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FIND MORE BODIES OF MINE VICTIMS

Searchers Bring Four to Surface and Are Driven Back by Tunnel Cave-In.

FLAMES ARE OVERCOME.

Scenes Are Pathetic as Women and Children Identify Their Dead.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 19.—[Special.]—Amid scenes of anguish and hysterical grief the work of rescuing the bodies of the more than 256 miners victims of the St. Paul coal mine disaster began in reality today.

Four more bodies were brought to the surface, and it is expected that many others will be found in the tunnel.

Crowds of bereft women and children, sympathetic friends, and curiosity seekers flocked to the mine entrance, and wails and moans greeted the appearance of each body.

All the bodies were burned and mutilated and almost beyond recognition.

Instead of using the temporary morgue which had been fitted up for the purpose the bodies were placed side by side on a long white canvas in the open air. There relatives and friends identified them.

Latest Bodies Recovered.

The victims taken from the mine today were:

KROLL, HENRY, 28 years old.
KROLL, ALFRED, 17 years old.
MCMULLEN, GEORGE, 38 years old.
WAITE, CHARLES, 44 years old.

The Kroll were father and son, and from the stories told by survivors the patent gave up his life in attempting to save the life of the boy. They were found in the second vein, near the roller of the main hatch.

Charles Waite, whose body was the last brought out in the afternoon, was the mine examiner in the third vein. It was said that he entered the shaft only a few minutes before the fire started. Only four bodies were recovered during the day, but several others were found in the tunnels. These were not brought out on account of a cave-in that came near ending the lives of a number of the rescue party.

Four members of the party were carrying the bodies to the mine elevator. When within 200 feet of the entrance to the shaft the roof of the tunnel began to fall, and the men dropped their burdens and ran for safety. They were hardly at a safe distance when several tons of earth crashed down and buried the bodies.

Last Vestige of Fire Is Drowned.

The last vestige of fire was drowned out late in the afternoon when the firemen sent from Chicago, members of engine company No. 40, entered the mine with long lines of hose and for several hours directed a heavy stream of water on the blaze. Miners, carpenters, and every one else left the shaft while this work was going on.

"We had never been in a mine before," said one of the men. "But we've been fighting fire a long time and fires are the same the world over."

The fire is extinguished absolutely and all the work that remains is to clear out the tunnels.

Inspectors Taylor and Harrison spent most of the day in the mine with the firemen and rescuing party. They directed the work of repairing the shaft and clearing out the tunnels. Both left the mine only long enough to get their meals.

Passageways to Be Cleared.

"It is all over now except digging out the passageways in the second vein," said Taylor. "After a week's work we have at last succeeded in extinguishing the fire. The bringing out of the bodies necessarily will be slow, in fact I do not expect it to be completed before Sunday or Monday.

Besides the crushed miners there are sixty mules dead in the mine. They were used for hauling coal. The mule stable, which is in the second vein, about 200 feet from the entrance of the shaft, was where the fire originated.

A special interurban car was ordered during the day and the carcasses of the mules will be placed on it to be brought to the surface tomorrow morning. It is thought best to get them out of the way before further attempts were made to recover the bodies of the miners.

Exhibitions of Frenzied Grief.

Exhibitions of frenzied grief attended the identification from the miners' body after they were brought from the shaft. Women and children sobbing and wailing, crowded about the inclosed space to identify the bodies of fathers and husbands.

Mrs. Frank Hobbins, a sister, identified the body of Waite the mine examiner. She has another brother and a brother-in-law in the death chamber below. When she first gazed upon the charred form of Waite she could not recognize it. Then, upon closer examination, she discovered a peculiar hair tic which she had sewed on the man's shirt last week.

With a scream Mrs. Dobbins fell fainting. Soldiers carried her to an ambulance which took her home. Dr. Corbin, the company physician, attended her. He reported that she was in a critical condition. One of The Tribune's staff of reporters was attracted to remain by the woman's side during the time she was ill.

Soldiers Battle with Hysteria.

Mrs. McMullen identified the body of her husband and immediately became hysterical. The soldiers tried to lead her away and she fought and struggled with them. Onlookers were greatly affected by the sight.

All of the bodies were placed in rough boxes as soon as they were identified and were sent to the homes. Those of the father and son were placed side by side in the office. Mrs. Kroll, wife and a young daughter came and identified the two. Another scene of anguish was created when the three were taken away by the soldiers.

