

BURNING OF SURFACE PLANT AT GLENN MINE, FOREST HILL DIVIDE, DOOM SHIFT TO SUFFOCATION

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The bodies of five miners, who died of suffocation when trapped yesterday by a surface fire at the Glenn mine at Robertson Flat, in the Forest Hill Divide region of Placer county, were recovered from the 2000 foot tunnel late yesterday afternoon. The fire destroyed all of the mine's surface buildings and started a forest blaze.

The dead:

- James Campini, Placerville.
- E. C. Shepherd, Roseville.
- G. B. Henry, Sacramento.
- Tom Capitan, address unknown.
- Joseph Shearer, Grass Valley.

The fire, reported to have started in the mine cook house, spreading to adjacent buildings, destroying machine shop, compressor room, change house and other structures. Then the flames continued to the surrounding timber. Fifteen men working under the supervision of three state fire guards, were fighting to control the forest fire last night.

Opened by Deep Tunnels

The gold mine is untimbered, tunnels being run into the ground level with the surface. The five men were working on the higher of the two levels when the cook house burst into flames. Smoke from the burning buildings and forest carried into the mine. Before rescues could enter to search for the trapped workers smoke rolled out of the lower level, indicating the entire works had been filled.

Men Sought Lower Level

The five bodies were found on the lower level, the men having apparently tried to work their way out to the surface.

Destruction of the compressor made it impossible for the mine officials to clear the drifts of smoke.

The mine is between 85 and 90 miles from Sacramento and in a nearly inaccessible spot of the Sierra range. It has been operated by Senator J. M. Inman's company for two years.

Korean Floods Take Big Toll of Life, Property

TOKIO, July 15.—(AP)—The death toll of the flood in Southern Korea leaped to at least 220 today. A Taikyu dispatch to the Tokio Nichi Nichi, vernacular newspaper, said 117 perished in addition to the 193 mentioned in

MINE DISASTER VICTIM FORMERLY LIVED AT G. V.

Empire Mine Rescue Crew Was Rushing to Aid of Entombed Men When Word Came of All Being Dead.

Joseph Sherer, until a year ago, a resident of Grass Valley was among the five men, who lost their lives by suffocation in the Glenn mine on Big Duncan Creek, at the eastern terminus of the Forest Hill divide yesterday afternoon. The mine filled with smoke from the blazing surface buildings and forest blaze, the complete circuit of smoke in the two tunnels of the mine forecasting suffocation, would result for the men in the tunnels.

Sherer is remembered by a number of Grass Valley miners and is survived by a brother in this city, who besieged the Tahoe National Forest headquarters yesterday for news of the disaster.

News Came Slowly

News of the fire and entombed men was difficult to secure here yesterday, although the Empire-Star Mines Company, Ltd., true to traditions of the mining profession, outfitted a crew of five first aid rescuers with masks and equipment for immediate delivery to the almost inaccessible spot. Transportation of the rescue crew was provided by the Tahoe National Forest and the truck was enroute to Auburn when word came of the finding of the dead bodies and the withdrawal of need for first aid and rescue teams. Tom Evely, first aid expert, was in charge of the Empire-Star Mines crew.

The mine is located in a wild part of the Sierra Nevada mountains, about six miles from Robertson Flat Ranger Station near the junction of Big Duncan Creek and the middle fork of the American river.