

JOHNSTOWN HORROR

One Hundred and Fifty Victims Is a Low Estimate.

FOURTEEN ARE RESCUED ALIVE

Heroic Work Done by a Party of Forty—Many Bodies Still in the Mine—The Identified Dead.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 12.—At 1 o'clock this morning, it can be stated that of the 600 men supposed to have entered the mouth of the Cambria Steel Company's mine, Thursday morning, 445 are known to be dead and 22 rescued. Four hundred, so the mine officials claim, escaped when the explosion occurred, leaving 50 still to be accounted for. Some of these, according to those in charge of the rescue work, are dead, but the majority, they claim, have escaped.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 11.—The impression prevails among outsiders and certain employees of the Cambria Steel Company that 250 is a low estimate of the death list of the Rolling Mill mine. Eighty men known to be dead and 22 rescued were brought from the mine today. The mine officials will make no estimates of the dead.

Heroic work was done by a rescue party today. It is difficult to picture with any degree of accuracy its full worth. The work of rescue, how brave men went into the jaws of death in its most horrible moments, encountered the most terrible transformed into raving maniacs by hours of waiting in the pitch darkness of the earth's interior, lifted them moaning from their beds of pain, and then, the breathing and crawling on all fours, carrying them a quarter of a mile underground, where cars could be reached to take them outside.

Also in the early part of the afternoon cheering words came from the innermost recesses of the mine that life yet lingered in some of the bodies found. The rescue made first of the bodies, the bodies, which they had been unable to reach the night before. Desolate even for the scene of a mine interior, was the heading that stretched out before them in the darkness. The man grasped for a pick handle and tried, in his frenzy, to beat down his rescuers. He was overpowered and dragged back to the main heading and to the thirteen cylinders, re-enters the mine in this chamber, and physicians were quickly taken to the work.

The Work of Rescue.

At 3 P. M. the train of mine cars came to the pit mouth, where waiting ambulances stood, ready to be moved over the sides of the cars and half carried, wended their way to the ambulances. They were all pale. One big strapping fellow among them, John White, who reached the ambulances, and doctors spent several minutes resuscitating him. As the men were driven hurriedly to the Cambria Hospital, the train of cars, with the physicians, re-enters the mine. In another half-hour they came out again, this time with six living, but almost dead, miners. One man, in his paroxysm, had locked his jaws so tight that he could not be employed to pry them open for the installing of life-buffs. These six were taken in an unconscious condition to the Cambria Hospital. One man brought out with this crowd died just as he was being taken to a flat where three more headings were believed to be filled with the dead were within reach in the main heading. These were brought out at 4:30 P. M. Their bodies were piled high in the coal cars and covered with canvas. These remains were in a terrible state, showing that they had been slow death in each case. One of the men had his mouth and nose tied about with a towel. The rest of his face was burned beyond recognition. The bodies of all were twisted in various ways. One of the arms being crooked so as to clutch the face. The only one who could be identified at the pit mouth was Fire Boss Joseph Conliffe.

One of the volunteer rescuers who came out with this load of dead stated that the fire was raging in parts of the mine. Most of those who were brought out alive this afternoon had been brought in by crawling into a chamber and turning the valve on the compressed line which runs along the entry. One man was found dead with his hands clasped in prayer, and a monkey-wrench that it could not be removed.

The Identified Dead.

The official list of the bodies identified up to 10 o'clock tonight follows: John R. Tyson, aged 40, married; John Whitney, fire boss, 25, married; William Blanche, assistant foreman, married; Joseph Tomlinson, fire boss, 35, single; William Lee, 22, married; Daniel Lee, 31, single; Michael McGinnis, 37, married; Philip McGinnis, 21, single; John Crook, 31, married; Frank Chesnut, 22, single; John Sadler, 22, married; John Holly, 23, married; Michael Bostick, 30, married; Holcayak, 23, married; John Wilvered, 35, married; Frank Guser, 27, married; Anthony Polak, 36, married; John Polak, 26, single; Frank Schmitt, 31, married; George Yarocena, 37, married; Albert Havel, 24, single; Andrew Havel, 23, married; Jacob Hill, 34, married; Michael Toa, 33, married; Joseph Rice, 33, married; Soka Vergas, 40, married; Mike Sabat, 21, single; John Roplosky, 35, married; Michael Dricka, 25, single; John Barok, 38, married; John Lasko, 36, married; Frank Lazarus, 22, single; Brockley Teckow, 47, married; John Tharaski, 38, married; Andrew Blasek, 27, married; Anton Luskowski, Stanislaw Zwick, Bernard Dorzyk, 31, single; Joseph Maslowski, Paul Butula, John Karavich, Anton Debito, Andro Zajd, 18, single; Vida Rach, John Rach.

Bringing Out the Bodies.

It was 5:55 o'clock this morning when the first trainload of victims was brought to the mouth of the mine. Thirty-nine cars were used in bringing out 46 dead bodies and four living injured. The discovery of the dead bodies was made by searching party about 2 o'clock last night. They were lying in the main pit mouth, two miles in from the main pit. No attempt was made to remove them until certainty was established that no more living remained in the mine.