The body that was believed to be that of Ole Pitchney was identified in the morning at Mulvey's Parlors, in the Italian miner.

In many cases it is believed that identification will be impossible. Coroner Maire has arranged to hold each body for twenty-four hours if it is not identified.

A member of the state board of health is expected to arrive in Cherry tomorrow to superintend the disposal of the bodies which will be brought from the mine.

The presence of the troops in Cherry has prevented any signs of disorder. The general peaceful conditions caused Capt. Hall to order the men on duty in the morning without their guns. They had sheathed bayonets, however, in order to be ready for an emergency.

CHINESE MERCHANTS GIVE AID.

Frank Moy, Mayor of Chinatown, Says Association Members Sympathize with Cherry.

Among yesterday's contributors to The Tribune fund for the Chicago Chinese Merchants' association, Frank Moy, known as the "mayor of Chinatown," called at The Tribune office and handed over $50 subscribed by representatives of the association, of which he is financial secretary.

"My countrymen in Chicago sympathize with the poor women and children of Cherry," said Moy. "And I wish we were able to send 100 times the amount.

"The American people have always responded to an appeal for help from China."

Mayflower Descendants to Meet.

Home will be paid the pilgrim fathers on Monday night at the La Salle hotel, when members of the Illinois society of Mayflower descendants will gather for their fifteenth anniversary banquet. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. Shaler Mathews and Col. George T. Buckingham.

Actresses Who Will Help Cherry Fund.

"THE GOOD BYE PEOPLE" GIRLS, IN "THEY LOVED A LASSIE".

WANT PUT TO ROUT IN CHERRY

Hunger and Physical Suffering Overcome by Relief Work.

ORPHANS ARE A PROBLEM.

Many Offers to Adopt Fatherless Babies Are Received.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 19.—[Special.]—Hunger and physical suffering, resulting from the mine disaster rapidly are being conquered by the forces that have taken charge of the relief work. Today it was estimated that more 100 families had been given food and clothing, and the assurance that they would not want for anything.

It is decided that the real suffering will come in a week or two, when the last bodies of the mine victims are buried and the families are left destitute to face a cold winter. It will require all the contributions that may be made, and delay the making of wills and orphans. Although no correct figures are obtainable at the present time, it is said there are more than 1,300 orphan children in Cherry under 12 years of age. In several families there are ten children, all small and able to do little toward supporting their widowed mothers.

Problem Will Be a Big One.

"The problem of taking care of all these children is a big one," said Ernest P. Bicknell, director of the National Red Cross society, who is in charge of the relief work here.

"We don't know exactly how many are under 12 years of age, but there are probably more than 1,000. These little fellows must be provided for.

"We are getting the relief work well under way now and everything is being done systematically. The Chinese nurses and others who are going about among the families are reporting very cases of destitution, and there are being attended to. No one is allowed to go hungry if we know anything about it. As soon as a needy case is found it is reported and we send food and clothing and anything else that is necessary.

"The future, however, is starting us in the face. How are the widows and orphans to get through the winter? It will take every cent that is contributed to prevent the suffering and want that may come. However, I believe the contributions will come in rapidly and they will be taken care of."

Many Would Adopt Babies.

Many letters containing contributions of from 50 cents to $5 are being sent to Mayor Connolly. Families out of town are sending offers to adopt small children who have been left fatherless by the mine disaster. One man, a farmer living out in Kansas, wrote:

"I have a big farm, 320 acres, and no family. This terrible mine disaster has touched my heart and I feel as if I should do something for the women and children left behind. If it is possible I would like to give a home to some poor woman and her children here on the farm. She could superintend the housework and I would raise the children just as if they were my own. If you know any that would like this proposition, please let me know."

Mayor Connolly also received the following letter from a woman in Missouri:

"I am 45 years old and unmarried. I live at home, in the country, and I would like to get two small boys to come and live with me. I will be a mother to them and will see that they get every advantage in education and in youthful training. I write this because I read that there are some bereaved families in Cherry who can afford to give up one or two of their children. The mothers can see them whenever they wish."

"Tribune" Nurses Are Busy.

The Tribune's staff of trained nurses is working among all of the bereaved and distraught families in the town. Day and night the nurses are busy attending the sick and administering consolation to the grief stricken.

