

Smoke Still Pouring From Fremont Mine at Dry Town, Cal.

DRY TOWN, Cal., Dec. 2.—With smoke still pouring from the shaft of the Fremont mine, hope for the eleven miners who were entombed Saturday was virtually abandoned last night, and it is believed all of them have perished behind the wall of flame which drove them toward the heart of the subterranean furnace when they tried to escape. James Drew, Joseph Manley, Daniel O'Brien and L. E. Wilson are the Americans among the victims, the rest of whom are Italians and Austrians. O'Brien and Wilson are married, the latter having eight children.

After the connecting drifts of the Fremont and Gower shafts had been bulkheaded and the collar of the latter had been boarded up to smother the fire, Superintendent Goodall started to flood the mine. Later Goodall and a party of mining experts went down the Gower shaft and found their way to the bulkhead, which they blew open with dynamite.

Goodall and the party then went to the Fremont shaft and made an opening by taking off the bulkhead from

the collar. They were about to descend in the skip to the 300-foot level when they were driven back to the surface by the stifling smoke. Other attempts made to descend met with the same futile results.

The fire in the Fremont mine is under control and since noon today the whole effort of the management has been to get to the upper levels above the fire with the hope that the eleven men entombed may be still alive. At 3 o'clock this afternoon Manager Goodall, accompanied by four picked miners, made another attempt to reach the six-hundred-foot level through the hot gas, and had reached that level when three of them were overcome with gas. All were brought to the surface in an insensible condition and have but partially recovered.

The force of men attempting to rescue the eleven miners imprisoned in the Fremont mine resumed their efforts, but could not get any lower than 110 feet. They are working on the supposition that the men might have gotten away from the shaft inside of the first five minutes and got lost in the drifts, hundreds of feet away from the shaft and may still be alive. The rescuers could not see the fire when they went down this morning.

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