

CALMLY WAITING AS DIGGERS WORK

WILKESON MINE FOLK PATIENT.

**Shifts of 20 Men Each Battle
With Debris in Effort to
Reach Trapped Men.**

With 20 men to the shift, each working as hard as his strength would permit, the rescue battle in the workings of the mine of the Wilkeson Coal & Coke company of Wilkeson to reach six trapped men, continued yesterday and last night.

The shifts were changed frequently, the men digging away earth and timbers that blocked the way to the chamber in which the men are imprisoned.

Whether the men will be found alive beyond the cave-in, or whether they will be found suffocated or crushed underneath the debris are questions that remain unanswered as the wives and children of the entombed men wait for word from the mine.

Chances Dwindle.

State Mining Inspectors Bagley and Evans were at the mine yesterday superintending the rescue work. They admitted that with each hour the chances of finding the men alive grew slimmer. Though each of the trapped men has children—the total of all families involved being 26—there was yesterday as the day before an absence of hysteria in the mining town and all patiently though tearfully waited for some message to tell whether their fathers were to be restored to them.