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DEATH REAPS HARVEST IN EXPLOSION

LIST OF FATALITIES WILL LIKELY INCLUDE EVERY MAN IN MINE

Rescuing Parties Are Working Heroically to Reach the Fourty-Three Entombed Miners Who Were Caught in Naomi Disaster

Heartrending Scenes About Mines

ARNOLD CITY, DEC., 2.—Horror in the extreme are the details of an explosion of black damp in the Naomi mine of the United Coal company at 8 o'clock last evening. With three relief shifts working two hour turns in an almost frantic effort to get to the entombed miners, who like rats in a trap were caught where the tons of earth and rock were heaved into the passage completely blocking any possible chance of escape, hope has been practically abandoned and the final list will, it is feared, include every man who was in the mine when the explosion occurred. The scenes about the mine are heartrending. Mothers, wives and sisters have flocked about the entrance to the veritable tomb since the first shock which told of the frightful disaster.

The officials have made little headway in quieting the grief stricken relatives and in several instances friends spent all of the night at the mine, refusing consolation, neither eating nor sleeping, in the hope that a loved one would be brought out alive. James D. O'Neil, general manager of the United Coal company learned of the explosion at 9 o'clock last night and took prompt action. The company's mine inspector, Morris, the chief engineer, Smith, and the state mine inspector, Henry Loutitt, were on the ground promptly. The explosion was caused, as far as can be learned, when a miner entered an old working with a lighted lamp.

Up to 1 o'clock today the body of one victim had been brought out of the mine by the rescue party. The victim is:

THE VICTIM
JOHN ROBEY - employed as a pumper, body found about a mile and a half beyond the entrance. Death was due to suffocation.

Besides the one victim whose lifeless body was found and removed from the mine, 43 men are still entombed and there is no hope advanced for them as all will likely have succumbed to the terrible effects of the poisonous fumes long before the rescue party can reach them. Of the number four are English speaking men, one a fire boss and the others foreigners. The former are:

THE POSSIBLE VICTIMS
DAVE ROBERTS - fire boss, aged 45 years.
FRANK RISKY - aged 22 years.
JOHN ENGLAND - aged 25 years.
GEORGE CHRISTIAN - aged 25 years.

THOUGHT SHOCK AN EARTHQUAKE
When the explosion occurred it was first thought to be an earthquake and the earth trembled visibly. It was but a few moments however until the real significance of the tremor was learned. Soon the vicinity of the mine was alive with frightened miners, grief stricken friends, and the news was hurried to the mine officials without a moments delay. Physicians were summoned from every possible point.

RESCUING PARTY'S NARROW ESCAPE
Wm. Muirhead, one of the first to arrive at the mine organized the first rescue party and while leading them into the mine almost lost his life. Muirhead was seated in the Presbyterian church when the shock came. With eight companions Muirhead

started into the mine and reached entry No. 19, but was forced to retreat owing to the dense smoke. The party lost their way while returning and were found just in the nick of time by a second party. Muirhead was already unconscious and in a few moments more would have died.

ARE MANY SAD SCENES.
One of the sad scenes was the discovery at an early hour this morning of the form of a woman lying beside the pit. The body was tenderly carried into a house and when revived, proved to be the wife of Robey, the victim whose body was recovered. When told of the explosion she had started for the scene, but fainted and fell where found. Jim Carr a miner had an almost Providential escape from a fate similar to that of his fellow miners. Carr had started for the blacksmith shop and had just closed the entrance when the explosion came. At 10:30 o'clock the rescue party had reached entry No. 23. It is between that entry and No. 32 that the entombed miners will be found. What gruesome sights will greet the stout hearted, rescuing party causes even their stout nerves to flinch. Fortunately fire has not added its terrors to the disaster.

