

# RESCUE PARTY REENTERED WRECKED JAMISON MINE LATE THIS AFTERNOON

## Much Work Was Required to Put Entrance in Shape for a Resumption of Their Activities—New Cage Has Been Swung Ready for Use.

### CROWD AT THE SCENE IS VERY ORDERLY

#### Absence of Harrowing Scenes Commented Upon By Those Familiar With Mine Disasters—Size of Work Party Causes Superstitions to Talk.

After a full crew working all night long and up until two o'clock this afternoon trying to get preparations completed so that the brattice crews and the mine experts can get into the shaft at B opening of Jamison No. 7 mine where ten men were killed in an explosion which shook the country for miles around Thursday noon, an announcement was made that a crew of nine picked men would be sent into the mine soon to get Allison, who is about 400 feet from the opening, and to get any other victims which may be discovered.

These men will also be expected to carry the air with them by tearing down obstructions and building air routes as they go along. Following these men will be a crew of experts who will venture toward the inner workings where the air is still bad and report their findings. In the second party will be men from the United States Bureau of Mines, state district inspectors and Jamison mine fire bosses and foremen.

The work is progressing rapidly at the B exit, the two regular cage bull wheels having been taken down and the cages themselves which were turned to junk were removed to make room for a man cage which had to be installed in place of the two hoisting cages. This large steel cage was swung into its place at 11 o'clock this morning and men went below to put in the two large guides for the cage to slide down. This consumed the better part of the day, the guides having been in place at two o'clock.

The single fan at opening B, the smaller opening has been kept running since 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. When the cage gets working it will be necessary to build a set of safety doors or an air lock so that the fan and the cage can work at the same time. This can be done without delaying the entrance into the mine of the rescue or brattice party.

The party consists of thirteen men, five of them being helmet men while the other will not use helmets. Those comprising the first party are: William P. Bridges, contractor, formerly used to be mine foreman at Jamison; William Hecker, motorman; Ed Capet, Jr., fire boss No. 8 Jamison; Wilbur Hall, night foreman; Frank Berry, scraper. These men are all helmet men. Those going without the headgear are: J. D. Victor, mine foreman; Bob McKnight, driver; Pat Dunkin, driver; William Berry, machinist; Ed Capet, Sr., fire boss No. 5; Mox Quenon, contractor; Frank Huet, Timberman.

When it became known that the party would number 12, there was a distinct movement in the crowd which was gathered about Bridge who is to lead the party. At first there was a trace of seriousness but it soon died away when one of the men spoke up and said, "Thirteen is a lucky number." This seemed to dispel the fear of the men. Just before leaving for the interior of the mine however, several were heard to say that they would make the party consist of 14 men or 15 inasmuch as superstition about mining towns is very pronounced.

The gang of 13 was ready to enter the mine at 10 o'clock but had to wait until the men working about the entrance at B could make ready for them. While these men were working on the cage at B, there were forces of men put to work to tear down the old demolished roof, clear away the smashed doors and windows and make general repairs to the buildings.

The organization was complete, no set of men in their respective duties interfering with the others. Many men were hired to help with the work of clearing up the premises and in putting the large cage in place.

The lookerson who did not get a chance to enter the roped off section formed an orderly crowd, no officer having been needed to keep it back after the first few hours. The officials from the government and the state mine bureau commented on this and on the lack of heart-rending scenes of mothers and relatives standing about waiting for their loved ones. There was not a sign of one in the crowd who appeared as though he or she had lost a relative or friend. It is possible that if such were in the crowd they have become reconciled to their misfortune and bear up bravely with their friends and companions in grief.

State Inspector Earl Henry commented on the lack of grief stricken. He has been to every mine explosion in West Virginia for the past 15 years. He was at Echles not long ago when 127 were killed. He was conspicuous at Monongah and he states that these two mines, Eekies and Monongah were about the only two that surpassed Jamison No. 7 in force of explosion, judging of course from the outward appearance.

He early yesterday afternoon presented himself to the Superintendent of the Mine Far Iberbower and put himself and his force of men at the disposal of the Superintendent. Inspector Henry, Chief J. D. Parker, who took the position formerly held by L. M. Jones, and men and the several state district inspectors are working together, each consulting and conferring before each move is made.

Mr. Parker arrived at Barrackville last evening from Chicago where the news of the disaster had been wired him. His car is an anthracite region car and is being used on account of the West Virginia car undergoing repairs. Besides the many hundreds of experts who have visited the ground from the entire Fairmont region a team composed of ten men arrived from New Salem, Pa., last night to render whatever assistance possible. These men form the efficient team of the Frick Coke company.

Assisting these various experts and consulting with them are R. S. Cobb, Kanawha; George R. Cook, Thomas; L. D. Vaughn, Grafton; Frank Parson, Clarksburg; and W. B. Ripplinger, Handling the Compensation Commission and the matter are J. C. Moore and T. F. McIntyre of Charleston and Morgantown, respectively. District State Inspector Sam McKelabor of this district at the time of the explosion was in the North Wheeling hospital suffering with gall stones. He was operated on yesterday.

The bodies of L. M. Jones, chief of the Bureau of Mines, and Isiah Leasure were shipped today from the Jones undertaking establishment. The remains of the chief of the bureau was shipped yesterday evening to Pittsburgh on a 4 p. m. train. Leasure's remains were shipped to Mannington at noon today on the Interurban. Interment will be made this afternoon at Sunnybrook cemetery near Manington.

## Mackensen Wins Town in Dobrudja

(By Associated Press)

PETROGRAD, Oct. 21.—An attack on the Russo-Rumanian line in Dobrudja by Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces yesterday resulted in the loss to the defenders of the village of Kojardja the war office announced today. Later attacks on the Entente lines in the same region were repulsed.

## CROWDS GREET GOV. HATFIELD

### Predicts That Corporations Will Pay All the Taxes Next Year.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)

PARSON, W. Va., 21.—Governor Hatfield after campaigning for forty days in the Eastern Panhandle, now lies entered Tucker county today speaking at Flanagan Hill and Manington. He arrived here today where a crowded court room listened to his third address of the day.

The Governor made thirteen speeches in the counties of Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, and Grant being greeted in nearly every place by a greater crowd of voters than ever attended a political meeting in those places. In many towns the crowd overtaxed the capacity of the buildings and in several instances the Governor was compelled to deliver his message to the people from platforms.

"Beginning with next year," said Governor Hatfield, "it will not be necessary unless something extraordinary should occur for the Board of Public Works to lay a levy of even one cent to run the State Government and the institutions, that will be the accomplishment of the purpose of the Dawson tax laws and yet Mr. Corbett says these laws have been a failure and wants to go back to the direct tax method so that the burden of taxation will be paid by the citizens of the State instead of the corporations."

At the instance of County Chairman A. C. Stallings the meeting here was presided over by Wayne R. Durr.