

# EXPLOSION AT ELEANORA SHAFT KILLS THIRTEEN MEN.

American and Ten Foreign Miners Met Instantly about Ten O'clock Thursday Night in Mine of Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Co.

## "BLOW OUT" SHOT CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

Funerals of the Victims were held Saturday and Sunday and Large Crowds Attended Them. Most of the Bodies were Taken to Anita for Burial. An Official Investigation Made.

One of the most terrible catastrophes in the annals of Jefferson county occurred at the shaft of the Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron Company near Eleanora about 10 o'clock Thursday night, April 27th. By an explosion of gas or fire damp thirteen men were instantly killed and one other was so seriously injured that his recovery was for a time doubtful. Of the dead, three were Americans, ten were foreigners. The list is as follows:

George A. Kirkwood, aged 40 years last August, survived by a wife and four children.  
Adam Kirkwood, aged 43 years, survived by wife and three children.  
John Hopkins, would have been 15 years old July 28, 1905. Son of D. G. and Mary A. Hopkins.  
Lester Loti, leaves a wife and two children.  
Joe Frumanski.  
Martin Frumanski, single.  
Joe Modeny, leaves wife and four children.  
Frank Schrum, wife and two children.  
Charles ———, single.  
August Wescovich, single.  
Martin Wescovich, wife and three children.  
John Laoli.  
Frank Bellflower, wife and two children.

A motorman, Harry Mohney, had his skull fractured and one arm broken. He was removed to Adrian hospital at once, and is now in fair way to recover.

The Eleanora shaft is located in a wild and lonely spot two miles from Eleanora, three miles from Big Run, in a valley flanked by high brown hills covered with nothing more cheerful than stumps and brush and a few pine trees. In the center of the valley, around the mouth of the shaft, are grouped several large brick buildings, used as boiler, engine and compressor rooms, and the tipple. There are but half a dozen houses near the mine, all on the hill in rear of shaft.

The spot is reached by the B. R. & P. R. by a branch of the Jefferson Traction line, running down from Eleanora. The shaft is about 265 feet deep and has been in operation only two years. Never before has there been any serious accident, though some of the miners claim that fire damp was known to be present. It worked full nearly 300 men could be employed, but little more than half that number were actually used, and on the night of explosion only thirty-two miners were in the headings affected. The night shift went to work about four o'clock.

The explosion occurred in one of the west headings of the mine and was so severe that the shock was distinctly felt by persons on the surface nearly three hundred feet above. The first indication of the accident was given to the men in the power house when the lights were suddenly extinguished, and a few minutes later a number of the miners who had escaped death hurried to the surface with the terrible news. Though the explosion had demolished all the air brattices and other fixtures in the region affected, no damage had been done to the shaft, and efforts to rescue the victims could be commenced at once.

With a party of picked men Supt. Fleming and Asst. Supt. Driscoll descended the shaft and commenced to penetrate into the heading. It was necessary to clear away the debris before they could reach the spot. The motorman, Harry Mohney, was first found, not dead but badly injured. He was taken to the surface at once. At midnight a foreigner was reached, and at two in the morning, four hours after the explosion, young John Hopkins, a trapper, was found. Both were dead and were taken to the surface. No more bodies were brought up until daylight Friday morning, when seven of the foreign miners, who had been found at intervals during the night and taken near the shaft, were brought up at once. Undertaker L. H. Reed, of Desire, had been sent for and had all the bodies taken into one of the compressor rooms, where he cleaned and prepared them for burial. The other bodies, the two Kirkwoods and three foreigners, were not recovered until noon Friday. Many of the men who were killed were badly burned around the face and back, while others seemed to have been killed more by the force of being thrown violently to the ground. Young Hopkins was not only burned badly on face, but the back of his head was injured.

