

# DEAD IN GATES MINE--25

## 16 Bodies Recovered; Day Boss Horne Dead; Explosion Was Local

**THE DEAD:**  
THOMAS HORNE, single, Filbert; day boss.  
MARTIN J. BRENNAN, single, Trotter.  
MIKE YOUNGHINSKY, married, fire boss.  
JOHN BELLAROS, single.  
AMADEE KOPOLAR, married.  
TONY STADYHAR, married.  
JOSEPH SMASH, married.  
JAMES ARGENTI, married.  
JOHN MARINICH, single.  
ALBERT PETRILLA, married.  
PETER MALIK, married.  
WALENP KONICKA, married.  
NICK RABBITTS, single.  
JAMES PAGANELLI, single.  
NICK STOFANICK, single.  
MIKE OINKOVICH, single.  
JOE POPSON, SR., married.  
STEVE POPSON, single, Dearth.  
ANDREW ROMPELLA, married.  
ANDREW SWALBIN, single.  
ARIST DEGOROCEINA, married.  
JOE HETSEBAR, single.  
JOHN ZATLAKOVITZ, married.  
JOHN CIMPALA, single.  
ELLEVY VLAICO, married.

Of the 25 men known to be dead, bodies of 16 have been removed from the shaft at 2 o'clock. The other nine had not yet been reached in the workings but are undoubtedly dead, all experts on the scene agreed.

Most of the bodies were mutilated and many were identified only by their check numbers or clothing. Most of the bodies were singed, blackened and burned.

At first it was believed 26 had been killed, the name of Tony Coppetti being included in the list. Coppetti, however, turned up as one of the workers in the rescue party.

Thomas Horne, the day boss who lost his life, was the victim of his own generous friendship. Jim Gillen, the regular night boss, arrived at work last night at 5:45, just a few minutes too late to change his clothes and make the shift. Horne offered to work a double trick, substituting for Gillen on the night shift, and thus protecting his job. This cost him his life.

The 16 bodies already recovered have been loaded on a special rescue car and were taken to Masontown this afternoon to the morgue of Undertaker H. A. Johnston. The remaining bodies will be sent to Masontown as soon as they are recovered.

The explosion is now believed to have occurred between 1:30 and 1:45 this morning and was purely local. It happened at the face of No. 2 Flat at Butt 19 and killed every man in the immediate area. It spent its force in a short distance, however, and workers in other parts of the mine were not injured.

There were 50 night cutters in the mine, the day shift having about 160 cutters. Most of the dead men were cutters. Others were transit men.

As soon as the word was received the Frick mine rescue teams of Hecla No. 2, Leisenring and Buffington were mobilized and hurried to the spot. They were followed by the special rescue car from Brownsville in charge of Mine Inspector E. E. Girod.

This train contained Brownsville physicians, nurses and first aid men with emergency equipment and made a record run up the river. There was little for the staff to do, however, the men being all killed outright. Professors of aid were received by the Frick officials from Orient and other first aid teams, and these were held in reserve.

The work of rescue was begun without loss of a moment. Under the direction of Company Mine Inspector Patrick J. Mullen and Harry Millward, a volunteer rescue squad was hastily organized and entered the smoking shaft. State Mine Inspector E. E. Girod, who was also on the scene early, was overcome by gas and resuscitated with difficulty. Gas masks were found necessary to penetrate many of the workings.

Fortunately today was a lay-off day at Gates and the smallest number of men in some time was in the mine. The normal number of men working at Gates now runs about 650 but today there were only 50 in the openings.

## Harding To Appoint Negro To an Office Where Many White Women Work

(Special to The News Standard)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Arthur G. Pross, a negro attorney of Welch, W. Va., is to be appointed recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia. Announcement of this was made yesterday following a call of Pross at the White House, where he was introduced to the President by Senator Davis Elkins and Representative Welles Goodkowitz of West Virginia. President Harding nominated Henry Lincoln Johnson of Georgia, negro member of the Republican National Committee. Owing to the opposition of Senator Watson of Georgia, the Senate rejected the nomination and Senator Elkins obtained a promise from the President that he would name a West Virginian if a properly qualified man were presented. Many white women will be employed under this negro chief.

