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NAOMI GIVES UP 26 CHARRED VICTIMS

BODIES WILL NOT BE BROUGHT TO SURFACE UNTIL ALL ARE FOUND

Full Force of Horror Slowly Breaks on Little Village as One by One the Still Forms Are Carried to Air Shaft

MANY WILL GO TO UNKNOWN GRAVES

Charred. mangled, blood stained. the bodies of 25 of the victims of Sunday night's horror in the Naomi mine rested side by side at the bottom of the air shaft at noon today. While frantic friends await the time when the bodies will be brought to the surface, the grim quest for the evidences of suffering and death goes on with unslacked enery in the gloomy entries. At 4:30 last evening five bodies. the first to be discovered after that of "Pumper Joe" Robey were discovered. After that the earthly remnants ot the victims were found in twos and threes until the 25 had been found and carried to the air shaft where they will await the finding of the others before being brought to the surface.

The first five bodies were found near entry 29. The mine is opened on the triple entry system and the air course was first gone through and then the entries in turn. At five o'clock this morning there were but twelve entries yet to search and not more than six or seven more bodies are expected to be found. This fact is responsible for the belief that the list of dead will not be so large as reported although many bodies may be buried beneath the debris as the mine is practically wrecked and it will take weeks to clear the choked passage ways.

Of the bodies found so far none of the English speaking victims have been identified. The body of George Christian, the dead motorman it is believed was blown to atoms as the motor was found but no trace of the man. His body may be buried beneath the debris. The body of David Roberts. the fire boss, is also missing as yet. Owing to the fact that most of the victims have been mangled or burned practically beyond recognition, the matter of securing a list of the names is almost impossible. The total list found thus far including the body of Robey which was found yesterday, now reaches 26. The cause of the disaster will probably never be known.

The terrible force of the explosion was fully demonstrated by the mangled condition of some of the bodies. In parts of the main entry shirt sleeves and other remnants of clothing was found. It will require weeks to remove the debris at the end of the mine and the recovery of some of the bodies will consequently be delayed. All of last night rescuing parties were working with every ounce of energy, but the presence of gas made their labors difficult and dangerous. The mine, it is claimed, has been very gaseous for years and a number of slight explosions have occurred in the past.

All day yesterday and late into the night there were hundreds of people flocking about the ill-fated mine. Among the number were miners who previously worked in the pit and they are of the opinion that the disaster is due to the carelessness of the foreigners.

The floor of the mine is covered with several inches of water and the miners believe that when this is pumped out a grueoome sight will be revealed. They frankly state they have no hope of ever finding the bodies of all the men

For the reception of the dead bodies a temporary morgue is being constructed near the mouth of the mine This will be in charge of Coroner Dr. S. A. Hagan, of Fayette county, who will make a thorough investigation into the disaster. It is probable that the bodies will be taken out of the mine at night in order to avoid excitement. This plan has been suggested by the officers of the company, and Coroner Hagan has raised no objections.

A realization of the awfulness of the calamity is just beginning to press itself upon the grief-stricken inhabitants of the little hamlet of Naomi, surrounding the wrecked mine. They were so badly shocked by the first news of the explosion that they simply wandered about unable to comprehend the extent of the disaster. They could not give vent to their awful grief in tears, they could but walk about with colorless faces and eyes staring vacantly into space.

The mine disaster will be thoroughly investigated by Dr A. S. Hagan, of Uniontown, coroner of Fayette county He arrived on the scene early yesterday and immediately took steps to learn the exact cause of the explosion. He had a short conference with Deputy State Mine Inspector Henry Loutitt and also with General Manager J. D. O'Neil, of the United Coal Company.

The latter informed Dr. Hagan that the mine had always been considered safe and that he was unable to assign any cause for the explosion. Inspector Loutitt expressed the opinion that the explosion occurred near the mouth

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INTERESTING ITEMS

Eli Wolf was a Donora business visitor this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos Safier were in the Smoky City today.

Buy your toilet soaps at a drug store. You can always depend on a soap we recommend.—Light's Drug store. 93-t

When it is a question of buying candy, Kirk's is the place to go to. They have the stock

Max Janavitz, the Schoonmaker avenue dry good's merchant, was in Pittsburg today on business.

L. J. Francis, the news dealer, left this morning for Pittsburg and Chicago, to transact business matters.

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

Takeyour prescriptions to Light's Prescription work is a specialty here. Light's Drug store 93-tf

Miss Blanche Galley of Brownsville has returned after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galley of Donner avenue.

A Hungarian wedding at Brownsville Saturday night ended in a murder in which the groom, George Bea. aged 38. was killed. it is supposed. by jealous suitors.

Nothing like Kirk's anti-chap for chapped hands and face. 15c a bottle.

Born—To Mr and Mrs. Robert Ruth of Morgan avenue, Sunday, a dimpled 9 pound baby girl. Mother and baby are getting along nicely Mr. Ruth is setting up the smokes to the boys.

$2.70 worth of Sanitol preparation for $1.00 —inquire at Light's Drug store. 93-tf

The sixtieth congress assembled in Washington at noon yesterday and it is expected that many important measures will be considered. The financial situation will receive special attention.

New Rubber Goods Stock. The "Kantleek" brand. Guaranteed at Kirk's, Fourth and Donner

Mrs. C. T. DeWalt and Mrs. G. K. Drain, of Monongahela, were Monessen visitors on Sunday.