Eight children have been born in Cherry since the mine disaster, and in each case the nurses have been in attendance on the mother at night. Most of these babies were born to women who had lost their husbands in the mine.

Two nurses are on duty constantly at the mine, where the relatives of workers are busy at the work of rescuing the bodies of the victims. They are ready at all times to tie up an injured finger or to administer restoratives to exhausted laborers.

ASKS STATE TO GIVE $25,000.

Representatives Petition Governor to Call Special Session of Legislature on Mine Horror.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 19.—In a letter to Gov. Deneen today, Representatives Frank Lyon of Kewanee and William J. Scanlan of Peru asked that a special session of the legislature be called for the purpose of appropriating $25,000 for the relief of sufferers from the mine disaster. In the same letter they asked that the governor use his influence to bring about a thorough investigation of the fire.

Sunday Schools in Musical Festival.

Three hundred young men representing nearly half as many churches took part in the annual fall festival of Cook county Sunday schools held last evening at Orchestra hall. The big chorus which sings secular songs almost entirely, was founded five years ago.

EAGER TO GIVE FOR MINERS

Chicagoans Widen Work for the Cherry Sufferers.

TOTAL MORE THAN $33,000.

Benefits at the Whitney and Auditorium to Help Fund.

The charitable constancy of Chicagoans was intensified yesterday by the steady increase in the various funds for the families of the Cherry coal mine victims. The Tribune fund acknowledged $2,612 in contributions, making its total $19,167, while the Red Cross society reported $11,049.04, which included $400 from the citizens of Davenport, Ia., and $450 from Rockford, Ill. Including other sources the total is now more than $33,000, with no signs of diminished interest.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway announces that $1,285.80 has been donated by 5,083 employes in 25 cents each. Nearly all the 23,000 employes of the system are expected to aid the fund within the next week.

A collection taken in the lobby of French Lick Springs hotel, French Lick, Ind., in the evening raised $48.30. Dr. F. Stanislaus Cronin made the appeal and the money was collected in ten minutes. It will be sent to The Tribune fund.

Citizens of Jacksonville contributed $274, which was forwarded to the Red Cross.

The people working in the Cherry "Lassie," the Whitney opera house's latest production, yesterday made a large addition to The Tribune's fund next Tuesday evening. Managers Frank Ivers report an increased advance sale. Fifty per cent of the receipts will be given to the Cherry relief fund.

The ticket prices are $1.50, $1, 75 cents, and 50 cents.

A juvenile contributor to the fund is 5 year old Lucille Gallie, daughter of Mrs. F. W. Gallie, 3016 Lake avenue. She raised her money by gift of the cents in contained—229 in number—as a gift to the Cherry mine sufferers, particularly the orphans of the miners.

Posters Advertise Minstrels.

The Meskirs Club minstrels are adding their performances to be given at Central Y. M. C. A. auditorium, 153 La Salle street, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, for the distribution of posters. Stanley Fisher, the club cartoonist, was the designer. Mrs. Potter Palmer heads the list of patronesses, which includes Mrs. Arthur A. Meeker, Mrs. Edward A. Leicht, Mrs. Herman H. Brown, Mrs. George J. Mayer, Mrs. Thomas F. Fischer, Mrs. Edward R. Heisler, Mrs. William F. Jurgens, Mrs. Fred M. Schmidt, Mrs. W. A. Herbert, Mrs. Lawrence Reed, and the Princess Kingsland.

By courtesy of the management of the Hubinoff-Atwell management the entire proceeds from the sale of the thirty-six box seats at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon concert will be turned over to The Tribune fund for the relief work. Mme. Gertrude Reachi (contralto), Clarence Eddy, organist, M. Alexander Zukowsky, Russian violin virtuoso, and the Chicago Philharmonic orchestra will give the program.

The Orphan Helpers' club will hold a minstrel show this evening at the old Lakeside clubhouse, Forty-second street and Grand boulevard. Ten per cent of the proceeds from the entertainment will be given to The Tribune's relief fund. Twelve year old Mary Jane Purcell is to appear in imitations of well known theatrical stars.

Theater Managers' Benefit.

