

and closed without the knowledge of the miner by some unknown person, I can see no reason for gas accumulating in this chamber.

Peter Conel, Tyrolean, rockman, age 22 years, was fatally injured at the Harry E. Colliery Dec. 15. He with other rockmen was driving a tunnel and after firing a round of holes went back to the face with open light, igniting some gas which had accumulated, burning the victim and another laborer quite seriously. Conel died at the Mercy Hospital December 23.

Andrew Cusick, Lithuanian, miner, age 22 years, was burnt on face and hands, also on back by an explosion of gas at the Mt. Look-out colliery, Temple Coal and Iron Company, December 21. The victim was driving a cross-cut through a pillar and after firing a hole entered with a naked light, causing an explosion. He should have examined the place with a safety lamp. He died from the effects of his injuries at the Pittston Hospital.

Falling Down Shafts

William Swoage, Polish, laborer, age 28 years, was fatally injured at the Harry E colliery, Temple Coal and Iron Company, Feb. 1. This man was discovered by P. T. Casey, foot-tender, on top of west side carriage. From the position he was found in, it seems he got off at Ross vein on the wrong side. Seeing his mistake he must have jumped for the carriage and was caught by the bonnet. The victim was taken to the hospital where he died a few hours after being admitted.

Clear Spring Colliery, March 9:

George Hass, German, miner, age 50 years.
 Dominick Janosky, Polish, miner, age 30 years.
 Adam Gustonas, Polish, miner, age 35 years.
 Mike Janosky, Polish, miner, age 45 years.
 Stanley Bladdis, Polish, miner, age 24 years.
 Adam Kamanofsky, Polish, miner, age 40 years.
 Anthony Cherpoolis, Polish, miner age 45 years.

These seven men were going home after their day's work. They came to the foot of the airshaft and got on the cage and gave the signal to the engineer to hoist. When the carriage was about 250 feet from the bottom the rope broke, the cage with the seven men going back to the bottom, killing them instantly.

I ordered an inquest in this case and a copy of the proceedings has been sent to the Department of Mines.

The inquest was held in the Town Hall, in the borough of West Pittston, March 13, at 7:30 P. M.

Jurors.—Frank Savage, Alfred Gingell, Andrew Law, Thomas Thomas, James I. Ehret, James MacMillan.

A motion was made to adjourn and the jury to meet the next night, March 14, at the office of James I. Ehret, justice of the peace, to consider the testimony and render a verdict. The jury rendered the following verdict:

We, the jury, do find that George Hass, and the other six men, came to their death by the breaking of a rope in the air shaft at the Clear Spring colliery, the carriage falling to the bottom of the shaft