

# TWO RESCUERS LOSE LIVES IN DAWSON MINE

Fire Cuts Off Escape From  
Chambers Where 226 Are  
Entombed By Explosion.

**SUPERINTENDENT MISSING**

Earth-Fall, Protecting Some,  
Now Only Hope Left For  
Those Under Surface.

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 24.—  
Conditions in Stag Canon No. 2 mine have become worse. Rescuers are the latest victims. Today two rescuers, Alan Bose and Jim Laird, died in the gas-filled shaft. They had been on duty since 8 o'clock last night and had refused to come out when ordered. Their refusal cost them their lives. Frank Weitzel, supervising engineer of the mine, is also on the inside and unreported. It is not known whether he has perished.

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 24.—Practically all hope of rescuing alive any more of the 252 miners entombed by an explosion in Stag Canon Mine No. 2, of the Phelps-Dodge Company, near here, was abandoned today. After twenty-four hours of steady work in the gas-filled passages, the rescuers were unable to find more than twenty-six persons alive, so they began to devote all their energies to recovering the bodies of the dead.

## Coffins Line Roadway.

General Manager T. R. O'Brien, of the mine, in charge of the rescue work, declared that the work was progressing more rapidly, and that he expected to recover many corpses today. Preparations for handling the bodies have been completed, and scores of coffins line the roadway outside the mine.

The terrors of the after-damp have been added to by the presence of fire, which is now reported eating its way through the ruins of entry No. 3. This adjoins No. 2 mine, and is connected with it by a tunnel. Rescuers say the fire started in No. 3 and has already cut off entrance to No. 2 through entry No. 3. It was upon this entry that the rescuers relied to reach the interior workings, enabling them to get to the imprisoned men.

So far as can be learned, many of the 252 men as yet unaccounted for are trapped in the innermost recesses of the main entry of No. 2 shaft. If this is so, it will probably be a week before all the bodies are recovered, because of the enormous quantity of debris. It is possible that some of the entombed men are alive. A fortunate fall of earth may have walled up some inner chamber where miners can live. But few expect such good fortune.

It was reported today that rescuers had counted more than 100 corpses in the mine, but had made no effort to take them out while there remained a chance of saving living men. All the bodies, they say, were burned and crushed.

Among the missing are William McDermott, superintendent of the mine, and Henry P. McShane, nineteen, mining engineer, and son of Mrs. E. P. McShane, of New York, a heavy stockholder in the mine. McShane's body has been located.