The ladies of the United Presbyterian church are planning for a chicken and waffle supper and bazaar to be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

J. W. Scott, the liveryman, was a Smoky City business caller today

Mrs. Neil McGinley and daughter, Macella, spent the day in Pittsburg.

John Carcella and son, Victor, returned to East Canonsburg today, after visiting Monessen friends

Boro Engineer Irwin and Councilman J. A. Sheetz left for Greensburg, this morning. Councilman George Stevens who took the same train for Pittsburg, said they were after a wagon load of scrip.

Mrs. F. H. Malones, of Donora, returned this morning, after visiting with Mr and Mrs. Robert Stevenson

Haben, the tailor, was in Pittsburg today.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson, of Donner avenue, received a telegram this morning announcing the death in West Virginia, of the 7 months old son of their daughter, Mrs Wm. Bonnett

"Help Wanted"

Wanted—Manager for branch office we wish to locate here in Monessen. Address, with reference, The Morris Wholesale House. Cincinnatti.O. 30-tf

GETTING READY FOR NEW YEARS PARADE

Monongahela is Making Plans for Big Fantastic Event and Issues General Invitation

MONONGAHELA, Dec. 3.—The plans for the coming New Years Fantastic and Industrial parade are going merrily on and the different committees have gotten down to work, in their various lines and the outlook is bright for a rousing celebration, surpassing by far all previous efforts. The finance committee is at work and it is gratifying to note the success with which their efforts are being crowned The floats committee is canvassing the town, securing the promise of the merchants, factories, etc. to be represented in the parade and the display promises to be a fine one. The publicity and advertising committee have visited almost every business house. securing business envelopes on which were printed a general invitation to join Monongahela in the celebration.

These envelopes will be sent to all parts of the country by the merchants and it is an excellent advertising medium The executive committee is sitting back. watching the progress and extending suggestions and a helping hand when it is necessary. The committee in charge of the King and Queen contest is the busiest of all. The rivalry is strong, but friendly, among the contestants and already about seven thousand envelopes have been used. The prizes, a diamond ring to the queen and a watch and fob to the king are beautiful and those in the race want them very much, The contest is sure to net a handsome sum to the general fund which promises to be larger than ever before.

WEBSTER BRIEFS

The Equitable mines started operation this morning.

Captain John Thomas was a Monongahela caller today.

George Martin was calling on Monessen friends today.

Mrs. Harrison Biles was a Monongahela visitor yesterday.

Dr. W. H. Cowan, of Donora, was a business caller in town yesterday.

"Chip" Gillingham is working among the rescuing parties at the Naomi mines.

Leighty Steen, insurance agent of Belle Vernon, was transacting business in town today.

Andrew Brown, of Fayette City, attended the bank meeting of the National bank yesterday.

George Crossland, George Brown and James Sharrow visited the Naomi mine disaster yesterday.

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, time on balance Will remain with the party that buys 30 days and guarantee the business

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PASSENGER TRAIN SNUFFS OUT LIFE OF MILL WORKER

James Mogan Struck by South Bound Accommodation While on Way to Work and Instantly Killed

FOUND BY A RAILROADER

Unfortunate Man Leaves a Wife and Six Children in Pittsburg. Body Shipped This Morning

James Mogan, aged 52 years, employed at the plant of the Carnegie Steel Hoop Co. as rougher, was instantly killed last evening by the southbound passenger train due in Monessen at 7:45. Evidently the trainmen were not aware of the accident as the train proceeded on to the station without stopping The accident occurred almost directly in front of the office of the Hoop mill and Mogan was on his way to work when struck. The distance to the station is not long and the train was already slacking speed. The man's body was found a few moments later by John Jolliffe, a railroader formerly residing in Monessen. According to Jolliffe, the man breathed a few times after being found. Jolliffe summoned help and the body was removed to Wright's morgue where it was prepared for burial. A skull fracture at the base of the brain was sustained and the left side just over the heart was crushed in. Either would have proved fatal. The body was shipped to the man's home in Pittsburg on the 6:33 train this morning.

Mogan has been working at the Hoop mill since it was erected. His

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INCREASE IN THE BUSINESS AT HOME

Many Paupers Seek admission at the Alms Houses During the Early Days of the Winter

Supt. A. P. Darr has completed his report for the county home during the month of November, which is as follows:

No. Inmates in home Oct. 31	200
No. admitted during month	29
No. discharged during month	8
No. eloped during month	1
No. removed by death during month	3
No. transferred to Children's home	2
No in home Nov., 30	221

REPORT OF FINANCES

Cash in hands of Supt. Oct. 30.	$1,430.25
Cash received during month	129.36
	$1,579.61
Cash expenditures during month	75.85
Cash in hands of Supt. Nov. 30	$1,503.78

Good Offering Tonight

"The Banker's Child" tonight's attraction at the Opera house is a play that should appeal to all. There is nothing slow in the action and the dramatic worth has reached a finished stage in this production dealing with the '400 Hazel Shannon, a true child star, will be seen in an important role. There is a vein of sparkling comedy in the play that promises to make it a favorite with fun lovers.

Crook Gets $1,700

DONORA, DEC., 2—Ivan Kurin, a boarding housekeeper who lives in the Lustic building on Thompson avenue, got away with about $1,700 of his countrymen's money and has started to sail for the old country with a detective on his trail

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