

Mine Blast Entombs 200 Miners at Clay, Ky., Rescuers at Work

Clay, Ky., Aug. 4.—An unofficial check of the number of men entombed in the mine, made at noon today, indicated the number to be something less than 175. Forty-six had been brought to the surface alive, together with four bodies, including that of Charles Wallace, mine foreman. Of the rescued, 24 were uninjured. The remainder were suffering from burns, none of which were said to be serious.

Clay, Ky., Aug. 4.—Two hundred miners are entombed in Mine No. 7 of the West Kentucky Coal Co. here as a result of an explosion of gas at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Three men have been rescued. Smoke is emerging from the mine.

The explosion, it was said, occurred in the south end of the mine where negroes largely were employed. Debris, it was said, choked the passageway to the north end where the remainder of the force, including 40 white men, were at work.

Thirty-One Reported Rescued.

Madisonville, Ky., Aug. 4.—Reports reaching here several hours after a gas explosion in Mine No. 7 of the West Kentucky Coal Co., at Clay early today said that 31 men, all negroes, had been rescued. Many of them, it was said, were badly burned.

Employees of the company and soldiers of Company C, First Regiment, Kentucky National Guard, are working desperately to save the others.

Superintendent Jenkins, in charge of the ten mines owned by the West Kentucky Coal Co., in this section, is directing the rescue work.

The explosion is asserted not to be connected with the strike troubles.