The Theater Managers' association has decided to send the receipts from the big benefit at the Auditorium on Tuesday, Nov. 30, to the local Red Cross society instead of the national. Leading performers and acts from every leading playhouse in Chicago will be shown, and the program is so elaborate that the curtain will rise at 1 p. m.

The Bijou theater at Sixty-third and Ellis avenue will donate the entire proceeds of the 7 and 9:30 p. m. performances today to The Tribune fund.

The Mozart theater, Van Buren street and California avenue, will donate 50 per cent of the receipts of the Monday performance.

A $5 contribution received yesterday as anonymous came from Mrs. Samuels, 5052 Grand boulevard.

Many Give Clothing.

Donations of clothing continue and The Tribune notifies Brink's express as quickly as possible, so that collections may be made. Offers of clothing were received from:

L. L. Abbott, 202 East Fifty-second street.
S. J. Harris, 4727 Champlain avenue.
W. S. Houston, 5630 Washington avenue.
A. J. Howe, 726 Irving place.
Anonymous, 4203 Drexel boulevard.
Mrs. M. F. Rosenbold, 2807 Prairie avenue.
Mrs. Meyer, 4903 Forestville avenue.
A. W. Lyon, 1416 Kenilworth avenue.
A. Werthelmer, 4207 Grand boulevard.
J. H. Jacobs, 1410 Sheridan avenue.

Clothing was delivered to The Tribune by E. C. H. & W. B. H., La Grange.

R. J. Hartell, 846 South Clinton street, donated ten boxes of macaroni.

FOR THE SUFFERERS AT THE CHERRY MINE.

Subscriptions for the relief of the families of the Cherry disaster to date follow:

"The Tribune"

