

Two Men Carried on Wild Ride to Death in Runaway Car Trip

Major Disaster Believed Averted As Dynamite on Cars Fails to Explode

What might have resulted in one of the major disasters in Pennsylvania's bituminous coal fields took the lives of two men and injured about fifty others shortly before seven o'clock Monday morning when thirteen cars of a man trip ran away on the slope of the Sonman Shaft Coal Mining Company, near Portage, the wild ride of the miners on the runaway cars taking them a distance of about 1,200 feet before the trip bucked and the cars and the human load piled up in the mine heading.

When the work of rescuing the injured was under way, a bundle of thirty sticks of dynamite and a large supply of dynamite caps were found to have been on the runaway trip. The fact that the explosives were intact, probably prevented a larger toll of lives. The dead:

Michael Haschak, aged 23, son of Stephen Haschak of Miller Shaft, suffered fracture of the skull, badly crushed right hand and body mangled. George Fuchila, aged 45, Miller Shaft, fracture of the skull; killed instantly.

Those seriously injured were taken to Johnstown hospitals, as follows:

Memorial Hospital.
August Smith, aged 58, Portage, fracture of the skull and shock, unconscious and condition unfavorable.
Martin Barnash, aged 45, Sonman, fracture of skull and back injuries, in serious condition.

Anton Frydytch, aged 56, Portage, fracture of the skull, fracture of the clavicle, and suffering from shock, in critical condition.

Howard Smith, aged 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, Portage; fracture of the pelvis and internal injuries; condition not good.

John Majer, aged 44, Portage, contusions and lacerations of the right side and back; condition fairly good.

Mercy Hospital.
John Smendik, aged 48, Portage; a fracture of the left leg, contusions and abrasions of the body; condition favorable.

The following were treated at first aid stations at the shaft and removed to their homes:

Abe Hough, 39, married, fracture of one left rib, severe bruises of left arm.

John Olorich, Portage, scalp lacerations and abrasions of left elbow, and contusions of neck.

William Falkowsky, 19, Portage, forehead lacerations, bruises of the face and upper lip lacerated.

Anthony Falowsky, 45, father of William Falkowsky, injury to right knee.

Teddy Falkowsky, 16, son of Anthony Falkowsky, injury to right thigh.

Tony Passenelli, 44, married, Portage, lacerations of the back of head, sprains of right leg and injury to the right shoulder, also suffering from a slight shock.

William Sasmore, Portage, back injuries.

Dick Thrush, 50, Spring Hill, head lacerations.

John Thrush, son of Dick Thrush, 18, bruises and contusions of head.

John Wisniewski, 53, Portage, married, back sprained.

John Sinbak, Portage, lacerations of the scalp, puncture wound under the right eye, contusions of the right elbow.

Geo. Heseke, Cassandra, lacerations of the scalp, abrasions of the face.

Rudy Zock, 34, Portage, fracture of the right foot.

John Marasakle, Sonman, contusions of the head.

Mike Zeglin, Portage, lacerations of the scalp, contusions of the left leg, contusions and abrasions of the back.

Frank Shall, 26, single, Sonman, puncture wound of the right foot, a pick penetrating the right foot.

Henry Ruffing, 44, single, Portage, bruises and abrasions of the right leg and hip, and severe bruises of the left arm.

Ross Burkett, 48, Portage township, fracture of the ankle.

Harold Smith, 19, Portage Township, chest crushed.

John Olich, 29, single, Portage, injuries to right elbow and head.

Anzel Grybosky, 22, single, Portage, injuries to head and back and left hand badly cut and bruised.

Howard Custer, 36, married, Portage, lacerations of forehead and back injured.

Adam Matslavich, 50, married, Shoemaker Mine, lacerations of right leg and head.

Frank Revuse, 33, married, Portage, lacerations of nose and face, bruises of the face.

Charles Koshak, 22, Portage, bruises and contusions of head and body.

Joseph Finerod, 52, Portage, married; injury to the right hip.

Frank Lenhart, 68, married, Portage, one ear almost severed, head badly cut and body bruises.

John Pauley, 39, Spring Hill, lacerations of head and bruises of face.

William Staffer, 42, Portage, little finger of right hand badly lacerated, and sprain of the back.

Joe Tranowski, Portage, severe contusions of the chest.

Adam Barnosh, contusions of back and head, also suffering from shock.

Joe Ruskie, fracture of the right forearm.

Alex Doyle, contusions of the back and suffering from shock.

Alex White, contusions of the hand, lacerations of ears and fingers.

