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# NO HOPE OF FINDING ANY OF THE MINERS ALIVE

## Corrected Lists Show That One Hundred and Sixty Men Lost Their Lives in the Hanna Mine Disaster.

### Reported That a Fire Has Broken Out in the Lower Entries and That the Bodies Are Likely to Be Destroyed.

Special Dispatch to the World-Herald.

Hanna, Wyo., July 1.—The situation here was practically unchanged today, no more bodies being recovered up to 8 o'clock tonight, though hundreds of experienced miners worked steadily in the lower levels and hundreds of tons of splinters, debris and earth were hauled to the surface. All hope of recovering the entombed miners alive have been given up, and the only cause for haste now is to reach the dead bodies before fire consumes them and to end the awful suspense of widows, fatherless children and anxious relatives.

There was a faint hope up until tonight that some of the imprisoned miners were in entries where there was a circulation of air, but the pit was penetrated to greater depth and increased quantities of deadly gas were encountered. It was found that no human being could live below longer than a few hours and even the officials now admit that all men below the surface are now dead. An official canvass of the town was made this afternoon, when the names of 167 missing miners, day men and drivers were listed. All of those men, save two whose bodies were removed yesterday afternoon, are still in the pit. Two, Theodore Schill and Alfred Sarri, whose bodies lie just below the eleventh entry, will be taken out tonight. The rescuers having carried the corpses over the piles of debris that fill the slope and entries. This will leave 162 dead in the mine. By tomorrow noon, it is expected, some of these will be removed.

CARING FOR CORPSES.

The first reports which came from the rescued miners placed the number of men in the mine at 289. Of this number forty-six were taken out alive and two dead, leaving 232 in the mine, but the estimate of 57 dead and 162 still in the mine furnished by the officials is believed to be nearer the correct number, although it is admitted there may be a few others in the workings that have not been counted.

Of the dead 102 were Finlanders, twenty-five Poles, fifteen Americans, six Irish, six Swedes, eleven Italians, one Austrian and one Frenchman.

As fast as the victims are reached they will be loaded on stone boats and hauled to the shaft in the rear, from which they will be hoisted to the surface. The corpses will be removed to the mine carpenter shop, where they will be washed, embalmed, dressed and prepared for burial or shipment. The company yesterday ordered 200 suits of clothing from Denver for the dead.

From the improvised morgue the bodies will be moved to Finish hall, where they will be laid out in rows on the floor to be identified by widows, children and other relatives. Many of the bodies will be buried here, but not a few will be sent to outside towns, and some will be sent to Finland and other foreign countries for final burial.

FIRE IN THE ENTRIES.

These arrangements depend, of course, upon the finding of the bodies. The rescuing parties have encountered more than fifty victims between the tenth and sixteenth levels, but these cannot be lifted over the debris in the entries. There is a growing impression that many of the victims, especially those below the seventeenth level, will be incinerated. It is reported that a fire that has been smoldering since the explosion broke out with renewed vigor today, and is now burning fiercely in the lower entries, and unless checked soon will add horror to an already horrible holocaust. Officials do not admit that a fire has started below, neither do they deny the report. They admit that smoke and gas are accumulating so rapidly that no bodies can be reached for some time, unless it is those of Schill and Sarri. A significant move in this direction was made when all save those actually employed near the mouth of the slope were ordered to move off to a considerable distance.

The town is unusually quiet, all places of business being closed. The wires of the victims and their children now begin to realize the awful calamity that has overtaken them. Heretofore they have been in a sort of stupor, but they are now awakening to a full realization of the awful situation and their grief is pitiful to witness.

KNOWN TO BE DEAD.

