

HENRY PRICE M'SHANE IS BURIED HERE

Services At Church, Where
He And Brothers Used
To Attend.

CASKET KEPT CLOSED

Mother And Three Sons Guarded
Body Of Youth Killed In
Mine Explosion.

Years ago, when her sons were little boys, Mrs. William McShane, widow of one of the members of the firm of the famous bell foundry, used to sit each Sunday morning in her family pew, in Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, surrounded by her four sons.

It was because of that memory that the body of Henry Price McShane, who was killed in a coal mining accident at Dalton, N. M., on October 22, was brought to this city for services at Christ Church this afternoon.

Three Remaining Sons Guard Body

Henry Price McShane, 19 years old, was the eldest of Mrs. McShane's sons. The body, in a heavy metal casket, reached this city late yesterday and was taken to Christ Church, St. Paul and Chase streets. There the three remaining sons stood guard over it during the greater part of last night. They sat in the pew with their mother during the services this afternoon.

The Rev. Edwin Barnes Niver, rector of the church, who used to look down upon Mrs. McShane and her little sons from the pulpit as they sat listening to him preach years ago, conducted the services. There was special music by Christ Church choir, under the direction of I. Herring Norris.

Burial was in Greenmount Cemetery and was private.

Found Dead After Explosion.

Baltimore is familiar with the death of Mr. McShane. Young as he was, he was an engineer. He had been at the mine about four months and his mother and his brothers, who were living together in New York, expected him home with them for Thanksgiving and for the Christmas holidays. The report that an explosion had occurred in the mine in which he was working reached his mother and after several days of anxiety on her part the mine was opened and Mr. McShane was found dead with others. The body was buried in New Mexico, but later disinterred and brought here. The casket was not opened after its arrival here.

The surviving brothers are J. O. P. McShane, William Herbert McShane and Colgate Owens McShane.

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HOPE IS HELD OUT.

Hope that the men were still alive—at least, most of them—was held out by the Government mine rescue workers who were rushed here early today on a special train from Trinidad, Col.

Danger of fire in the underground passages was believed to be small, and the only fear entertained by the rescuers was that the men had been caught in the falling walls of the mine or crushed to death by the splintering timbers. If they could hold out against starvation and lack of water until the men from without could tunnel through hundreds of feet of debris, it was believed that all or nearly all would be found alive.

A pathetic scene about the mine entrance was revealed by the dawn. Mothers, sisters, sweethearts and children were kept back by a special guard. Nearly crazed by the fear that fathers, brothers or sons were dead or dying, several in the crowd that had watched and waited all night, made frantic efforts to break through the lines. They were restrained by armed men who had been taking turns at digging in the shaft and guarding the rescuers, led to the back of the eagerly watching crowd and comforting words of encouragement and hope were spoken to them.

Among the men caught in the mine by the explosion was Frank McDermott, general superintendent of the company's mines about Dawson. Several other American engineers and other employees were underground at the time. Most of the miners were Italians.

TEMPORARY HOSPITAL.

Mayor E. L. Kinney, of Dawson, was at the mine entrance all night. Before dawn he and a party of citizens had arranged a temporary hospital to care for any miners who might be taken from the shaft alive and in need of medical attention. A corps of physicians and surgeons, recruited from towns within a radius of more than 100 miles, was on hand ready to aid in treating the injured.

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DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 23.—Two hundred and forty-seven miners are believed to be dead to-night beneath tons of Italian earth, timber, coal and rocks in the cuts and rooms of Stag Canyon mine No. 2 of the Stag Canyon Fuel Company here.

Hundreds of miners, working in shifts of fifteen each, are slowly forcing their way through the rooms and entries, fighting against dangers of gas and a fire which started in an adjoining mine and which threatens to reach the space in which the entombed men were trapped.

Only twenty-three men have been taken from the mine alive. At 6.15 to-night the first miner to be rescued within twelve hours was taken from the main entry. He was found unconscious near a tunnel, also alive.

New Yorker Among Dead.

Fourteen dead and twenty-three rescued make up the total of the day's work of recovery. The finding of the five men in the mine late to-day encouraged officials in charge of the rescue work to hope that some live miners perhaps are still entombed in a room located more than 4,000 feet from an entrance.

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BLAST DEEP IN GROUND

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During the night fourteen dead and twenty-three injured men were taken from the mine. By dawn the rescuers had penetrated to the fourteenth level, about a mile into the side of Black Mountain, and they were yet far from the remaining victims. The twenty-three who were rescued before daylight were picked up along the levels in ones and twos, and could only point the way onward to the depths for the rescuers.

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