Alex Aleshik, fracture of three ribs on right side, right clavicle torn loose and suffering from shock.

Tony Syc, Sonman, contusions and lacerations.

Joseph Trusch, 33, Portage, abrasions of the back and chest and contusions of the right hand.

Sylvester Hochrein, seven contusions of the left hip and left leg.

Joseph Rosky, 52, Portage, fracture of the left arm and bruises of the body.

Henry Newfield, 19, Portage, R. D., lacerations of the head, bruises of the back.

Frank Koschak, aged 27, single Spring Hill, "drag man" on the trip, lacerations and bruises of face and nose.

Ebi Newfield, aged 17, brother of Henry Newfield, the latter one of those injured, was riding in the same car with his brother and escaped unhurt.

John Koschak, brother of Frank Koschak, was walking down the heading and upon hearing the noise made by the runaway trip, jumped to safety as the cars dashed past him.

Drs. W. S. Dougherty, E. C. Miller and S. D. Boucher, Portage, and Dr. Charles Solomon, Lilly, treated the majority of the men, ordering the more seriously injured to the Johnstown hospitals and taking care of the others at the slope.

The injured men maintained good order while waiting their turns to be treated. The first-aid team of the

CLERICAL CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED BY BISHOP

Rev. Father Denny of Ashville Will Succeed Rev. Father Magee at Summit.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. McCort of the Altoona diocese last week announced a number of clerical changes in filling the vacancy caused by the recent death of the Rev. Father Jeremiah F. Looney, pastor of St. Matthew's Catholic church at Tyrone. The transfers are effective as from Tuesday.

The Very Rev. Father James J. Tolan, pastor of the Holy Trinity church, Huntingdon, has been named pastor of the Tyrone church. The Rev. Father Francis A. Magee, pastor of St. Aloysius' church at the Summit, goes to the Huntingdon charge, and the Rev. Father Idephonse J. Denny, pastor of St. Thomas' church, Ashville, will succeed Father Magee at the Summit.

The Rev. Father James F. Connelly, a native of Johnstown and for some time pastor of St. Peter & Paul's church, Philipsburg, goes to Ashville, and the Rev. Father William T. Harkins, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church, Ehrenfeld, is named pastor of the Philipsburg church. Until such time as an appointment is made for the Ehrenfeld charge, the pastoral duties there will be looked after by the Franciscan priests of St. Francis college, Loretto.

FIVE HURT WHEN AUTO HITS TREE

Eight persons, six of them children from Clearfield County, miraculously escaped death shortly before 5 o'clock Sunday evening when a large sedan crashed into a tree along the Salix-Loretto brick highway, near Salix. The accident was caused when the driver lost control of the machine on a sharp curve. The car side-swiped one tree and then crashed into another, causing the machine to overturn.

Passing motorists experienced considerable difficulty in extricating the eight victims who were trapped in the wreckage. The father, mother and three small boys were injured. They were rushed to the office of Dr. E. Pope Dickinson, of St. Michael.

A seven-year-old boy was the most seriously injured, suffering severe lacerations of the face and neck. A number of stitches were necessary to close his wounds. The father suffered contusions of the body and the mother had one eye cut and suffered contusions of the body and lacerations of the arm. The other two boys received lacerations of the face and contusions of the body. Three other children escaped unhurt.

Sonman Shaft Coal Co. also performed valiant service in assisting the doctors in the treatment of the injured. The invalid cars of Portage and C. O. Diamond of South Fork conveyed the hospital patients to Johnstown.

About 130 men were on the cars when the trip was started about 6:45 o'clock. The Miller mine of the Sonman operations is a shaft mine, the miners descending the elevators before boarding the empty cars to be taken to their work. Riding about ten men to a car, the trip was loaded and had gone down the slope only about 100 feet when the "hitching" or three-link coupling connecting the 13th and 14th cars broke. The cars travel on a 6 per cent grade and each succeeding second found the 13 runaway cars gaining speed and momentum. The remaining 11 cars were held in check by the cable and the men on these cars were not endangered.

BISHOP McCORT IS PRIEST FOR 17 YEARS

The Rt. Rev. John J. McCort, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona, Tuesday of last week marked the 17th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Bishop McCort was born in February, 1860, in Philadelphia and was ordained in that city, October 14, 1883, by Bishop J. F. Shanahan. He was consecrated Bishop there on September 12, 1912, and came to Altoona as Coadjutor Bishop, March 22, 1920, and succeeded the late Bishop Eugene A. Garvey as Bishop. Formal celebration will be deferred until the 30th anniversary, which will occur in 1933, in the new cathedral now being constructed in the Mountain City by the Catholics of the diocese.