Proceeds of benefit Studebaker theatre	$22.50
Citizens of Lincoln, Ill., as follows:	
Lincoln Woman's club	$25.00
Elks lodge	25.00
H. A. Houser	5.00
Knights of Columbus	25.00
Lincoln court No. 192, C. O. F.	25.00
Frat. Order Eagles, Kickapoo serie, No. 375	25.00
Matthew Coogan	2.50
	132.50
Meyer & Co.	100.00
Anonymous	100.00
Chicago lodge of Elks No. 4, B. P. O. E.	100.00
Charles H. Baddock	100.00
O. H. Ingram, Eau Claire, Wis.	100.00
Inland Steel company	100.00
The Sugar Refining company	100.00
People of Champaign, Ill.	81.75
Hawkshaw Bros. & Eckstein	50.00
Strauss Bros.	50.00
The Florsheim Shoe company	50.00
Agents of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.	50.00
Harry Rohrbach, Blue Island, Ill.	41.00
Boys of Todd seminary, Woodstock, Ill.	21.70
National Trust & Credit Co.	25.00
A. G. Lockmuller	25.00
Employes of State Bank of Chicago	25.00
Miss D. L. Schmidt	25.00
Isaac H. Mayer	25.00
Mrs. W. J. Scott	25.00
Daniel Stern	25.00
Benjamin A. Cable	25.00
Dessauer & Engel	25.00
Foley & Co.	25.00
The System company	25.00
Jos Dinsmore, Decatur, Ill.	25.00
Marks Tailoring company	25.00
Friedlic & Freeman company	25.00
W. G. Haskell company, Cedar Rapids, Ia.	25.00
Isaac Block	25.00
People of Chamber of Commerce, Champaign, Ill.	19.00
Jolly Bowlers of the Metropolitan club	15.00
United Pumps and Power company, Chgo, Ill.	14.50
Employes of Ross & Co.	13.25
Tom Kane, Cadillac, Mich.	10.25
Frank Sendden, Crystal Falls, Mich.	10.00
Hockstadter & Levy	10.00
Franzalg & Co.	10.00
Foreman Shoe company	10.00
Anonymous	10.00
Bach Pur company	10.00
H. I. Gates, Galesburg	10.00
C. H. Thompson & Co.	10.00
Aron B. Relarke, West Baden, Ind.	10.00
Miss Mathews, Evanston	10.00
Haike, Friedman & Co.	10.00
Robert Wallace, Morrison	10.00
S. Heineman, Hinsdale	10.00
E. Winter	10.00
Oscar Durante	10.00
Estelle Manshelmer	10.00
Hugo Du Broek & Co.	10.00
Matthews Gas Machine Co.	10.00
T. Brown company	10.00
Dugan club	10.00
J. H. C.	10.00
Spencer house cigar stand, Marion, Ind.	10.00
Wetherell Millinery Co.	10.00
A friend	10.00
E. B. Strong	10.00
Anonymous	10.00
W. H.	10.00
A sewspitter	10.00
Co. C, 7th inf., I. N. G.	5.00
M. A. I.	5.00
W. A. Childress, Appleton, Ill.	5.00
Mrs. H. Nogescau and sister	5.00
H. H. Wilson & Co.	5.00
Anonymous	5.00
K. Brown	5.00
Charles Johnson	5.00
H. N. Hemmelmann, Peoria, Ill.	5.00
Charlie Dewell, Northwood, Ia.	5.00
J. Dee	5.00
H. W. Strong	5.00
Kiley Hambers lodge No. 656, Knights of Pythias	5.00
Mrs. Ed Ryan	5.00
Adolph George	5.00
F. F.	5.00
I. S. M.	5.00
A. Lange	5.00
Henry Meyer Thread Mfg. Co.	5.00
Arthur A. Smith	5.00
Adams & Elting	5.00
H. H.	5.00
H. M. T.	5.00
Cash	5.00
Dr. Albert Hoefeld	5.00
David E. Shanahan	5.00
W. G. Moody	5.00
W. H.	5.00
G. Mueller & Co.	5.00
H. B.	5.00
R. J. Pettitt	5.00
Edward Appel	5.00
H. H. Humberlin	5.00
Mrs. C. S. K.	5.00
Mrs. F. M. McGuire	5.00
Stephen Velle	5.00
Frank H. Grant, Canton, Ill.	5.00
Mothers' meeting of St. James' mission	4.10
S. N. K.	4.00
Anonymous	3.00
D. M. Keller	3.00
J. L. Field	3.00
A. S.	3.00
H. Johnson	3.00
Nellie Irene Wells	2.00
Florence Holmes, Oak Park	2.00
J. H. L.	2.00
C. F. L.	2.00
Hedwig Winizer	2.00
M. J. Gilmore, Kenosha, Wis.	2.00
H. S. M.	2.00
Subscriber	2.00
H. L. L.	2.00
Ralph Norton	2.00
Jessie H. Jacobs, Milwaukee	2.00
H. D.	2.00
Sympathizer	2.00
S. S. Wilson	2.00
James G. Mazarakas	1.00
Mrs. J. Markanale	1.00
A. Reichstein	1.00
F. E. S.	1.00
V. Levine	1.00
George W. Christopher	1.00
H. A. S.	1.00
Arthur J. Heeds	1.00
Ed Goodrich	1.00
C. W. W.	1.00
Mrs. J. Merritt, Henry, Ill.	1.00
Cash	1.00
G. Carell, Niles, Mich.	1.00
Edith McDowell	1.00
Cash	1.00
Mrs. Hicks	1.00
A friend	1.00
James A. Clyne	1.00
Alice Jarman	1.00
A friend	1.00
E. A. Foster, Springfield, O.	1.00
David Eichberg	1.00
George G. Dreier	1.00
Cash	1.00
J. W. Gmeis, Rogers Park	1.00
Sidney S. Lobe, Gelsenia, Ia.	1.00
Nellie Mohr	1.00
Tom	1.00
F. W. McN.	1.00
Anonymous	1.00
M. L. B.	1.00
F. R. L.	1.00
P. H. O'Toole	1.00
Members of Chicago lodge of Elks No. 4:	
E. J. Hebert	$5.00
George Lampson	5.00
Frank Hyland	2.00
W. W. Alston	1.00
Howard Matheison	1.00
I. H. Hellman	1.00
J. Altman	1.00
Webb Rapp	1.00
E. C. Waberski	1.00
Charles White	1.00
John Hade	1.00
A. W. Johnson	1.00
George Mathieson	1.00
Cash	1.00
	25.00
Collected by Wm. Chamales:	
William Chamales	$2.00
G. G. Bogas	.50
Harry Block	1.00
Tom Chamales	1.00
Louis Moscilias	.50
G. Lalgeis	1.00
V. Hartman	.50
Frank Harris	.50
Jack Flynner	.50
Cash	.50
H. Corbett	.50
Andrew Andreason	1.00
J. Chagnon	.50
W. Kaufman	.50
William Lobin	.50
Cash	1.00
Marlton	.50
Cash	.50
P. H. Welford	.50
James Handis	1.00
Tom Chamales	2.00
Tom Chamales	1.00
Mayme Cohen	1.00
Peter Pappas	1.00
John Boris	.50
Louis Rose	1.00
Frank Garrity	.50
George Mirsolis	.50
Cash	1.00
Cash	.50
James Gaynre	.50
Anton Charmichay	1.00
Sam Fox	1.00
Aubrey Stanfer	1.00
Peter Pappas	1.00
C. L. Wood	.50
Eddie Conley	.50
Peter Kyneer	.50
Charles Kaseffis	1.00
George Hookedis	.50
Pete Vondoaris	.50
James Curry	.50
W. J. King	1.00
Mike Pallitisos	1.00
Jack Kalamas	1.00
James P. Diacon	1.00
A friend	.50
Ed Bluchal	1.00
Louis Mislakaris	1.00
L. Chamales	1.00
	41.00
Collected by Chas. H. Schlimmer, pharmacist:	$17
Garfield boulevard:	
Chas. H. Schlmerfinnig	$5.00
William Jones	1.00
Dr. Herbfeldt	1.00
Dorothy Hogan	1.00
Edward Hotan	1.00
C. Buscher	1.00
Dr. Shipley Wayman	1.00
William Wheeler	1.00
M. F. P.	.25
Cash	.25
	13.75
Collected by Best & Russell, Fisher building:	
Henry Ruth	$5.00
James McDonald	5.00
Cash	.50
T. H. Holton	1.00
Cash	.25
E. W. Sauer	.25
Cash	2.75
	14.95
Collected by People's Trust & Savings bank, Galesburg, Ill.	13.50
Collected by Republican Register, Galesburg, Ill.	55.50
Collected by George C. Kicht, cigar merchant, Wabash and Randolph:	
F. Schmidt	$ .50
W. A. Maurnel	.25
Cap. Taylor	.50
G. W. G.	1.00
Cash	.50
Cash, five girls	.50
Cash, Cigar Stems	10.10
	13.35
Contributions employes Louis Tuck & Co:	
I. Stedman	$1.00
H. Winkler	.10
H. Kuhn	.10
F. Lang	.10
H. Kanner	.10
S. Winkler	.10
H. Bernstein	.10
B. Schtcher	.10
Cash	.25
L. Mandelbaum	.25
H. Kaufman	.25
S. Schwartz	.25
H. Cohen	.10
I. Kessler	.50
	3.70
Total for day	$ 2,612.18
Previously acknowledged (including $1,000 given by The Tribune)	16,554.51
Grand total	$19,167.69

