in that of opinion still, so long as you have an alternative job. As long as you can get a steady situation as a chambermaid in a very stable or clerk on a rail, I would not advise you to get your seat on Congress. The American people really do not have very much respect for Congress as a body. They are always sorry to see it in session. They are always glad when it adjourns. Individually the members of Congress are, I believe, good citizens good neighbors, good men. But for a lot of good raw material, my boy they can make the meanest aggregate when they get together. Don't worry about going to Congress, Talmachius. Go to the mines, or join the miners. Your parents will think more of you.—*Burdick*.

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