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REPUBLIC STEEL COALS

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

A seven-inch white blanket covered Connellsville by 7 a.m. today with drifts reaching five to six feet or more in various parts of the city...

One man, Wilbur Grace of 488 West Main St., decided he'd try to make it on foot and started out toward the borough hospital...

Missing Hunter Sought

Dunbar volunteer firemen are continuing their search today under extremely difficult weather conditions for William Smith of Belle Vernon...

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:

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

Worst Tragedy in Coal Mines 55 Years Ago

NEW YORK (UPI) — The coal mine explosion at Carnichaels, Pa., Thursday was a grim anniversary reminder of the nation's worst mine disaster exact 55 years ago.

By W. KIRK VOGLEY

United Press International. CARNICHAELS, Pa. (UPI) — Wary rescue workers battled against time today in an effort to reach 27 men trapped last night in the Robena No. 2 mine...

Some of those who escaped said they were working about two miles from the shaft area. Some felt a rumble of an explosion...

Stork Brings Infant In Ambulance Birth On Closed Road

SCOTTSDALE — It took a lot of driving, digging, plowing and in general, but Miss Hixon made it into the land of the living just as a snow blizzard was closing in.

Tit, Nikita Enter Final Day of Talks; Details Kept Secret

MOSCOW (UPI) — Yugoslav President Tito and Premier Nikita Khrushchev today entered their final day of talks...

Urges Reservations For Chamber's Meeting Tuesday

Reservations for Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce meeting are currently being accepted at the Chamber of Commerce office.

FAA Discovers Theory Lost Truck May Have Crossed Over Runway

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Thursday discounted a conjecture that a maintenance truck might have crossed over a runway...

Replic Steel to Place New Coal Plant in Operation Early in 1963

A new coal preparation plant, located at the site of the old plant, is scheduled to be placed in operation early in 1963.

The Weather

Windy and cold with snow locally today. Additional accumulations of two to five inches, high with snow flurries, low 20-30. Saturday cloudy and cold with snow flurries in the noon weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

Shopping Days 'til Christmas

The police traffic department said vehicles were moving at "half speed." There were four accidents in the area of the airport.

Temperature Record

Maximum 70 71 Minimum 21 26 Mean 56 63

Today's Chuckle

Before marriage, a one-year for a woman. After the marriage the "I" is silent.

are either tools of a dictator,
or Modern American par-
ents.

47 OTHERS FLED TO SAFETY AFTER METHANE BLAST

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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, 30 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.