

WEST VIRGINIA TEAM WINS INTERNATIONAL FIRST AID CONTEST

(By Associated Press.)

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Prize winners only were announced. Butte was not mentioned.

FIRST-AID TEAM GOES TO DENVER

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Greensburg, Pa., Sept. 1.—The Greensburg team which recently won the Keystone Coal & Coke Co.'s first-aid contest, will leave Greensburg Sunday evening for Denver, Col. This team will participate in the international first-aid contest to be staged in Denver Sept. 9, 10 and 11.

The Keystone first aid team is made up of John Webb, Jr., captain; Fred Devy, John Jennings, Charles Kuhn and Jonas Kuhn. William Nesbit, chief inspector for the Keystone Coal & Coke Co. and one of the experts on first aid work, will accompany the team.

FIRST AID CONTESTANTS RETURN FROM DENVER

Members of the team representing Butte in the international first-aid contests held in Denver last week, returned home Tuesday afternoon over the Northern Pacific. The Butte squad, it has been learned unofficially, tied for fourth place in the contest with a score of 98.

Non-scores were given out at the conclusion of the events, the names of the first three prize winners being the

only ones mentioned. The team winning 98.33 points, it is unofficially announced, will be awarded third place.

To the loss of a minute in the first problem with its resultant penalty is attributed the fact that the Butte team failed to receive a perfect score by Captain J. L. Boardman.

There was no attempt at favorites and no opportunity for it, Mr. Boardman declared. All members of competing teams, he said, were required to appear in plain uniforms with no insignia.

WILLIAM DUNN AT REST IN HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

The funeral of William Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Dunn, was held from the family residence, 3005 Richardson

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Butte Experts Conceded Good Chance of Bettering Showing of Last Year, When They Won Second Place. "We're Going to Win," Boardman Says. Contest at Denver Is Big Event of Year for Miners.

Determined to do their best to come home with first honors in the international first aid contest at Denver, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Butte's representative first aid team left last night on the Burlington. Butte's team last year won second place.

"Surely, we expect to win," John L. Boardman, manager of the team, commented. "We are in fine shape, we know a few things we did not know last year and I believe we are going to add gold medals to our present silver medals."

The team this year represents all Butte mining companies. O. A. Dingman is captain. Other members are Angus McLeod, Frank Cronin, Frank Bunnell, Gronite Frowen and Robert Brinson.

The uniforms of the team are white from head to foot. Each blouse has a red cross on the left sleeve and the word "Butte" over the front.

The national contest will be the event of the year as far as millions of miners are concerned. That the meet will cover the entire mining in-

dustry of the country is shown in the number of teams already entered, such as the Homestake Mining company, Lead, S. D.; Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, Lansford, Pa.; Keystone Coal and Coke company, Greensburg, Pa.; Hailey-Ola Coal company, Haileyville, Okla.; Union Pacific Coal company, Rock Springs, Wyo.; H. C. Frick company, Pittsburgh, Pa.; United States Fuel company of Indiana; State of Kansas First Aid association; Temple Coal company, Luzerne, Pa.; St. Louis Rocky Mountain Pacific Coal company, Raton, N. M.; Colorado Fuel & Iron company, Pueblo, Colo., and the Huntington team of the Arkansas Mine Rescue association.

Prizes for Winners.

The contest will be open to all bona fide first aid and mine rescue teams connected with the mining and metallurgical companies of the United States, Canada and Mexico, and prizes of gold medals, cups and banners will be awarded to the teams most profi-

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cient in the art of saving human life. A number of similar contests have been held in the past by the bureau and each succeeding contest has shown increasing enthusiasm among the mining fraternity until today these events are looked upon as red-letter days in their history.

The miners' occupation being continuously filled with hazard, the rescue and first aid teams at the mines are looked up to as the leaders in a great cause and there is much local and regional pride in the proficiency of their men. The teams that come back from the bureau of mines contest with some of the honors are greeted as conquering heroes by their communities and are considered by their fellow miners as far greater than the winner of a great athletic contest, for to the other men these men typify the greatest heroes—the man who risks his life for his fellow man.

Life-Saving Methods.

It is a little more than 10 years ago that the bureau of mines, under the late Joseph A. Holmes, its first director, introduced into the mines a new method in life-saving—the use of oxygen rescue apparatus which permits trained rescuers to enter a mine filled with poisonous gases that would kill in an instant. That allowed the formation of mine-rescue crews at the mines, and today there is not an important mining community that does not boast of its expert crews of life savers. If there are mines that have not yet sensed the forward movement, and disaster occurs, there are several expert crews at surrounding mines that respond to the call of disaster with all the eagerness of the heroes of song who man the lifeboats when the storm is raging. In fact, this movement has grown so rapidly that it is said, in the event of a disaster, a train traveling 40 or 50 miles in a mining region can pick up more than sufficient expertly trained life savers to take care of the emergencies, no matter how great.

