

RESCUERS DISCOVER TRACES OF LIVING MINERS IN ENTRIES

Is Possible That Other Men
Will Be Rescued In Brice-
ville, Tenn.

FORTY-ONE BODIES ARE
RECOVERED UP TO TODAY

Tells Relatives of Victims To
To Make Hasty Arrange-
ments For Suits.

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 13.—It is believed that Samuel Miller and a party of miners are alive in the Cross Mountain mine in cross entries 20 or 21. The rescue party, headed by Dr. J. A. Holmes and Dr. J. J. Rutledge, is working between cross entries 19 and 22, and it is thought they may bring out more living miners within the next few hours.

A telephone line has been completed into the interior of the mine and a message received from rescuers was that evidences of more life in the mine had been found. The detailed information as to the findings, however, has not yet been reported from the mine's interior.

A mining engineer stated this morning that miners in the Thistle mine, adjoining Cross Mountain, reported that they heard sounds of knocking on the mine wall, which they believed emanated from the Cross Mountain mine as if caused by men picking.

Bodies Decomposed.

It was announced that bodies taken from the mine would be hereafter buried in their working clothes as decomposition has reached such a state that it would be impossible to prepare them for burial. It is predicted that many men will be consigned to their graves unrecognized and unidentified by their widows and mothers.

Traces of men who had wended their way in the carbon-laden air of the Thistle mine were again found. No hope is held out that John Duff and Arthur Smith, the men whom rescuers believed were heard knocking on the walls of the mine Tuesday will be rescued. The chalk marks on the walls indicating the route the imprisoned men had taken are believed to have been inscribed by Duff and Smith. Because of their knowledge of this mine and other nearby mines which head the Cross Mountain channel it is thought that perhaps they found their way into one of these far away entries and there have died from exhaustion.

It is also pointed out by some that they may have hemmed themselves up inside entries. These are the men who, it was reported yesterday, were running amuck in the mine.

Officials state that the Cross Mountain mine covers a territory of about 1,500 acres. The coal is 1,000 acres in area and many entries are abandoned. Some of the entries have been closed for years. Hope is held out yet.

Three Bodies Recovered.

Three more bodies were removed from Cross Mountain mine this morning, bringing the total up to 41 dead recovered. Those found today are Melville McKay, aged 26 years, leaves a widow; Edward Oliver, 22 years, single, and Oscar Oliver, 20 years, single. The Olivers were brothers. They were found in right cross section No. 22.

Hopes of finding more men alive in the mine were again expressed this morning by the rescuers headed by Drs. J. A. Holmes and J. J. Rutledge.

Hopes of Rescuers.

The theory upon which they base this hope is that Samuel Miller, a veteran miner of 18 years experience, is probably at the head of a party of men; that it had been expected more bodies would be found in parts of the mine visited in the rescue work, and as these bodies have not been located, it is believed the men have been led by Miller to some place of safety. They are thought to be in the zone of cross sections 19 to 22 inclusive. This portion includes four entries, each of which extends one and a quarter miles into the coal seam. It is supplied with fresh air from the fan in the Thistle side of the mine. Water is flowing in that area, and on the theory that where there is water there is oxygen the experts believe the men have some chance of being saved.