

# Jackson Takes Argonaut Mine Tragedy Calmly

## Small Knots of People Discuss Great Disaster—Identification of Bodies Impossible.

Jackson, Cal., Sept. 19.—(By A. P.)—Jackson takes its greatest tragedy in silence. After the first hasty news that 42 men had been found dead in the Argonaut mine, crowds flowed from homes, stores and hotels. Small groups gathered on the sidewalks and discussed the possibility that some, at least of the five others who had been entombed since August 27, were alive.

But news came soon that all the men were dead and the little hole still held by wives, mothers, fathers, sisters and sweethearts vanished. Knots of people gathered and gave or received news of this or that dead one who had met fate bravely and been overcome.

Relatives of some of the dead could be seen walking slowly, calmly to the telephone office to send word to other relatives in distant cities that there no longer was any hope.

Jackson's long period of bitter anxiety, desperate struggle and suspense was over.

**Bodies in Pile.**  
The bodies were found piled one on top of another and decomposition had progressed so far that identification would be impossible, Pickard reported.

The mine officials said that the actions of the men, as evidenced by the bulkheads they built and other matters, indicated they had died within five hours after being entombed.

The officials declared the mute evidence of the men's struggles showed they were 47 of the most well-equipped men imaginable.

Sixteen of the entrapped miners removed their clothes to provide material for stuffing the cracks in the wooden barrier, hastily constructed, which was found early last night.

Then another barrier was built of rock, earth and debris. However, the gas and fumes from the fire apparently seeped through the first bulkhead and the men fled from the site where they were building the second one to start a third, farther off.

**Death Painlessly.**  
This third attempt to wall off the death-dealing gas was made at the end of the 4,350-foot cross cut in the Argonaut, but the fact that only a lone start was made at it proved, the mine officials said, that the deadly carbon monoxide and the suffocating carbon dioxide had reached it and performed their fatal office before the 37 unfortunates could raise even an excuse for a barrier.

Mine officials said that death had come to the entombed men painlessly. The gases, they said, would produce first a lethargy; then a coma and finally death.

**Editor of Labor Paper Fined \$1,000, Sentenced to Jail.**  
Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 19.—J. Cohen, editor of the Labor Review was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to serve six months in the county jail by Judge Ross in the United States district court here for contempt of court as the result of an editorial in the Labor day edition of the paper. The editorial made use of the words "scab", "snakes", "scavengers" and "creatures" in reference to nonunion shop workers.

The contempt charge arose from the fact that Judge Ross had issued injunctions to the Erie and Illinois Central railroads and had specifically ordered that no intimidation of nonunion shop workers should take place and that they should not be molested in any way.

The editorial, the court declared, was a violation of the court order.

# Story of Struggle by Entombed Miners Told in Brief Notes

Jackson, Sept. 19.—Two notes, found on the bodies, speak of the gas.

"It is 3 o'clock and the gas is coming strong," wrote William Fessel.

If that note had been written later than the first morning in the gas-filled trap, a day would have been mentioned. So said those who knew Fessel, when they learned what he had written.

"The gas is too strong; we will have to go," another miner scribbled on a timber of the first bulkhead.

In those brief words is the story of a heroic fight, of hope that clung to the protection of a frail shelter of broken timbers and torn clothing, of courage that sent the men further back to the drift, once more to labor with bleeding hands as they tried to build something, anything, that would keep out the deadly gas.

# Five Bodies Taken From Argonaut Mine

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Clothing they had torn off to stuff into cracks, in their first bulkhead, combined to remove from most of the bodies, any distinguishing characteristics.

The Red Cross has received a fund of \$8,000 for the miners' dependents and it is estimated that where a miner left a wife or children the California state compensation insurance fund will pay an average of approximately \$4,200 to dependents. The Argonaut Mining company had insured its employees in the state fund. There is some need among relatives of some of the victims, however.

Red Cross officials said \$10,000 was provided by the Argonaut company for temporary relief. The local chapter of the Red Cross spent much of that sum in maintaining three temporary hospitals, in supplying the needs of miners' families and in providing food and comforts for rescue crews.

