

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHTEEN

Heroic Efforts Made to Rescue Victims of Terrific Blasts.

HORRIBLE SCENE OF CARNAGE

Thirteen Die in First Blast and Five in Second Explosion—Dynamite and Gas Responsible for Terrible Disaster

Tower City, Pa., August 2.—Eighteen men were killed and two seriously injured today in a double explosion in the East Brookside mine of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company near here by a double explosion of what is believed to have been dynamite and gas. Thirteen men died in the first explosion and five met death in the second blast after an heroic attempt to rescue the first victims. One of the rescuers escaped.

The Death List

Daniel M. Ginnley, aged 48, Tower City, leaves wife and seven children.
Henry Murphy, 60, fire boss; Tower City, wife and three children.
John Farrell, 49, fireman, Tower City, wife and ten children.
Howard Hand, 21, laborer, of Muir, single.
Harry Hand, 24, miner, Muir, wife and three children.
Jacob Koppenhaver, 26, shaft man, Reinerton, wife and two children.
Thomas Behney, 30, miner, Reinerton, wife and two children.
John Endice, 34, laborer, Reinerton.
Carreni Campani, 39, laborer, Reinerton.
Victor Zeano.

Cecilia Groziano.
Unidentified Italian workmen. Bodies of two dead have not been recovered.

Exact Cause Unknown

It is not known exactly what caused the explosion, but the miners at the colliery are convinced that the first explosion was that of dynamite and the second was caused by gas which had been liberated by the dynamite explosion. The dead bodies were scattered over a distance of about a quarter of a mile.

Superintendent Dead

Superintendent John Lorenz, 60 years old, was in the mine when the first explosion occurred. He was rescued several hours later. Harry Schofield was another taken out alive. Both were burned and bruised but are expected to recover.

Superintendent Lorenz was found crawling along the ground trying to make his way through the debris. The colliery is about two miles west of Tower City and within the same distance of a half dozen other large mining towns in the Williams Valley. The colliery closed down on Thursday evening for the week, but Charles Portland, a mining contractor, who has a contract with the Reading Company to drive a tunnel, kept some dozen men at work. There were a half dozen men at work, whose duty it is to guard the tunnel.

Traffic Managers Confer at Raleigh

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 2.—Freight Traffic Managers Green, of the Southern, and Perrin, of the Atlantic Coast Line were here today in conference with the Corporation Commission with reference to some features of the proposed reduction in freight rates in settlement of the fight of shippers in this State against discriminations.

APPEAL FOR INVESTIGATION

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Fiendish Crime.

Negro With Ax Makes Fatal Attack on Sleeping Household, Cairo, Ga., Aug. 2.—Two members of a family of eight are expected to die, and the remaining six are seriously wounded as the result of an attack by a negro with an ax on the sleeping household of George Bodford, a farrier, at midnight here, at midnight Friday.

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ANOTHER PUZZLING PROBLEM

Castro's Seizure of Gomez Government Officers Presents an Additional Annoyance to Officials at Washington

WILSON EVOLVING NON-INTERFERENCE POLICY TOWARD MEXICO.

Washington, August 2.—Cipriano Castro's return to Venezuela, followed by today's dispatches of his seizure of officials of the Gomez government at Coro, present to the State Department another Latin-American puzzle—anything but a welcome addition to those already pending.

Blames the Trust for Their Undoing

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 2.—In a prepared statement filed with Referee in Bankruptcy Ferguson here today, William C. Harris, a member of the bankruptcy firm of Robert Harris & Brother, which went under a few weeks ago with a half million dollars liability, charged the failure of the American Tobacco Company.

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PRESIDENT FAVORS PEACEFUL PROGRAM

Wilson Evolving Non-Interference Policy Toward Mexico.

PREPARING FOR THE CRISIS

Plans Made to Remove Americans From Trouble Zones, if Necessary—Bryan Asks an Appropriation.

Washington, August 2.—While President Wilson has not yet announced the policy which he thinks the American government ought to pursue toward Mexico, there is every reason to believe he is evolving a plan of non-interference in the internal affairs of the Southern republic.

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ARREST PROMINENT MEXICAN

Huerta Requested Arrest of Former Governor of Campeche, Held Without Bail by Federals for Murder and Robbery—Admits Killing

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