

GOVERNMENT RESCUE OFFICERS RESPOND TO CALL FOR HELP AND DO VERY EFFECTIVE WORK

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One man was killed and two rendered unconscious yesterday at a small mining camp situated nine miles north of Millers and about two miles from Crow Springs. The fact that two men escaped death is regarded as remarkable, especially as one of the survivors was unconscious at the bottom of a 95-foot shaft from 9 o'clock yesterday morning until almost 9 o'clock last night.

The dead man is MATT ZIOKOVICH.

The injured are Sam Banovich and Charles Kapich. The latter is improving rapidly and will be out of danger this evening. The former is critically ill and threatened with pneumonia.

The men were employed at a prospect situated in the Lone Mountain district, nine miles northeast from Millers or 23 miles from Tonopah. The road to Millers is one of the best in the state, but beyond that there is nothing better than a trail through deep sands that precludes fast travelling. Shortly after five o'clock last evening Charles Kapich staggered into Millers scarcely able to walk and inquired for a telephone. He was in the last stages of exhaustion and could not give a very lucid account of what had happened. At first it was believed three men were dead in the shaft of a property operated by George Banovich and associates of Tonopah and a call was sent to Frank J. Cavanagh, the undertaker, to send for the bodies. As soon as Kapich revived sufficiently to tell a coherent story it became known that the men in the shaft were alive when Kapich left and there was a possibility of saving them. This news was flashed to Tonopah and Mr. Banovich telephoned Mr. Blackburn, of the Tonopah Mining company, for the privilege of using the oxygen helmets kept by that company. Mr. Blackburn was taking dinner with Edward W. Steidle and George W. Riggs, of the government rescue car. With the promptness of men accustomed to quick decision the entire party resolved to go to the rescue. Mr. Blackburn tendered the use of his big Winton car and offered to accompany the party as chauffeur. In a few minutes three sets of breathing apparatus, two oxygen cylinders, stretchers and first aid equipment were loaded and on the road. A guide was picked up at the Banovich store and rapid time was made to Crow Springs. The mine was reached at about 8:30 and Superintendent Blackburn immediately proceeded to test the air at the bottom of the shaft by descending, after taking precautions for withdrawal in the event of being overcome. Fastening a stout rope around under his arms he went down the ladder. At the bottom he found the bodies of two men. The testing candle burned dimly owing to the presence of powder gas and Mr. Blackburn was satisfied to establish the fact that one man was apparently alive. The other man was cold. The former was hoisted out with some difficulty owing to the eighty degree pitch of the shaft, which is a slight departure from vertical and the task of raising Banovich to the air was one of some magnitude owing to his great weight and the necessity for keeping the body from rubbing against the foot-wall as the rope was hauled up.

Riggs, the government first aid expert, began by administering a bottle of pure oxygen in small quantities through an inhalator and then resorted to the prone method of artificial respiration, the officially endorsed method of the government for such cases. In half an hour Banovich groaned, in three-quarters of an hour he gave signs of breathing regularly and the heart beats were pronounced. In the meantime Louis Amundsen had arrived with some friends of the sufferers and two fresh men were sent down the shaft after Mat. Zlokovich. Some difficulty was experienced in raising the body, as the rope under the arms slipped as the body reached the collar of the

shaft and would have dropped the man to the bottom had it not been for quick action. Vigorous efforts were made to resuscitate Zlokovich, notwithstanding the fact that the flesh was cold and the eyes glassy. Two men from the arrivals were broken into the methods for securing artificial respiration, but their work was fruitless. As a final test Mr. Steidle inserted a knife blade three-quarters of an inch in the arm and when the blade was withdrawn there was no blood and the wound remained open.

While this was in progress Mr. Riggs took the injured man on the auto of Louis Amundsen into the Mine Operators' hospital at Tonopah. The injured man was conveyed on a stretcher extended across the doors of the tonneau in care of Mr. Riggs.