Officials of the coal company made a house-to-house canvass this afternoon and the following list of known dead is the result:

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| James Thomas. | James White. |
| Henry Rees. | James White, jr. |
| Dave Jones, jr. | John Jones. |
| Robert Clarkson. | John White. |
| Henry Lindi. | Otto Milanda. |
| Oscar Jacobson. | Ben Hill. |
| Joe Sheffield. | Sam Hudspath. |
| John Clarkson. | Henry Sanders. |
| C. H. Heiskan. | Robert Numley. |
| William Sarrion. | John Leibarta. |
| John H. Matson. | C. Claraian. |
| Axel Matson. | Elido Petracco. |
| M. M. Louma. | Christ Decrespentis. |
| Mat. Melborg. | Robert Tinley. |
| S. J. Kalassen. | Clay Tinley. |
| Alf Ragpood. | Marie Miller. |
| Henry Wilmutten. | William Williams. |
| Sac Wilmutten. | Ed Love. |
| Andrew Williams. | W. L. Smith. |
| H. Renkinow. | James Patton. |
| Tom Weathers. | John Swanson. |
| John Kangus. | John Reite. |
| Mat Lundberg. | John Temper. |
| John Lundberg. | John R. Cox. |
| Mat Lundberg, jr. | John H. Cox. |
| Oscar Kukola. | John Battle. |
| August Matson. | Pete Hawley. |
| Nick Watcha. | James Smith. |
| Henry Kokanter. | Mat Garvea. |
| H. Massero. | Mat Hako. |
| Herman Ranko. | John Melburg. |
| Mat Lundeli. | Gus Bloomsc. |
| August Longi. | Andrew Koski. |
| Eric Longi. | Andrew Niemo. |
| Andrew Longi. | James Massero. |
| Mat Longi | Theodore Schill. |
| Mat Longi, jr. | John Bloomstorm. |
| John Lassila. | John Norkonem. |
| Alfred Neimi. | Charlee Nieme. |
| John Huppi. | Jack Wuatt. |
| Alfred Holm. | Abe Heime. |
| John Pokkada. | Henry Ojua. |
| Simon Ojola. | James Watson. |
| John P. Hill. | Axle Kertilla. |
| Henry Talkenen. | Henry Les Kela. |
| Arthur McDonald. | John Romey. |
| John McDonald. | John A. Serra. |
| Sam Kerts. | Nick Lamaren. |
| Mike Sperro. | Rudolph Sella. |
| Joe Julio. | Wil Austin. |
| Nick Massaro. | Deep Austin. |
| Alfred Zito. | S. Siman. |
| Jim Delmonico. | Sac Kakko. |
| Pasa Teceare. | Jack M. Runola. |
| Ed Brown. | Sac Jacobson. |
| Henry Glast. | Charles Mertilla. |
| Nick Theis. | Eric Louma. |
| Uriah Davis. | Andrew Louma. |
| James Hayes. | Alu Hietala. |
| Mike Arthur. | Louis Sarri. |
| Ole Jacobson. | Alex Kelme. |
| Sam Nicholson. | Herman Talkenen. |
| Charles Pelto. | John Honka. |
| John Asburland. | John Rysberk. |
| George Hooper. | Eric Heiskena. |
| Fred Wilkins. | Andrew Fikka. |
| W. G. Williams. | Alfred Makl. |
| William Hall. | August Mekl. |
| Robert Evans. | Isaac S. Makl. |
| Richard Bein. | Gus Lindum. |
| Gabe Makl. | N. Nickola. |
| H. J. Almer. | |

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| William Matson. | John Pasal. |
| Y. Hanhimaki. | Gus Westoland. |
| John Taki. | Felix McKenna. |
| William Pulkemen. | George McKenna. |
| C. Summerill. | Tom Davis. |
| Mat Nisilla. | Mat Tukola. |
| John Pelto. | S. Siman. |
| Carl Ruska. | Sac Kakko. |

The coal company will defray the funeral expenses in most cases. No funeral arrangements have been made and none will be made until after tomorrow.

MINER AND HIS OPEN LAMP

Probable Cause of the Hanna Mine Disaster.

Hanna, Wyo., July 1.—It has been decided that the explosion in the Hanna mine was caused by black damp, which gathered in a small alley off the seventeenth level while the circulation became defective from some unknown cause. A miner went in with his lamp, not knowing, since the existence of the deadly gas and ignited the explosive. Probably no trace of the unlucky miner will ever be found, for he was surely blown to atoms.

William Christian, colored, is the hero of the calamity. He was unconscious when brought to the surface, but could have made his way out himself had he not remained behind to assist his more unfortunate companions. He was breaking down coal in a small chamber off the entry when the explosion occurred. He was knocked down by the concussion, but was only dazed. The mine was filled with a sheet of flame for a minute. He ran to the slope and saw scores of miners lying on the floor, many writhing in the agony of the death struggle, while others had been killed outright.