A feature of the Red Cross merciful mission was the assigning of its members to the consolation of bereaved families. Last night and early today, each of the families of the 18 married miners among the 47 victims, had with it a woman visitor to speak words of sympathy and encouragement.

**By EDWARD DOHERTY,**  
*Omaha Bee-Lexist Wire.*  
Jackson, Cal., Sept. 19.—The Argonaut miners are dead. Their bodies were found last night inside a rude bulkhead they had built and stuffed with their clothing in an effort to make it tight.

They had been dead, the report of the mine officials says, for apparently several days.

The hard rock won out. Man could not hew through it in time. Man had tried with every ounce of human energy, with every bit of human ingenuity and skill, with all the valor and the grit and the loyalty man knows—and failed by several days.

The rock was bored through yesterday, three weeks and some few hours after the 47 had been trapped in the mine by fire.

The rescue apparatus men of the United States bureau of mines, led by their chief, Byron O. Pickard, and by Ben Saquinetti, underground boss of the Argonaut, a roughneck who had driven all those 47 time and again, and who loved them all like brothers.

For hours they prowled through the gold-veined corridors of the mine. And at first they were glad.

It was thought the men might be in the 4,200 level of the Argonaut, skeletons perhaps, but still with the breath of life in them.

The 4,200 shaft was in good condition. The air was fresh. The fire

had not come down this far. Hope flared up—for the last time. The whole of the level was hunted and there was no sign of the men, no indication that they had climbed to the 4,200 drift.

Down they went into the 4,350 level, Saquinetti and Pickard in front, feeling their way, fearing gas. They sent back word that the shaft was all right, and the others of the rescue men went in.

Then, some hours later, they came upon a bulkhead and broke through it. The air inside it was foul gas.

Air lines were run up. The air was purified and the pitiful second bulkhead was discovered, cracks chinked with muck-covered gabardines and coats and bandanna handkerchiefs and shirts and shoes—anything to keep out the gas.

It was not long before all the Jackson knew—and rushed to the mouth of the shaft.

The sheriff and his deputies stretched ropes about the platform, and kept the crowds outside. The miners in their white uniforms, the doctors and apparatus men stood by waiting. Miners on other shafts in the mine, men from other mines in Amador county, came, volunteering their services in the rescue.

"Then came the cry from the depths of hell—

"Send us rubber gloves and canvas—and other supplies."

A little later—7:45—the following bulletin was issued:

"B. F. McDonald and his nine rescue crew just came to the surface and reported they were inside the second bulkhead and had found 39 bodies."

It was impossible to complete the count.

"On the heels of this came the final bulletin—a telephone message from J. M. Harrington.

"Mr. Pickard has been inside the second bulkhead and counted 47 bodies."

Continuing Mr. McDonald's report:

"From the appearance of the bodies, the men appear to have been dead for at least several days."

It was in the foreman's shack that all these bulletins came.

Vincenzo Garbarini, who knows every foot of the Argonaut, the big boss of the deepest gold mine in the world, bent his head—and then took out a pencil from his pocket.

Plan to Remove Bodies.

Saquinetti came in the door, almost falling. He was black with muck—all but his eyes. He fell on his knees at the feet of his chief and between them they began to draw a diagram—the plan of taking the bodies up the shaft from the 4,350 to the 4,200, then down into the 3,500 shaft of the Kennedy, and so up to the top.

There were few words said in the foreman's shack. The miner risks his life each day. The miner is a practical man. His job is not finished just because he has worn himself out cutting through the hard green rock to the bodies—he must bring up the bodies in the skip, as he brings up the gold.

Outside the crowds had grown. Wives and sweethearts, sons and brothers and fathers; miners by the hundreds, women from Jackson, neighbors of the bereaved, everybody who had been able to gain a pass to the property of the Kennedy mine.

They were quiet, unmoved apparently—really, all the time they had expected this, even when hope was bright.

The officials had told them there was good reason to believe the men might be alive. They had believed—or thought they did—but always this was what they knew would be the secret of the rock.

