

Perished in a Mine.

M. W. Coburn received a telegram Monday giving him the sad news of the death of his son Roy, who was one of the five to perish in the mine disaster at Silverton, Colorado, Saturday night.

Roy Coburn was shift boss at the Gold King mine and was working to rescue the men who were overcome 500 feet down when he himself was overcome and taken out dead. The disaster was caused by the buildings at the mouth of the shaft taking fire and burning which put all of the machinery out of commission and it was impossible to get fresh air down to the men.

From the Denver papers we glean the facts that Roy Coburn died a hero, leading the rescuers to the depths of the mine that was filled with the poisonous gasses and smoke. This is a consolation to the aged father and mother and the family. Their grief over his death is hard to bear but they know he was true and honest and died doing a noble act.

The Denver Times of June 8 contained in part the following write up of the sad affair:

In the depths of the Gold King mine rendered a poisonous hell-hole by the smoke and carbonic acid gasses which filled the under workings as a result of the fire Friday night, five brave men sacrificed their lives yesterday trying to save three miners who had become entrapped in the fifth level. Two of the original trio were taken out alive, but the third Victor Erickson was beyond worldly aid when found and died soon after reaching the surface.

Aside from the six dead there are five members of the rescue party and the two who were saved by them are in a local hospital from the effects of inhaling the foul gases. While their condition is serious it is not believed that any will die.

The history of Colorado will never record more thrilling adventures or greater examples of bravery than were seen around the Gold King mine Saturday night and yesterday morning. It is a story that could not be equaled save in a Western mining camp where men are trained to

show their nerve that others may live.

A squad of five headed by Roy Coburn went to the fourth level searching for the men and returned fifteen minutes later with John Funston one of the three still alive, but the squad carried the lifeless body of Coburn. He had pressed ahead of the other four in the level, found the unconscious form of Funston and had dragged the body back to meet the four and the exertion together with the more gas-charged air through which he was compelled to pass caused him to collapse. The four picked up the two bodies and carried them to the hoist but Coburn expired on the way up. Funston was taken to the hospital.

Another crowd headed by Michael Anesi crowded on the hoist as the bodies of Coburn and Funston were taken out and down they went to the fifth level throwing goodbye kisses to their wives and sweethearts as they passed out of sight. This crowd then found the body of Victor Erickson, the only one of the three who were first entombed to die, but finding it A. W. Burns gave up his life and Anesi was so filled with the poisonous gas that he is in a hospital. The other three members of the party are at their homes overcome with the fumes.

While a drizzling rain added its gloomy influence to the scene of mourning, the trains rolled in silently with nearly the entire population grouped about the little station. Every form of amusement in Silverton was abandoned and the town joined with Gladstone in mourning for those who met a tragic end.

Roy Kyle Coburn was born in Barber county West Virginia Jan. 1 1872 being 36 years, 5 months and 5 days old at the time of his death. He came to Kansas in 1888 with his parents and left here 14 years ago and has since been working in the Colorado mines. He had been working at Silverton about one year and prior to that time had been working at Victor. He was unmarried.

We extend the sympathy of the entire community to Mr. and Mrs. Coburn and grant that they may be

consolid in the fact that their son died bravely fighting to save the lives of his comrades.

Funeral services will be held at the Olivet church Sunday at 2:30 p. m. conducted by Rev. Moshier

Interment in the Olivet Cemetery.

RAILROAD NOTES.

O C Hoch went on No. 3 Sunday night in Amidon's turn.

O L Gregg is on the Bend run for a few trips.

F A Beer went to Kansas City Monday night.

Jack Martin is in Wm Thomas' turn for a few trips.

J A Pearson, Wm Moody, O C Hoch and Wm Thomas are laying off for a few trips.

W P Wilson is running the switch engine for a few nights.

The Tuesday local crew was used on No 51 Tuesday on account of no available chain gang crew.

Pete Appie went on No 3 Tuesday night in W P Wilson's turn.

Vanhoosier is on No. 1 with Goodwin in Martin Thompson's turn.

Waggoner is in Bowler's turn with Anderson for a few trips.

Engine 3662 went to Osawatimie Wednesday in tow on an extra east.

All trains were delayed Saturday night and Sunday on account of the heavy rains washing the tracks out. No. 1 went around over the Santa Fe from Geneseo. No. 2 and 4 from the west came in about nine o'clock Sunday night.

The neighbors of Mrs. Geo Burnside gave her a pleasant birthday surprise party last evening. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The W H D club were entertained last night by Mrs. Cornelius at the Helfert home. All members of the club and several visitors were present. Refreshments were served and flashlight pictures were taken of the group.