

BODIES OF VICTIMS

OF COALDALE COAL MINE DIS- ASTER RECOVERED.

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Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 5.—Mining operations were practically suspended in the Elkhorn Valley to-day on account of the Coaldale coal mine disaster in which twenty-three miners lost their lives. All the bodies were recovered from the mine this morning and the funerals were held at Mount Tabor, Pocahontas and Cooper this afternoon.

The larger operations are located in the Elkhorn Valley and there were immense throngs in attendance at each of the three burying grounds where the victims were laid to rest. The owners of the mine are still unable to estimate their loss on account of the western drift mouth having been banked up with tons of earth, coal and mine props blown there by the explosion. The mine is being flooded with water and there is no drainage. Until this condition is relieved it will be impossible to enter that part of the mine or ascertain the exact damage done. The main entry or eastern part of the mine, however, is now in a perfectly safe condition and the men are expected to resume work in that portion to-morrow. In view of the flooded condition of the "Cracker Neck" portion of the mine it is not probable that fire will be found on examination.