

11 Men Killed And 18 Injured Near Elizabeth

Nine men were killed and 17 injured yesterday afternoon when a loaded mine train of 20 cars dashed down an 800 foot incline track, and then dropped precipitately from the tippie, a distance of about 50 feet into a gang of 27 Pittsburgh and Lake Erie track laborers, who were repairing a spur on the switch leading to the tippie.

The accident happened at Patterson mine No. 2, of the United Coal Company in Lovedale Hollow, above Elizabeth. The responsibility for the accident, the miners say, was that a pin came out of the cable drum, allowing the cars to drop to the bottom of the incline. Control of the entire trip of cars was lost when they started on their steep journey to the bottom of the hill where the tippie is located.

The Dead:

Samuel Daugherty, 45, superintendent of Patterson mine No. 2, Elizabeth.

Gabriel Johnson, 45, mine laborer, Patterson, Pa.

John Vuono, 46, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Newell, Pa.

Pasquali Runko, 48, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Elizabeth.

Antonio Dent, 40, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Monessen.

John Friday, 50, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Elizabeth.

Alonzo Friesse, 42, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Elizabeth.

Juan Picciare, 35, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Elizabeth.

Unidentified Italian, address unknown.

Nine Italians, members of the railroad crew, who were seriously injured, were hurried to the McKeesport hospital. Edward Crinton, aged 42, of Elizabeth, and his son John, aged 20 years, were slightly injured, and six other men, who after being attended by physicians at the mine, left without giving their names.

The cars from Mine No. 2 run down a hillside of solid ground. There is no trestle work. Edward Clinton, boss carpenter of the tippie, saw the loaded train of 20 cars coming and jumped 20 feet to safety, landing on soft ground. He hurried to the rescue of Superintendent Daugherty, whom he had noticed standing close to a railing near the tippie, but when he reached the mine's chief, he found him mortally injured, one of the cars having struck him. He died before an ambulance could be summoned. Gabriel Johnson was the only other employe of the mine killed. All the others were employes of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie section crew, into which the loaded train crashed after it had reached the tippie.

Superintendent Daugherty had been employed at the mines more than 20 years. About a year ago he had a narrow escape from death when caught in fire damp. He was confined to a hospital several months at that time.

The bodies of the dead were removed to the Martin undertaking rooms in Elizabeth, where they were prepared for burial. The undertaker's place is a sort of a morgue for the community, and it was soon filled with weeping relatives of the victims.

Demented Man Was Dislodged

After being barricaded in his home in Jefferson township, one mile north of West Elizabeth since Wednesday night when he drove his wife and four of his children outside, Joseph Rau, a miner, was dislodged yesterday by county detectives by the use of gas bombs of sulphur and cayenne pepper. When overcome he was taken to the Insane Hospital at Woodville where he collapsed from hunger and fatigue.

Worry over the possible fate of his two brothers who are serving in the German army, and from an injury to his spine received July 6 when he fell while enroute to work, is believed to have affected his mind.

When Rau drove his wife and four children from his home he kept an 18-months-old son with him until Thursday morning, when county detectives rescued the child while Rau went upstairs and barricaded himself in.

Notice

Members of W. J. Maxwell Lodge, Div. No. 629, O. R. C.

There will be a special meeting held Sunday, August 1, 1915, at 2:30 p. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall, corner Second and Main streets, Monongahela, Pa. Would like to have as many of the members present as possible.

J. Foster, president.

Notice

The barn dance which was to have been held at James Sampsons' barn on July 29th, was postponed until August 3rd, on account of inclement weather. Those who received invitations, are invited to be present on August 3rd, but invitations must be presented.

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atives of the victims. Deputy Coroners Harry Ewing and Wesley Church were on the scene shortly after the accident.

Many thrilling escapes figured in the accident. Josiah Simpson, weighman at the mine, was at the tippie when he heard the cars crashing down the incline plane. He hastened from his office and jumped from the tippie, falling into the branches of a tree. John Skinto, a miner, was walking under the tippie at the time the cars started on their mad rush. He saved himself by fleeing to a nearby hillside.

Yesterday was the first day that the mine was working to its capacity for several months. It was stated that the mine will have to close for several days waiting the repairing of the tippie, and this will cause over 500 men to be idle.