

164 Bodies Recovered.

MATHER, Pa., May 23.—(AP)—Rescue work in the Mather mine, where more than 190 miners met death in a disastrous explosion, was suspended today, and tonight, the mine was being ventilated thoroughly in preparation for the official investigation of the blast by state and national mine inspectors and county authorities.

The list of recovered dead stood at 164, with some 30 miners still unaccounted for. Most of the missing are buried under heavy falls of slate and earth, rescuers said, and no immediate attempt will be made to dig them out.

The fact that more than 70 men escaped from the mine alive was disclosed late today by F. Armstrong, general manager for the Pickans Mather Collieries Company, owners of the workings.

In addition to the 14 men previously reported as having escaped, Armstrong told newspaper men that William Eden, assistant foreman at the mine had rescued 62 others, including his two sons.