From the positions of the bodies the miners were evidently eating their lunches when suddenly stricken by the explosion. They were seated in groups of five and ten, with their buckets, and the remains of their lunches scattered over the floor. Evidently their lives were shut out quickly and easily.

The first statement was given to the Associated Press reporter by Superintendent Robinson this morning. He said: "As to the direct cause of the explosion I cannot exactly say. We know there was an explosion of fireamp in the sixth right heading of a section of the mine com-

WITHDRAWAL OF FRIARS

GOVERNMENT INCLINED TO MAKE REASONABLE CONCESSIONS.

Negotiations Now in Progress Will Not Fall—Vatican's Oral Assurances.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The negotiations now in progress at the Vatican respecting the Philippine friars and their lands will not fall. Of that, the Administration officials here feel certain. It was realized at the beginning, when Governor Taft's instructions were framed, that they represented the extreme of our claims, and that they did not preclude the idea of reasonable compromise by mutual concessions. The negotiations are progressing in this spirit. The United States Government will not secure everything it desired, because, even if the pope were disposed to concede the things the negotiations have developed the fact that, although his power is theoretically unlimited, in actuality the internal politics of the Vatican impose conditions even upon the chief prelate of the church which he must observe. Therefore, the immediate and complete withdrawal of the Spanish friars from the Philippines is not now expected, but it is believed that the result desired can be accomplished by an arrangement for the substitution of friars of other nationalities, and the principal issue at present is as to the time within which this change may be brought about.

The friars are gathered almost altogether in Manila and are a heavy charge on the convents and members of the order, who are maintaining them, and who are expected that they will hasten the solution of the problem by themselves voluntarily seeking other fields of labor outside of the archipelago, for it is not held to be in the power of the United States Government to re-establish them in their parishes against the wishes of the native Catholics.

President Considers the Pope's Note.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., July 11.—A question which is now engaging President Roosevelt's attention, and which is giving him no little concern, is that relating to the withdrawal of the friars from the Philippine archipelago. Mr. Roosevelt has received from Secretary Root the pope's note in reply to Governor Taft's propositions, cabled to the War Department from Rome. It is announced that until the negotiations have been brought to an issue, successful or otherwise, no formal statement by the Administration will be made. When that time shall arrive, the statement will be given to the public by Secretary Root in Washington. Nothing will be made public here.

Promise Granted Understraw.

ROME, July 11.—It is understood that the question of withdrawal of the friars from the Philippines could be settled immediately if Washington would accept the oral assurance of the Vatican that will be the extent of the dead, but until all the checks by which the friars are known are presented at the office of the company, an accurate list of the dead will not be known. Some of the bodies, it is admitted by the officials, are entombed in closed headings or buried beneath slates. Some may be recovered, but others may never be found.

RYAN COURT-MARTIAL.

Major Glenn Speaks a Good Word for the "Water Cure."

MANILA, July 11.—The court-martial of Captain J. A. Ryan, Fifteenth Cavalry, on the charge of unnecessary severity to natives, was concluded today. It is believed that he will be acquitted. He is charged with the use of the "water cure," and Major E. F. Glenn, Fifth Infantry, counsel for the Captain, strongly pleaded for his exoneration. He contended that the "water cure" was not torture, and asserted that its use had saved more American and Filipino lives than other expedients of the campaign. The Major scored Major Rhoads for making a report that he was unable to substitute, and quoted a score of orders for the execution of guerrillas during the Civil War to justify Captain Ryan.

Ten Years for Treason.

MANILA, July 11.—General Maximin, who has been convicted of treason at Cebu, Island of Cebu, has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and to a fine of \$200. General Novicio, who was charged with General Maximin, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and to a small fine.

Dewey Will Not Reply to Anderson.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Admiral Dewey was shown a copy of the statement by General Anderson and declined to comment on it. Secretary Root also was declined to discuss General Anderson's statement. He said that the matters referred to occurred before he assumed office, so that it was not for him to pass upon any differences that had arisen between Admiral Dewey and General Anderson. The War Department is not inclined to hold the same strict rule upon retired officers in the matter of discussing public questions as it does upon officers who are on the active list. Therefore, unless this matter takes a new turn, it will be allowed to drop.

THREE PERSONS SHOT

Belding's Bloody Plan. Intended to Get McCroskeys in Saloon and Murder Them All.

FLOOD SUFFERERS.

Hundreds of People Are Homeless at Des Moines.

KANSAS RIVERS RISING.

Missouri Falling at Kansas City.

Arbitration Agreement at Boston.

Drouth in New Mexico Broken.

Woodward Was a BARTENDER.

Professional Courtesy Failed to Stay Assassin's Hand.

THE MCCROSKEY FAMILY.

A Few Manages to Escape Belding's Bullets.

Wisconsin Town Burned.

Reorganizing Asphalt Trust.

General Wheaton at His Home.

Boxmakers' Trust Broken.

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