

September 14, 1914, M. Giardo, loader, age 49 years, single, was killed by falling coal in the Superior Coal Company's mine No. 1, Gillespie, Macoupin County.

September 22, 1914, Vance Owasine, laborer, age 44 years, single, employed in No. 11 mine, Peabody Coal Company, Kortcamp, Montgomery County, was killed by a fall of slate. He leaves one child.

October 23, 1914, Michael Novanec, driver, age 44 years, married, employed in Consolidated Coal Company's No. 15 mine, Mt. Olive, Macoupin County, died from injuries received two days previous, by being squeezed between pit car and coal rib. He leaves a widow and four children.

November 1, 1914, James Hancock, laborer, age 35 years, married, fell down the shaft of the Shoal Creek Coal Company's mine No. 1, Panama, Montgomery County. Deceased and another man were trying to put a car of timbers on the cage. The cage being a little too high to allow the car to go on, they gave the engineer the signal to lower it, and, putting their backs against the car, pushed it into the shaft, the deceased following it in. The signal to stop the cage was not given until it was half way down. He leaves a widow and four children.

November 28, 1914, William Dubinick, driver, age 23 years, single, died from injuries received in Montour Coal Company's mine No. 402, Virden, Macoupin County. Deceased, while driving his mule, fell in some manner, breaking his back.

December 16, 1914, Max Reuter, assistant mine manager, age 36 years, married, was killed by falling slate in the No. 14 mine of the Consolidated Coal Company, Staunton, Macoupin County. He leaves a widow and five children.

January 15, 1915, James Hair, miner, age 33 years, married, was killed by a fall of coal in the Hillsboro Coal Company's mine, Hillsboro, Montgomery County. He leaves a widow and two children.

February 1, 1915, Isadore Van Collie, trip rider, age 21 years, single, was killed in the No. 3 mine of the Superior Coal Company, Gillespie, Macoupin County, by falling rock. Deceased was riding in front car of trip when it jumped the track, knocked down a prop, letting the cap rock fall, which struck him on the head and killed him instantly.

March 27, 1915, George Verbec, loader, age 38 years, married, employed in mine No. 2 of the Superior Coal Company, Sawyerville, Macoupin County, was killed by a fall of slate striking him on the head and back of the neck. He leaves a widow and one child.

April 5, 1915, an explosion occurred in the Shoal Creek Coal Company's mine, Panama, Montgomery County, which resulted in the death of eleven men. The verdict of the coroner's jury in each case was: "Deceased came to his death on the 5th day of April, 1915, at or about the hour of 7 o'clock a. m., on Monday, 5th day of April, 1915, in the Shoal Creek Coal Company's mine No. 1, Panama, Illinois, from effects of an explosion and the after-damp following same." The following table shows the pertinent facts of these fatalities:

John Fritz, age 45, miner, Italian, married, widow, six children, six dependents.

Baptisto Tavan, age 34, miner, Italian, single.

Joe Stella, age 32, miner, Italian, single.

Louis Stella, age 40, miner, Italian, single.

Peter Stella, age 33, miner, Italian, single.

Andrew Seban, age 32, miner, Italian, married, widow, three children, four dependents.

Dave Thomas, age 27, miner, American, married, widow, one child, two dependents.

Joe Mihlich, age 28, miner, Italian, married, widow, one child, two dependents.

Thomas Fritz, age 26, miner, Italian, married, widow, two children, three dependents.

T. H. Burns, age 42, miner, American, married, widow, four children, five dependents.

Joseph Renner, age 28, miner, Hungarian, married, widow, two children, three dependents.

May 5, 1915, Joseph Gai, miner, age 37 years, married, employed in Royal Colliery Company's mine, Virden, Macoupin County, was killed by a fall of rock. He leaves a widow and four children.

Respectfully submitted,

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FATAL CASUALTIES, SEVENTH DISTRICT, JUNE 30, 1915.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Married.	Single.	Widow.	Children.	Dependents.	Cause of death.
July 14	James Gill	38	Laborer	Gillespie	1	1	1	1	1	Pit car.
Aug. 3	Fred Pendleton	24	Asst. mine mgr.	Witt	1	1	1	1	2	Falling slate.
6	Curt Zonner	22	Driver	Mt. Olive	1	1	1	1	2	Pit car.
7	James Lafferty	33	Machine runner	Hillsboro	1	1	1	1	2	Falling coal.
Sept. 3	Thomas Stillier	47	Loader	Gillespie	1	1	1	6	6	Falling coal.
14	M. Giardo	49	do.	do.	1	1	1	1	1	Falling slate.
22	Vance Owasine	44	Laborer	Hillsboro	1	1	1	1	1	Falling slate.
Oct. 23	Michael Novanec	44	Driver	Mt. Olive	1	1	1	4	5	Caught between car and rib.
Nov. 1	James Hancock	35	Laborer	Panama	1	1	1	4	5	Fell down shaft.
28	Wm. Dubinick	23	Driver	Virden	1	1	1	1	1	Fell down.
Dec. 16	Max Reuter	36	Asst. mine mgr.	Staunton	1	1	1	5	6	Falling slate.
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Jan. 15	James Hair	33	Miner	Hillsboro	1	1	1	2	3	Falling coal.
Feb. 1	Isadore Van Collie	21	Trip rider	Gillespie	1	1	1	1	1	Falling rock.
Mar. 27	George Verbec	38	Loader	Sawyerville	1	1	1	1	2	Falling slate.
Apr. 5	John Fritz	45	Miner	Panama	1	1	1	6	6	Gas explosion.
	Baptisto Tavan	34	do.	do.	1	1	1	1	1	Gas explosion.
	Joe Stella	32	do.	do.	1	1	1	1	1	Gas explosion.
	Louis Stella	40	do.	do.	1	1	1	1	1	Gas explosion.
	Peter Stella	33	do.	do.	1	1	1	1	1	Gas explosion.
	Andrew Seban	32	do.	do.	1	1	1	3	4	Gas explosion.
	Dave Thomas	27	do.	do.	1	1	1	1	2	Gas explosion.
	Joe Mihlich	28	do.	do.	1	1	1	1	2	Gas explosion.
	Thomas Fritz	26	do.	do.	1	1	1	2	3	Gas explosion.
	T. H. Burns	42	do.	do.	1	1	1	4	5	Gas explosion.
	Joseph Renner	28	do.	do.	1	1	1	2	3	Gas explosion.
May 5	Joseph Gai	37	do.	Virden	1	1	1	4	5	Falling rock.
	Total				17	9	17	48	63	

RECAPITULATION OF FATAL ACCIDENTS, SEVENTH DISTRICT, 1915.

Residence.	No.	Occupation.	No.	Cause of death.	No.	Colliery.	No.
Gillespie	4	Asst. mine mgrs.	2	Caught between car and rib	1	Chi., Wilm. & F. C. Co.	1
Hillsboro	3	Drivers	3	Falling coal	3	Consolidated Coal Co.	3
Mt. Olive	2	Laborers	3	Falling rock	2	Hillsboro Coal Co.	2
Panama	12	Loaders	3	Falling slate	2	Montour Coal Co.	1
Sawyerville	1	Machine runner	1	Falling slate	5	Peabody Coal Co.	2
Staunton	1	Miners	13	Fell down	1	Shoal Creek Coal Co.	12
Virden	1	Trip rider	1	Fell down shaft	1	Superior Coal Co.	5
Witt	2			Gas explosion	11		
	1			Pit cars	2		
Total	26		26		26		26