

ABANDONS ALL RESCUE HOPES

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Explosion in Gates
Mine

RESCUE CREWS WORKING

Hope for Rescue Given Up With Re-
covery of Nine Bodies of Victims—
Rescue Teams Only Able to Locate
Bodies—Explosion.

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-five men are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion early today in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here. Sixteen bodies had been recovered from the workings at 2 o'clock today and experienced miners in the rescue crews trying to penetrate the choked entry leading to the affected working gave it as their opinion that the nine men still unaccounted for had also been asphyxiated.

Abandon All Hopes

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—All hope for the miners imprisoned by an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here today was abandoned at 2 o'clock this afternoon when rescue crews came across seven bodies in the workings after the blast. Nine bodies previously had been brought to the surface. Checking the workmen believed to have been in the mine, officials said the men still unaccounted for had probably perished.

Recovering Bodies

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—The bodies of nine miners, killed in an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here today, had been brought to the surface at noon from the entry, one and one-half miles from the foot of the shaft, where the accident occurred. Twenty men, it was stated were still in the mine and experienced miners working feverishly to reach them, expressed the opinion that all were dead.

Rescue Crews at Work

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—Seven men are known to have been killed and 22 others are entombed in a room one and one-half miles from the mouth of the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company near here, as the result of an explosion early today. Trained rescue crews from all parts of the Connellsville coal field are working in relays trying to reach the shut-in men.

Initial Reports

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—Five miners were killed and 22 entombed as a result of an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here early today.

As soon as news of the accidents reached officials of the company trained rescue crews for all parts of the Connellsville coal field were hurried here, some of them coming in special cars.

While it was assumed that the accident was due a gas explosion, oper-

FARM BUREAU LEADER WARNS AGAINST DELAY

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 2.—Radicalism will increase in the event of delayed agricultural economic adjustments, J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, declared in an address today at Farmers Week at Ohio State university here. . . . "Personally," he declared, "I approve that constructive radicalism which provokes serious thought. It spells progress. I will go the limit regarding cooperative marketing and government supervision of all public utilities. . . . But I must draw the line on an 'ism' that is destructive and not constructive, particularly if destructive of that greatest of all human agencies—personal initiative."

ating men at the mine refused to make a positive statement.

Company Advises

Scottsdale, Pa., Feb. 2.—As far as known at the offices of the H. C. Frick Coke company, here, only five men lost their lives in the explosion at the Gates mine this morning, although an official stated there were 21 other men in that section of the mine it is possible that all of them were killed.

MINERS WANT HIGHER WAGES

Department is Working Out
Plans to Cope With a
Strike Situation

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 2.—The scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America, which will formulate the demands of the miners to replace the wage agreement with the operators, which expires March 31, will meet in Indianapolis next Wednesday, February 8, John L. Lewis international president, announced here today.

The committee of which Lee Hill president of the Ohio district is chairman, will present its report to the convention of the union which will convene here February 14. The convention, it is said, in miner circles, will approve the report of the committee which it said will recommend a substantial increase in wages for the miners.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Plans of the government to cope with the situation, which might arise in the event of a strike of coal miners, when the present agreements expire at the end of next month, are being worked out by the department of justice, it was indicated today by Attorney General Daugherty.

The attorney general said he was closely watching conditions in the coal industry as they developed as well as the proposed junction of the railroad workers with the United Mine Workers to resist wage decreases, but stated that he was not yet ready to make known the government's policy.