

Mine Victim Buried

Yesterday afternoon the last sad rites were performed over the body of Arthur Smallcomb, the young man who lost his life in the Mt. Lookout colliery explosion on Tuesday afternoon. A profusion of carnations covered the casket, several of the bouquets having been tributes of regard from the work companions of the deceased. Rev. R. A. Rinker conducted the services and hymns were rendered by singers from the Presbyterian Church. Among them was one that had been a favorite of the deceased. "Some time we'll understand." A large number of relatives and friends, including a delegation of workmen from Mt. Lookout colliery, attended the services and followed the funeral cortege to West Pittston Cemetery.

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Mt. Lookout Disaster.

The most disasterous horror occurred on May 15, by an explosion at the Mt. Lookout colliery of the Temple Coal Co., at Wyoming, when eight were killed outright and two others died from their injuries. The victims are:

NICHOLAS NICOLA of Wyoming, aged 25 years, a company man. Frightfully burned about the head and body. Died at his home to-day.

GEORGE METCALF, aged 48 years, fire boss; survived by his wife and two children. Was school director of Exeter Borough.

FRANK SMITH, aged 27 years, single, Exeter.

PATRICK McNULTY, aged 35 years, single, Archbald, boarded at Wyoming.

LEWIS PATASKY, aged 38 years, married, Wyoming.

PASCAL BURT, aged 25 years, married, Exeter Borough.

ARTHUR SMALLCOMB, aged 27 years, married, West Pittston.

JOSEPH YONCAVAGE, married Wyoming.

PETER OLANSKI, of Wyoming, a miner, married. Burned about the head, face and body, died at Pittston hospital.

JOSEPH DESIRERO, of Wyoming, a miner aged 30 years. Chest and head fearfully burned died at the hospital.

PRIMO CHIASACCI, died at the Pittston Hospital on Saturday from being burned in the Mt. Lookout Colliery some time previous to the big explosion.

TWO MORE DEATHS FROM MINE HORROR

**List of Casualties at Mount Lookout
Colliery is Nine Dead, and Fif-
teen Badly Hurt.**

Two more deaths occurred yesterday of the men injured in the terrible explosion in the Mt. Lookout colliery at Wyoming.

This brings the death list from that terrible accident up to nine.

A number of the other injured men are in a critical condition at the Pitts-
ton hospital and their death may fol-
low.

A force of workmen have been at work since the explosion clearing up the fallen roof and rearranging the ventilating apparatus.

The last two to die are Joe Bessere-
mo and John Bothillo.

METCALF OBSEQUIES.

**Remains of Mt. Lookout Explosion
Victim Were Laid to Rest This
Afternoon in Wyoming
Cemetery.**

This afternoon the funeral services of George Metcalf, who met death in the Mt. Lookout colliery gas explosion on Tuesday afternoon, were held at the family home, 39 Penn avenue, Exeter borough, where a large company of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed. Among those in attendance were the members of the Wyoming Lodge of Foresters, also a large delegation of the business men of Exeter, Mr. Metcalf having been a widely known and respected resident of the borough for many years. Many beautiful floral tributes adorned the casket in which the body of the deceased lay.

The services were conducted by Rev. Edward D. Johnson, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, West Pittston, of which parish the Metcalf family are members. The regular Episcopal burial service was followed, and at the close the rector delivered a brief address that was full of consolation for the bereaved family. Hymns were sung by a quartette composed of Mrs. W. B. Evans, Mrs. Gwilym Williams, Henry Harries and Eugene Bierly. Interment was made in Wyoming cemetery. The pall bearers were members of the Order of Foresters.

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SEVENTEEN LIVES LOST THIS WEEK

Special to The Truth.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 16.—Caught in the Baltimore slope of the Franklin colliery, with no possible means of escape, when a trip of mine cars ran away, one boy and one man were killed, one other probably fatally injured and a fourth seriously injured, this morning. The dead.

RICHARD MALARHEY, door-tender, aged sixteen years, of Comiskey street, killed instantly.

EVA J. OWENS, miner, married, aged fifty years, of McLean street, died on way to hospital.

DAVID WILLIAMS, pump man, aged nineteen years, single, removed in dying condition to his home.

MICHAEL STANKO, foreman, of Charles street, seriously injured; will recover.

The accident of this morning is a climax to one of the worst weeks in the matter of fatalities that has ever been suffered in the anthracite valley. On Tuesday, the deaths of ten men were caused and twenty-five injured, by an explosion in the Mt. Lookout colliery at Wyoming and on Wednesday five men were killed and two injured by a fall of roof in the Prospect

colliery at Midvale, just outside of Wilkes-Barre.

The accident of this morning occurred while the men were on their way down the slope. A trip of mine cars passed them on the way up to the top of the slope and the men had when they heard a terrific roar. They just reached a bend in the roadway hugged the wall, when they saw the runaway trip approaching, but just before it reached them, it left the rails and crashed into them. Malarhey was buried beneath the several cars and the life crushed out of him. Owens and Williams were also buried under the mass, while Stanko missed the same fate by a very narrow margin, he being struck by flying pieces of debris and suffering severe gashes and bruises on the head and body.

The shrieks of the men drew rescuers to the scene quickly, and after several minutes' hard work, Williams and Owens were rescued. Williams, who was first gotten out, was hurried to the surface and placed in an ambulance. About half way to the hospital, he died. Relatives of Owens took him home in a wagon when he was brought to the surface. Malarhey's body was found at the very bottom of the heap.

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