

Seek to Rescue Seventy-one Entombed Miners



This blanket-wrapped rescue squad was one of several working to save 71 men entombed by an explosion in the Willow Grove coal mine at St. Clairsville, O. Two rescue workers were killed in the life-saving work. The entombed miners were believed at the time this picture was taken to be near death because of threats of fire and death-dealing "black damp." More than 100 miners were removed safely from the mine.

Abandon Hope for 71 in Ohio Mine

Rescue Crews Continue Labor To Recover Bodies

St. Clairsville, Ohio, March 18 (AP)—All 73 victims of the Willow Grove mine explosion were given up for dead today, and the state prepared to pay death claims of nearly \$400,000.

St. Clairsville, O., March 18 (AP)—Hope virtually was abandoned today for 71 miners trapped since Saturday in the Willow Grove coal mine.

Nevertheless, rescue crews continued their feverish efforts to penetrate falls of slate blocking the chambers in which the men were caught by a mighty explosion, attributed by mine workers either to gas or coal dust.

The bodies of John Marks, motorman, and Ross McFadden were removed from the mine today at 5:25 a. m. (EST). They were the first of the entombed men to be recovered. Coroner C. C. Hardesty immediately began an inquest.

More than 100 miners reached the surface safely through an air shaft shortly after the blast. Two men lost their lives breathing poisonous after damp fumes in a futile attempt to reach the others.

John Owens, president of the Ohio district of the United Mine workers, surveyed the wrecked tunnels last night and declared he held "no hope whatsoever" that any of the entombed miners were alive.

"However, nothing is being left undone to recover the men as soon as possible," he said, adding that they probably would not be reached before this afternoon.

Experts from the Ohio and West Virginia mining departments and the United States bureau of mines assisted officials of the Hanna Coal company of Cleveland, owners of the mine, in directing rescue efforts.

Four-man squads, equipped with an automatic loading machine, worked in shifts removing slate from the clogged passages.

R. V. Clay, general manager of the company, said about 44 men, working as a unit, were trapped about three miles from the mine entrance. The other 27 were in scattered groups nearby when the explosion struck.

Company officials admitted only a "miracle" could have saved the missing, listed 71 men still in the mine. On the list were Ralph Sutton and John Marks, reported by a rescue worker as among the known dead.

John Richards, mine superintendent, and Howard Sanders, tippie foreman, died in an early rescue attempt without gas masks.

Garner Is Reported Seeking An Agreement With Jim Farley

Washington, March 18 (AP)—Close associates of Vice President Garner said today that he was seeking a political alliance with James A. Farley in an effort to prevent a third term nomination for President Roosevelt.

Such a coalition, they said, probably would offer Farley for second place on the ticket. No information was disclosed, however, as to the postmaster general's attitude. Garner was represented by friends as believing that his own convention strength, combined with Farley's would be sufficient to stop a first-ballot nomination for Mr. Roosevelt.

It was reported reliably that intimates of Garner and Farley have been exchanging views for the last two weeks and that the two men probably would confer personally soon.

Farley has given no public indication so far that he would not support the third term movement. A slate of Democratic delegates has been put forward in his name in Massachusetts with the understanding that they will support the president if he runs.

One southern Democratic senator, usually friendly with Garner, told reporters that the Illinois primary April 9 would determine whether the vice president would be a major factor in the national convention.

"This senator, asking anonymously, asserted that a big majority for Mr. Roosevelt in that race seriously would damage Garner's chances for the presidential nomination. Garner himself was described as believing that the primaries in Illinois, Wisconsin, California and Oregon would make or break his chances.

The president's name was entered in Illinois by supporters of Chicago's Kelly-Nash organization. The president did not approve that action, but neither did he repudiate it.

Former Chief Dies

Asheville, March 18 (AP)—Reuben Francis Lee, former sheriff of Buncombe county and former chief of police here, died yesterday after a long illness. He was 79 years old.

He was the father of William C. Lee, a member of the interstate commission, and Claude F. Lee of Tarrytown, N. Y., director of public relations of Paramount Pictures company.

Officeholders All Like Jobs

Raleigh, March 18 (AP)—Every incumbent but one is entered in the May 25 primaries, and the exception is Governor Hoye, who cannot, under the constitution, seek a second term.

However, there are plenty of candidates for Hoye's job. There are ten candidates, the biggest field ever to enter the governor's race.

The deadline for filing was 6 p. m. Saturday. All the other candidates, with the exception of Lieut. Gov. W. P. Horton, are seeking to succeed themselves. Horton is one of the candidates for governor.

The other gubernatorial candidates are J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, A. J. Maxwell of Raleigh, Arthur Simmons of Burlington, Paul D. Grady of Kenly, L. L. Graveley of Rocky Mount and Thomas E. Cooper of Wilmington.

The Republican candidates are Robert H. McNeill of Statesville, John R. Hoffman of Burlington and George M. Pritchard of Asheville. Nine incumbents will be nominated by the Democrats without opposition, but only Rep. John H. Kerr of the second district has neither Democratic nor Republican opposition.

The other eight are Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, Labor Commissioner F. A. Shuford, Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin, Attorney General Harry McMullan, and Reps. Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, A. D. Folger of Mt. Airy, J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville and A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia.

Bears Child Despite Broken Neck

