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30,000 MINERS KILLED IN PAST TEN YEARS

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What is known among miners as the "blow-out" shot will be produced. A "blow-out" shot is when the charge of powder blows out of the hole and into the mine instead of breaking the coal. It is the cause of most explosions, for the flame from the powder ignites the firedamp or the coal dust. There will be no one in the mine at the time. The shot will be fired by electricity from the outside.

On October 27, at Forbes field, the Pittsburg baseball park, with a capacity of more than 30,000 persons, there will be a second explosion of coal dust, this time for the benefit of the multitudes. A temporary steel gallery will be erected upon the playing field and the coal dust will be placed therein. A charge of explosives will be fired into the dust and the explosion will follow. This is the demonstration that President Taft will witness.

But this is to be only a small part of the dramatic program on that day. The Bureau of Mines is engaged in a number of activities looking toward a reduction in the number of deaths in the mines. It has at the present time, in the various coal fields, seven fully-equipped rescue cars, manned by expert rescuers who have been carefully trained in the use of the oxygen helmet. This helmet permits artificial breathing in poisonous atmosphere for a period of two hours. Equipped with one of these helmets, a rescuer can enter a mine immediately following an explosion and while the mine is still filled with deadly fire damp. The rescuers are thus able to find miners who have been overcome by poisonous gases and bring them to the surface before they die. A number of lives have been saved by these helmet men.

The rescuers, in addition, have been trained in first-aid-to-the-injured work and carry the necessary equipment, including a wonderful piece of apparatus, an oxygen reviving outfit that works automatically, pumping the poisonous gas out of the lungs of an asphyxiated miner and filling the lungs with oxygen. This apparatus has brought apparently dead miners back to life. It has in several instances resuscitated miners who had been given up for dead.

The rescue cars visit the various coal mines of the country when not engaged in actual rescue work and instruct the miners in the use of the oxygen helmet, the oxygen reviving apparatus and in first-aid-to-the-injured. As a result of this work, volunteer rescue corps, fully equipped with modern apparatus have been established at many of the mines and an impetus has been given to the ambulance and first-aid-to-the-injured corps. Rescue and first aid teams from the principal coal mines of the country will

attend the demonstration and give friendly exhibitions of their skill. An expert corps from the Bureau of Mines will give an exhibition of rescue work immediately following the coal dust explosion in the steel gallery. The rescuers will rush into the smoke-filled gallery and bring out the supposed victims. Demonstrations with the oxygen reviving apparatus and first aid will follow. Then the teams from the coal mines will show how rapidly and accurately they can work in an emergency. This will be a contest in the bandaging of dangerous wounds and broken limbs. The miners will show how to staunch the flow of blood from a severed artery, how they splint the body for a compound fracture of the thigh and how they wash a wound to prevent blood poisoning.

This first-aid-to-the-injured work is considered extremely important among the miners, who have a much more difficult problem on their hands than do employes in the workshops and factories. As a rule, when a miner is dangerously wounded, he is generally far into the mine. If a workman is injured in a factory, he can be immediately rushed to a hospital. The factory employe is generally working in the daylight and it is easy to see how badly he is injured, and what precautions should be taken to prevent the infection of his wound. But the miner may be crushed by a fall of coal a mile or more from the shaft of the mine. There is only the faint flicker of the miner's smoky lamps to throw upon his wound and there is the long, dark, dangerous and uneven mile of underground passages before he can be brought to the surface. In some of the mines these passages are merely black holes through which the miners have to crawl on their hands and knees, dragging the wounded miner, along as gently as possible on a hastily improvised stretcher.

And there is never a lack of volunteers on such an occasion. No one ever saw a miner hesitate to go back to the rescue of a wounded miner, no matter what had happened in the mine. The real story of the tragedy of the miners is one filled with unparalleled heroism. The death roll of rescuers in the last few years attests eloquently to this. No miner can tell of the terrible disasters at Hanna, Wyo., and Cherry, Ill., without a tear for the heroes who lost their lives in attempting to save others.

There were but sixteen miners in the mine at Hanna when the explosion occurred. Forty volunteers went down to bring them out and a second explosion killed every one in the mine, including one of the state mine inspectors and all the superintendents of mines from the vicinity. Every man in authority at that mining camp lost his life in that second explosion.

At Cherry, it will be remembered

how twelve men went down the shaft to the rescue of the men entombed in the burning mine. When the cage finally came up, the rescuers were piled up dead or dying. At the Hancock disaster in Pennsylvania, it will be recalled that one of the Bureau of Mines trained rescuers lost his life while wearing the oxygen helmet. At the time some said that the rescue had proved a failure, but this was not the truth. The rescuer's death was caused by the zeal in his efforts to save life. He worked harder in the helmet than he had ought to have done and he died from over exertion, just like some athletes have done when they attempted at superhuman endeavor. The Bureau of Mines' rescuer was a practical miner who had spent years underground and he was imbued with that heroic spirit that seems to characterize all men who share uncommon dangers.

Long before the Bureau of Mines entered the field to encourage the establishment of rescue and first-aid corps at the mines, the American Red Cross had been at work. Several years ago it established a first aid department in charge of Major Charles Lynch, medical corps, U. S. army, and employed Dr. M. J. Shields of Scranton, Pa., a pioneer in this work. Doctor Shields continued his efforts at first to the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania and the result is that that region is far in advance of any other mining section of the United States. The volunteer first-aid, rescue and ambulance corps in the anthracite fields are in a high state of efficiency. Contests between the teams are held every year and the war department details three distinguished officers to act as judges. The coal mine operators and the Red Cross award medals of honor to the members of the winning teams.

These teams will compete at the National Mine Safety demonstration before the president, and are now drilling for the event. The winners will be given souvenirs offered by the coal operators and the presentation will be made by President Taft. After that there will be a parade of the miners which will be reviewed by the president.

The Bureau of Mines, under Herbert M. Wilson, engineer-in-charge of the Pittsburg experiment station, the Pittsburg Coal Operators' association and the American Red Cross are bending every effort to make this demonstration a great success. They believe that the actual seeing of these explosions by the miners will give them a new sense of responsibility as to their dangers and the contests between the first-aid teams will lead to more enthusiasm and better organization along this line. The assertion is made that proper emergency medical attendance such as first-aid is, will save a number of the lives that are now being lost and that many of those who are injured will not be crippled for life, as formerly. Pennsylvania alone loses a regiment of men a year in its coal mines, and is therefore taking an intense interest in the coming demonstration.

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