

NINETEEN WORKERS BELIEVED DEAD IN THE AMSTERDAM MINE DISASTER

Fire Starting Near the Main Entry of Y. & O. Mine Spreads In Every Direction—136 Men Make Their Escape, But the Others Are Imprisoned and Probably Dead

Special To The Intelligencer:

AMSTERDAM, O., Oct. 29.—Nineteen miners imprisoned in the burning No. 2 mine of the Toughiogheny & Ohio Coal Company, here, are believed to have succumbed late tonight from smoke and gas fumes, with which every entry of the workings has been filled since noon today, when an electric fan caught fire near the main entry, and quickly spread in all directions. Although their fight is expected to prove in vain, hundreds of miners are working feverishly tonight in hourly shifts, in desperate efforts to reach the imprisoned men, who are in Entry No. 15, far from the entrance. The rescuers are in constant danger from falling timbers and from suffocation by smoke and gas, but are bravely continuing the battle to save the lives of their fellow workers.

The Victims:

The imprisoned miners, none of whom is believed to have survived are:
JAMES GRAY, 35, day hand.
JOHN CIOTTI, loader.
JAMES JUNOSKI, loader.
GEORGE OAKLEY, loader.
AUGUSTO BARTOLLA, loader.
CARMELLA BARTOLLA, loader.
TONY PARCUS, loader.
CHARLES JESKI, loader.
JOHN BASSO, loader.
MIKE PALESKI, loader.
N. FLORIANI, loader.
THOMAS SUTULA, loader.
CHARLES CHOKINSKI, loader.
TONY RAINOTSKI, loader.
JOE TOU'RAL, loader.
STINY HINOSKI, loader.
LOUIS LESKELLI, machine miner.
PETER GAROTTA, machine miner.

136 Men Escaped.

One hundred and fifty-five miners were in working when the fire started. All but nineteen succeeded in making their escape through the several entries. Three mule drivers guided twenty-four miners to safety through an exit two miles from the main entry after it was feared the men had perished.

Company officials sent an appeal to Columbus for aid immediately after the fire broke out, but up to 3 o'clock tonight the mine rescue crew of the state department of mines had not reached here. It was reported held up at Dennison, Ohio, thirty miles distant on the main line of the Pennsylvania road. The rescue crews in the mine are building brattices in an effort to get around the fire which still burns fiercely and spreads despite the streams of water being poured upon the flames by a detachment of Steubenville firemen, who have a line of hose leading from a nearby creek.

One Ray of Hope.

The fire is in Main Entry No. 2, and the nineteen imprisoned miners are believed to be in Entry 15, in a remote part of the workings. The one ray of hope for the men is the belief that they may have succeeded in building brattices that will exclude the smoke and gas. It is felt that at least twenty-four hours more will elapse before the rescuers can reach the victims.

When the alarm was sounded at noon, every one of the eight or more mines in the district shut down, and one thousand miners rushed to the Y. & O. No. 2, eager to assist in saving the lives of fellow workers.

Hundreds of women surround the mouth of the mine late tonight, and wives and relatives of the imprisoned miners are giving way to their grief. Twenty members of the Amsterdam Red Cross are on duty, lending aid and comfort to the afflicted ones.

LABOR

Union Heads Call Conference to Discuss Grave Dangers to Movement

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—"Fundamental principals" upon which organized labor may combat "grave dangers affecting the very foundation of its structure" are to be formulated at a conference of union chiefs in Washington December 13.

Formal call was sent today by the union leaders over the country. It was signed by the members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor and the chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods, who explained that the farmers' representatives, who sat with these union officials last Saturday, had reached a decision to hold the meeting.

However, it was stated that the National Farmers' organizations now in session, or soon to meet, will be invited to send delegates with full power to act on behalf of those organizations. It is the purpose of the union leaders to form an alliance with the farmers' organizations for the carrying out of the campaign which will be mapped out.

The purposes of the conference were outlined in the call only in a broad, general way. It was said it was "imperative" that labor's representatives adopt a program "which the wage-earners will accept in performing their duties as citizens and at the same time maintaining the right of freemen in order to conserve human interest and justice."

RED ARMY BEATEN; HUNDREDS TAKEN

HELSINGFORS, Oct. 29.—A communication issued by the Russian Northwest army, says that the Bolshevik attacks on the west front, spread from Tuesday were repulsed and that 400 prisoners were taken.

It adds that on Wednesday the White offensive west of Krasnoyarsk was proceeding successfully and that 1,500 prisoners had been taken.

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—The anti-Bolshevik paper Friisyp (apparently an Estonian paper), prints a communication from General Tudenitch dated October 27, declaring that the attack on Petrograd was unsuccessful.

Reports from Reval state that General Tudenitch is falling back along the entire line.

INJUNCTION AGAINST CLARKSBURG STRIKERS

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 29.—Notice of application for a temporary restraining injunction was served late tonight on eighteen union organizers, alleged to have been responsible for the picketing of the local plant of the Weirton Steel company. The plant reopened after 200 workers had voted to return, following a shut down of several weeks. Only minor acts of violence were reported during the day.

SUGAR RATIONS FOR THE SOFT DRINK MEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Rationing of sugar to manufacturers of candy, soft drink and the like soon will be suggested by the sugar equalization board, a house war investigating committee was told today by Herbert Hoover, former federal food administrator. This step by the board Mr. Hoover said resulted from the fact that "raw sugar has risen beyond the point where it can be bought advantageously for the housewife."