Kept Wedding a Secret
The wedding at Wellsburg, W. Va. on February 27 last of Miss Bessie Shaper of Monongahela to Mr. Fay See of Monessen, was announced at the bride's home yesterday. The wedding has been kept a secret, not even the girl's parents being aware of the fact that she is a wife. The couple received the parental blessing. Mr. See is at present employed in Canonsburg.

WEDDING DELAYED; BLOWS OUT BRAINS

Hazelkirk Miner Ends Life in Frightful Manner Because Sweetheart Would Not Consent to Immediate Marriage

MONONGAHELA, DEC. 1.—Jacob Kisor, a well known young man of Hazelkirk, No. 2, committed suicide at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mike Kishler, last evening immediately after returning home from work. He used a shotgun, placing the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth. The top and left side of his head were blown to atoms.

Kisor was about 28 years old. He was in love with a young woman whose persistent efforts to delay their wedding for another year are thought to have been the motive for his rash act. When he came home from work last evening he went at once to his room and his sister was horrified to hear a gun shot. She hurried to the room and swooned when she made the gruesome discovery. The remains were buried today in the Monongahela cemetery.

INTERESTING ITEMS

If its chaps, Kirk's Anti-Chap will cure them over night. 15c a bottle.

Mrs. A. W. Philipbar went to New Kensington this morning to visit friends.

A. A. Perkins, A. Molesberger and Andy Bergman were business visitors in Monessen this morning from Webster.

Take your prescriptions to Light's. Prescription work is a specialty, here. Light's Drug store. 93-17

Nothing like Kirk's anti-chap for chapped hands and face. 10c a bottle. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stratton returned to their home in McKeesport this morning after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. Brautegam at the Foster House.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Evans and daughter, Margaret, returned today from a visit with Dr. Evans parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, of Knoxville, Pittsburg.

Miss Mamie Jones, of Elizabeth, was the guest yesterday of Mrs. F. H. Jones.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dei returned Saturday night last from their wedding trip.

Orvin Baker attended the Elks Memorial services at Homestead yesterday. Roy Baker, a brother, made the address.

Stanley's Restaurant for Sale
The equipment of the Stanley restaurant will be sold within the next 10 days by Willard Elkins, trustee. Submit your proposition and have it considered. WILLIARD ELKINS, Trustee. 32-17

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MEMORIAL SERVICES PACK STAR THEATRE

Monessen Elks Hold Impressive Services in Memory of Departed Brothers—Address by Past Grand Exalted Ruler

The Star theatre was packed last night as never before on the occasion of the annual memorial services of Monessen Lodge B. P. O. Elks. A section of seats was reserved for the members and Charleroi sent over a large delegation. In the afternoon Monessen lodge attended the services of the Charleroi lodge. The theatre was appropriately decorated, palms and evergreen and the national and lodge colors being prominent.

The feature of the services was the address made by Grand Past Exalted Ruler Judge Fisher of Jamestown, N. Y., who spoke in the absence of Rev. John Deysort, grand chaplain of Jamestown. The effort was a brilliant one and those who heard the speaker agreed in pronouncing him an eloquent talker and a learned man.

During the assembling of the members, the march was played by Prof. E. E. Drake. Vocal solos were dispersed throughout the program and "The Vacant Chair" rendered by the Messrs. Charles Bolig, Luther Bolig, J. K. Boyd and John Potter was a feature of the music.

Following the ritual services conducted by Exalted Ruler J. A. Madigan and officers, the roll of deceased brothers was called by Secretary L. L. Vaughn. Prayer by Chaplain M. A. Herald and responsive reading was followed by the Lord's prayer. The eulogy to "Our Departed Brothers" by John F. Irwin was a pretty and impressive feature. Solos by Mrs. C. R. New and Chris Clinton were included in the musical program. Rev. H. O. MacDonald pronounced the benediction.

