

Seventy-nine Men Meet Death in Mine Disaster

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Miraculous Escape

One miner who was injured in the blast and who was placed in the hospital had six sticks of dynamite and a number of dynamite caps in his pockets when he was brought to the surface.

Relief Workers on Scene

Red Cross workers, Salvation Army representatives and other willing hands were on the scene early Monday and are assisting in any way they possibly can to aid in the rescue work or take care of the maimed.

Capt. Victor C. Bryant of the Salvation Army, with his wife, Ensign Nell Mallory Bryant announced that they had started a relief fund for the miner's families of \$1,000, and would be glad to receive subscriptions if it was found that the miners' families needed aid. Captain Bryant, assisted by Robert Mallory and others, helped in the removal of the injured miners to the hospital.

A corps of physicians from nearby towns hurried to the scene and diligently set to work to take care of the victims. The staff at the hospital and at the mine consists of Dr. V. A. Murray, Patton, Dr. Helfrick, of Spangler; Dr. Blair, of Spangler; Dr. Mulvehill, of Carrolltown; Dr. Healy, of Barnesboro; Dr. Arble, of Carrolltown; Dr. King, of Bakerton; Dr. Anderson, of Barnesboro; Dr. Peterman, of Cherrytree; Dr. Wheeling, of Windber.

Father Basil, of Englewood, N. J., head of the Carmelite Order, and Father Peters, rector of the Holy Trinity Church of Pittsburgh, who are conducting a mission at the Holy Cross church were at the hospital late in the night rendering spiritual aid.

The mines in this section are all closed today. Funerals were conducted in the Spangler, Barnesboro and Carrolltown churches. Fourteen funerals took place from the Holy Cross church, eight from St. Patrick's both at Spangler, one from St. Benedict's Carrolltown and several from the churches in Barnesboro.

At St. Patrick's church this morning there was a double and tripple funeral, at 9 o'clock funeral services were conducted for Stanton and Warren Gray, brothers, aged 19 and 16. At 12 o'clock funeral services were conducted for Hayden Kelly and his son George, and for John Logue a brother-in-law of the elder Kelly. At St. Benedict's church this place funeral services were conducted for Vincent Miller at 9 o'clock. Mr. Miller was a veteran of the World War. He was given Military burial. Fox-Peale Post American Legion were in charge.

Food and Clothing Arrive

Food and clothing already have begun to arrive in Spangler, but beginning this morning all work of this kind will be in the hands of the committee. Red Cross and Salvation army workers reported at the meeting tonight that they had found some families where children were not provided with sufficient clothing to attend the funerals of their fathers today.

To Open Welfare Station

The Red Cross in Johnstown and the county has been engaged in relief work since Monday morning. Representatives will remain at Spangler indefinitely, plans having been completed for the opening of a welfare station in the lobby of the Brandon hotel, where reports are to be made of those in need. Miss Ray Blight of the Johnstown office took charge of this work.

