

Mother's Heroic Rescue Of Son

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the place where her boy was. There was a flare of light, a movement, then the sound of something dropping and the light vanished.

So, there in the stark terror of complete darkness, the mother groped for the top of the shaft. Step by step, hurrying as fast as she could, she went down that perpendicular ladder and, after what seemed an interminable time, felt the unconscious body of her boy on the little platform. The air was acrid with the smoke of his clothing which had ignited from the flame of the lamp before it fell.

Fearing that he might fall, with almost superhuman strength, the frail mother pulled her 150 pound boy into a safer position partly behind the ladder. Then she knew that if her son was to live help must come quickly as she too was beginning to weaken from the effects of the rising gas.

Rung by rung she pulled herself up, feeling quickly in the darkness for the rung above. Her strength was failing, her heart already weakened by illness, almost failed her. Yet, because her boy needed help, some divine strength came to her and she finally reached the top of the shaft.

Lackler and his companion, after again starting the air compressor

which had failed after a few revolutions, then descended the shaft, tied the unconscious boy with a rope to the small bucket and by hard work pulled him to the top of the shaft. There the mother carried half the weight of her boy for some twenty feet before she fell, completely exhausted. The two men then carried Ernest to the mouth of the tunnel, but the mother was close behind them, dragging herself in the darkness on hands and knees over the rough and rocky four hundred feet of tunnel floor.

Her clothing was torn to shreds, her hands and feet and knees cut and bleeding, but she had helped save her boy.

Mrs. Davis was placed in the bottom of a Ford pickup truck and the unconscious Ernest placed beside her, his head on her lap. Then they drove down the steep, narrow rocky road to the Chiquita for first aid.

Tired and dirty from our long walk underground, we had just been hoisted hundreds of feet up the Chiquita main shaft to the surface. Still a little dizzy from the swift ride in the skip, we hardly realized when the small truck came rushing up, that a woman was crying, sobbing and screaming for help. However, we quickly ran to the place and being told that a man was gassed, James Maxfield and Jay Smith of the Chiquita, with their first aid kit, set to work.

In perhaps fifteen minutes, Ernest Pack regained consciousness, and his mother herself partially gassed, became more quiet. So, soon we were able to get the mother into the back seat of the Maxfield car and placed the helpless boy so that she could support his head and shoulders. Then swiftly, down the steep grades and about the sharp curves we took them to their home in Goodsprings and soon had the lad comfortably resting on a couch while his mother ministered to his bruises and burns and treated him for the distress of the nitro gas poisoning.

Ernest Pack, strong and vigorous, is today probably fully recovered from his harrowing experience, except for painful burns and bruises. Mrs. Davis, we wonder if she still bemoans the destruction of her clothing, and if she ever will recover from the terror of those long minutes when she was in the impenetrable darkness of the shaft with the body of her unconscious son.

Perhaps this story may be commonplace to those who constantly risk their lives amid the many lurking dangers of the mines. But it tells to us of the outer world, of the heroisms and the unhesitating responses to calls of distress by those who toil deep down in the earth.

Above all, it tells us of the supreme sacrifices a mother is always

making for her children, and of the super-human power that comes to her when her loved ones are in danger.

Masonic Grand Lodge In Vegas

The most notable Masonic event in the history of Las Vegas will be the convocation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nevada, which, with its related bodies, will hold its sessions in the Masonic temple in Las Vegas during the week beginning Sunday, June 6, and ending Saturday, June 12.

Worshipful Master Walter Bond at the meeting of Vegas Lodge No. 32 last Monday evening, appointed the following committees to prepare for the important event:

General Committee on Arrangements K. O. Knudson, Past Master, chairman; Bud S. Barrett, Past Master; Fred H. Callihan, Past Master; Wm. S. Park, Past Master.

Reception and Housing — Oliver Goerman, Louis A. Pritchard, Walter R. Bracken.

Invitations, Printing and Advertising — C. P. Squires, Past Master.

Entertainment — W. B. Mundy, Past Master; Ed. Von Tobel.

Transportation — Howell Garrison.

Boulder City lodge will cooperate with Vegas lodge in entertaining the Grand Lodge, and has requested the privilege of conferring a Masonic degree, preferably the third, during the sessions.

Saturday, June 12th, will be devoted to sightseeing. A trip is being planned to Boulder Dam with a boat ride on the lake which will take all day. Also, plans are being made to take any who are "air-minded" on a trip over Grand Canyon and the lake.

Details of the week will be worked out by the committees to meet the requirements and suggestions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge.

Baruch Visits Getchell Mine

Bernard M. Baruch, noted New York financier, arrived in Winnemucca this morning by train to visit the Getchell mine at Kelley creek.

He will be met here by Senator Noble Getchell, George Wingfield and Roy Hardy. Wingfield and Getchell are interested in the property, which it has been recently stated, will make the second largest mine in the United States. Hardy is engineer for the property.

Getchell, Wingfield and Hardy arrived in Winnemucca last evening from Reno. The four left this morning for the mine, which is located in Humboldt county, northwest of Golconda, and expect to spend two days there.

Baruch was formerly prominent in national democratic politics and with the passage of the NRA law was mentioned for the position given to General Hugh Johnson.

During the World War, Baruch was chairman of the committee on raw materials, minerals and metals

and also a member of the commission in charge of all purchases for the Allies.—The Humboldt Star.

LEGION AUXILIARY CARD PARTY

The American Legion Auxiliary entertained about 250 members and guests at a card party Wednesday evening at the War Memorial building.

Following the play Mrs. J. D. Smith, program chairman, presented four young men from Las Vegas high school in a skit entitled, "If Men Played Poker Like Women Play Bridge."

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn gave a tap dance; Mrs. Roscoe Thomas, accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Olive, played a group of violin numbers, and Ford Waldo, accompanied by Leona Sloan, sang a group of songs.

Hugh Shamberger, formerly of Las Vegas, but now assistant state engineer, is in Las Vegas a few days on business connected with the adjudication of the water fight contest between Willard George and Bill Morgan on Point Spring, about two miles south of the Wilson ranch.

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