

Thirty Perish In Alabama Disaster

Victims of the Bessie Mine Explosion

EIGHT WERE WHITE MEN

Cause of the Explosion Has Not Been Definitely Determined, But It Is Supposed to Be Due to Gas Accumulation.

Thirty miners perished in the Bessie mine disaster Saturday. Rescuers, having recovered sixteen bodies, were checked by the prevalence of black damp in the four most remote entries, and fourteen miners, killed by the deadly gas, are still entombed in the mine.

The revised list of the victims of the disaster shows that eight white men and twenty-two negro miners lost their lives. The force of the explosion killed George Washington and Dora Davis, two negroes, who were in the slope. They were beheaded by the terrific blast. Black damp, following in the wake of the explosion, claimed the others.

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Advance rescue crews gave up the hope that more miners than eight, who miraculously escaped death, would be saved early Sunday morning when a considerable quantity of black damp was found in the four most remote entries.

BANKS HOLD MUCH CASH.

Report of Comptroller Shows Benefit of Federal Reserve.

Reports of national banks' condition on September 12, the comptroller of the currency announced at Washington, show total resources of \$14,411,000,000, or \$216,000,000 greater than ever before in the nation's history. This was an increase of \$485,000,000 over June 30 last and \$2,144,000,000 over September 2 1915. The previous high water mark was in May last.

Total deposits amounted to \$11,362,000,000, or \$227,000,000 greater than ever before. The increase was \$485,000,000 over June 30 and \$2,133,000,000 over September 2 1915.

Deposits in central reserve bank cities from May 1 last to September 12 showed a reduction of \$218,000,000, while in other reserve cities there was an increase of \$151,000,000 and in country banks an increase of \$294,000,000. "This," says the comptroller, "is indicative of the healthy progressive effect of the federal reserve act in decentralizing and distributing the money of the country."

Loans and discounts were \$7,859,000,000, the largest amount ever reported.

Sufferer From Indigestion Relieved.

"Before taking Chamberlain's Tablets my husband suffered for several years from indigestion, causing him to have pains in the stomach and distress after eating. Chamberlain's Tablets relieved him of these snags."