



Grim Death

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It is reasonably certain that all the bodies will never be recovered. Some of them were blown to pieces and others incenerated, no doubt. The fans which furnished the fresh air for the workings, as in the former explosion, were not disabled and are forcing fresh air in the mines.

Two brothers named Surratt, of Speedwell, Va., who went to the mine at the time of the other explosion through curiosity, accepted positions, and both are in the mine.

State Mine Inspectors Phillips and Nicholson are at the mine and are directing the work of rescue. Crews have been formed and are venturing in as far as the air is pure enough to breathe in their efforts to reach those entolmbed.

Explosion Was Terrific.

Bystanders at the time of the explosion say that immense clouds of soot and smoke gushed from the mine almost simultaneously with the denotation, and immediately were sucked back in enormous volumes into the mine.

On the Tug river side, four miles from the main entrance, the smoke and flame gushed from the entry, burning the twigs and small limbs from trees that grew near. The damage to the mine cannot be estimated.

The explosion was the most terrific that has ever occurred in this region.

In 1884 at the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company's mine, 360 were killed in an explosion. Today's horror is the most disastrous that has occurred since.

The mine is owned by the Pocahonas Consolidated Collieries Company.