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REPUBLICAN STEEL PLANT

Heavy Drifts Complicate Seven-Inch Snow in City; District Schools Closed

A seven-inch white blanket covered Connelville by 7 a.m. today with drifts weighing five to six feet in various parts of the city. The snow was light when compared to other spots in Fayette County where it was as heavy as six inches. City police reported only a light dusting of snow in the city. The snow began falling more heavily at 2:30 p.m. Thursday as the snow began falling more heavily.

According to the official record maintained at the Menafee City Service Station, the snow was falling from time to time Wednesday and Thursday. Rain and some snow were recorded with more snow coming down. Every school in the immediate vicinity was closed this morning and many people were unable to get to work in offices and plants.

City streets and open highways were closed, starting at 7 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. The snow was reported several minor accidents and said only those few who were trapped by a plane under ground methane explosion.

City firemen didn't wait for heavy snow. Chains were put on fire trucks early Thursday morning. However, there were no calls throughout the day or by late morning today.

High winds complicated the snow picture by piling up drifts throughout the city, some as high as five feet and over. The wind pounded over the area most of Thursday, but reached their peak at midnight to make the snow fall almost horizontally instead of vertically.

The picture was equally bad in and around Mount Pleasant where many of the Frick Community Hospital's staff were unable to report for work. Several streets were unable to open.

A group of seven and eight Corp. of America employees found themselves stranded trying to get home at 11 p.m. Thursday. Unable to move their cars, the men gathered in one car and ran the heater until the fuel was gone. They transferred to each other's cars, running the heaters until the fuel in each gave out.

The Weather

Windy and cold with snow squalls today. Additional accumulation of two to five inches, high 25-30, minimum wind 10-20. Saturday cloudy and cold with snow flurries is the noon weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

Shopping Days 'til Christmas

Maximum 26 36
Minimum 26 43

NAMES OF MEN SOUGHT IN ROBENA MINE

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — The names and addresses of the 20 miners trapped in the Robena No. 2 mine explosion are as provided by the United States Steel Corp. here:

1. J. C. Leach, 48, Box 28, Lockport, Pa.
2. W. J. McCann, 48, 211 Cumberland Ave., Mount Pleasant, Pa.
3. C. J. Seper, 44, House 27, Robena, Pa.
4. W. H. Wright, 58, RD 1, Box 10, McClelland, Pa.
5. S. H. Rahn, 47, RD 1, Box 160, McClelland, Pa.
6. G. L. Spillman, 48, Uniontown, Pa.
7. A. J. Ryland, 47, Box 239, New Salem, Pa.
8. A. J. Sauer, 48, Box 5, Hibbs, Pa.
9. R. H. Pugh, 37, 14, Jamison, Uniontown, Pa.
10. C. S. Driver, 39, Box 655, Uniontown, Pa.
11. E. E. Stanik, 60, Box 227, Uniontown, Pa.
12. F. H. Haddock, 51, Box 197, Oliver, Pa.
13. V. V. Tokish, 43, 227 N. Market, Uniontown, Pa.
14. A. Cavalcante, 48, 400 N. Main, Uniontown, Pa.
15. B. M. Beunghoff, 57, RD 1, Box 13, McClelland, Pa.
16. E. J. Anderson, 47, RD 4, Box 59, Uniontown, Pa.
17. J. K. Kariak, 38, Box 218, Grindstone, Pa.
18. J. H. Beech, 40, Box 151, Uniontown, Pa.
19. A. K. Kanyuch, 55, Box 418, RD 2, Grindstone, Pa.
20. E. G. Zuzak, 40, Fairbank, Pa.
21. P. C. Zientek, 48, Box 88, Adah, Pa.
22. C. J. Sebeck, 41, RD 1, Grindstone, Pa.
23. J. E. Harshen, 48, RD 2, Box 197, Uniontown, Pa.
24. N. C. Corman, 57, Uniontown, Pa.
25. E. M. Miller, 42, 28 Kerr St., Uniontown, Pa.
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Missing Hunter Sought

Dunbar volunteer firemen are continuing their search today under extremely difficult weather conditions for William Smith of Dunbar, reported missing in the mountains above Dunbar, Pa. at least one, through Manager Jack Line reported this morning.

Firemen searched the area last night but were unable to locate the missing hunter. His companions, all night, said they had a pre-arranged signal of one shot every 15 minutes in the event that they were separated but that no shot was heard from the missing man.

Joe, being used to take searches into the woods to branch out at night, said that time there had been no trace of the man.

Five men are now searching, according to the Dunbar, North Union and Farmington volunteer firemen and local volunteers.

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The two vehicles made their way to the stranded Hixon car and put the couple into the doctor's car. They moved through as far as a Cozy Corner — midway between the two boroughs — where Dr. Gilbert became stranded. They continued to the ambulance and continued.

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Stork Brings Infant In Ambulance Birth On Closed Road

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Stork, who was driving the pickup truck, was unable to get out of the snow drift. He was stuck for about 15 minutes before he was able to get out. The baby was born safely and the mother and child are now in good health.

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47 Others Flee to Safety From Frosty Run Shaft; Hope Fading for Trapped

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By W. KIRK VOGLEY United Press International

CARNICHALS, Pa. (UPI) — Wary rescue workers battling against time today in an effort to reach 27 men trapped last week below the earth's surface by an explosion in the Frosty Run shaft of a U.S. Steel Corp. coal mine, rescuers pushed to within 3,000 feet of an area where the men were believed trapped. At that point, progress was halted as the rescue workers were unable to permit further advances.

Officials said there was a slim chance the miners had reached a safe area and survived the month of the shaft. They were apparently followed by the rescue workers who were unable to permit further advances.

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alert.

Secretary Evans said that the disaster had the appearance of being the worst in his eight years as head of the Mines Department.

Five years ago, in 1957, six men were killed at Marianna Mine in Washington County.

And the explosion recalled the terrible 1928 disaster at Mather Mine — only a few miles to the north in Greene County.

The explosion fell on the 55th anniversary of the worst mine disaster on record in the United States. That was at Monongah, W. Va., on Dec. 6, 1907, when 361 persons were killed.

Robena Mines, scene of an explosion yesterday afternoon trapping 36 men underground, comprise the world's largest mechanized coal mining operation.

It is under a 69,000 acre tract in Greene County, 50 miles south of Pittsburgh, U. S. Steel Corp., the nation's No. 1 steel maker, owns the mine.

Several years ago the mine was divided into three geographic sections known as Robena No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3. Robena No. 3 is the southwestern section of the property.

Pittsburgh seam coal from Robena is barged to U. S. Steel's Clairton Works, near Pittsburgh, where it is processed into coke for blast furnaces.

The mine has its own tipple cleaning and preparation plant on the Monongahela River. They are equipped with modern mechanized facilities.

The Robena mine may be entered by a number of shafts all of which extend several hundred feet underground. The Frosty Mine shaft goes to a depth of about 525 feet. The point where the accident occurred is about 2 miles from the shaft at a depth of 650 feet. Approximately 1,200 are employed at the mines.

Robena has produced as much as 20,000 tons of coal a day — enough to heat more than 2,000 homes for an entire winter.

Leslie B. Worthington, president of U. S. Steel Corp., issued the following statement last night on the explosion at Robena 3 Mine:

"The news of the explosion at Robena Mine came as a great shock to all of us and I share the fervent hope of everyone in U. S. Steel that the men who were working in the mine will be found alive and well by the rescue teams now working so hard to reach the men."

The statement was released by the public relations office of U. S. Steel in Pittsburgh.