

# HOPE FADES FOR EIGHT COAL MINERS

Wives and Children  
Wait Frantically  
For Fathers

LOUISVILLE, Colo., Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Two more bodies were removed from the wreckage of the Monarch No. 2 coal mine today making a total of four bodies that have been removed since the fatal explosion early yesterday.

The body of Thomas Stephens 35, mine foreman, was located by the side of one of mine cars. Near the mine foreman was the body of Oscar Baird, 52, a mine laborer. Both men evidently had attempted to find shelter beside the car but were killed by "black damp" the poisonous gas which lingers in coal mines.

Rescue squads located the bodies in an area which had not suffered from cave-in which followed the explosion. They were found approximately 1,000 feet away from the bodies of Lee Ward, 55, and Walter Novinger, 36, which were removed from the mine earlier today.

Four others, trapped by the explosion, were still in the mine. It was expected that the rescue workers would find the other men before night.

LOUISVILLE, Colo., Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Fate of Eight coal miners, entrapped 300 feet underground in Monarch No. 2 coal mine early yesterday by an explosion, was still undetermined today as rescue squads dug their way towards the chamber where the men were believed to be imprisoned.

Authorities held but slight hope that the men were still alive. Rescue squads were working on short shifts, impeded in their efforts in digging through piles of debris by gas masks and oxygen tanks to offset deadly fumes that pervaded the underground caverns and tunnels.

Meanwhile, at the mouth of the mine, wives and children of the entombed laborers, kept constant vigil despite near zero weather and falling snow. With the relatives of the prisoners were scores of workmen waiting turn to go underground to assist in the rescue work.

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