While this rescuing party were working so earnestly far beneath the ground, there was little on the surface to indicate the terrible situation. The cause of this was the isolated situation of the mine and the fact that only three of

the victims lived near the shaft. All the others were residents of Eleanora, two miles distant, except the Kirkwoods, who resided at Sugar Hill. The explosion occurred at dead of night and the company is said to have suppressed as much as possible the horrible extent of the accident until the majority of the bodies had been rescued and were ready to be taken to their homes. For this reason there were comparatively few around the mouth of the shaft at any time Friday and almost none of the heart rending scenes which might have been expected from the extent and appalling nature of the catastrophe.

Saturday and Sunday a few sightseers from points on the trolley line visited the shaft, but there was nothing on the surface out of the ordinary to be seen. The mine was not in operation and silence reigned supreme in the lonely valley.

All the victims were buried Saturday and Sunday. Five of the foreign miners residing at Eleanora were taken to Anita Saturday for interment. Sunday afternoon three hearses in a row, followed by seven three and four seated carriages full of mourners slowly wound over the hills from Eleanora to Anita, where burial was made.

The two other foreigners resided at the same house a short distance west of the shaft and a strange sight was to be seen there Sunday morning. The two black coffins were setting side by side in one room, white cloths covered the faces of the dead men, at their heads burned four candles surrounding a crucifix, and in an adjoining room were gathered a score or more of their former companions who were slowly chanting a weird and solemn song. These men were members of the Order of St. Joseph, of DeLancey and that lodge attended their funeral Sunday afternoon.

George and Adam Kirkwood were brothers who lived at Sugar Hill, or Desire, and were respected citizens of that place. They belonged to the Improved Order of Red Men and many members of that order from Eleanora, Wishaw and Reynoldsville attended their funeral at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The sermon was preached by Rev. William Yates.

The case of the youngest victim, the only other American, was a very sad one. John Hopkins was the son of D. G. and Mary A. Hopkins and was a fine, manly young fellow. He was well known to all the miners and a very large crowd came to the Hopkins home at 1.00 p. m. Sunday to accompany the body to its last resting place. The coffin, borne by six young men, was carried from the Hopkins home to the trolley line and taken to Anita where services, conducted by Dr. Harry G. Teagarden, were held in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Pocahontas Council, No. 56, and the Pythian Sisterhood, of Punsutawney, attended in a body as a mark of sympathy for the bereaved parents.

Mine inspectors Elias Phillips, of Fourth district, Joseph Knapper, of Eighth district, and Roger Hampson, of Twelfth district, who investigated the mine disaster gave their testimony before the coroner's jury at Punsutawney yesterday, and it was in substance that the disaster had been caused by a "blow-out" shot, which ignited an accumulation of gas and some coal dust, which had also accumulated in the heading in which the explosion occurred.

**Shoes.**  
Sumit at \$2.00; Dictator for men at \$3.00; Gold Medal at \$2.00; Dorothy Dodd at \$3.00; Progress at \$2.50. Footwear for all the family at money saving prices. Bing-Stoke Co.

**Stock Pasture.**  
Anybody wishing to pasture stock can be accommodated by applying to the Central Land and Mining Company after May 8th, 1905, on the following conditions: First, all stock to be turned in must be paid for before admitted; second, no stock received except at owner's risk; third, no breeding stock admitted.

**CENTRAL LAND & M. Co.,**  
Per J. J. Sutter, Supt.

**Sealed Bids Wanted.**  
I will receive sealed bids up until May 9, 1905, for the erection of a dwelling house. Plans and specifications for same can be seen at Nolan's shoe store. I reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

**D. NOLAN, Reynoldsville, Pa.**  
Green goods at C. P. Koerner's grocery store, fresh from fountain.  
Now laces at Millirens.  
There is an ice cream parlor for ladies in connection with Peters' restaurant.

**Free Wall Paper.**  
Samples sent to any address; mention kind of room to be papered, also about what price. Prices are from 5c to 50c per double roll 16 yards long. Large stock, new goods. When in DuBois shall be pleased to see you. Dean's Wall Paper Store, opposite postoffice, DuBois, Pa.

