

HOPE ABANDONED FOR THE MINERS

Third Rescue Party at Work at the
Lick Branch Mine to Rescue
the Men Entombed by
Explosion.

HAVE BUT LITTLE HOPE

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Extinguished But Mine Fore-
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Will Kill Miners.

SWITCH BACK, W. Va., Jan. 13.—
The third party of rescuers are fight-
ing with renewed hope today to res-
cue the 200 workmen believed to be
imprisoned in the burning Lick
Branch mine, following the explosion
yesterday. Eleven bodies are so far
recovered. The hope of recovering
the victims alive has practically been
abandoned.

Terrific Force of Explosion.

Timbers and large telephone poles
were twisted and splintered as straws
by the force of the explosion. Clem
Bowers, mine foreman was blown
from the mine and fatally injured.
Jack Holliday, with Bowers at the
time, was drawn into the burning
mine by the suction. A boy named
Clark, age 18, standing at some dis-
tance from the mouth of the mine,
saw the smoke coming and ran to the
mountain side to hide behind a stump.
The flames, smoke and debris and
mine cars passed over the boy, land-
ing one hundred yards away.

It is believed the fire in the mine
is extinguished but the inspector says
black damp will kill all those left in
the mine.