

INSPECTION MADE AT MACBETH MINE

Scene Of Logan Tragedy Entered By Representatives Of Mine Department As First Step In Rehabilitation

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 5 (AP)—The first steps toward rehabilitating Macbeth mine were taken today while mourning families buried the dead from Wednesday's explosion.

Mine department and company officials went down to the entries two miles underground where ten men were killed by the gas blast.

Their journey was only a preliminary inspection. After ventilation in the wrecked section is restored, a jury will be impaneled to determine cause of the blast. A preliminary opinion was expressed a spark ignited gas.

A large group of the 600 villagers at Macbeth gathered at the home of Elisha Watts where double services were held for him and his brother-in-law, Bill Reffett. Tom Tiller was buried at Chattoe in Mingo county.

Services for four of the dead will be held tomorrow.

In the inspection party were Mine Inspectors J. F. White, Young Lawson and Walter Damron, Vice President T. E. Johnson of the Hutchinson Coal company, Fairmont, and Superintendent W. H. Meyers.

After they came out Johnson said:

"We are having a thorough investigation and results will determine what will be necessary on the inside of the mine to put it back in shape and workable condition. It is impossible to say when the mine will resume operations.

"Regarding the physical aspects, in the immediate vicinity of the explosion it was very severe and of considerable violence but this explosion was of local character and did not have particularly violent effect in adjacent territory except a number of stoppings were blown out and of course there were several large slate falls."

While services were being held for Ab Lambert's comrades, the only man who escaped from the blast area told his story. Lambert, who was found overcome by gas related:

"The gas made me weak and dizzy. I crawled on my hands and knees for about 150 feet and then I couldn't crawl any more. I just dragged along on my stomach a few feet at a time."