

MINERS RESUME GRUESOME TASK 'MID SICKENING GLOOM AND DEATH

Again Delve Into Depths of Ill Fated Naomi Mine in Quest of Bodies of Victims

THIRTEEN NOW ON SURFACE

Work of Identification Will Start This Afternoon as Soon as Rest of Bodies Are Recovered

This morning the work of recovering the bodies of the victims of the ill-fated Naomi mine was resumed. With thirteen of the twenty-seven bodies thus far recovered, removed to the temporary morgue in the basement of the power house, Supt. O'Neil last night issued an order to the miners to stop the attempt at recovering the remainder of the bodies as a second explosion was feared. The order was obeyed although against the counsel of the state mine inspectors.

Yesterday the officials of the United Coal Co. sent to all of the surrounding towns for all the policemen that could be spared. Chief Woolsey and Officers Wheatley, McLaughlin and Dusenberry went to the scene of the disaster and remained the greater part of the day, lending valuable assistance in keeping grief stricken friends and those attracted by morbid curiosity out of the rescuer's way and out of harm's reach. Mayor Elwood, of Monongahela, accompanied by ten special deputies, went to the scene late yesterday and remained all of the night. Officers from Belle Vernon and Charleroi were also added to the company's private force.

Inspector Robey favors bringing the bodies to the surface as rapidly as they are found. His argument is strengthened by the fact that the temperature of the mine is between 60 and 70 and some of the bodies are already emitting an awful odor. None of the bodies brought to the surface have as yet been washed and no attempt at identification will be made until all of the bodies recovered have been removed to the morgue.

The process of removing the victims from the places where they were found to the air shaft has necessarily been slow as the distance is a full mile and a half. Last night's order to cease activity further delayed the work. Inspector Robey said that there had already been too much delay and that the digging would have to be continued without interruption and that more men ought to be put to work. Supt. O'Neil defended his action on the ground that there was positive danger

and that to put more men to work would result in rapidly tiring his experienced men and not as much good would result as if he worked small shifts. Experienced men only, he said, could do the work.

A controversy also resulted when the inspectors insisted on the mine slope being opened. Supt. O'Neil objected to the move at present. Identification of the victims will start today if all of the bodies can be gotten out. A jury will be empaneled by Coroner A. C. Hagan of Fayette county. Mr. Hagan and the inspectors expect to re-enter the mine some time today. Mr. Hagan in his previous trip into the mine formed an excellent idea as to the origin and cause of the explosion. He refused to discuss the matter until the inquest. In the event that any of the bodies are unidentified or unclaimed, they will be buried by the coal company.

New County Medical Inspector

Dr. T. A. Klingensmith, of Jeanette, has resigned as county medical inspector and the place has been filled by the appointment of Dr. I. N. Porter of Greensburg.

INTERESTING ITEMS

The W. C. T. U. of Monessen will hold a 10c social at the home of Mrs. H. N. Oalbert on tomorrow (Thursday) evening. All interested in the cause are urged to attend.

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

Many patrons who visited the opera house last night were disappointed in the attraction, "The Banker's Child." It goes without saying that it will be a long time before the company can secure another engagement with Manager Shuster.

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Squire A. N. Shuster has been confined to his bed since Sunday. His condition is not alarming.

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COLLINGSBURG IS IN GRASP OF MEASLES

Over 90 Cases in the Town and in Some Instances as High as Five in One Home

State Officer A. L. Arner has just returned from a trip to Collingsburg, near West Newton, where he is having a severe struggle to keep down an epidemic of measles, that is raging in alarming proportions. Although over half of the houses in the little Yough village have at least one case of the disease there has been no fatalities and Mr. Arner hopes to soon get the situation under control. A few cases of whooping cough are also reported.

There are now over 90 cases of measles and the schools have long been closed. Mr. Arner is kept busy placarding the homes and using disinfecting apparatus. Of the 90 cases they are scattered about in 60 homes, as high as five cases being reported in some of them. At present the list of cases continues to grow rapidly and Mr. Arner will make many more trips to the town before his duties will have been finished.

TREAT FOR THE DRAMA LOVERS

Of "The Train Robbers" which Manager Shuster has booked for tomorrow night's attraction at the opera house, the Fairmont West Virginian says in its issue of Nov. 30:

"The Train Robbers" a story of the west, dramatised by Edward R. Salter, was seen at the Grand last night by a moderately sized audience, many of whom testified to their appreciation of the thrilling climaxes by the usual signs. The gallery was especially responsive to the dramatic situations appearing at frequent intervals.

"For those who like plays of the character of 'The Train Robbers,' this drama affords every opportunity for enjoyment. It is founded upon episodes in the careers of members of the notorious Dalton gang, who operated extensively in years past as 'Gentlemen of the Road' when the west was a dangerous country to traverse by any method.

"The company enacting 'The Train Robbers' is a conscientious one, each member performing his or her part with careful reference to what is expected of the character."

