

RESCUERS IN MINE DIE IN HEROIC WORK

Further Details From Utah Horror Bare Deeds of Bravery
by Miners

Three Fall Before Intangible
Foe; Comrades, Undaunted,
Plunge After Them

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 23.—Details of the death of four men in the workings of the Utah copper company's mine at Bingham yesterday emphasizes the reckless heroism with which the last three victims fought their losing fight with an invisible, intangible foe—deadly powder gas.

When the day shift withdrew it was known that one Italian miner, Donatnick Shatto, lay unconscious and probably lifeless, in one of the mine levels, where he had gone in the performance of his duty. Another miner was thought to be missing. Knowing the peril, for he had led more than one rescue party into gas filled levels, Foreman F. Kent Smith started down an incline tunnel, followed by Hugh Burns and George Wilson, two shovelmen. They did not return. Other mine employees waited a reasonable time and then ventured into the tunnel after taking the precaution to tie ropes to their waists. The ropes saved their lives, for the first inhalations of the foul air robbed them of their strength and when dragged back to the surface they were unconscious.

Not until a hose carrying a powerful current of air had been provided were the rescuers able to make their fight effective. Foot by foot the hose was advanced, new men momentarily taking the places of their fainting comrades, and the fatal gas was slowly driven out of the incline.

Smith and his companions were found where they had fallen in their desperate struggle to regain the outer air. Shatto was found later. He had been dead for hours. The second missing Italian was not in the mine.

Smith and Burns leave families. Wilson was a single man.

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