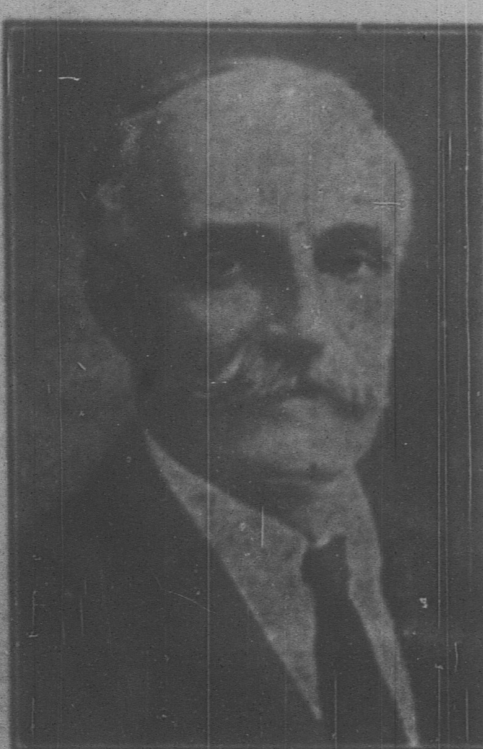
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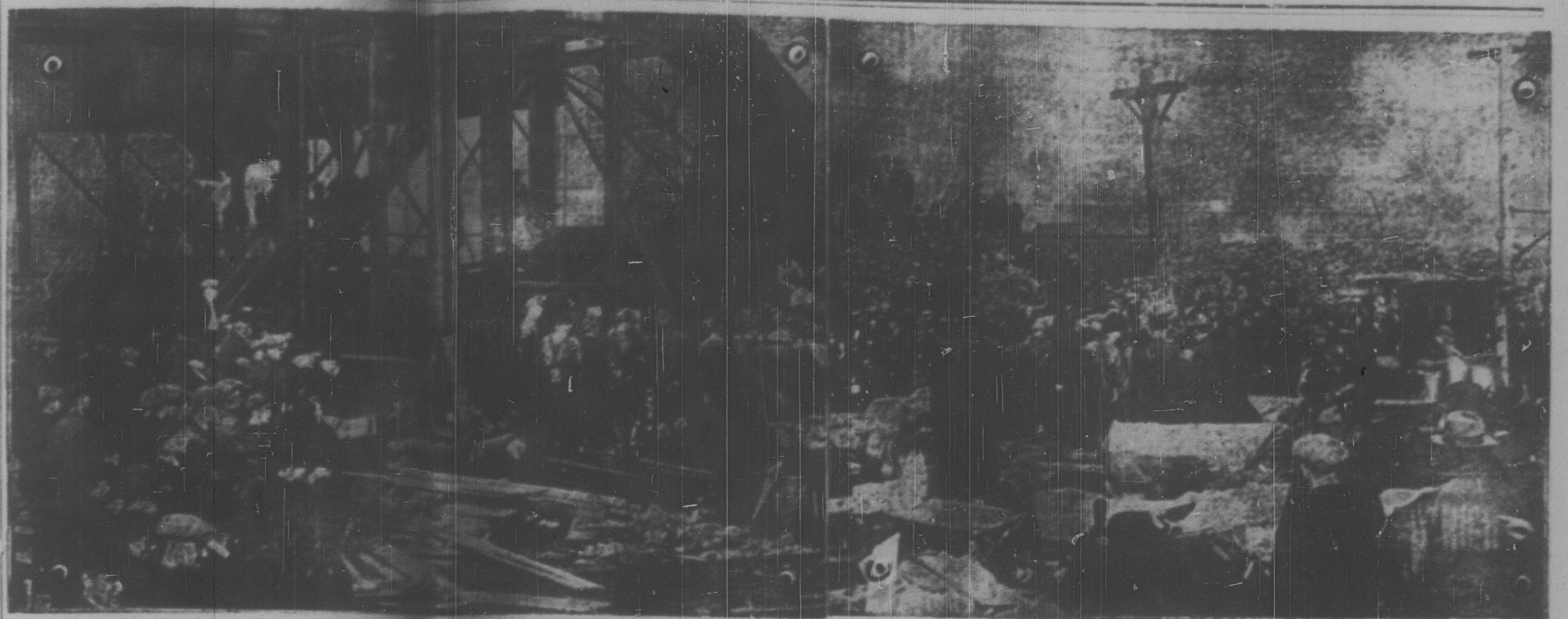
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Wed. Nov. 15



Crowd about the mouth of Reilly Colliery No 1 waiting for the dead to be brought to the surface. A group of mine rescue workers are waiting at the shaft gate for the elevator to carry them to the bottom of the mine.

To Extend Relief Work

A meeting of the Spangler citizens, presided over by George Nicholson, general manager of the Walker mine, was held last night in the Spangler public schoolhouse to make preliminary plans for the organized extension of relief work to those left destitute by the catastrophe. The meeting was addressed by W. R. Foster of Johnstown, treasurer of the Cambria County chapter of the Red Cross; Thomas E. Reynolds of Johnstown, chairman of the executive committee, and Miss Mary Street of Johnstown, secretary of the chapter held this morning in Johnstown, it was authorized to donate \$1,000 from the Red Cross emergency fund to begin relief work.

All relief work, the receiving and distribution of food, clothing and the money, will be in charge of a committee of five local citizens appointed at the meeting by George Nicholson, general manager of the Walker mine, president of the U. M. W. of A.; James McGinn, president of the Spangler local of the U. M. W. of A.; A. E. Fox, president of the Spangler chapter of the Red Cross, and Mrs. Harry Blair and Mrs. W. R. Davison. The committee met this morning and after planning officers began a survey of the conditions among the people whose relatives were lost in the mine explosion.

What Happened In Mine Before Explosion Probably Never Will Be Determined

SPANGLER—Four mine inspectors from the state bureau of mines are in Spangler making a complete investigation of the catastrophe that bowed this town in grief, Monday. The men are working under instructions of Frank Hall, deputy chief of mines, to make thorough report and file their reports as early as possible. Action of any public authorities, national, state and county will await the filing of the preliminary report of the inspectors, it was stated here Tuesday.

