Erra Clevenger of Taylor Township Blown to Pieces

Ralphton, Somerset county was the scene of a horrible mine, accident on Saturday morning, March 17, 1923 when Erra Clevenger of Hustontown, Fulton county was instantly killed and Ma "buddy" Sher man Gipson, whose home was in West Virginia was thought to be fatally injured. Some of the men at "his mine have recently been using small (pocket size) dry cell battery as a detonator to explode the cartridges, of "Rack-Q-Rack" or as it is more commonly known, Dyna-On this morning, according to the Mine Foreman, Clevenger and Gipson, who had not been using a battery to detonate their explosives procurred at the supply store, eight sticks of dynamite and one of these batteries and went in the mine with a number of other priners to pare some coal, there being no work lowing to having no cars. Soon after going in their place there was a tremendous explosion and a cry for help. Frank Chilcoate and Gerald Fix, two other young men from Hus ontown, who were working near by, nurried to them as soon as ! they could get there and found Clevenzer dead and terribly mangled and Gipson with one leg shot off, one eye shot out, several ribs broken and a large gash in his head, he was conscious but unable to give any information as to how it had happened. They immediately took him to Johnstown to a hospital. thought that the men were preparing a charge of dynamite when they accidently got the wires leading to the battery, in a position to form a circuit, thus generating a spark that detonated the explosive,

Since writing tite above we learned that Gipson died about 15 minutes after reaching the hospital. The remains of Mr. Clevenger were brought to the home of his sis-Morl of Clear er, Mrs. Harry dge, Sunday at which place the 'eral services were conducted eday morning at Unclock. ie deceased was not or married . lived with his mother, as did his. prother William. He was aged 44/ years and is survived by his moth Clevenger er. Mrs. Catharine Taylor township, one sister, Olive wife of Harry Mort, Clear Ridge Pa., and one brother, William als., of Taylor township. He was a member of the Clea Ridge J. R. O. A. U. M. Immediately after the funeral services Tuesday the remains were conveyed to Pleasant Grove where made. Y interment wag 1 4 30 00 6 CI w 2 en 4 ... 2 00 m 4 00 a S w 2 CT 00 4 w N 9 CO 6 5 4 w 2 00 a) CJT 4 Cu 2 00 CT 4 2 an a 243 00 CT 4 2 5 w 2 00 4 4 m 63 00 07 CT 4 w 2 4 2 00 9 CI w 00 CD CIT 44 w 12 00 CI 22 on w C.T. 00 9 4 w 00 0 cn 4 w N w 2 00 on 2.51 4 00 CJ 4 22 CD w 00 CI 4 w a 00 9 CIT 4 w 2 4 00 9 CI w 2 22 00 S CIT 4 w 00 S S 4 w 2 00 5 CT 44 w 2222222222222222222 00 a CI 4 w cn 4 w 00 0 4 00 9 cn w 4 00 9 CI w 5 4 00 0 w 00 B cn 4 w CI 4 00 a w 03 CD 5 4 w 03 CD CJT 4 w 00 0 CI w 4 CT 00 C w 00 0 CJT w CT 4 w 00 0 CT 4 00 m w 4 CO 6 CI w 4 00 m CIT Cus CJ 4 w 07 w C 00 a 9 CI w 00

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