Further subscriptions to the relief fund will be received by The Tribune and turned over to the Red Cross. Checks should be made payable to The Tribune fund.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Subscriptions direct to the Red Cross Tuesday, a total of $11,049.04, were given to the report of Orson Smith, treasurer.

DAILY NEWS FUND.

Contributions to the Daily News fund amounted to an aggregate of $3,090.18.

BARRED EXIT DEATH'S AID IN CHERRY MINE HORROR.

Survivor Tells of Bodies Piled High in Front of Door That Would Have Led to Safety.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 19.—According to a story told to Joseph H. Nichols, representing the Italian consul, a condition existed in one part of the mine during the fire which recalled the Iroquois theater fire at Chicago.

Giuseppi Leiti, a miner, said while escaping through the smoke and flame he discovered that scores of bodies had been piled up in front of a door which, if it could have been opened, would have afforded a way to safety. Leiti's story follows:

"I was digging coal when I heard the alarm of fire. Rushing to the air shaft I saw that it was filled with smoke. Then I was puzzled what to do. From the air shaft two galleries extend in opposite directions. They are circular and meet again at the main or hoisting shaft.

Chooses the Wrong Gallery.

"Either one of these galleries, I thought, would take me to safety. So I started through the one on my right. I was greatly excited, and already felt the effect of the fumes in my lungs. Others were struggling frantically in the same direction.

"I had gone more than half way through the gallery, when to my horror I found a door, used to regulate the air currents, closed. The door was arranged to swing inward or toward me. I pulled and tugged but it would not open. The reason being that three or four men had fallen down in front of it. I tried hard times and away. Other men came up behind me, some of them falling down. I soon saw that my way was hopeless and started to return. Scores of other miners by that time were filling the gallery and choking up the doorway, beyond any hope of its ever being opened.

