

Pittsburgh Minister Killed by Fall into Abandoned Mine Shaft

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 14. (P)—Rev. Chalfont Groves, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was killed last night by a fall into an abandoned gas filled mine shaft near Howbert, Colo.

Albert Davidson, of Howbert, who was accompanying the minister, was overcome by gas at the bottom of the shaft and was rescued by Harry Rogers, of Howbert, a third member of the party. Davidson's condition is serious. Rev. Groves, who was 26, was a member of a picnic party. The three men decided to explore the deserted shaft which twenty-five years ago was a producer of rich gold ore. Davidson went down first with flashlights and apparently was overcome by the gas before he could call for help. The minister was following and it is believed a rung on the old

ladder broke under his weight and he plunged to the bottom of the shaft.

Rogers carried Davidson up the ladder and later brought out Rev. Groves' body.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 14. (P)—Rev. Chalfont Groves, killed last night by a fall into a mine shaft near Colorado Springs, was attached to the board of home missions of the Presbyterian Church. He was a son of Rev. Dr. U. S. Groves, of New Alexandria, Pa., and was planning to return to Pittsburgh in a few weeks, the father said, to complete his studies in the Western Theological Seminary. He would have been a member of the 1925 graduating class. The family was notified of his death today and arrangements were made for the return of the body to New Alexandria.

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