

TWENTY-FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN GATES MINE OF FRICK COKE COMPANY; ONLY ONE MAN ESCAPED

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Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-four men were killed in the gas explosion at the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, near here today. Eighteen have been brought to the surface. Twenty-five were working at the time the explosion occurred. Only one man, Tom Apostki, was known to have escaped. The State Police and mine officials were seeking him to get the story of the disaster.

Brownsville, Pa., February 2nd.—Nine bodies, crushed into an unrecognizable mass, by a fall of slate, following an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coal company, at 2 a. m. today, had been brought to the surface at noon. Authoritative accounts said that 23 were known to be in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Searching parties digging through the fallen earth for the men believed entombed, reported that the explosion occurred about a mile from the main entrance to the mine, which is located 22 miles from here.

The dead were removed to a morgue in Masontown, near here. While a portion of the crowd remained about the mine shaft, many of them, mostly hysterical women and children, followed the bodies, and clamored for identification.

The Frick rescue squad, armed with the most modern devices for gas-filled mine rescue work, were hammering away at the mass of rock, coal and earth that blocked their entrance way to the men believed entombed.

Occasionally they would stop and listen for any signal that the imprisoned men might give as to their location.

Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Six were reported killed in an explosion at the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company, near here, early today. Twenty-two others were entombed.

Later reports said fifty men were entombed and that 25 were known to be dead. Six bodies were taken from the mine at eight a. m. The rescue car of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, was rushed to the scene. Doctors and nurses armed with medical supplies and blankets were sent from Brownsville.

A large crowd of women and children, families of the workers, gathered about the mine ready to identify bodies of husbands and relatives. Plant officials said they had no details of the accident. The mine is located at Gates, Pa., about 22 miles from here. About 1,600 men are employed there. The local undertakers received an order for "thirty rough boxes." The shaft of the mine is 250 feet deep.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines reported the accident was caused by an explosion of gas. Beyond that, the Bureau said, it had no further details.

Scottsdale, Feb. 2.—Officials of the H. C. Frick Coke company here today stated that only 21 miners were in the Gates mine when an explosion occurred there today. Their information was that five were known dead. The working of the Gates mine was known as a "gas" mine, officials said, but they had no definite information as to the cause of the disaster.

ANOTHER DEATH FOLLOWS FROM THE WASHINGTON THEATRE HORROR

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 2.—Second Assistant Postmaster General E. H. Shaughnessy died early today at the Walter Reed hospital, a victim of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster. Shaughnessy had made a game fight with death. His physicians too, had struggled to ward off the end, but his injuries proved too severe. Blood transfusions taken from thirty young soldiers had made him rally, for the time, but the fracture of the pelvis was so critical a condition that the sacrifices on the soldiers' part were vain. In another hospital Shaughnessy's wife and his daughters are slowly regaining from severe injuries they received in the disaster. Three of Mrs. Shaughnessy's ribs were broken. Both of the daughters' arms were broken. Dr. Hubert Work, first assistant postmaster general, who is a physician, worked for hours trying to save Shaughnessy.

Work rushed here from Denver when he learned of Shaughnessy's severe injury.

MEN BURNED IN EXPLOSION

New York, Feb. 2.—Ten men were terribly burned by an explosion in the engine room of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Empress of Scotland, in the North River early today. The blast, declared to be a "back draught," shook the huge liner and was heard blocks away. Oil, flaring out from the boilers, hurried the injured men in all directions, setting fire to their clothing and burning them severely.

CHOOSING OF POPE BEGINS

Rome, February 2nd, 1922.—The sacred college of cardinals, 52 in number, which will elect a successor to Pope Benedict, entered the conclave in the vatican chamber this afternoon. The ceremony of walling up the secret conclave, so that no communication can be established with the outside world, began at 3:30 p. m. and lasted until 8 o'clock this evening.

Fifty-two cardinals entered the vatican this afternoon. At the last moment it was predicted that the successor to Pope Benedict will be elected before Tuesday, and that the American and Canadian cardinals will arrive too late.

Rome, Feb. 2.—The conclave that will elect a successor to Pope Benedict XV was solemnly inaugurated today when cardinals of the sacred college, accompanied by their priests and personal servants, entered the vatican where they will be walled up from all contact with the outside world until a new pontiff is chosen.

MORE BOOKS FOR LIBRARIES

The drive for books for the school libraries which was started today, will continue until tomorrow evening, and persons having books which they are willing to give to the schools have another day in which they may collect them and send them in. A count made recently of the number of books now on hand in the various ward buildings show that there are 900 books in the First Ward library, 975 in the Second, 950 in the Fourth, 632 in the Fifth and 700 in the high school. A contest is in progress in the different rooms at the high school to stir up interest in the drive for books. Each room is divided into two sections, the "Odds" and the "Evens," with appointed captains in charge of each side. The section which secures the greatest number of books will be given a party by the losing side. It is the aim of each room to rank one hundred per cent in the drive, with each pupil in the room having given at least one book.

FRICK ESTATE \$94,000,000

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Pittsburgh, Feb. 2.—The estate of the late Henry C. Frick, coal, coke and steel magnate, was revealed here today as amounting to \$94,012,153.82. This became known when his executors filed federal, state and inheritance tax returns. The filings were divided as follows:

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| Federal taxes, \$6,338,898.68 |
| Pennsylvania, \$1,978,949.71 |
| Kansas, \$353,887.04 |
| New York, \$121,000.00 |

Loyalhanna Resident Dead

From debilities incident to his advanced age, Andrew Smith, an aged resident, died at 4:00 o'clock, this morning, at his home, in Loyalhanna. He was aged 85 years, 3 months and 8 days. Surviving are one son, Frank, and two daughters, Mrs. Emma Dupaty, of Loyalhanna, and Mrs. Albert Kaha, of Wilkinsburg. The funeral services will be held on Saturday morning, in St. Rose's church, at Bradenville. Interment will be made in St. Rose's cemetery.

BOULEVARD AGAIN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 2.—(United Press)—The Bigelow Boulevard may be closed to traffic again, owing to the discovery of red clay in the terra cotta drain. Recently, this important passage was closed to traffic

24 Killed in Mine Explosion

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