With the advent of the trained rescue miner wearing the oxygen rescue apparatus, has come the trained first-aid man, who takes the victim of a mine disaster and gives him the emergency aid that oftentimes is the difference between a dead miner and a live one; the difference between a man disabled for life and one restored to the full use of his powers, and the difference between a man deprived of

support and protect his wife and children in comfort.

Many Experts Now.

Today there are more than 100,000 men in this country trained by the bureau of mines in modern first aid or rescue work or both, all of them volunteers, ready to help their own or those in some other place, no matter where, for there is no distinction in the saving of the life of a fellow man.

There is perhaps no other industry in the United States that has such hazards; there is no other industry that has such help from the government. The bureau of mines maintains in this work 10 fully equipped mine-rescue cars with trained rescue crews that visit as many mines throughout the country as they can, training men in modern life saving, and now and then stopping their work to rush to a disaster and assist in a practical way in the saving of men from death. The bureau also maintains 10 mine-rescue stations and 5 mine-rescue trucks that perform similar duties. In this work altogether the bureau employs 50 trained mine-rescue men.

Million Men Miners.

The mining industry in this country employs more than 1,000,000 men, and more than 3,000 are killed each year while at work. This life-saving work has now been in existence 10 years or more, and the records of

fatalities show that in that time the lives of 5,000 men have been saved. To state this in another way, had the fatalities been in the same proportion the last 10 years as in the preceding 10 years 5,000 more miners would have lost their lives.

There is such interest among the miners in these contests, teams in the various mining states have been busy all the summer in local and state contests preparing through competition for the big events. Such states as California, Kentucky, Alabama, Indiana, Oklahoma, Virginia, Iowa and West Virginia have all held meets and selected their best teams for the Denver meet. The Lehigh Valley safety division of Pennsylvania recently held a "no accident" week and picked out the best teams in their localities to attend the contests in September.

Last year the contests of the bureau were held at Pittsburg, Pa., with 108 teams participating. This year the entries closed Aug. 26, and must be filed with the bureau at its Pittsburg office. D. J. Parker, head of the rescue service of the bureau, will have charge of the meet.

Airplane to Be Used.

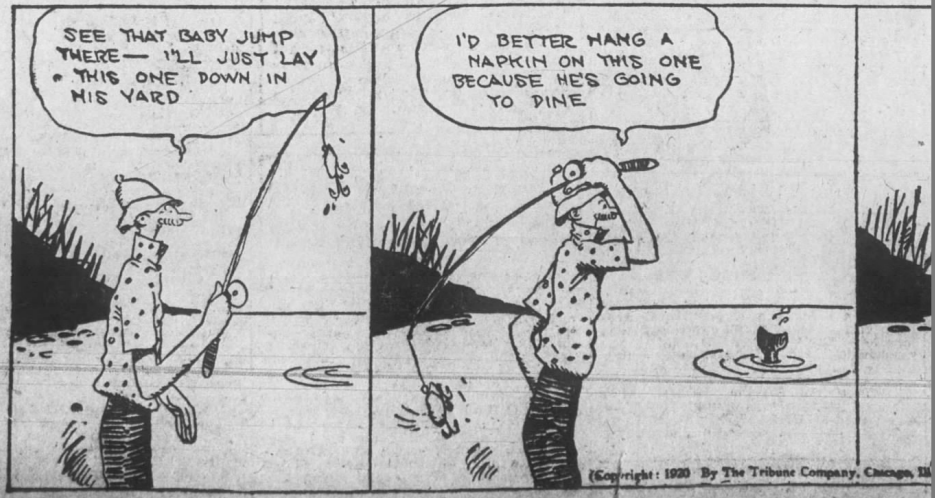
One of the spectacular events will be an actual demonstration of the utility of the airplane in rescue work in quickly transporting engineers and oxygen rescue apparatus to the scene of mine disasters. While the mine

rescue teams are showing their proficiency on the field where the contests are to be held, an alarm of a supposed mine disaster will be telegraphed or telephoned to the location of the nearest airplane of the United States air service. An airplane will be immediately dispatched to pick up bureau of mines men and apparatus, bringing them to the field as quickly as possible. So many of the miners in the United States have been trained in rescue work by the bureau, it is not thought there will be much difficulty in promptly obtaining rescuers at a mine accident anywhere. The airplane will then be used in bringing to the scene engineers who have ability to direct rescue work.

