

HEROIC MINE

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only visible signs of the disaster below.

Physicians called to the scene also encountered trouble, muddy roads, making the mines inaccessible. Then left their cars two miles from the scene and ploughed through the mud to the mine, where they made heroic efforts to save the lives of the gassed victims.

Officials stated little damage was done to the mine and operations will be resumed after the funerals which were to be held today.

The Nelson mine is located seven miles east of Central City at Nelson, Ky., a town with 300 inhabitants, 130 of whom were employed in the mine.

Bodies Removed to Homes

The accident occurred just after the time for changing shifts. There were in all 130 men employed at the mines. The day crew were all out except eight men. Two men, whose business it was to clean up about the pit from the day's work, and to shoot the coal for next day

The bodies of the seven men killed were removed from the pit

and taken to their homes in and near Nelson. The three men still alive were removed to the engine room, where three physicians from Central City, who had been called out immediately, began working with them.

As soon as news of the explosion began to spread, many miners from nearby towns crowded into the little mining town of Nelson.

John W. Bastin, of Central City, general manager, and principal owner of the Nelson Creek Coal company who left Central City for Nashville, Tenn., turned back and arrived at 2 o'clock this morning.

Town Is Saddened

The Nelson Creek Coal company, of which R. S. Lytle, of Danville, Ky., is president, was running full time at capacity. Orders to keep the property going for several months were said to be on hand. The catastrophe at the Nelson Creek mine was one of the worst the district has ever experienced.

Harlan Alford was one of four others who suffered slight injuries but revived shortly afterward and it was found had no serious injuries. A pall of sadness had fallen over the small mining community where the hand of death had fallen so heavily. Silent men were walking the streets last night, there being not enough shelter for half the miners who had rushed to the scene of the disaster at the first word of news.