

ORDER 12 COFFINS FOR MEN CAUGHT IN BIG MINE BLAST

Heavy Shot of Dynamite Is
Presumed To Have Caused
Explosion of Dust

RESCUERS GET BODIES

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 8.—
Twelve coffins were rushed to the
mines of the Marietta Coal Co., at
Pinney Fork, where nine men are
dead and several severely injured in
a dynamite and dust explosion,
which occurred last night.

The known dead are: Oscar Nunilly, Paul Nunilly, Kelly Lockhart, J. Ains and Frank Ains. Four men are unidentified.

John Algo was brought to the Williamson hospital.

Three men so far unidentified are said to be at the mine.

Call for 12 Coffins

M. P. Ball, Williamson undertaker, was asked early today to send 12 caskets to the Marietta mine. He was told nine had been instantly killed and three were expected to die.

A crew of 12 men at the time of the accident were blowing out coal preparatory to its removal today. A heavy "shot" of dynamite was put off in a deep recess of the mine.

According to the information, the explosive was not well tamped, resulting in a "windy" shot.

Fire from the blast ignited coal dust. A blinding explosion followed. Most of the crew were instantly killed.

Rescuers Obtain Bodies

Because of the sloping situation of the mine, rescuers had little difficulty in removing the bodies last night and early today.

Relief parties are still digging into the debris in an effort to locate other bodies, but the opinion was expressed that all bodies have been taken out.

The blast occurred about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

As the blasters were "putting off" their first shot of the night shift, a terrific explosion occurred. Heavy rocks, timbers and wreckage were hurled high into the air out of the mineshaft as a pillar of fire and smoke flashed upward.

The Marietta mine is a small operation owned by W. E. Deegans, of Huntington.