

RESCUERS BUSY IN EFFORT TO SAVE MINERS

**FIFTEEN OR TWENTY MINERS
UNACCOUNTED FOR BELIEVED TO BE DEAD.**

(By Associated Press)

Clay, Ky., Aug. 6.—Rescuers prepared again to descend into mine No. 7 of the West Kentucky Coal company in an effort to reach fifteen or possibly twenty men supposed to be negroes entombed by Saturday's explosion. They assert there is no hope that any are alive.

Rescuers found bodies of two negroes this forenoon and brought them to the surface. They expect to reach others late in the day.

Working To Exhaustion.

Clay, Ky., Aug. 6.—Working to exhaustion, every minute of the time since their arrival here Saturday morning, the members of the mine rescue crew have not let up in their effort to remove the living miners in No. 7 mine of the West Kentucky Coal Company.

More than forty dead bodies have been removed from the mine. Fifteen were taken out by midnight Saturday night. Some of the bodies were buried Saturday afternoon and others Sunday.

Four bodies were removed this morning. All of them were negroes and badly mutilated. Two of them could not be recognized.

Three Brothers Killed.

Three brothers named Brown were killed in the disaster. Two of them went to their deaths at the bottom of the mine and Dewey Brown was so badly injured that he died on the train near Blackford while being taken to the Evansville hospital. All three were buried in one grave this afternoon in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Negroes in Heap.

The rescuers found the bodies of a number of negro miners piled in a heap in one of the entries. They believe that at least thirty men met their deaths in the narrow passage. Their bodies are being removed to the surface as quickly as they can be reached. The work is being retarded owing to fire in that entry.

Most of Dead Married.

The majority of the dead miners were married and had families, many of them are survived by from five to ten children. Crowds continue to remain around the mine. The wives and children of many of the men who are still in the mine, living or dead, have remained at the mine constantly with faint hope that their loved ones will be brought up alive.

Mine rescuers believe that there are still some living men in the bottom, but they fear they can not be rescued because of the fire in some of the entries.

Clay, Ky., Aug. 5.—Rescue work was rushed steadily throughout Sunday at the West Kentucky Coal company's



**EITEL FREDERICH GETS WAR
COMMAND**—Advices from Berlin say Emperor William has appointed prince Eitel Frederich, second of his six sons, Chief of the First Pomeranian Field Artillery Regiment No. 2.

The appointment was made, it was announced, in recognition of the Prince's services during the war as a troop leader.

mine here but only one body was brought up from the scene of the explosion.

The toll of the disaster is certain to be above thirty-five. The company accounts for twenty-two identified dead, seven unidentified dead were buried here today and between ten and fifteen men are still imprisoned in chambers which gas has prevented the rescuers from reaching.

List of Dead.

The coal company issued this revised list of dead:

Dewey Brown; Albert Brown, colored; Richard Bradley, colored; Edward Brown; Freeman Bailey; Erwin Conley; Marshall Cherry, colored; George Cox, colored; Flem Christian, colored; Ellis Dudley, colored; George Curry, colored; Arch Jackson; Tom Neal, colored; Jim Leaved, colored; Ben Langsdon; Major Lang, colored; Cabell Payne, colored; Henry Sacra; Walter Thomas, colored; Charles P. Wallace, mine foreman; Jim Wilson, colored, and L. T. Wallace.

G. T. Powell, in charge of the bureau of mines rescue car from Evansville last night issued this statement relative to the work the rescue crew has accomplished:

Rescued uninjured	73
Rescued, injured	18
Bodies recovered	25

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RESCUERS BUSY

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Charles S. Richardson, vice president and general manager of the West Kentucky Coal company, issued the following report last night:

Identified dead	22
Unidentified dead	9
Missing	25

Explosion When Current Turned On.

D. J. Parker of Pittsburg, the chief engineer in charge of the rescue work of the bureau of mines, G. T. Powell, head of the Evansville mine rescue car, and J. R. Fleming of Urbana, Ill., assistant engineer of the bureau, were all on the scene yesterday and began an investigation of the cause of the explosion.

None of the government men would make a statement of their findings thus far, declaring it is too early to ascertain the cause with any degree of certainty.

It became known here however, that the explosion occurred simultaneously with the switching on of the electric current which operates the mine and shaft machinery.

