

HUNT FOR ZEIGLER VICTIMS CONTINUES

Some Sensational Developments Not
Wholly Unexpected.

Duquoin, Ill.: The various searching parties in the ill-fated Zeigler mine continue without interruption in their efforts to clear away the debris and to recover the remaining bodies.

Wednesday two bodies were brought to the surface in a decomposed state, one of which cannot be identified. The other is thought to be that of the son of Mine Superintendent Baxter, who, together with another son, was killed.

Gruesome scenes greet the members of the relief parties in their searches. Several bodies have been found decapitated. The name of one man was found written on a powder keg, probably done a moment before he died.

The Official Board of Investigation, consisting of State Mine Examiners James Taylor of Peoria, Walter Rutledge of Alton and John Dunlop of Centralia, arrived at Zeigler late Wednesday night. They have been delegated by Governor Deneen to make a thorough investigation of the explosion.

Thursday T. E. Thomas, general superintendent of the Lake Superior Coal Company of this city, who conducted one of the relief parties, was summoned to Zeigler to give testimony before the board, who later decided to defer the reception of evidence for a day or two.

Coroner Adams of Franklin county was in this city Thursday, and contends that the verdict as published several days ago was not official and that the true verdict, together with the evidence will be forthcoming in a few days.

It may yet develop that the explosion was not the work of "unknown parties." More facts are being daily brought to light, which may ultimately give a different color to affairs.

A bill has been introduced into the Senate by Senator McElvain of Murphysboro providing for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the widow of State Mine Inspector W. T. Atkinson, who was asphyxiated in the Zeigler mine.

It is thought an effort will be made in this city to prevail upon Senator McElvain to include in the bill an appropriation of additional \$5,000 for the widow of John Lindsay of Mulkeytown. Lindsay was one of the party suffocated while recovering the bodies from the mine.