

97 Bodies Been Taken From the Eccles Mine

Eccles, May 4.—Ninety-seven bodies have been taken out of the mine here up to this hour. Nearly all of them have been recognized by their relatives or friends. The rescue work progressed well up until the present time, after the main entries were cleared of slate and timbers, which almost closed the passway in some places.

A number of other bodies have been located, but they are some distance back in the mine and before they can be removed additional slate and timbers will have to be cleared away. From the present indication it will require a couple of days to get all of the bodies out, depending entirely upon the progress made by the rescuers.

The pumps are running and there is very little trouble with the accumulation of water in the entries.

It develops that C. E. Richmond who was killed in the Eccles mine was a former resident of Hinton and known here as Ed Richmond. He had been working in the shaft for the past two years. He married Lula Meadows, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meadows of True, who with one child six years old, survive.

Mr. Richmond also leaves five sisters as follows: Mrs. T. T. Huddleston of Huntington, Mrs. Snuffer, Mrs. Doss, Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Bowen of California. He also leaves one brother, James Richmond, of Sandstone, in addition to other relatives there.

He was at one time employed as brakeman and conductor of the C. & O. and leaves numerous friends in this city. He was about 38 years of age. He had been employed as electrician at Eccles.

HUERTA NAMES PERSONAL MEDIATORS

Washington, May 4.—Huerta has named D. E. Millo, a lawyer and Austine Calindo, a secretary in one of the departments to represent him in the proposed mediation proceedings.

This information was given to Secretary of State W. J. Bryan by the mediators today.

HUERTA ATTACKS THE AMERICAN TROOPS

San Diego, California, May 4.

No. 5 and No. 6 shafts are 527 feet in depth. In No. 5 shaft they are working the Sewell or lower seam and in No. 6 they work the upper, or Beckley seam. There is a break-through at the bottom of shafts between No. 5 and 6; this break-through was closed by debris and slate fall. Also, a temporary stairway from the upper or Beckley seam in No. 6 shaft had to be made before an entrance could be made to the bottom where break-through is, the permanent stairway being destroyed by the force of the explosion.

Father Holmer, of the St. Francis Parish, Beckley, says his church membership suffers a loss of forty members by reason of the disaster. Father Holmer, by the way, has been present on the scene continuously, offering comfort to the distressed and standing in readiness to assist in any way possible.

The bodies of Joe Edor and young son, Frank, which were recovered from No. 6 Wednesday night, were buried Thursday morning in the Beckley Catholic Cemetery, side by side, in the same grave. When discovered in the mine, they had evidently been dead for some hours, as their bodies were cold and rigid. The spectacle was most pathetic. The son was held tightly clasped in his father's arms in dumb expression of that mutual love.

Joe Harper, the youngest son of J. W. Harper, of Beckley, who was removed dead from No. 6, was interred in the Mt. Tabor cemetery after funeral services at Mt. Tabor church, conducted by Minister Rev. B. H. Shaddock on Thursday morning at 10:30. A large and sympathizing concourse of friends followed the bereaved ones to their dear one's last resting place.

On the part of the rescuers, Ed Hollandsworth has played an important part throughout. He was the first man to reach the bottom of the shaft in No. 5. He was employed in setting guides for cages and was dropped in advance of the cage by means of ropes tied about his arms and legs.

C. C. Rose and H. F. Wilfong, of the firm of Rose & Turner, have a contract with the Workmen's Compensation Department of the Public Service Commission, for the embalming of the bodies. They are assisted by Mr. Calfee of Hinton and A. Branch Gilman, of Catlettsburg, Ky.

The body of A. W. Broughman who was killed in No. 6 was shipped to Red Ash Island, Fayette county, Friday for burial. The deceased was a brother of C. W. Broughman, of Beckley. He leaves a wife and two children.

Ed Allen and H. S. White, field agents of the Workmen's Compensation Department, are on the ground for the purpose of keeping a record of the bodies and identifying same.

The body of F. J. Lingerman, who was also a victim of No. 6, was shipped to Trinidad, Colo., Thursday, for interment. He is survived by a wife.

L. L. Goodman will be buried at Prudence, W. Va. A wife and five children survive.

Many families lost three or four members in the disaster. Mrs. Sarah McMillan lost two sons and two sons-in-law.

Mrs. Mary Akers' two boys, Wesley 20, and Boyd 14 are missing. They were her sole support.

Mrs. Mary Combs' two sons, her sole support, and her son-in-law were killed.

Mrs. Joe Hockman, a bride of two months, is mourning for her young husband.