They waited calmly, troubled with hope no longer, waited for their dead to come up in the skips—in canvas shrouds.

**SPARKS**  
Always ground the antenna during the time it is not in use, especially during thunder storms. A switch should be provided outside the window for this purpose.

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# RADIO Wire Net Antenna Proves a Success

## Tests by Bureau of Standards Show Efficiency of "Condenser Antenna."

Washington, Sept. 19.—Tests conducted by the bureau of standards relative to the substitution of wire netting for the ordinary aerial wire, have proved extremely successful. Two strips of netting from 6 to 15 feet long and from 18 to 36 inches wide suspended a few feet above the earth and a few feet apart were used. The effect produced relatively large capacity. The strip arrangement is spoken of as a condenser of antenna. The efficiency was found to be greatly reduced when the strips were hung vertically instead of horizontally.

J. C. Warner, assistant physicist in the bureau of standards radio laboratory, reporting these tests, said:

"Small Antenna Is Success."

"Experimental results show that a condenser antenna of small dimensions gives excellent results when used at wave lengths below 400 meters. At longer wave lengths it suffers by comparison with the coil antenna when the dimensions are kept small enough for portability."

"On account of this low resistance and ease of construction this form of antenna should be of great value in portable short wave radio stations, such as are used for military purposes and on airplanes, although in the latter case some difficulty may be experienced in keeping down dielectric losses."

# Howell Completes His First Schedule

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J. A. Rice, former chairman of the county general committee; W. N. Coats, editor of the Advocate, and D. M. Steward.

Mr. Howell did not arrive at Atkinson until 10 at night. Two dozen citizens were waiting for the party which was 5 hours behind schedule. They insisted that Mr. Howell speak and led him to a moving picture theater where he spoke for an hour.

"The crying need for a farm bloc, increased in numbers and strength to further safeguard interests of the agricultural sections, was emphasized throughout the day by Mr. Howell. Its creation at Washington is one of the best signs of the growing power and influence of the middle west which, through the power and influence of the southern bloc, the railroad bloc and other blocs, has been forced to subserve its interests to those of the east and south, Mr. Howell said."

**Victory Foreseen.**  
Long Pine, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram)—Car trouble, coupled with erroneous judgment of distance between Valentine and O'Neill, threatened late yesterday afternoon to force R. B. Howell, candidate for United States senator, to eliminate speeches planned at certain towns yesterday. The day's schedule called for addresses at Valentine, Atkinson, Long Pine, Stuart, Atkinson and O'Neill.

At Valentine Mr. Howell met L. M. Bates, editor of the Republican; W. McDonald, editor of The Democrat; M. O. Nicholson and John M. Tucker. All assured him indications pointed to a victory in Cherry county this fall, although not all were republicans.

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who is a candidate for the state senate to succeed United States Marshal Cronin, met Mr. Howell at Atkinson. Others on the reception committee were John M. Morgan and George Chappell, county central committee chairman.

Mrs. W. H. Williams of the republican state central committee, with Mrs. Benjamin F. Sheinpton, Mrs. G. Q. Whitney, Mrs. C. T. Bowen and four other women, had planned a luncheon for Mrs. Howell which had to be cancelled because the party was late on its schedule.

Despite a voice grown husky during the past week of strenuous campaigning, Mr. Howell, by his sincerity, continued to hold his audience in the open air of a cold, disagreeable day.

Mr. Howell went more elaborately into his plan of forcing resumption of competitive freight rates unless the railroads saw the handwriting on the wall and voluntarily took steps to cast aside the noncompetitive schedule insured under the Esch-Cummings law.

"If we are forced into action and do take over one railroad and squeeze out the water, we can be successful

because there we can get sufficient competent railroad men in the country who are friendly to such a plan to operate the road," Mr. Howell said.

**Praises Associated Press.**  
Jacksonville, Ill., Sept. 19.—(P. M.)—The Associated Press in reporting the strikes and labor troubles in this country is passing through, was praised here by Dr. Myron Pontius, pastor of Jacksonville Christian church, in an address at the annual banquet of the Associated Press Goodwill club of Illinois.

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