

## RESCUE 5 FROM BOOMER TOMB

Miners Who Had Been Buried Are in Critical Condition.

Boomer, W. Va., Dec. 1—The bodies of fourteen miners who lost their lives in Mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal & Coke Company by an explosion of a blow-out shot which yesterday at noon imperiled 300 men, were brought to the surface this morning and taken to the temporary morgue nearby.

Soon afterward a rescue party appeared with five other men who had been buried far under ground, and who, though still alive, were in a critical condition. They were hurriedly taken to a hospital in the hope that prompt treatment might save their lives.

Other parties who had been searching the workings during the night came out with the report that they had been unable to locate any of the five or six miners still missing and their places were at once taken by fresh volunteers, all of whom are working under the direction of the state mine inspectors and engineers from the bureau of mines.

State Mine Inspector Earl Henry and J. W. Paul and H. D. Mason, engineer in the Pittsburgh station of the United States bureau of mines, began an investigation into the accident today.

Governor Hatfield arrived at Boomer this morning and went at once to the mine where he encouraged the work of rescue. Two more bodies were brought out before noon and at 1 o'clock mine officials expressed the belief that no more bodies were in the workings.

All mines in the Kanawha field were closed and hundreds of miners flocked into Boomer. A coroner's jury has been empanelled and the bodies viewed but no testimony will be taken until after the mine has been completely explored and the masses of fallen slate removed.