The Diocese of Altoona was established in May 1901, and comprises the counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset. The first Bishop was Eugene A. Garvey, D. D., who was ordained a priest in September, 1869. He was consecrated as a Bishop in the fall of 1901 and passed away October 22, 1920. The first Vicar General of the Diocese was the Rt. Rev. Mons. John Boyle, LL. D., of St. John's parish, Altoona, who died at the rectory in Johnstown December 1, 1921. The

late Father Thomas P. Smith, a native of Gallitzin, succeeded Father Boyle. Later the Rt. Msgr. John N. Codori, LL. D., was made a Vicar General along with Msgr. Smith, but since the death of the latter a few years ago Dr. Codori has been the only Vicar General in the diocese. Dr. Codori was serving as pastor of St. Columba's parish when named permanent rector of the Clinton-street parish in January, 1922.

GLASGOW

Mrs. Mabel Thomas of Williamsport visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Mountaindale.

Miss Isabelle Hahn of Johnstown, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hahn.

Mr. J. I. Glass who has been numbered among the sick is on the road to recovery. His friends hope he continues.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Keith and children of Vaa Ormer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jackson of Blandburg Sunday spent some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jackson. Miss Linnie Troxell was a guest at

the home of Mrs. Susan Richard. Mr. Orrie Lovell spent the week end at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lovell and family of Coalport spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. John Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulhollen and family visited at G. W. Troxell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel A. Troxell and family motored to Amby Sunday to visit relatives.

Miss Pearl Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frye of Juniata visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas and daughter visited at Mrs. Thomas home Sunday.

Miss Cloya McClellan, Miss Anna Hollenbaugh, and Mrs. Wilda Landis visited in Coalport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovell visit with relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. John Hohn, and daughter Betty and Isabelle were Coalport callers Saturday.

A masquerade party and chicken and noodle supper will be held at the Glasgow Lutheran church, Saturday evening. Everybody Welcome.

MOTORIST FINES

Motorists paid \$45,177.89 for various infractions of the motor code during September.

MRS. ISADORE CAMPBELL

Mrs. Annie E. Campbell, aged 65, wife of Isadore Campbell of Gallitzin, passed away last Sunday night at her home at Gallitzin, following a week's illness of uremic poisoning. Mrs. Campbell was in Johnstown visiting friends last week and was taken suddenly ill shortly after her return to Gallitzin.

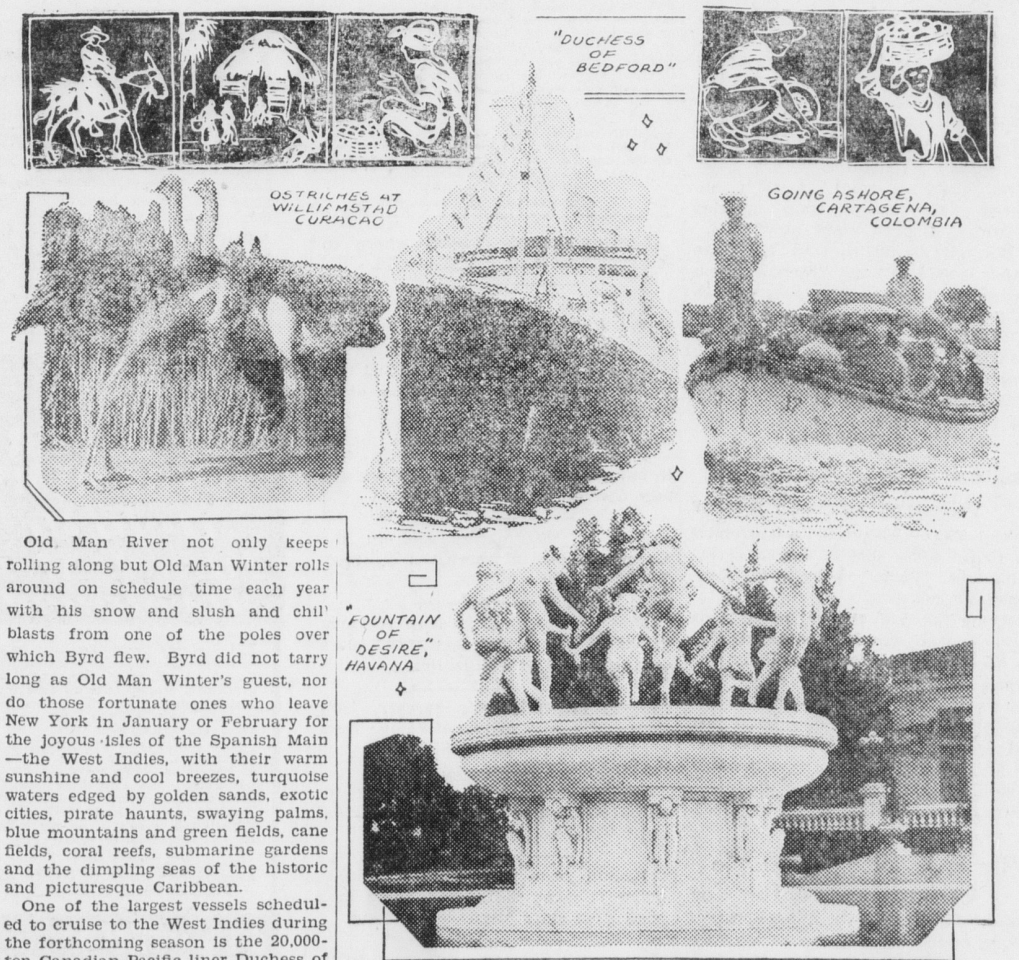
Mrs. Campbell is survived by her husband and these children: Georgia, of Gallitzin; Mae, wife of E. S. Anderson, of Gallitzin; Camilla, wife of Ralph Donoughe of Gallitzin; Edgar, Gerald and Myrtle, all at home; Helen, wife of E. W. Beattie, of Ebensburg; Mildred, wife of R. J. Long, of Cresson, and Ruth, wife of Norman Bradley of Cresson. She also leaves these brothers and sisters: H. J. Buck, of Carrolltown; Andrew Buck of Loretto; Mrs. M. A. Bengie, of Pittsburg; Alex Buck, of Cresson; Charles Buck, of Youngstown, O.; O. U. Buck of Gallitzin; Mrs. Edward Boes, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Ida Dawson of Gallitzin and Edward Buck of Loretto.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Catholic church, Interment was in the church cemetery.

