

GRIEF IS IN MANY HOMES

LICK BRANCH MINE DISASTER BRINGS SORROW TO FAMILIES IN SEVERAL STATES—BODIES SHIPPED TO MANY POINTS IN VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, OHIO AND ELSEWHERE—SOME YET UNIDENTIFIED—FURTHER EXAMINATION OF MINE SHOWS TOTAL OF SIXTY-FIVE BODIES.

The terrible disaster at Lick Branch brought grief to many homes not only in West Virginia and the vicinity of the mine, but to families in other states. Bluefield shares in the grief because of the death of loved ones. Mrs. Edward Knowles of Midway, and Mrs. D. W. Tabor, of Highland avenue, are sisters of the Buffalo boys who were killed. F. E. Buffalo's body has been recovered, the body of his brother has not been identified. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore and children left this afternoon to attend the funeral, Mr. Buffalo being an uncle of Mr. Moore. He will be buried at Pocahontas.

George Robinsky, an Italian, is still among the unidentified. He has several friends in the Italian colony here. He formerly lived at Godfrey where he owned a home. His brother, Mike Robinsky, was also killed and his body has been identified.

Walter E. Eversole, aged 21, was a son of Eli Eversole, a merchant of Cripple Creek, Va. The father passed through the city this afternoon with all this was mortal of his beloved boy.

Ed Collins was another victim of the explosion whose home was at Cripple Creek.

G. W. Jones also hailed from Wythe county, Va., as did the Surratt brothers mentioned yesterday.

Cutter Clark's remains were taken to his former home at Martinsville, Va., accompanied by a widow and two little children.

Albert A. Abel is survived by a young wife. His remains were taken to Ironton, Ohio, his former home. A brother-in-law is said to be the mayor of that city.

On the Clinch Valley train this afternoon there was the body of Ben Johnson, consigned to relatives at Norton, and in the opposite direction a train speeded to Blue Ridge Va., with all that remained of C. B. Willford.

The identified dead, as near as we can gather, are as follows:

WHITE

Everett Phillips and Charles Phillips, brothers; A. R. Miller and R. D. Miller, brothers; David Surratt and Riley Surratt, brothers; George Peters, Joseph Jones, Geo. W. Jones, Edward Collins, James Ayers, Robert Wyatt, Dan Arrington, Henry Bowles, John Mahoney, Albert A. Abel, J. H. Bolen, Mike Robinsky, H. A. Leonard, S. B. Clark, Cutter Clark, F. E. Buffalo, C. B. Willford, Walter Eversole, Ben Johnson.

COLORED

Luther Bouldin, John Hunter, J. H. Cobb, George Ensley, Frank Harrison and C. L. Halston, brothers, Henry Lee, Ernest Terry, Elk Clark, Brown Lee, Anthony Johnston, Lemuel Dean, Arthur Giles, A. R. Jones, Edward Rose, Taylor Staples, Peter H. Spensate, Mel Hunter, John Mitchell, Henry Walker, Walker Martin, Jim Martin, Bruce Mann, Ben Johnson.

A telephone message from the Lick Branch mine at 3:45 stated that sixty-five bodies had been recovered in all and it is not thought that the death list will exceed this. All of the workings where men would have been likely to be found have been searched and no other bodies were discovered. It was the universal impression that there were from 75 to 80 men in the mine at the time of the explosion, but it was impossible to tell, as the checks were lost and the number could only be estimated.

A gentleman who has been helping in the rescue work told a Leader man that the corpses were in some instances so badly mutilated they could only be identified by their feet, the flesh and clothing having been burned from the body. The feet were protected by heavy shoes. The morgue was a gruesome sight, and it is not likely that any one will care to go through the same scenes a second time.

The physical condition of the mine is much worse than it was following the first explosion. That did little damage compared to the last one, which was of tremendous force. The work of repairing the mine will go steadily forward, but the general manager lacks the energy and vital force he possessed after the first disaster. He is not so sure of himself as before, and does not feel the safety that he with other experienced mining men felt after the first explosion. After the explosion of December 28th and the completion of the work of repair the mine was pronounced perfectly safe, and another disaster following so soon was enough to break the spirit of the bravest. The money loss is very heavy, but the company is wealthy and able to stand it. It is the loss of so many valuable lives that weighs heavily on the manager and he has the sympathy of the community.

R. J. McTate is among the missing. He leaves a family of nine at Gary, where he lived. If his body has been recovered, it had not been identified this morning. His wife and eight small children are at Lick Branch in an agony of suspense waiting tidings of him.

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MARRIED AT 101

CENTENARIAN, MOTHER OF 18 CHILDREN, TAKES FOURTH HUSBAND.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 15.—Lettie Baldwin, who gave her age at 101, and who is the mother of eighteen grown children, was married for the fourth time at Asheboro yesterday. Tom Pike, aged 45, was the happy groom. Both parties are negroes.

KILLED HIS WIFE