

DEATH ROLL OF FLOOD NUMBERS TWENTY-SIX

A Hundred Men Are Battling To-Day for the Lives of Three Miners Water-Logged in the Pits of the Lemont Mine.

Unlontown, Pa., July 26.—At Lemont mine 100 men are battling to-day for the lives of three miners believed to be water-logged in the pits. The trio were caught 1,800 feet from the mouth of the mine and may be starving to death in a gallery leading upwards.

At the water's edge far down in the shaft the rescuers are fighting the flood back inch by inch. The biggest pumps of the mine are coupled up and firemen, feeding the boilers that drive the pumps, are relieved hourly.

Hope is dead at nearby Superba mine, where fourteen of fifteen miners were drowned Wednesday and while the rescue work is being pushed rapidly it may be two months before the bodies are taken out. The widows and children of the victims cling to the entrance of the shaft alternately bemoaning their plight and berating the mine owners for not warning the men in time. Thirty children are being temporarily cared for at the company's store.

Peter Evans, 0; John Scanlon, 60, and John Groschak, 25, are the water-logged men in Lemont mine.

In the rescue party are miners who themselves narrowly escaped death in the on-rushing waters.

Alarming reports of loss of life in the interior of Southwestern Pennsylvania and of West Virginia continue to reach here, but communication has not yet been re-established with these districts and the rumors are believed to be exaggerations.

Revised estimates of the flood's victims in Pennsylvania and West Virginia place the death total at 26—fourteen drowned in Superba mine; three missing at Lemont mine; one dead at Wheeling, West Virginia; one at Elmwood; three missing at Smock; two at Linn, Pa., and one man drowned near Clarksburg, W. Va.

The flood stage has moved down the Ohio and the danger of further damage in and around Unlontown was believed past to-day.