

308 MEN

Entombed in Mitchell Mine
at Royalton, Illi-
nois.

150 ARE SAVED

One Hundred Killed and the
Rest Held Back By
Flames.

Royalton, Ill., Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—One hundred or more miners were killed, it is believed, in the Mitchell coal mine here today, when a terrific explosion occurred in the lower level of the mine soon after 300 men had begun work. 150 persons had been taken alive from the mine at noon, 85 of those rescued had been overcome by gas, two died at the top. 100 are now known to be trapped behind the flames in the lower levels.

The rescuers are making few attempts to carry the dead from the mine, using all their time in the attempt to rescue the living. It is now stated that 308 men entered the mine before the explosion occurred. An attempt was made to direct streams of water on the burning level. The gases made it dangerous for the men to approach and fight the flames effectively. Experts said the fire could be controlled only by sealing both entrances to the shafts and pumping water into them until all chambers were flooded. This, however, will not be done until all hope of rescuing the imprisoned miners is abandoned.

Twenty physicians accompanied the rescue car from Benton, and when they arrived, they had their hands full, looking after the wives and daughters of miners, who had become hysterical or had fainted.

St. Louis, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—News was received here Monday that 250 miners were entombed in a mine at Royalton, 85 miles south-east of here on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry. A mine rescue car has been sent from Benton, Ills.

The telephone operator at Royalton said the mine was about a mile out of town and that everyone in town except herself had gone to the shaft when they heard the explosion. She had no definite information, other than that none of the 250 men had been able to leave the mine after the explosion.

A dispatch from Centralia, Ills., says that thirty bodies have been taken from the mine near Royalton.

A telephone message from the owner of the mine said that of the 300 men who entered the mine this morning, about 100 escaped; thirty or forty have been found dead and 100 are known to be on a lower level which is burning.

Murphysboro, Ills., Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The mine disaster at the Mitchell mine at Royalton, 25 miles north of here, was due to a gas explosion. The men had just gone to work. A few dead bodies have been found and a few living miners.

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