This fact was taken to be particularly significant and the belief is prevalent here that the explosion had been arranged for the minute the current was directed through the mine wires.

Assistant Engineer Fleming stated that it has been determined that the explosion occurred when the current was applied and gave in support of this theory the fact that most of the bodies recovered were found at the immediate base of the shaft or in the chambers adjoining it.

This showed, he said, that they had not had time to reach their places of work far back in the interior.

Another fact indicative of this theory, and one which is regarded as more conclusive than all others, is the entry boss, who has charge of the current and regularly turns it on and off, was killed near the switchboard.

The rescue crew worked all Saturday night fighting the blaze in the fan shaft. Yesterday they began bratticing their way into the gaseous chambers, redirecting the foul air currents in order to reach their objective.

While the chambers in which the missing are believed to be imprisoned are within a short distance of the shaft entry, the rescuers are having to fight their way to them by a circuitous route as gas has collected in such a manner as to prevent entering the near chambers directly.

Ellis Dudley, a negro miner, was the only man taken from the shaft yesterday. He was discovered in one of the chambers near the shaft entry. His body was terribly mutilated and charred.

LaRoy Wallace, an undertaker of Providence, Ky., who is on the scene aiding in the preparation of bodies for the grave, declared that most of the bodies which have been brought up the so badly mutilated and burned that it is almost impossible to distinguish the negroes from the white men.

Vice President Richardson yesterday refused to give out the names of the miners unaccounted for. He declared a thorough investigation will be made and said the blame will be fixed by the state mine inspector.

G. T. Powell of the mine bureau, said his men will have to go 5,000 feet before completing a thorough exploration of the mine.

Some of the first miners who were brought out of the pit had recovered sufficiently to relate what happened. They declared that they heard a slight puff just as their cage, which carried the last of the day shift into the mine, reached the base of the shaft. This was followed by a draft of hot air and a sheet of flame which swept over them. All dropped on their faces and crept to the base of the shaft again.

Scenes around the mine yesterday were a repetition of the pitiful assemblage of miners' wives who surrounded the shaft on the first day.

Women, most of them colored, stood all day in the heat of the August sun, awaiting some word from their missing men.

On every arrival of the cage at the top of the shaft they ran in a body to the door of the mine, hoping to meet those for whom they have been waiting for two days.

The company store house, which is adjacent to the mine, was filled all day with miners and miners' wives. The people refuse to go to their homes for their meals.

As the rescuers work doggedly deep in the mine, the star spangled banner floats over the shaft house and the women, with children at their skirts, wait patiently for the men they have been told can never reach the surface alive.

More Die In Evansville.

Evansville, Aug. 6.—Four men, two colored, were added to the casualty list of the Clay, Ky. mine disaster yesterday. Three of the miners died in Evansville from injuries sustained

in the explosion and one body was recovered from the mine shaft early yesterday morning.

Funerals became commonplace in Clay before last nightfall and the anxiety of relatives of the miners still entombed approached hysteria when the day passed with only a single recovery.

No hope was held last night by the bureau of mine officials for the ten or fifteen men still unaccounted for.

The men who died here yesterday were:

FREEMAN BAILEY, 18 years old.

WILLIAM BROWN.

Unidentified negro.

Dr. G. W. Buckner, who is directing the medical aid for the colored men sent here, reported last night that three of the four remaining colored miners are recovering and one is probably beyond recovery. None of the colored men have been identified. Those recovering are still unconscious.

Lemen Gowan, one of the white miners at Walker's hospital, was said last night to be losing strength and his recovery is not expected.

Cecil and Neal McCain, Roy Hunter and Robert Heffling, patients at this hospital, were improving last night and their recovery is considered likely.

A committee representing the union miners to which the injured white men belong, reached here yesterday. Tom McGee, head of the committee, remained in the city last night to look after the men still in the hospital. The other men accompanied the remains of Bailey and Brown on the return trip to Clay last night.

The boddies of Lonnie Wallace, Arch Jackson, Edward Brown and an unidentified white man, all of whom died late Saturday night, were shipped back to Clay yesterday afternoon.

The suffering of the stricken families was alleviated yesterday by the Red Cross of the Louisville district and the Evansville chapter was ready last night to give assistance at short notice.