

mine cars have recently been installed. Ten new residences have been erected near the mine by the company.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

July 24, 1914, William Patovitchi, machine runner, single, age 28 years, lost his life in the escapement shaft of the Bell & Zoller mine, Zeigler, Franklin County. He had attempted to get up on the mid forenoon cage (10 a. m.), but, having been late, began to walk up the stairway of the escapement shaft. At about this time a fire broke out in the fanhouse and the fumes were carried down the shaft, it being the downcast. Deceased was found under a pile of debris at the bottom of the escapement shaft and it is assumed that he attempted to rush up through the fumes and was overcome.

August 6, 1914, Nick Wisneiwski, miner, married, age 42 years, was fatally injured by a fall of top coal in the Franklin Coal & Coke Company's mine No. 1 at Royalton, Franklin County. Deceased knocked a prop out, allowing about four tons of top coal to fall upon him and crushing him about the legs and body. He died six hours later at the Zeigler Hospital. He leaves a widow and two children.

August 14, 1914, William Burnett, driver, married, age 28 years, was instantly killed by a loaded mine car at the West Frankfort Coal Company's mine, West Frankfort, Franklin County. Deceased was coming down grade on the front end of his trip when his mule turned suddenly, letting him fall and allowing him to be squeezed between the car and coal rib. He leaves a widow and two children.

August 23, 1914, John Cullen, single, driver, age 21 years, was killed at Dering Coal Co., mine No. 11, West Frankfort, Franklin County, while delivering machine picks on the night shift preceding August 23. Deceased came to his death by burns and suffocation, presumably caused by a gas explosion.

August 23, 1914, William Bird, married, driver, age 29 years, was killed at Dering Coal Co., mine No. 11, West Frankfort, Franklin County, while delivering machine picks on the night shift preceding August 23. Deceased came to his death due to burns and suffocation, presumably caused by gas explosion. He leaves a widow and one child.

August 28, 1914, William Brigham, a trip rider, single, age 19 years, was killed instantly by a heavy fall of top coal while riding on the rear end of a motor trip at the Bell & Zoller Mining Company's mine, Zeigler, Franklin County.

September 16, 1914, Dennis Allen, miner, married, age 34 years, was fatally injured by falling slate in the Wasson Coal Company's mine No. 2, Carriers Mills, Saline County. The men had returned into the slope (which was then being sunk) after the shots had been fired and the smoke had cleared. Deceased had begun to mine off a shot at the time he was struck. He died the same day. He leaves a widow and five children.

September 17, 1914, George Rankin, miner, single, age 24 years, received injuries from falling slate in the O'Gara Coal Company's mine No. 10, Eldorado, Saline County, which resulted in his death on September 21, 1914. He leaves a widowed mother.

September 29, 1914, John Dougherty, driver, married, age 24 years, lost his life in the O'Gara Coal Company's mine No. 10, Eldorado, Saline County. Deceased was going after his last trip that day when a piece of rock, the width of the entry, fell on him, killing him instantly. He leaves a widow.

October 7, 1914, William Pankey, miner, married, age 46 years, came to his death by a fall of rock in his working place in mine No. 15 of the O'Gara Coal Company, Carriers Mills, Saline County. He leaves a widow and five children.

October 15, 1914, Lewis Baker, driver, single, age 26 years, was killed at mine No. 1 of the W. P. Rend Collieries Company, Rend, Franklin County, while driving from the interior of the mine toward the bottom. From some unknown cause he was caught between the car and the coal rib, his head being so badly crushed that death was instantaneous.

October 27, 1914, about 7:25 a. m., a gas explosion occurred in the Franklin Coal and Coke Company's No. 1 mine, Royalton, Franklin County, in which fifty-two men lost their lives. The coroner's inquest, held the next day, resulted in the following verdict in each case:

"Deceased came to his death as the result of an explosion which occurred in the mine at about 7:25 a. m. October 27, A. D. 1914."

The following table gives the usually printed data in each case in addition to what is shown above:

Name.	Age.	Married.	Single.	Widow.	Children.	Dependents.
Steve Shander	38	Yes		Yes	1	2
John Kerle	40	Yes		Yes	3	4
Alex Hollodanski	23	Yes		Yes		1
Fete Bardisano	33		Yes			
E. Mengells	39	Yes		Yes	2	3
A. Sholler	40	Yes		Yes	5	6
George Howery	37	Yes		Yes		1
Joe Antonnacci	41	Yes		Yes	1	2
George Holk	26		Yes			
Mike Polkac	30	Yes		Yes		1
Steve Bolinsky	31	Yes		Yes	1	2
Philip Michtich	42	Yes		Yes	3	4
M. Grachino	30		Yes			
Felix Sietric	30	Yes		Yes		1
Guy Morzella	32	Yes		Yes	4	5
Dominec Ogolini	26		Yes			
Harry Littkas	35	Yes		Yes	6	7
Charles Bellamy	28		Yes			
Fete Cornelli	38	Yes		Yes	1	2
John Smith	21	Yes		Yes		1
John Babich	36	Yes		Yes	5	6
Charles Patroni	40	Yes		Yes	5	6
Jack Torlich	30	Yes		Yes		1
John Barclay	20		Yes			
Neal Mullen	19		Yes			
Bardo Barta	45	Yes		Yes		1
George Dronovitch	32	Yes		Yes		1
Adam Molosky	34	Yes		Yes	2	3
Joe Havlik	31	Yes		Yes		1
Wm. Barta	30		Yes			
Tom Bouzainal	30		Yes			
George Balsis	35		Yes			
Joe Grovani	29		Yes			
Lewis Shaksly			Yes			
Russell Harris	21		Yes			
Fete Young	21		Yes			
Jim Johnson	45	Yes		Yes		1
B. Oriento	26		Yes			
Philip Parrot	30	Yes		Yes	1	2
Dominec Lorenti	27		Yes			
W. D. Williams	35		Yes			
Alex Marcel			Yes			
Tom Plinsnk	43	Yes		Yes	4	5
F. Holupki		Yes		Yes	2	3
Louis Juhls	27		Yes			
John Kasar	34	Yes		Yes	5	6
M. Varga	19		Yes			
Dum Lotastanski	24		Yes			
Louis Benguena	36	Yes		Yes	2	3
Sam M. Smiddie	55	Yes		Yes		1
Tom Ollosky	45		Yes			
V. Bondi	36	Yes		Yes	2	4

November 27, 1914, Reece Edwards, flagman, age 19 years, single, was fatally injured while working in the O'Gara Coal Company's mine No. 8, Eldorado, Saline County. Deceased was standing at his switch while a trip of loaded cars were passing, when one of the cars left the rails, crushing him against the coal rib, causing injuries which resulted in his death at 8:15 p. m. of the same day.

December 14, 1914, Steve Koblack, master mechanic, married, age 28 years, came to his death by being struck with a steel cable at mine No. 2 of the United Coal Mining Co., Buckner, Franklin County. The railroad cars at this mine are moved by a stationary engine and steel cable. Deceased was standing near the slackened cable while signaling to the engineer