FAMOUS 89TH DIVISION GATHERS FOR REUNION

(International News Service.)
CAMP FUNSTON, Kan.—The annual reunion of the Three Hundred and Fifty-third (all Kansas) infantry regiment of the famous Eighty-ninth division will be held here Sept. 5 and 6, and hundreds of former members from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma are expected. The regiment was trained here under the direction of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood before its overseas service. The organization of the association was perfected at Prum, Germany, while the regiment was a member of the army of occupation.

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FIRST AID TEAM BEGINS INTENSIVE ALL-DAY PRACTICE

Butte's Representatives at
International Contest to
Leave Monday.

Only Public Appearance in
Chamber Tonight. Will
Have Natty Uniforms.

Intensive all-day practice by the first aid team which will represent Butte at the international first aid contest in Denver next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, was instituted by John L. Boardman, manager, and O. A. Dingman, captain, yesterday.

Today and tomorrow will be devoted entirely to the problems with which the team must familiarize itself and after practice Sunday morning, the team will rest. Monday afternoon the team will leave for Denver.

Besides practice all day today, the team will appear at a meeting of the American College of Surgeons in the chamber of commerce rooms tonight to give a demonstration.

Condition Not Tip-Top.

Followers of the team declared yesterday that the team was not yet working with the smoothness and skill which marked their work last year when the team won second place in the international contest. However, it is expected that the finishing touches will be put on their work during the intensive practice and that they will give a good account of themselves at the meet.

Dressed entirely in white, the team will at least make a natty appearance. Even shoes and caps will be white. The word "Butte" will be on the front of each blouse.

The team consists of John L. Boardman, manager; O. A. Dingman, captain; Angus McLeod, Frank Cronin, Frank Bunnell, Gronite Frowen and Robert Brinson.

WINNERS IN FIRST AID CONTESTS ANNOUNCED

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Red Cross Notes

This week, September 9-10-11, there is being held in Denver an International First Aid contest. This contest is being held under the direction of the United States Bureau of Mines and the Department of the First Aid of the American Red Cross, the Red Cross doing the judging and awarding of prizes. Entries have been made by First Aid teams from the mining regions of Canada and Mexico, and at last report more than 70 teams from these states where mining is the principal industry were enrolled. The first organized training in "First Aid to the Injured" was given by the St. Johns Ambulance Association 40 years ago in England. Twenty years later First Aid training was begun in the anthracite coal fields. In 1910, American Red Cross organized a special First Aid Department and soon after the Bureau of Mining began its systematic First Aid training for miners. Mining is considered one of the most hazardous industries and First Aid work is most enthusiastically encouraged.

The work in Denver will be done by teams who have become expert contestants in their home fields and the prizes are given by nine miners, operators and hundreds of others interested in developing First Aid among miners all over the world, these prizes will be in addition to the bronze medals awarded winning teams by the Red Cross.

Great advancement has been made recently by First Aid Teams and the result of this contest is awaited with the keenest interest. The judge in charge is Dr. E. R. Hunter of the Red Cross, who will be assisted by Dr. J. W. Ames of Denver and R. Z. Virgin of the Coal Trade Bulletin of Pittsburg.

First Aid training is not confined to miners. The Pullman Car Service is giving Red Cross training to the entire force of colored maids employed on the transcontinental trains, some of these having completed the course now carry their first aid kits on every trip. The Pullman Company has recently arranged with the N. Y. County chapter of the R. C. to give the course in Home Nursing in addition to that of First Aid to some hundreds of maids who make report at the N. Y. terminals.

National good health is founded on the good health of the communities that compose the nation. The principal peace time activity of the A. R. C. is Health Service and hundreds of Health Centers have been established in the communities of our land, fortresses in this war against preventable disease as well as training schools where the value of good health is taught. I am told that in 29 of the counties of Kansas these Public Health centers are established, with 32 Public Health Nurses at work in them. Republic County is employing a Red Cross executive secretary in addition to the Public Health nurse—Mrs. L. E. Rockwell, Pub. Chmn., Jewell County Red Cross, 9-7-20.

FIRST AID TEAMS IN DENVER MEET

First Aid teams from Mt. Lookout and Harry E. Collieries, the former at Wyoming, the latter at Forty Fort, will represent the Temple Coal Company at the great International First Aid contests to be held at Denver, Colo., from Thursday, September 9, to Saturday, September, 11, inclusive.

The Temple Coal Company will also be represented by two teams from Lackawanna colliery at Blakely, the Sterrick at Peckville. There are three men composing the first aid team of each of the four collieries. The members left Scranton by D. L. & W. Saturday night. They are accompanied by J. G. Angwin, secretary of Vice President and General Manager F. H. Hemelright, of the Temple Coal Company.