## Footedale Italian Called To The Door; Shot Dead

Fayette county officials have another unsolved murder to add to their long and growing list.  
At 12 o'clock last night, Michael Salome, Italian, married, aged 34, was shot and killed in the living room of his home at Footedale. His guardian, unknown to all but the dead man, escaped.  
According to the story told the state police by Salome's wife, the dead man was aroused just at midnight by a knocking at the door. Mr. and Mrs. Salome had retired an hour previous. Due to the door, Salome admitted a man to the house. After a moment's whispered conversation, Mrs. Salome says, she heard one shot. When she rushed from the bedroom she found her husband dead on the floor with a bullet hole in the back of his head. The mysterious visitor had escaped.  
Judging from the position of the body, the state police are of the opinion that Salome had turned to get his clothes and shoes, possibly with the intention of accompanying the midnight visitor outside. As he turned away he was shot from behind. The body has been taken to Underaker Dearth's morgue at New Salem.

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Fayette county headquarters have been opened in Room 403 Fayette Title and Trust building, Uniontown, Pa., in charge of Earl S. Arford, Secretary.

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## Conclave To Select Next Pope Gets Under Way

HE SAW IT!  
The groundhog saw his shadow today and all who have faith in the little mammal will get set for six weeks more of winter. Mercury stood at 58 at noon, official, and the day is the brightest of the winter.

Carload of Star Beer Seized by Agent Exnicios  
(Special to The News Standard.)  
Pittsburgh, Feb. 2.—A railroad car loaded with supposed beer, manufactured, according to General Prohibition Agent John Exnicios, in charge of the local office, by the Star Brewing company, of Greensburg, was seized in the Coleman yards of the Conemaugh division, Pennsylvania railroad, late yesterday afternoon.

Agent Exnicios learned of the arrival of the car and ordered two agents to the scene. Samples of the contents of the bottles and barrels were taken and returned to Agent Exnicios, who stated that the contents would be analyzed to determine the alcoholic content. According to Exnicios, the car contained 273 cases, 25 full barrels and 52 one-half barrels of the supposed beer and was consigned to John Bortz, New Kensington. Prohibition agents late yesterday afternoon went to the car and placed government seals on it. The contents will be removed to a government storage house today, it was stated, and held pending an investigation.  
The Star brewery was built and operated by Frank Madas, formerly of Fayette county. The brewery was recently closed by prohibition agents and fined \$2,000.

Shaughnessy Dead Victim of Disaster  
(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 2.—Second Assistant Postmaster General E. H. Shaughnessy died in the Walter D. Reed hospital early today, a victim of the Knickerbocker theater disaster.  
Shaughnessy made a gallant fight with death. His physicians said he struggled hard to ward off the end but Shaughnessy's injuries were too severe. Blood transfusions taken from the sturdy young soldiers made Shaughnessy rally for a while, but the fractured pelvis injury was so critical that the sacrifice of the service men was in vain.

IN ANOTHER HOSPITAL Shaughnessy's wife and daughter are slowly recovering from severe injuries received in the disaster. Three of Mrs. Shaughnessy's ribs are fractured and both of the daughter's arms are broken.  
Dr. Herbert Work, first assistant postmaster general, a physician, worked for hour striving to save Shaughnessy's life. Dr. Work rushed here from Denver, Col., when he learned of Shaughnessy's severe injuries.

IN OLD KENTUCK.  
"The famous favorite play, 'In Old Kentucky,' will be the offering at the Dixie Theatre today and tomorrow week, presented by Minnie Burke and her Starland girls. This is the best bill in the repertoire of this company and a double dramatic musical comedy of merit. Miss Burke, Johnnie Gilmore, and other leads alone in this bill, including Jack Arnold in black-face. Beautiful costumes and scenery are worthy of special mention. Next week the season's biggest success, the "Broadway Higgs Company" (watch papers), How Do I Know? Because I've Seen It.