

GREAT DISASTER AT DUTCHMAN MINE

Officials of Mining Company
and Raton Authorities Doing
Best to Rescue Miners.

It looks as if the early accounts of the mine explosion disaster at the Dutchman mine near Raton, N. M., were not exaggerated. While it is true that only six bodies have been recovered so far it is known that at least eight are dead as follows: Aurelio Bulfero, J. Krissi, W. R. Cameron, Fred Grindle, John Berry, Dick Stansfield, Juan Jeneske, Harry Farthingale.

The officials of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific company, owners and operators of the mine are still doing everything in their power to clear the mine and recover the additional bodies which are known to be entombed there. So far the bodies identified are those of Grindle, Jeneske and Cameron. The latter was the brother of the superintendent of the mine at Dawson, just south of Raton. He was the only married man who has so far been known to lose his life in the accident. Grindle's remains were yesterday shipped to Trinidad, and the body of an unknown Italian was interred at Raton. Beginning with yesterday the rescuers will work in three eight-hour shifts instead of two of twelve hours each. These shifts will work as many men as the company can obtain for the purpose.

Deputy sheriffs are now on guard at the entrance to the mine and no one is allowed to enter except on business. The men are working as far in advance of the air as possible. It is now believed that there were but ten men in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Some hope is still entertained of finding John Berry the foreman alive. He was an experienced gas man and was acting as fire boss at the time of the explosion. For this reason it is believed he might have reached a place of safety.

The body of W. F. Cameron was badly mangled, the head being nearly severed from the body by a wound caused by a flying rock. It is doubtless true that he bled to death.

One of the men reported to have been dead, turned up this morning. He had laid off without permission, thereby saving his life. He was Adam Smith.