**In Reynoldsville.**  
Many of the best families in Reynoldsville and vicinity are using the Prizer Stoves and Ranges with the best results. Every one sold has given entire satisfaction. We would be pleased to have you examine them. Reynoldsville Hardware Co.

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Have you got yours yet? We've a fine line for you and give curtain poles free. Bing-Stoke Co.

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I will put on slate roofing at reasonable price. Sea green or black slate used. Makes a No. 1 roof.  
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**Sykesville.**  
Miss Catherine O'Neil, of Rathmol, has been in town for the past few days. The cement walk in front of the M. E. church and parsonage is well under way.

Miss Jennie Buhelt is visiting with relatives and friends at Coalport at present.  
Miss Emma Null, who has been in DuBois for some time, was in town Sunday.  
Misses Elsie and Edith Clark, of Reynoldsville, spent Sunday with friends of this place.

Miss Edna Holman left Monday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Syphrit, at Wishaw.  
Miss Maude Phillippi, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Bessie Martin, has returned home.

The young ladies of the M. E. church held a pie and ice cream social on Friday evening, clearing \$42.65.  
John T. Jones and family have moved to Plymouth, near Wilkesbarre, where he will be employed with his father-in-law.

Mr. Smith, who has been clerking in Estes & Long's store the past winter, has resigned his position and moved to Oliveburg.  
Prof. Baker, of DuBois, gave a lecture in the Baptist church Saturday evening on "How the blind receive their education."

Misses Lydia and Tacy McClincey, who have been working in Punsutawney, are at present visiting their parents at this place.  
Mr. Carson, one of our jewelers, has sold his trade to Samuel Katzen, who is engaged in the same business, and will locate at Reynoldsville.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church held a meeting and served dinner at the home of Mrs. George Reiter Wednesday of last week.  
Monday noon fire was discovered on roof of a house owned by Grant Regle and occupied by foreigners. The entire roof burned off the building before the fire was extinguished. Had it not been for the prompt and effective work done by our citizens in fighting the fire three or four other buildings would have been consumed by the fire fiend. Mr. Regle will tear down this old building and have a new one erected.

**Horntown.**  
M. J. Perrin spent Sunday in this place.  
Miss Delva Sugars spent Sunday with her mother in this place.  
Mrs. M. M. Moore is convalescing rapidly from a light attack of quinsy.

The social was well attended by persons from different parts of the county.  
Messrs R. Best and A. Chamberlain called on their cousins, the Misses Moore last week.  
Miss Maud Moore is staying with her brother, J. W. Moore, at Glendale.

The ladies of Horntown Grange will hold an ice cream and cake social in the Grange hall Saturday May 6, for the purpose of painting hall. All persons invited and an extra invitation to STAR editor.  
Now brother grangers see if you can't undertake some trilling thing to help finish hall. If you get stuck the ladies will help you out.

**Card of Thanks.**  
We take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors for their kind assistance and sympathy during the sickness and after the death of our beloved daughter, Ella Gertrude.  
MR. AND MRS. J. WHITMORE.

**Card of Thanks.**  
We desire to gratefully acknowledge the many acts of kindness and sympathy accorded us during the illness and after the death of our husband and father, and hereby tender our thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness.  
MRS. W. W. WELLS AND FAMILY.

**Shirts.**  
Manifest shirt at 40c is the best made for the money; Lion Brand at 98c, some places they charge \$1.50 for no better. Bing-Stoke Co.

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See the 25c corset cover embroidery at Millirens.  
Ice cream parlor in connection with Peters' restaurant next door to Hotel Imperial.  
See the new shirt waist silks at Millirens.

**WANT COLUMN.**  
Rates:—One cent per word for each and every insertion.  
FOR SALE—Second hand cook stove. Inquire at STAR office.  
FOR RENT—Five room house, Jackson street, near Fifth. L. M. Snyder.