Christian rushed down the slope toward the rear shaft, but soon the gas burned out and the mine was in inky darkness. He groped about, falling over the prostrate forms scattered along the slope. Some of these raised up as he passed. They were able to talk and the plucky miner urged them to follow him. A few too this and he carried several to places of safety, from which they were later removed to the surface by the relief party. He is not certain how many men he saved in this manner, but he believed he carried out at least a dozen. Some of the rescued miners say he did even better than this. He spent the night in the care of a physician, but today joined the force of miners and others engaged in the removing of the debris from the workings.

In some instances the entire male membership of families is among the victims of the mine disaster.

James Wilds, father, Jube Wilds and James Wilds, jr., sons, were working together near the seventeenth level. Oscar Olef and Jacob Jacobson, brothers, and the sole support of a widow and two little sisters, were killed below the twenty-first level.

Tom Davis, one of the dead men, was one of the best known miners in Wyoming. He had charge of the electric hoists and was caught below the seventeenth level.

MASS OF FLAMES REPORTED

Interior of Hanna Mine Said to Be Burning.

Denver, Colo., July 1.—A special to the Republican from Hanna says:

The startling information was received tonight from an experienced miner and fire fighter who penetrated the mine to the sixteenth level that the workings below the seventeenth level are a mass of flames, and where a few hours ago it was believed the rescuers would reach the bodies of the entombed miners not later than tomorrow noon. It now appears the flames will add horror to the already terrible calamity, and that the victims will be burned. The efforts of those working below the surface are now confined to the work of walling up the entries and slope and putting up fire proof barriers which will prevent the flames from reaching the seventeenth and other levels above. This is taken as an indication that the rescuers realize the fruitlessness of further attempts to reach the entombed miners below the seventeenth level.

Added to the horrors of the fire, which will doubtless destroy the underground workings, is the danger of another explosion which may occur at any time. The situation is decidedly grave and the citizens are becoming alarmed for the safety of those who are working below the surface and also those engaged in hauling away the debris from the mouth of the slope. If the entries in which the fire is burning can be successfully walled and the fire confined to a few entries, there will be little to fear, but there is great danger of the flames breaking through into the entries from which the rescuers are moving rocks and debris in an effort to reach the two score or more bodies known to be in entry No. 11. Here the gas has accumulated in such large quantities that the rescuers have had to remain back at a time and this gas, once it is ignited, will cause an explosion.

Additional fire fighters and volunteers are arriving on every train. The force is well organized and the work of rescue is progressing as rapidly as possible.

The watch carried by Deacon Jones, one of the dead men brought out tonight, had stopped at 10.27, and this is probably the exact time the accident occurred.

Schill, whose body was recovered today, was granted a leave of absence and went into the mine yesterday to get his tools. He was on his way out and had reached the ninth level when the explosion occurred. He was probably killed outright by a heavy timber that was found lying across his body.

ONLY FORTY-SIX ARE ALIVE

Bodies of Dead Badly Burned and Mangled.

Salt Lake, Utah, July 1.—A special to the Deseret News from Hanna, Wyo., says:

Officials of the Union Pacific mine have given up all hope of reaching the entombed miners alive. Two hundred and eighty men went into the mine yesterday morning and of this number forty-eight have been accounted for. Of these forty-six were brought out alive and two dead. No bodies have been removed since yesterday afternoon, but rapid progress is being made and more victims may be brought to the surface today.

President Burt, and other officials of the Union Pacific and Superintendent Clark of the Union Pacific Coal company arrived here early today and have taken personal charge of the work of removing bodies from the slope and entries and burying them. The miners believe the awful explosion occurred on the seventeenth level, from the fact that the slope and entries are more and more choked as it is approached. The bodies found here will probably be badly burned and mangled.

An improvised hospital has been located near the mouth of the slope and the morgue is close at hand, but there will probably be no use for the former unless it is to care for those who may be injured in removing the debris. Of the 242 miners believed to have been killed by the explosion, 215 were men and the balance boys from 13 to 20 years of age. One hundred and sixty-five were married and many leave large families.

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