At The Star

A merry attractive vaudeville bill has been arranged by Manager McShaffrey for this week, headed by Golden and Bogart. These fun makers appear in a black face comedy act and threaten to keep risibles working over time. Signor Coats returns with a new specialty and Monessen music lovers know what he can do on a Xylophone. He is an artist of rare ability. Myrtle Buttler, in a singing and dancing specialty has a good place on the program. Chris Clinton, the Star's favorite, will sing the illustrated songs, also new pictures.

Engagement Announced
The engagement of Miss Stella Sprouse, daughter of ex-Councilman N. E. Sprouse, to Mr. Clive Goodwin is announced, the wedding to be an event of New Year.

A BIG SACRIFICE

The well known Capitol billiard and bowling parlors, the best furnished rooms in Westmoreland county, guaranteed doing a fine large business. Got to sell for the best of reasons. Rooms cost every cent of \$8,000, will sell to a quick buyer for \$5,000, \$3,000 down, the balance will remain with the party that buys 30 days and guarantee the business.

SEE J. J. BUSER, Donner Avenue

BURGLARS WERE BOLD BUT ATTEMPTS WERE FRUSTRATED

GOWN IGNITED WHILE GIRL WAS PRAYING

MONONGAHELA, PA., Dec. 2.—Emma O'Connor, daughter of the general manager of the Bellwood & Monongahela Gas Co., was terribly burned at about 10 o'clock last night, when in the act of retiring for the night her gown caught fire at an open gas stove. The back and one arm are deeply burned, but the shock will prove more serious than the burns as the girl is in a serious condition.

Miss O'Connor is about 20 years old and of a nervous disposition. She had knelt near the center of the room to say her prayers when her gown was ignited. She screamed and immediately went into convulsions. Her father came to her rescue and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze after the girl had received severe burns.

SHOT HIMSELF WITH UNLOADED REVOLVER

DONORA, PA., Dec. 2 Edward McGinnis is in a critical condition at the Monongahela hospital where he was taken yesterday suffering with a revolver wound in the right breast. McGinnis was cleaning and oiling a .38 calibre revolver which he thought was unloaded. While pointed directly at his chest the man snapped the trigger and a bullet was sent crashing into his breast. The man has chances for recovery. He has a wife and small family.

Second Time in Three Days They Tried to Burglarize the Skelley Store but Were Scared Away

POLICE TOOK A HAND EARLY
Quickly Surrounded the Store but Were too Late—Burglars Visited Two Other Places

A party of five burglars created considerable excitement, visiting three business houses between 10:45 o'clock and midnight, but in each instance were frightened away by the police. White's book store and Stoll's bakery were the places visited last. In the former instance they attempted to gain an entrance to the store through the basement, but were frightened away. At about midnight a number of suspicious looking strangers tried to induce the night man at Stoll's bakery to let them in on the pretext of buying some pies. They were threatened with arrest if they did not leave. The men were seen lounging about a number of other places.

For the second time in three days an attempt was made last night shortly before 11 o'clock to burglarize the H. C. & J. K. Skelley dry goods store. Both attempts are remarkable for the boldness exhibited but each time the burglars' purpose has been frustrated.

In last night's attempt three men and although a net was quickly spread, when the meshes were closed, it was found that the birds had escaped.

The burglars were first discovered (CONTINUED ON FOURTH PAGE)

Warm Necessities For Cold Days

UNDERWEAR—All wool in camel hair, buckskin and natural, 75c to \$1.50. Australian wool ribbed in grey, tan and brown, \$1.00. Heavy fleeced lined, all sizes up to 50 shirts and 48 drawers, 50c. Heavy cotton ribbed in grey, blue and black, 50c. Men's union underwear in heavy cotton and all wool, \$1 to \$3. Boys' fleeced lined underwear, 25c. Boys' natural wool underwear, 50c. Boys' union underwear, 65c to \$1.

HOSIERY—Cassimere and heavy wool half hose in all weights, plain and fancy colors, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

GOLF VESTS and Cordigan jackets, all wool in black, oxford and navy, \$1.50 to \$4.50.

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