

79 KILLED IN OHIO COAL MINE DISASTER

Several Officials of the Company Among Victims.

Millfield, Ohio.—No. 6 mine of the Sunday Creek Coal company gave up the last of its dead when the seventy-ninth and last body of the men who met death when an explosion and fire wrecked the underground workings was brought to the surface.

Fear that this toll might be increased, however, was expressed by rescue workers and officials of the Sunday Creek company because of the serious condition of 20 men who escaped from the inferno alive.

They were brought to the surface after having spent several hours in the gas-filled shaft.

In an empty storeroom efforts were made by relatives to identify the bodies which were discolored. It appeared that the men had died from the effects of inhaling poisonous gas.

All of those who escaped alive were removed to an Athens hospital. They were taken on trains from the mine to Athens station, where they were met by ambulances.

The dead included all members of an inspection party, who had been lowered into the underground tunnels a few minutes before the fatal blasts. Among them were:

William Tytus of Columbus, president of the Sunday Creek company.

Howard Upson, field manager.

Hubert Lancaster, chief engineer.

Robert Parsons, superintendent of the Columbia steam engine plant at Fultonham, a subsidiary of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company.

Thomas B. Traynor, Columbia, traffic manager.

Vernon Roberts, foreman of the Columbia company.

J. Bergen, superintendent of the Ohio power plant at Philo.

P. A. Coen, vice president in charge of sales for the coal company.

The general opinion as to cause of the explosion was that accumulated coal gas had been ignited by the flame of a miner's lamp.

Although the mine is modern in every respect, mine officials explained it was impossible to entirely remove accumulated coal gas. The explosion caused supporting timbers to crumple and release tons of earth and debris, much of which had to be removed before the first of the victims were reached.