

23 OF THE VICTIMS HAVE SO FAR BEEN TAKEN FROM MINE

At 9 A. M. 11 More of Victims of Coaldale Mine Were Removed Making 23. Horrible Details of Catastrophe. List of White Men Killed.

Of Those Removed 18 Were Negroes Most From Virginia. Different Causes of the Death. Rescuing Party Work Valiantly to Reach Bodies.

By Associated Press.

Bluefield, Jan. 5.—Eleven victims of the Coaldale mine disaster, were removed from the mines at three o'clock this morning. Other bodies have been located.

Coaldale is a mining town situated in Mercer county on the line of the Norfolk & Western Railway and is 15 miles west of Bluefield.

But once before in the history of the Pocahontas coal field has there been such a fearful disaster as that in the Coaldale Coal Company's shaft today. The victims of that other disaster sleep in the cemetery at Pocahontas.

Eleven More Rescued.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 5.—At 9 A. M. today 11 more bodies were removed from the Coaldale mine, making 23 in all, 5 whites and 18 negroes. The rescuing party is composed of nearly all fire bosses in the field, mine inspectors and large number of friends of the entombed miners worked all night, the rescuers first getting a large supply of brattice material, and with the use of new fans the party was able to enter the mines at 2 A. M.

An hour later they succeeded in locating and rescuing bodies of 11 victims, those nearest to the entry of the cracker entry of the mine, which is a now working and is located at the extreme west end of the mine proper.

Mine Boss Williams, who at the time of the explosion was in the main entry and nearly a mile from the cracker neck portion, suffered from concussion and was almost overcome by dust and gases before he could reach the east draft mouth. The greater number of victims were working some little distance from the point where the explosion occurred and were found to have been suffocated. Those located in the cracker neck or in room 11 of this portion, were terribly mangled.

The damage to the mine is very heavy and it will require considerable time to get that portion back in working shape.

The majority of negro miners were from the eastern portion of Virginia and were the oldest miners in the field. The white men killed are: J. W. Larew, W. L. Larew, James Sluss, Larasz Alardar (Hungarian) and Anthony Bruce (Pole).