

40 Bodies Taken From Mine Pit

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might be left for the families who waited for news.

Spangler was awake last night, lights shown in scattered houses and each light meant that some one—some mother, children, some wife—was painfully watching, praying. At the miners' hospital, the nurses and doctors not on duty at the mine, spent a sleepless night, awaiting for service at a moment's notice.

In the fog along the railroad track approaching the mine, figures loomed down—sad, grim men, who have looked at death today, who went back to homes with only grief and pain, the bitter loss—a son or brother, a neighbor—gone to his long last rest!

The bodies, wrapped in sheets, were laid out in rows in the temporary morgue, which had been in the town hall. Weeping women and children clustered about the little building as Red Cross nurses and Salvation Army ladies prepared the blackened bodies for identification.

Mrs. Laura Lawton, of 2717 West Lehigh avenue, Philadelphia, who was here on a visit, volunteered her services and worked with the Red Cross nurses. She was on duty most of the night.

Mrs. Tony Poellis and her daughters Tina, twelve, and Bertha, thirteen, entered the morgue and, kneeling slowly along the grim line of the dead, Tina suddenly cried out in terror. She had recognized her father among the dead.

The child threw herself on the breast of her older sister and sobbed.

"Why didn't they leave my papa for us?"

At the mouth of the mine there is today no violent emotion; only gasping, oil-blackened and weary faces of men. State troopers, hardened men stand by with confusion and sorrow in their eyes.

"What's the meaning of a thing like this—what's the meaning of all this death?" asked one, almost defiantly.

The cause of the explosion is not as yet definitely known. It is believed that gas filled the mine, and that the recesses, and in some manner—whether because of an unguarded miner's lamp or because of a "shot"—the gas exploded.

Gas Collected on Sunday

"These things seem to always happen on a Monday," said one miner. "You see there's no work Sunday, and the gases manage to collect."

It is believed that the explosion itself, which was terrific enough, and which disabled the fans which shoot clean air to the workings, caused a few of the deaths. The physicians' opinion was the result of the flooding of the underground galleries by the deadly after-damp.

Pat Finnagan, a fire boss, who made his usual rounds at 7 o'clock yesterday, reported the headings safe. He entered the mine again, with the other miners, and he is believed to have perished.

Immediately after the explosion had rocked the town, rescue work was begun. There was no cave-in, but greatest difficulty the rescuers encountered was that they had penetrated about 4000 feet along the main galleries they came upon some of the men. Those with life still in them, were feverishly worked over, and some thirty were recovered. The dead were carried back to the foot of the shaft, to lie there until last evening. Six of the miners are said to have occupied immediately after the explosion. They were Ed McDonald and Mike Whalen, "cage tenders," and four others.

Penetration of the depth of the mine was begun only after the fans had been partially repaired. With the sweep of life-giving air inward, the rescuers pushed their way, erecting wooden barricades or barricades. As soon as one compartment was erected, and fresh air pumped in, the rescuers pushed forward and built another barricade. The work was slow, but telling.

While braced up on their knees, the rescuers heard a faint groan. Speedily they tore away the plank and found one man still alive, stretched across the bodies of four others. His name was Jim Craig. He had his brother, Abe, had tied handkerchiefs about their faces. Abe and Tom Welsh were found near the almost lifeless form of Jim. They were crawling feebly but desperately forward.

"A bunch of men back there," gasped Jim Craig. "Get them; I can work."

The fates played a bitter trick upon William Kelly. He was one of the first rescue crew to go into the mine, and he stumbled across the body of his father and brother. They were dead.

Two of the nurses who have worked since the hour of the explosion with little or no rest are Ethel Ostrande and Cecelia Baker. They are hurried by the constant realization that their brothers, Ed and George, are still missing.

Joseph Fritz, twenty-three years old, is believed to be among the dead. His young bride, Salome, married only a few weeks ago, waited at the mouth of the shaft until late last night, not daring to give up hope. All through the night, motors and automobiles thundered over the rutted, wet roads, carrying equipment bearing the dead, hastening the living to the scene of the disaster.

As the rescuing party enters the shaft their names are taken, and they are checked off when they come out after their two-hour shift. Three of the rescuers were overcome by the fumes, but later revived. They were M. J. Christoff, Crawford Nelson and Art Shielenberger.

Mine Operator on Trip Abroad

The list of the rescued issued by the hospital includes the names of Thomas Walsh, Allen Hughes, Mike Walsh, Peter Galloway, Francis Wyland, Albert Jankovic, Joseph Palontek, John Palontek, Albert Kraly, Joseph Kernitzky, Abo Craig, James Craig, Reuben Schlereth, Max Sebarnesky, Max Sebarnesky, Max Sebarnesky, Jr., Tomasso, George Donatelli, Nord James, Peter Lownick, Emerald Shopo, John Minarisk, George Minarisk, Arthur Lawrence, Edward McCarthy and John Schlorp. Most of these are young married men.

