

INQUEST OVER MINE VICTIMS.

Coroner's Jury Finds Entry Had Not Been Sprinkled Since March 1.

Sandoval, Ill.: The Coroner's Jury in the inquest into the death of the six miners who lost their lives in the awful mine disaster here Tuesday, reached a verdict Friday, after having been out about two hours. The verdict, the same in each case, finds that the miners "came to their death by force of an explosion in Sandoval Mine March 31, said explosion was caused by 'windy shot' on face of fifth west entry fired by Giovanni Grachina, and further find that said fifth west entry had not been sprinkled since March 1, 1903."

It was signed by each of the six jurors—C. F. Dew, foreman; W. J. McNally, C. W. Nelson, William McClelland, George Kiefer and John L. Robertson. It was a compromise verdict, part of the jurors desiring to report more fully on the conditions of the mine.

A meeting of the miners' local union was held Friday afternoon, at which arrangements were inaugurated to aid those affected by deaths or injuries. In addition to local aid it is likely that district and State funds of the organization will be used. Provision has been made for such requirements, and much suffering has been relieved in the distribution of these funds.