GASOLINE TAX

September collections of the liquid fuels tax amounted to \$2,586,674.

Glamorous Islands of Spanish Main to Play Host To Thousands of Travelers During Coming Winter



Old Man River not only keeps rolling along but Old Man Winter rolls around on schedule time each year with his snow and slush and chill blasts from one of the poles over which Byrd flew. Byrd did not tarry long as Old Man Winter's guest, nor do those fortunate ones who leave New York in January or February for the joyous isles of the Spanish Main—the West Indies, with their warm sunshine and cool breezes, turquoise waters edged by golden sands, exotic cities, pirate haunts, swaying palms, blue mountains and green fields, cane fields, coral reefs, submarine gardens and the dimpling seas of the historic and picturesque Caribbean.

One of the largest vessels scheduled to cruise to the West Indies during the forthcoming season is the 20,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Bedford, which will sail on two 29-day trips from New York, one commencing January 9 and the other leaving on February 11, 1931. Travelers on these expeditions will visit Bermuda, beautiful isle lying in the path of the warm Gulf Stream; Havana,

the Paris of the New World; Porto Rico, one of Uncle Sam's possessions; Trinidad, La Guayra and Caracas on the north shore of South America; Colon and the world famous Panama Canal—these and many other places with their strange peoples, stranger customs and eternal summer welcome the cruise ship and extend its passengers a royal reception. Thus the tourists not only escape the unpleasant northern winter but they learn much about the world and its people into the bargain.

WARM WINTER TOGS FOR THE SMALL PEOPLE

With the first touch of winter weather visiting us this week, mothers naturally begin to contemplate with some concern just what to buy to keep their children warm. Here are a few moderately priced suggestions:

Brother and Sister Jersey Dresses and Suits
Red, green, tan and blue, **\$1.00 \$1.95 \$2.95**

Slipover Sweaters, All Colors and Combinations
Sizes from 6 to 14 years, **\$1.00 \$1.95 \$2.95**

Coat Sweaters, in all sizes, \$1.95 up to \$3.75

Sweater and Beret Sets
Attractive, in all colors, priced **\$1.95 and \$2.95**

"Sally Togs" Leggin Sets
Sizes from 2 to 6 years, priced **\$5.50 and \$5.00**

Children's Outing Sleepers, Sizes 2 to 6, for 50c

All Wool Plaid Blankets, at \$9.95 Pair
70x82, in pink, blue, orchid, green and gold.

All Wool Single Blankets, Solid Colors,
Size 66x60, Economically Priced.

New Line of Felt and Velvet HATS, at \$2.00 \$3.00 to \$5.00

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