

Worry Over Strike Kills E.E. Shumway

Breathing Poisonous Fumes after Vulcan Disaster Helped Hurry Mine President's
Death

E.E. Shumway, 51 years old, president and general manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, died at his home, 2211 South Josephine Street, last night at 11 o'clock after an illness of two weeks.

Shumway became ill shortly after taking charge of rescue work following the Vulcan mine disaster.

The poisonous fumes breathed in the shaft penetrated his entire system, weakened by worry over the strike.

Shumway had been a resident of Colorado for twenty years, coming here from a Nebraska farm.

He founded a small coal company, out of which grew the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company.

He was a trustee of Denver University for ten years, and a prominent Methodist layman. He was a member of the Denver Club, the Traffic club, and on the executive committee of the Y.M.C.A. He was actively interested in Masonic work.

He leaves a widow, two daughters, one son and two stepsons.

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E. E. SHUMWAY DEAD

Poisonous Gases of Wrecked Mine are Fatal

A message was received here last week by J Shumway telling

of the critical illness of his son Edmund E. at his home in Denver and for several days his life hung in the balance, death coming on Sunday night. A dispatch to the **Daily Bee** gives the following account of his last illness:

"E. E. Shumway, 51, president and general manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, died tonight from the effects of poisonous gases inhaled in rescue work which resulted from the explosion in the Vulcan mine at New Castle. Colo., December 17, last. The Vulcan mine is a property of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company and immediately upon news of the explosion in which twenty-seven lives were lost, M Shumway personally took charge of the rescue work. Upon his return to Denver from the mine two weeks ago he was confined to his bed and the slow poisoning of the system continued in spite of the medical aid.

"Mr. Shumway came to Colorado from a Nebraska farm twenty years ago and engaged in a small retail business from which grew. the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, one of the three large mining corporations in the west. Worry because of the industrial strife due to the present strike of the United Mine Workers in Colorado was said by Mr. Shumway's physicians to have so undermined his system that he could not throw off the after-damp which he inhaled in the mine.

"A coroner's jury report into the cause. of the Vulcan disaster placed the blame for the explosion upon the company, and physicians stated that the publication of this verdict caused their patient to sink rapidly until three days ago, when his life seemingly hung in the balance."

Edmund E. Shumway was born in southern Minnesota on

January 27th, 1862, where he resided with the family until they came to Lyons in 1881. Mr. Shumway was in the Minnesota State University at that time but joined his father here the next year and entered the hardware business with L. B. Smith. He disposed of this business the same year and removed to Coleridge where he engaged in the lumber and coal business, remaining there for eight years when he disposed of his interests and located in Denver where he later organized the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, of which concern he was president at the time of his death.

Besides his wife he leaves, to mourn his death a son, two daughters, father, four brothers, Herbert, of Wakefield, Lorin and Roy, of this place, and Chas. of Sheridan, Oregon: and two sisters. Mrs. Fremont Everett, of Portland. Oregon and Mrs. Wm. Cass of this city. The sorrowing relatives have the sincere sympathy of friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Shumway and M.L. Shumway left Tuesday afternoon to be present at the funeral which was held at 10 o'clock this morning.