Joseph H. Reilly, of Philadelphia, president of the Reilly Coal Company, is said to be abroad. His son, George, a strapping cap, has been one of the most zealous of the rescue force. The report at 3 o'clock from the mine was that seventy are believed to be dead, though not nearly that many bodies have been found. Rescue workers who first pierced the deadly gloom of the main heading found a number of desperate inscriptions burned into the walls of the shaft with flame lamps.

"Look in here," ran one of the messages. They cut away the debris at the eighth section of the main heading and found J. Fox alive. After regaining consciousness this eighteen-year-old youth told the nurses that when he felt he was being smothered, he crawled into what safety presented itself after burning the device on the wall.

"Twenty-eight men here," were the words on a note at a little distance ahead. The debris was cut away, but the men were no longer there. They were found not far away, all dead.

Mine inspectors are of the opinion that had they stayed where they were originally they would be alive now.

Back toward the face of the mine, a mile from the entrance shaft, were the words thumbed in wagon grease, "M. G. is here." The rescuers broke through the barrier and found M. G.'s body, but have not as yet identified him.

about the mine mouth, and kept the hundreds of curious persons away. Miners' Hall, a little structure here, was the temporary morgue. Bodies were here, in Barabarbore and in Johnston were ordered to prepare for the dead men. Early today some undertakers were washing and embalming the mine-soaked bodies in the hall here. Every delivery truck and wagon in Spangler was pressed into service as a morgue wagon and in Johnston.

Red Cross and Salvation Army workers from Pittsburgh, Altoona and Johnstown were on hand distributing coffee and sandwiches to the rescue squads as they came to the surface with their burden of death, or to replenish their oxygen tanks for a new exploration of the muddy pit.

Investigation will begin today after the bodies have been taken out, according to officers of the State Bureau of Mines and the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The cause of the explosion may never be learned.

In addition to the theory of the open lamp, several officers advanced another theory, that unguarded cigarettes may have caused the tragedy, although smoking was strictly prohibited.

"It will be a difficult matter to determine the cause of the explosion," said J. J. Bourquin, of Pittsburgh, assistant chief of safety engineering of the Federal Bureau of Mines.

There is so much debris in the main heading that we cannot find out anything now. An explosion may not show itself at the place of origin, but at some place distant, perhaps a mile, and then jump back again.

Although relief workers had been coming in all yesterday, the need was so great that Dr. W. E. Matthews, county medical officer of Cambria County, sent an appeal for more help last night. State Health Commissioner Martin immediately ordered six nurses, ten State policemen and a large stock of medical supplies to the scene. Physicians are being held in reserve at Harrisburg if more help is needed.

Give Absolution to Dying

Less than an hour after the explosion two priests went down into the mine to give absolution to dying men. They say Father James Fanning and Father J. D. O'Brien, Ministers of all other denominations from the churches of Spangler and vicinity joined the throngs and did all in their power to comfort the injured and their relatives. Spangler is in the Allegheny Mountains, Cambria County, twenty-eight miles north of Johnstown. It is the center of an important soft-coal district. The Reilly mine was closed last summer by the strike. It resumed operations early in September. At full capacity it employs about 150 men. Monday is generally considered by miners as a slow day, and accordingly not all of them had reported for work.

Jacob A. Snyder, referee of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Board, opened headquarters in Spangler to rule at once on all compensation claims and agreements. He was ordered to the scene by Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the board. All the workers are covered by compensation insurance.

The fact that the men in the mine had time to see before the deadly after-damp was indicated, rescue men said, by the scattered dinner buckets, coats, hats and other apparel lying in the main heading as though they had been cast off or dropped by the men in their flight. All the bodies except those behind the canvas battens were found head toward the pit as they fell in that position.

Most of the rescued men at the hospital are doing well and stand an excellent chance for recovery. All were overcome by gas fumes following the explosion. Early this morning two men were taken alive from the mine, but died while being removed to the hospital.

felt a great concussion. The cart shook under us and a blast of air roared through the tenth level heading when I was with eleven other men. The door to the heading had been left open. Some one closed it and we remained cooped up there until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We heard other men running along the shaft. We called to them and eighteen came in with us.

Then the after-damp came and poisoned the air. We were choking and all stumbled out and reached No. 12 heading. We weren't there long before the after-damp reached us again. "I told the others 'there was no use dying like rats in a hole, let's make a fight for it.' We popped out of the heading into the main shaft and ran along, gasping for breath. I saw No. 6 heading and remember nothing after that. A rescue party told me they heard my groans."

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