

THREE MORE TAKEN FROM MULGA; LIST IS NOW COMPLETE

Of 40 Victims Recovered, 2
Whites and 4 Negroes
Remain Unidentified.

MANY ATTEND FUNERALS

Official Investigation To Ex-
plain Explosion and Fix
Blame Begun Monday.

The recovery of three more bodies Sunday from the Mulga mines, is believed to be the last of the victims of the terrible explosion of last week.

Two of the three bodies taken out Sunday morning were identified as those of John Aaron and J. Wilkerson, white. The other, that of a colored man, is still unidentified.

The identification of one of the bodies as John Aaron, in the face of the fact that another body previously removed was so identified, places the latter back in the unknown column.

According to the undertakers, Kennedy and Gaudin, and Echols and Angwin, of Ensley, forty bodies in all were taken out of the mines. All have been identified except four negroes and two white men.

The rescuing party Sunday consisted of employees of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company, headed by Sam Johns, the superintendent of the mines. With Superintendent Johns in the rescue work Sunday were M. McGinnity, Charles Murphy, Tom Stokes, Mark Crane, Dan Thomas, J. E. Swinger, W. Ennis and Monroe Spencer, colored.

Every part of the ill-fated mine has been visited now by the rescuing parties, and it is believed that every victim of the explosion has been found. However, to be certain, another visit was made in the mines Monday morning.

Sad Day in Mulga.

Sunday was a sad day in Mulga. Several hundred visitors were in the place from all parts of the district, some going out to look at the wreckage and others to attend the numerous funerals that took place. The victims were given every attention in the way of burial.

The official investigation into the accident is now on by state and county officials.

Chief State Mine Inspector James Hillhouse, Assistant Inspector Robert Neal and the federal expert J. J. Rutledge, from Knoxville, are going through the mines in the effort to ascertain the nature and location of the explosion. This will be a hard task. No publicity will be given to the report that will be formulated until it has been submitted to Governor Comer at Montgomery.

Coroner B. L. Brasher is at Mulga and has organized a jury consisting of miners. An official investigation is being made with the intention of fixing the blame, if possible. Before leaving the city for Mulga, Coroner Brasher stated that he would select old and experienced miners for jury duty so that the evidence could be understood. A number of witnesses will be examined.

Relief Committee.

A visit to the mines is being made by the sub-committee of the relief committee named last week, headed by Rev. Father J. E. Coyle, General Superintendent Milton Fies notified Dr. M. Newfield, secretary of the relief committee, and a member of the sub-committee to visit Mulga and look after the immediate wants of the families of the victims, that every facility would be offered the committee.

It is stated that unidentified bodies of victims of the explosion will be held as long as possible by the undertakers in order that the relatives or friends may claim them. The bodies will be given a respectable burial in case they are not identified.

The officials of the company express gratification at the interest and offers of assistance after the accident. The men who volunteered their services in the rescue work were brave in the extreme, and the various mining companies in the district came forward and offered not only men, but apparatus to conduct the rescue and investigations.

The work of making repairs about the mines is being taken up at once, just as fast as the state inspector get through with their work.