The remains of Zlokovich were brought in at 1:30 this morning in the Blackburn car, as it was necessary to stop at Millers long enough to hold an inquest, as the accident occurred in Esmeralda county and the deceased belonged to Tonopah. The government officials were profoundly impressed by the diligence of the deputy sheriff at Millers who, instead of volunteering help, enjoined the succoring party not to forget to stop at Millers on the way back with the bodies as "we have to hold an inquest and cannot let the bodies go out of this county." Had this thrifty officer taken steps to send relief when he first heard of the accident there might not have been any loss of life.

A rancher in the vicinity of the shaft took a grave risk during the afternoon. Hearing there was some sort of trouble at the Banovich mine, this man traveled three miles to lend assistance. He reached the mine at 3 o'clock and not finding any one on top, boldly went down until he saw the two bodies at the bottom. About this time he felt himself collapsing and had sufficient strength left to clamber to the surface, where the fresh air completed his recovery.

The accident was due to the prevailing storm which, through air pressure, prevented escape of powder fumes. The men let off a round of shots Monday night. On the following they began mucking, as had been their custom. Banovich was at the bottom of the shaft, while his companions were turning the windlass on top. Soon Banovich felt himself grow faint and called to the topmen that he felt sick and was coming up. He began climbing the ladder. After taking three rounds he was overcome and fell back unconscious. The others, hearing the sound, surmised what had occurred and one went down to his relief and collapsed. Then the third man, Kapich, went to the rescue and was partially asphyxiated before he realized his peril and managed to drag himself up the ladder out of the gaseous zone. It was strange that he did not drop from the collar of the shaft to the bottom and break every bone in his body, as he had scarcely power enough to crawl over the collar to the surface, where his strength gave out. After recovering he ran to a ranch three miles away for a team to take him to Millers. Not finding the owner or the animals there, Kapich retraced his steps and con-

tinued on to Millers, walking and running the entire distance, reaching the milling center at 3 o'clock, but it was not until three hours later that the truth became known in Tonopah.

Mat. Zlokovich was born in Grohovo, Montenegro, forty-eight years ago and leaves a widow and five children in the old country. He has been ten years in the United States.

The property was opened only last Saturday after a suspension of six months. At the inquest held at Millers a verdict of death by accident was returned.

TEDDY WANTS TO TALK BUT WON'T GET A CHANCE

NO DISPOSITION TO HEAR A KICK FROM THE FORMER PRESIDENT.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 22.—Roosevelt, in a letter to the senate foreign relations committee, asked an opportunity to be heard in opposition to the pending treaty proposing to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 for the partition of Panama.

Roosevelt, in a letter, said: "I was president throughout the negotiations, first with Colombia and then with Panama. I had knowledge of everything of importance and was responsible solely. I request to be allowed to appear to make a statement if there is any intention on the part of the committee to pay the money."

Chairman Stone intimated personally he did not favor hearings. "Roosevelt talked about Colombia time and again," he said. "If he has anything further, let him write and send it to the committee. I am not in favor of turning the senate committee into a town meeting."

BASE BALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Portland	54	44	.551
Venice	58	49	.542
Los Angeles	59	50	.541
San Francisco	56	55	.504
Sacramento	51	56	.477
Oakland	41	65	.386

Yesterday's Games.

- At Los Angeles—Oakland 1, Venice 2.
- Batteries—Pruitt and Mitze; Klepfer and Hogan.
- At San Francisco—Portland 6, San Francisco 5.
- Batteries—Krause, West, Evans, Yantz and Fisher; Lelfield, Standridge and Schmidt.
- At Sacramento—Los Angeles 0, Sacramento 6.
- Batteries—Perritt, Love, Boles and Brooks; Arellanes and Hannah.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST AID WORK.

To restore artificial respiration the United States bureau of mines decries all mechanical aids, for the reason that they only cause loss of valuable time and possibly loss of life that should be saved by prompt remedial measures on the spot as soon as possible. The way to do is first to place the unconscious man face down. This causes the tongue to drop forward in the mouth. Then pull the arms over the head until the lungs are expanded to their full capacity. Kneel over the body with the balls of the hands pressing the lower ribs, the life saver throwing his body forward with an even motion not faster than sixteen times a minute, putting pressure on gradually and taking off gradually producing nearly natural breathing. Instructions in this system can be followed by the least intelligent worker after a single demonstration and any man so taught can apply the method of resuscitation any place or any where without loss of time.