

## EXPLOSION ENTOMBS MEN

**A Number of Lives Lost In West  
Virginia Mine Accident  
at Charlestown**

### FIFTY ESCAPED WITH INJURIES

Cage and Shaft Damaged, but Soon  
Repaired by the Band of Rescuers.  
Mine One of the Best in the Field  
and was Considered Safe—Some  
of the Victims.

Charleston, W. Va., May 2.—According to the latest reports received here, only three miners are dead and seven are missing in the mine explosion which occurred at the Whipple shaft of the White Oak Fuel company here. Ninety-four men went to work in the mine, but 30 of the men left the mine before the explosion and 53 others made their escape by the second shaft.

Hinton, W. Va., May 2.—An explosion in the Whipple coal mine at Scarbro, Fayette county, entombed about 40 men. There were more than 90 men in the mine at the time of the accident.

Fifty of the miners were able to crawl to the air shaft and climb out of the emergency stairway to the surface. Many of them were slightly and some seriously injured, but all will recover.

The cage and shaft was damaged, but was in operation soon afterward, and the work of taking out the bodies will continue. The cause of the explosion is not known, but was probably the result of the firing of heavy shot at the face of the workings.

Among the known dead are: Ed Smith, Erastus Willey, Arnold Kelly, Charley Burgess, Raleigh Tucker, Hud Burgess, Ed Melton and G. W. Temper, all white, and Will Hump, colored. The names of the others can not be learned. Among them are a number of Italians. Ed Melton was taken out of the mine alive, but died on reaching the surface.

The Whipple mine is located within two miles of the Stuart mine, which exploded on Jan. 29, killing 80 men. Both mines are owned by the White Oak Fuel company. The mine is one of the best equipped in this field, and has always been considered safe.

### ELEVEN DEAD BODIES

**Recovered From the Whipple Mine.  
Explosion Cause Unknown.**

Charleston, W. Va., May 2.—The bodies of all dead have been recovered from the Whipple mine, where an explosion of gas occurred late yesterday and this was thought to be the full extent of the fatalities. The dead are:

ROBERT ARMSTRONG.  
CHARLES BURGESS.

NUTSON BURGESS.  
RAS WILEY.  
RALEIGH TUCKER.  
ED SMITH.  
GEORGE SAMPER.  
WILLIAM WILSON (colored.)  
JOHN THOMPSON.  
ERNEST KELLEY.  
IRA KELLY.

The number of injured is five, the last injured man having been taken out today. The mine was only slightly damaged. The cause of the explosion is still unknown.

### "SUICIDE PIER"

**The Starting Point for Self Destruction of Pittsburg Traveling Man.**

Cleveland, May 2.—A man, believed to be C. G. Stickle, a traveling man of Pittsburg, jumped from what is known as "Suicide Pier," early today after having tied a 50 pound iron bar around his neck. He sank instantly to the bottom.

Just as Stickle plunged off the pier some fishermen saw him. They rushed to the end of the pier, but the man had sunk from view. With hooks on the ends of long lines they raked the bottom from the pier and from small boats for more than an hour before the body was finally brought to the surface.

The only means of identifying the dead man were by the cards and papers in his packets, which gave the above name and said he was employed by the Pittsburg Gauge & Supply company at 309 Water street, that city. The employers said over the long distance telephone in response to the inquiries, that the man's suicide was a great surprise to them. They said they knew no cause for it and that his financial circumstances and his health were both good.

### COULDN'T GET PASS

**Over His Own Railroad So President of It Resigns.**

New Orleans, May 1.—Because he could not secure an annual pass over his own line, former Governor H. C. Warmoth yesterday resigned the presidency of the New Orleans, Fort Jackson & Grand Isle railroad, a 60 mile line extending down the banks of the Mississippi river. He had held the office 17 years. Bondholders took over the property in 1896 and since then they have been forced to economize on every item. The railroad extends past the plantation home of Mr. Warmouth, who makes daily trips to New Orleans. Frank T. Howard is the chairman of the bondholders' committee.

### CLIMBED PORCH

**And Entered Woman's Room Fatally Shooting Her and Himself.**

St. Louis, May 2.—After climbing a two-story porch and breaking open a window, Albert Koenig, a lineman, secured entrance into the room of Nettie Woods on Walnut street early today and shot her. He then shot himself twice. Both were removed to the hospital and it is believed they will die. A long knife was found under the woman's pillow but apparently she had no opportunity to use it in defense after being awakened. The two had quarreled recently.