

FOUR DEAD AND FIVE DYING ARE TAKEN FROM MINE

Those Saved from Mine Are
Badly Burned—Little Hope
Is Held for Number Under-
ground

KIMBALL, W. VA., SCENE
OF FATAL ACCIDENT

Bluefield, W. Va., March 28.—
Four men are known to have
been killed, five were rescued and
100 miners are believed to have
been trapped in an explosion in
the King mine of the King Coal
& Coke Co., near Kimball, Mc-
Dowell county, W. Va., at 9 a.
m., today.

Nine men were taken out of the
workings by a volunteer rescue corps
within an hour after the explosion oc-
curred. Four of these died shortly
after being taken out. The other five
are reported to have been badly in-
jured and will die.

A United States bureau of mines' rescue car is being rushed to the scene of the disaster from Milburn, several miles distant. Volunteer rescue crews are working frantically in an effort to penetrate the wrecked interior of the mine in hopes that the entombed miners are still alive.

The explosion occurred in the eastern wing of the mine and the fact that the men entombed were working in another section leads to the belief that at least a part of the number is safe. The danger of the deadly after lamp, however, is very great and it is feared that unless the entombed men are taken out within a short time they will be asphyxiated.

LITTLE HOPE FOR ENTOMBED.

High water in the vicinity of the mine has severed partially telegraphic and telephonic communication with the outside world and has made it difficult to get information regarding the explosion.

The cause of the explosion has not been learned. Residents of the village of Kimball heard the report of the explosion and immediately there was a rush for the mine mouth of families of the miners at work. The volunteer rescue squads which went to work shortly after the explosion, penetrated the mine only a short distance and brought out the nine men. They had staggered out from the deeper recesses of the workings.

Hope for the safety of at least a part of the entombed men lies in the fact that the force of the explosion is believed to have thrown down tons of coal and slate and this, it is said, may have blocked the passage ways and prevented the flames of the explosion from reaching that section where the majority of the men were working. However, there were a number of miners working in the section where the explosion occurred and little hope is held out for any of them.

FLOOD STAGE IS FORECASTED BY RISE OF RIVERS

The Allegheny river is rising rapidly and Pittsburgh will be experiencing a flood stage of 22 feet late today with 24 feet coming by tomorrow morning, according to Forecaster Pennywitt. The up-river snows belated in their disappearance by the persistent cold weather, have yielded to the balmer influences of the last few days and are now swelling the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers beyond their banks.

Forecaster Pennywitt yesterday sent out a warning of a rise in the Allegheny river and predicted a 19-foot stage early today at the Point bridge. The Allegheny river rose four feet at Warren last night and is now within five feet of the 1913 record there. Rain is still falling and a serious flood is feared in all Warren county river towns.

On Saturday there was more than two feet of snow at many places on the Allegheny river watershed, and ice was running along the upper stretches of the stream. Both the ice and the heavy volume of water caused by the melting of the deep snows over Sunday are expected to reach Pittsburgh today.

HEAVY RAINFALL THREATENS.

Rain was still falling over the Allegheny water sheds, while threatening clouds hung over many points, threatening rain at any moment. Over Youghiogheny and Monongahela head-water points rain was reported, but the big rise is due out of the Allegheny river.

At the Point bridge at 10 a. m. today the gauge showed 17.2 feet and the river rising at the rate of four-tenths of a foot per hour. At Olean, N. Y., above Warren, a rise of five feet occurred during the night. Franklin reported a rise of seven feet during the night, while Parker, with a stage of 16 feet, reported a six-foot rise. Freeport reported a rise of five feet. At all the points the river is reported rising at a rapid rate with indications pointing to more rain at points where the rain had subsided.

Police Commissioner Peter P. Walsh, of the Northside district, sent patrolmen through the Northside flood district early today and warned the residents to prepare for a flood stage.

PADDY LAVIN, WELL KNOWN FIGHTER, IS SHOT BY GUNMEN