**EXECUTORS' NOTICE.**  
Estate of Benavill Snyder, late of Winslow Township, Deceased.  
Letters testamentary having been issued to the undersigned, all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present same for payment, and all persons owing said deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned executors.  
JOS. H. SYDNER,  
GIDEON SYDNER,  
Executors.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
Estate of J. F. Henry, Deceased, Late of Winslow Township.  
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to  
A. S. MILLER,  
Administrator.

**FOR SALE—Good buggy.** Inquire of William Copping.  
To Let—Furnished rooms. Inquire at STAR office.  
FOR SALE—Second-hand gocar. Inquire at STAR office.  
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BLACK MINORCA eggs for hatching; for sale 50c per dozen. S. S. Robinson.  
FOR SALE—Hardware doing a good business. Reasons for selling poor health. Inquire at STAR office.  
FOR RENT—Store room with show-cases, scales, and everything complete. J. C. King & Co.

**Deemers Cross Roads.**  
The farmers are busy sowing oats. Irvin Deemer is home for a short time.  
W. R. Best has purchased a valuable colt.  
H. B. Deemer visited at Glendale Sunday.  
Miss Elva Deemer spent Sunday with her parents.  
Frank Snyder has purchased a valuable horse.  
Rumor reports a wedding soon. Wonder if it is true?  
Albert Hetrick has been working for K. B. Deemer the past week.

Mrs. Amos Deemer and son, Irvin, visited at Sandy Valley Sunday.  
Some of our people expect to attend the sale at Shoemaker's May 3rd.  
Mrs. Jess Snyder, who has been ill for some time, is not improving any.  
There will be preaching at the school house Friday evening instead of Sunday.

Misses Margaret Boyle, Orpha Snyder and Hallie Best visited Mrs. L. P. Hetrick Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Gourley spent a couple of days with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schugers, last week.  
Jonathan Snyder has moved on the old homestead and K. B. Deemer expects to move in the house Snyder vacated.

**Glendale.**  
Mrs. D. B. Moore is very ill with pneumonia.  
Frank Moore's little boy, John, has an attack of pneumonia, it is thought.  
Leroy Moore, from Sykesville, was in Glendale Saturday.  
Miss Cora Smith visited her parents over Sunday.

R. J. Noll has his mill ready to begin sawing lumber. He expects to be done sawing by the 4th of July.  
Sunday school at Horn run school house every Sunday at 2 o'clock and preaching at 3 o'clock.

A whole lot of the good people of Glendale gathered at Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore's home on Friday, April 28th, 1905, Mrs. Moore's birthday. A big dinner was served and everybody enjoyed themselves hugely. A number of presents were given Mrs. Moore. When about ready to depart to their homes, two of the young ladies gave a concert.

We are glad of the fact that we will soon have a railroad through Glendale. The new P., S. & N. R. R. will pass through our village on the north along Mill creek.

**Woman's Judgment.**  
The woman who exercises good everyday common sense, and profits by her own experience and that of others, will recognize in the Prizer Ranges, a perfection in stove construction that is not found in other makes. We would be pleased to have you examine them—and we believe you will confirm this statement. Sold and guaranteed by Reynoldsville Hardware Co.

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OF Brookville.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**  
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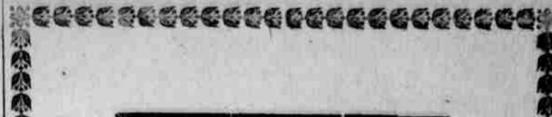
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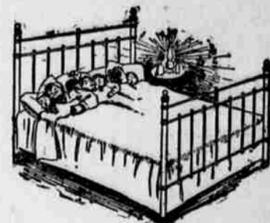
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SUITS—Men's fine suit \$5.00, former price \$7.00  
Fine Suit for \$6.00, former price \$9.00  
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