

## Finding of One Man Still Living Leads to New Hope That Others May Be Found

### More Bodies Taken from the Mine Tells Thrilling Story of His Escape

Mather, Pa., May 22—Five bodies were brought from the Mather mine at 8 a. m., today, bringing the known death list in Saturday's explosion to 72.

They were the bodies of Sam MacCarto, Mike Dailey and Andy Zazie, and two unidentified bodies.

Mather, Pa., May 22 — Life was found today among the men, trapped in the underground workings of the Mather coal mine.

Frank Buesha, one of the 210 men entombed when an explosion wrecked the workings Saturday, was rescued alive after 55 hours of imprisonment.

The news of Buesha's rescue spread rapidly throughout the little mining village, and new hope was born that more of the 130 miners, still missing, will be found alive.

The death toll stood at 72 and the survivors at 14, when Buesha was rescued by Bruce Veal.

Perched upon a rail waiting for death or rescue Buesha was found by Veal one and a half miles from the shaft entrance to the mine and more than 200 feet underground. He was in Butt 22.

"Bruce, where you been?" Buesha inquired, as Veal entered the compartment in the mine. "I've been here three days now, you not come soon, something choke me."

With the aid of other rescuers Buesha was carried to the mine shaft and lifted to the surface. He was able to step from the stretcher to the cot and seemed free with his strength.

The discovery of Buesha was described in a dramatic manner by Veal who wanted to return to the underground workings, immediately, for he was sure "more men are alive in the mine."

Buesha was in a small dark hole between trap doors. His contentment to remain in one position had saved his life.

"I heard the explosion and started to run, when some one pushed me back," Buesha said. "I could detect gas coming upon me, and I rapidly retreated to little room where I had been working. There I remained, for the gas had failed to enter, and I knew I was safe, if rescuers could reach me in time."

Buesha said another man whose name he did not know stayed a long while with him in the little dark pit but became restless and started to grope his way out.

The rescuers said they passed the body of Buesha's friend, only a short distance from Butt 22, as they were carrying the live man to the surface. He evidently had fallen a victim to the gas which followed the explosion. Three or four other bodies were seen by the rescuers.

The bodies of six more victims  
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Mather, Pa., May 22—While religious services were being held here today for the victims of the Mather mine explosion, the work of rescuing the scores of bodies from the debris of the mine advanced rapidly.

Twenty bodies were recovered during the day, bringing the known death list to 81, the last mine victim being brought to the surface at 12:30 p. m.

At that hour John Ira Thomas, of the State Bureau of Mines, said 25 or 30 more bodies were at the foot of the shaft, waiting to be removed.

Prospects that any of the miners might be rescued alive had vanished this afternoon, as rescue workers reported the finding of body after body of the blast victims.

### SENATOR VARE STILL SERIOUS

Philadelphia, Pa., May 22—Senator Wm. S. Vare was "about the same," it was reported here today. The Senator is ill at his Atlantic City home. Elwood Kirby, the Vare family physician, visited the Senator yesterday and was to see him again today.

### SAVES FAMILY WITH A LADDER

New Kensington, Pa., May 22—Leaping from the second story window of his burning home here today Casimer Wielobob, 40 years of age, secured a ladder and rescued his wife and three daughters from their room.

Three sons and a boarder escaped over a porch roof. Mrs. Wielobob and her three daughters were prevented from escaping by smoke and flames in the hallway of the building.

The fire, brought under control, did property damage estimated at \$3,000. The fire originated from defective electrical wiring.

### LINDY'S FLIGHT IS POSTPONED

Detroit, Mich., May 22 — Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's proposed flight across the Atlantic ocean, via Greenland has been postponed definitely until fall, the United Press learned today.

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were taken from the mine a few hours after Buesha's rescue.

Unless more miners are found alive the death toll may reach 196.

The gloom of death had settled closer today about the little mining town. The townfolks, mostly women and children, had come to see the extreme seriousness of the explosion.

Although dwindling hopes were renewed by the rescue of Buesha, that others might be taken out alive, the tension of sorrow which had held the village for two days broke in nerve racking outbursts of emotion.

Throughout the day shrieks and the moaning of women could be heard for blocks. Now and then a woman collapsed.

The situation around the mine of the Mather Collieries Co. had settled into a dreary routine. Then the rescue of Buesha lent excitement to the scene.

Hearses and ambulances rushed swiftly back and forth from one morgue to another, hammers strummed out hollow choruses on the boards of rough boxes.

The cages on the tall tippie rose and fell, bringing dead bodies to the surface.

The scenes of grief, centered around the two morgues, one in the recreation hall and the other in the little school house.

The first stopping place on the death road was in the machine shop of the mine where the bodies were identified and prepared for burial.

The bodies were then placed in caskets in the recreation hall and later removed to the school house to await the claims of relatives.

Individual funeral arrangements were going forward rapidly today for that will be a task of its own.

Many of the caskets were removed yesterday to the homes and others sent out of town.

The first funeral services were held today, taking on the character of both joint and individual services.

The services, for many Catholics were held during the morning, and Protestants held their services in the afternoon at a central point in the town. After joint services, clergymen visited the homes and conducted the private services.