

AN HEROIC MINE RESCUE

PETER KERI FACES DEATH TO
SAVE COMPANIONS.

WENT INTO BURNING MINE

Flames Drive Engineer from Post But
Undaunted Miner Brings
His Friends Out.

Butte, April 19.—Had it not been for the heroism of Peter Keri, two men working in a crosscut in Farrell shaft No. 2, of the Pittsburg & Montana Mining company, might have suffered death as a result of the fire which occurred at the mine early this morning.

How the fire started is a mystery. Keri came to the surface and as soon as he discovered the true condition of affairs ordered the engineer to lower him into the mine again, going to what at the time appeared to be certain death. The engineer, Ed Neally, demurred and told Keri he was going to his death, but Keri insisted and the engineer began letting him down. One hundred feet from the bottom of the shaft, the engineer driven from his post by the flames, put on the brakes and stopped the cage.

Keri, below ground, realized what had happened, but still maintained his wonderful self possession. Setting the dogs on the cage, the safety devices, he took the extra precaution of lashing the cage as fast as possible to the side of the shaft. He knew the cable would be burned through and feared the cage might fall.

Keri crawled through into the other compartment and after making the trip in safety started into the crosscut after his two companions, Nick Frantia and Ike Peterson. They started back at the utmost speed and began the long and tedious journey up the ladder in the pump shaft. At the best this is a terrible task for even a strong man, but with death both above and below them the three

men climbed like monkeys toward the surface.

At one of the lower levels the three were met by a rescue party, which had been organized on the surface. It was stated by miners that it was one of the bravest deeds ever performed in the history of the many in the list of mining rescues.

The boiler house and engine house were destroyed and the gallows frame and hoisting machinery damaged. It is believed the loss will be about \$3,000 mostly covered by insurance.

SEARCHING FOR DEAD BODY.

Police Believe They Have Evidence to Convict Knight of Murder.

Omaha, April 18.—Chief of Police Donahue has received information from Cheyenne that Frank E. Knight, wanted here in connection with the mysterious disappearance of his wife, was seen in that city.

Chief Donahue stated today that Mrs. Siles and her son, Malvin Dusenberry, who were placed in the "sweat box" again have made confessions which are sufficient to convict Knight should he be captured.

Chief Donahue learned last night that a wagon was seen Saturday night in the vicinity of some vacant property in the vicinity of Florence lake, where Knight lived about a year ago. The locality is also familiar to Dusenberry, and the police are now making a thorough search of the premises, which contain about 20 acres, with the hope of finding the body of the missing woman.

A special from Cheyenne, Wyo., states that Jennie Dusenberry has been arrested there on suspicion of being in some way connected with the murder of Mrs. Knight.

Canal Commission Arrives.

Panama, Colombia, April 19.—Rear-Admiral Walker and the other members of the United States Panama canal commission, arrived here yesterday from Colon. They were given a banquet by the director of the canal, at which Colonel Shaler, Consul-General Fudger, Mr. Prescott and other prominent Americans on the isthmus were present.

Loubet Witnesses Maneuvers.

Algiers, April 16.—President Loubet today witnessed the grand military maneuvers, in which 10,000 troops took part, on Mustapha field.

Peter Keri heroic act to save miners in Farrell Shaft No 2 at Butte

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