COUNCIL CONDEMNS ARTICLES BY MOORE

MONONGAHELA, Dec. 4.—Both common and select council passed a resolution last night condemning the recent articles that have appeared in the Washington Observer as untrue of the Monongahela bars, clubs, lodges and hotels. Several stirring speeches were made in select council and one of the most emphatic in his views was Mayor R. L. Elwood. President William Stephens also commented on the articles and asked the opinion of the large audience in the council chamber. The resolution was prepared by City Clerk B. L. Ross upon the request of several members of both branches and was read by him.

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WANTS TO STILL BE GARBAGE COLLECTOR

Alfred Lee in Face of Repeated Notices Continued the Practice and Was Fined This Morning

A legal battle that attracted an unusual crowd and proved quite interesting was waged in Burgess Shutterly's court this morning when Alfred Lee, colored, was arraigned on a charge of violating a borough ordinance. Lee has for years been the garbage collector until recently council entered into a contract with J. S. Martz.

Although notified that he could no longer continue the practice, Lee has persisted and his arrest followed. Attorney Ward Eicher, of Greensburg, represented the defense and A. L. Arner, looked after the prosecution. After a lengthy taking of testimony and discussion by the litigant's attorneys Burgess Shutterly reached a decision finding Lee guilty and imposed a fine of \$1 and costs with a warning to discontinue the practice at once.

MONONGAHELA YOUTH IS DEAD OF TYPHOID FEVER

W. B. Lewis, of McKee avenue, received word this morning announcing the death of a brother, Everett Lewis, at the home of his parents, Supt. and Mrs. W. S. Lewis, of Monongahela. The young man was 23 years of age and his death was due to typhoid fever. Death occurred at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The young man was employed with his father, who is superintendent of the Shoenberger mines. Besides the parents, two brothers and three sisters survive. They are Forest, at home and W. B. Lewis, of Monessen, and Mrs. Cora Sutherin and Miss Florence Lewis of Monongahela and Mrs. Will McDonald of Sewickley. The funeral will take place Friday at 2:30 p. m. and interment will be made in Monongahela cemetery. Rev. McKee, pastor of the Presbyterian church will officiate. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis left Monessen today for Monongahela.

New Church Destroyed

BENTLEYVILLE, Dec. 3.—In a fire which broke out at this place about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Roman Catholic church, together with the most of its contents was completely destroyed. The blaze had a good start before it was discovered and the building, which was a frame structure was an easy prey for the flames. The loss, including the furnishings will reach at least \$10,000.

Stanley's Restaurant for Sale

The equipment of the Stanley restaurant will be sold within the next 10 days by William Eldins, trustee. Submit your proposition and have it considered. WILLIARD ELDINS, Trustee. 32-1f

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NAOMI MINE DISASTER DUE PRIMARILY TO NEGLIGENCE

District Inspectors Believe Pit Was Dangerous and Promise to Make Searching Investigation—Interior Wrecked

WILL ALSO LOOK INTO PREVIOUS EXPLOSION

In speaking of the awful disaster, President Feehan, of District No. 5 United Mine Workers of America, said that there was little doubt but that negligence was the primary cause.

In support of this statement President Feehan, speaking further, said "Over a year ago, November 9, 1906, my attention was called to the bad condition of the mine by members of the local union at the Naomi slope. The men were quite plain in their statements and I regarded the situation as so grave and requiring prompt attention that on the same date I wrote a letter to Henry Loutitt, the mine inspector, reading as follows:

"Dear Sir: I have a letter in my possession coming from miners working at Naomi mine, near Fayette City, which I believe is in your district, stating that the mine is unsafe and there is constant danger of a serious explosion unless such needed improvements are made in the ventilation. I think it is my duty to notify you to this effect, as the miners fear they will be discriminated against if it becomes known that they had written to you concerning this matter. They also complain that they are not properly supplied with timber to keep their places in safe working condition. By consulting some of the English speaking miners who are working at that mine they can perhaps describe the danger in a satisfactory way."

Inspector Loutitt promptly replied to this letter stating that he would investigate and act accordingly, but Feehan states that ever since that time when he sounded the warning

English speaking miners were loth to work in the Naomi shaft and it was given a wide berth. President Feehan said further: "There can be no doubt that as far as our organization is concerned we will demand and insist on a most rigid and searching investigation being made into the cause which led to the snuffing out of the lives of the miners last Sunday evening."

Inspector J. G. Roby, one of the veteran miners, said after the last examination that can be made of the mine for two days at least, that in his opinion the blast started in entry No. 25. He said: "because from that point it is easy to trace the spread of the explosion, flame and afterdamp in two directions from there. It is the supposition that the explosion was caused by the careless use of a lamp, but we cannot state anything positive."

The inspectors will also look into the matter of an explosion that is said to have taken place a few months ago, when a boy was badly burned in the mine. He is said to be desirous of giving information relative to the conditions existing at the time of his injury to the inspectors. It is also stated by some that although the Naomi mine was considered one of the best, it really had not been such for time when he sounded the warning

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