

## BODIES DISCOVERED BY BROTHER OF ONE BOY EARLY TODAY

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Both 13, Lose Lives in Fall  
Down Shaft of Old Mine 4  
of Madison Coal Corp.

FOUND ON THIRD  
LANDING OF STAIRS

Authorities, Mine Officials Seek  
Circumstances Under Which  
Both Boys Were Killed: Plan  
Double Funeral.

Two boys living near an abandoned shaft of what was formerly Mine 4 of the Madison Coal Corporation east of Glen Carbon lost their lives last night when they fell part way down the shaft. They were found this morning at 5 o'clock by Frank Hauranek, 18-year-old brother of one of the victims. Authorities and mine company officials were today endeavoring to determine the circumstances under which they were killed.

The dead boys are Henry Polach, 13, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polach and John Hauranek, also 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hauranek.

The Polach boy was last seen alive about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At the time he was putting up a swing in the yard. He did not go home for supper last night. The Hauranek boy ate supper with his family last night and left shortly afterwards. William Lehotz, who lives a short distance from the old shaft, said he heard persons talking there as late as 9 o'clock but whether they were voices of the boys or others searching for them is undetermined. Searchers said they passed the mine about that time.

The two bodies were lying on the "third landing" of a flight of stairs into the mine. Henry, the smaller boy of the two, was lying on the steps just above the body of his associate. Both were bruised.

The Hauranek boy had a bruise over the right temple and a depression in the skull which may have caused concussion of the brain. He also had a slight depression of the skull over the right ear. Examinations made today indicated that the Polach boy received an injury to the back and spinal cord which caused his death.

Whether the boys entered a small building built over the shaft or fell

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through an steel screen used over it as a roof have not been determined. If the boys were in the building they did not fall over 15 feet. If on the roof the fall was about 25 feet. The screen permits air from the shaft to pass out of the building and is in strips, several feet wide. It was once used in screening coal and is of steel, about one-quarter of an inch thick, and is rusty from exposure to the elements.

One theory is that the boys were on the screening which was sprung sufficiently for them to fall through. Persons who made inspections today believed that the straw hat of one of the boys would have fallen off as he passed through the place and remained on the roof. The hat was in the building, three or four feet from where the boys went down the shaft.

The other theory is that the boys were in the building, the smaller becoming overbalanced and his associate in trying to catch him, fell too. If killed in that manner they would fall down the shaft together, one landing on the other. Injuries to the back of one may have been sufficient to cause immediate death and blows on the head of the other may have stunned him sufficiently to prevent moving from the place where he landed.

When the boys were found today, Stephen Hauranek was one of the first to reach the scene. He climbed down the stairs and carried the bodies out. They were brought to Edwardsville by William C. Straube, an undertaker gave permission to move them. Relatives of the boy had carried the bodies to their respective homes.

About 18 years ago the mining of coal at Number 4 was stopped, the company developing Number 2 mine at Glen Carbon. The underground workings of the two mines were connected, making it possible for miners employed at Number 2 to escape through the old shaft in case of accident. Pumps were installed at Number 4 mine to keep the water pumped out of the newer mine.

Mine Number 2 suspended operations several months ago and the shaft was sealed. Even without the operation of fans to maintain air circulation in the underground workings miner said today that air coming from the abandoned shaft was clear enough not to kill the boys at the distance they were found. Miners said the shaft is 100 feet deep

Albany, N. Y., July 1—"Everything looks all right," Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt said today after completion of the third presidential ballot at the Democratic national convention.

The governor had made an all night radio vigil. He sat in the executive mansion listening to the long hours of oratory, the arguments over adjournment and finally the three ballots during which he made slow gains towards the nomination but failed of the necessary two-thirds majority.

He seemed confident as the radio announcer told of the adjournment. "The Chicago forces are as confident as ever," he said. "They are fighting every inch of the way."

Once the convention adjourned he summoned newspapermen, told them of his confidence, and then remarked:

"Go on home and take a nap, boys, I'm going to do the same thing."

He said he probably would sleep until mid-afternoon and then added:

"I'll probably be busy on the telephone with Chicago prior to the reconvening of the convention tonight."

### Nelson Freed of Charge.

Woodstock, Ill., July 1—State Auditor Oscar Nelson was free today of conspiracy charge, filed against him and four officials of the Waukegan State Bank in connection with the bank's closing. He was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge after a two weeks' trial.

ited the shaft and questioned persons living in the vicinity of the place. After concluding his investigation he advanced a theory that the boys were inside the building and met accidental deaths. He inspected the roof and the iron screening and was unable to find any manner in which the boys fell through the screens. He notified relatives of the boys and two or three other persons to come to Edwardsville Saturday morning for the inquest.

Both boys were born in the community where they died. The Polach boy was born September 24, 1918. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Joseph, Charles and Frank Polach and two sisters, Mildred and Bessie Polach.

John Hauranek was born on June 3, 1919. His parents, three sisters, Mrs. John Ninin of St. Louis, Mary and Anna Hauranek and one brother, Frank Hauranek.

Plans are being made to hold a double funeral for the two boys Sunday afternoon from Straube Funeral Home. Burial will be at Buck Road Cemetery.

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