Weaker Ones Are Overcome.

"The weak ones who came last fell over those who had gone before them, and at last finally fell in a heap as the smoke grew thicker. I, myself, have fallen, too, had not my brother, who had remained near the air shaft, caught hold my hand.

"I said:

"'Don't go to the right. They are all dead down that way.'

"He then led me through the other gallery in which the doors opened outward, and we escaped safely in the hoisting shaft. I am sure they will find a hundred or more bodies piled up at that door in the right gallery."

Back from Trip Around the World.

Wayland W. Magee, after circling the globe as a father 40 thirty years ago, returned to his home, 5630 Madison avenue, yesterday. He took this cosmic cruise to make his trip, "roughing it" all the way.

MINERS TO SEEK CAUSE OF HORROR

Union to Conduct Independent Inquiry to Fix Responsibility at Cherry.

STATE BOARD ALSO ACTS.

Use of Torches Preceding Disaster Termed Good Subject for Grand Jury.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 19.—[Special.]—The impending investigation into the causes of the Cherry mine disaster assumed a broader scope today.

In addition to the investigation which will be conducted by the Illinois mine investigating commission, an independent and searching inquiry will be inaugurated tomorrow by officials of the United Mine Workers of America, the miners' organization, to which the 300 men lying dead in the Cherry mine belonged.

The announcement that the miners' organization will conduct an independent examination into the causes of the disaster was made by Secretary Williams, counsel for the organization, and Duncan McDonald, president of the State federation. This announcement was supplemented by a report from the state mining commissioners after a morning conference.

Report by Prof. Taylor.

The last report was made public by Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago and was:

"The mining investigation commission of Illinois is empowered to investigate the origin and causes of the Cherry disaster for the purpose of determining whether legislation can be enacted which will prevent or even tend to prevent a repetition of such an occurrence. The commission is required by law to report its recommendations to the governor and to the next general assembly.

"A full meeting of the commission will be held Nov. 24 at its headquarters in the Fisher building, Chicago, to commence the preparation of plans for its investigation.

"Under the laws of the state the regular state mine inspectors also are required to make an investigation as to the nature and cause of the disaster. The investigating commission and the state mine inspectors have power to require the attendance of witnesses and administer oaths.

May Act Jointly in Inquiry.

"As soon as practicable the investigating commission and the state mine inspectors will decide whether to conduct separate investigations or to act jointly.

"The members of the mining investigating commission, who are in Cherry, and who unanimously agreed to have the above statement, are: Charles Burch and Bernard Murphy, miners; Richard Newsom and G. W. Traer, operators; H. H. Stock of the University of Illinois and Graham Taylor, independent members."

A further impetus to the inquiry by the commission was given by the arrival of Frank D. Whipp, personal representative of Gov. Deneen, this morning. Mr. Whipp conferred with Prof. Taylor and the commissioners and with Attorney Stedman.

Mr. Stedman declined to make public the lines of the miners' investigation but the theory that the coal company already has adopted measures to protect itself against damage and criminal actions at law. He intimated, however, that it is only concerned to fix responsibility and, if possible to form the basis of legal action against the company.

Thinks Company Protected Itself.

"The company has done everything it can and I am left to believe that the coal company took steps to protect itself against damage if after the disaster," he said. "They have taken a number of statements, and I know other things have been done. I think it strange that the two men who are alleged to have thrown the most light on the disaster and its causes have left Cherry and leave whereabouts are unknown.

"Our investigation, which will be independent of that of the state and criminal inquiry, will begin tomorrow, I think."

The definitive point of attack will be the use of open torches in the stable instead of safety lights which had been used previous to a breakdown in the company's plant.

Good Subject for Grand Jury.

"The law is no law to force an employer to use the most improved and safest machinery," said Mr. Stedman. "He is required only to use machinery which is reasonably safe. But the use of open torches in a chamber filled with inflammable material like hay, and where the danger was recognized by the company, is a good subject for a grand jury question whether they may be termed reasonably safe and is a good subject for a grand jury investigation."

Duncan McDonald charged the coal mine operators for opposing proposed statutes which would prevent the disasters and declared that the investigation will be as searching as it can be made.

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