M. W. Swabb, county coroner; District Attorney D. P. Weimer, and other officials were here Tuesday. Coroner Swabb set up headquarters in the Miner's hall, the morgue, and issued throughout the day permits for the removal of identified bodies from the mine to the homes of the men.

Mr. Swabb said tonight that there would be no report submitted for at least several days. He said that the state bureau will be given ample opportunity to prepare whatever evidence they might have to present to a coroner's jury.

Swabb said he is Spangler of danger said he has been known to be lurking in the Reilly No. 1 colliery. The mine, it is said, is listed as a "non-gas" mine, but, according to residents here, several minor "gas" explosions have occurred in the last few years. The men used open lights in the mine, not permitted by government regulations where there is dan-

err from the presence of gas.

It is said that the men in the mine often talked of the day when a "real" explosion would occur.

What really happened in the mine Monday morning at about 7:15 o'clock when the explosion occurred that engulfed more than 100 men in the earth, probably never will be learned with any degree of accuracy. The one man who might be able to tell a story of what preceded the explosion is Patrick Flanagan, fire boss.

Flanagan's body was taken from the mine Tuesday frightfully mangled. From the condition of his body when recovered, it is believed he was brought out in the worst condition of any of the bodies that were on view at the morgue Tuesday were in bad condition. Most of the men were impressed well back in the mine and were victims of the poisonous fumes that invaded every nook and corner of the more than one mile stretch the mine reaches. The explosion occurred 400 or 500 feet from the shaft. It

was there that Flanagan's body was found. Near it was the body of George Kelly, also horribly mangled. Mr. Kelly probably was one of the best known men in the mine at the time of the explosion. His body however, was so frightfully contorted, his head twisted far to the side of his body, his chest and abdomen crushed and his entire body burned, that the remains lay in the morgue from 2

o'clock Tuesday morning until late Tuesday afternoon before anybody identified it. Patrick Flanagan went into the mine at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning and at 6 o'clock he came out and reported the mine as safe for the more than 100 men who an hour later went into it to meet death. Flanagan himself went down to the shaft with the miners.



A group who failed to gain admittance to the morgue looking through dirt covered and barred windows at the long lines of dead. Courtesy of The Pittsburgh Post.

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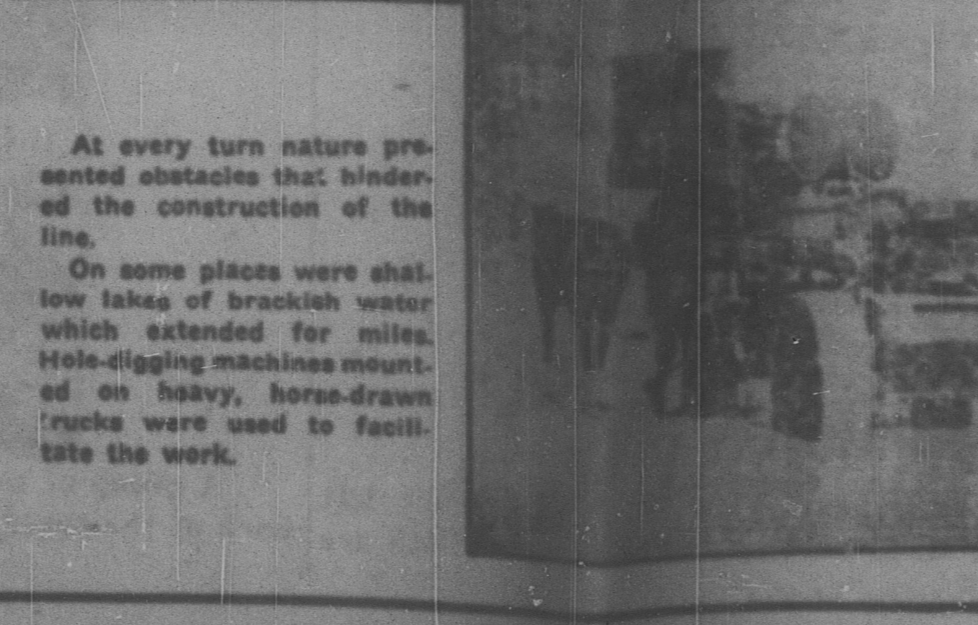
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On some places were shallow lakes of brackish water which extended for miles. Hole-digging machines mounted on heavy, horse-drawn trucks were used to facilitate the work.



Three rescue workers enjoying hot coffee after returning from the rescue work.