

Seventy-One Men Trapped In Mine

Kempton, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Six men are known to be dead, nine are still missing and 52 have been brought safely from Mine No. 42 of the Davis Coal and Coke Company near here, where an explosion occurred this morning soon after the miners had gone to work.

Kempton, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Seventy-one men were trapped by an explosion of a mine in the Davis Coal and Coke Company near here today soon after they went to work. Two reached the surface and rescuers within an hour had brought out 37, four of them were dead and two so badly injured that it was feared they could not survive.

Volunteers were attempting to reach the others.

The mine, which is located on a spur of the Western Maryland Railroad has been considered one of the safest in the region. The working force today had just reached their places when the explosion, which seemed to have affected only a part of the workings, occurred. Rescuers brought out the men who had not been injured and recovered the dead not far from the main entry. The entombed men are said to be much farther from the opening and while hopes are entertained for their safety, as they have all been drilled in mine rescue work, nothing is being left undone to reach them with the least possible delay.

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