

MINE NOW BURNING

ELEVEN BODIES ARE TAKEN OUT

MONONGAHL, Dec. 7.—At 3:15 this morning mine No. 8 caught afire, with no prospect of extinguishing blaze, and hundreds of dead miners will be burned. Excitement is intense and the whole town is out fighting the flames.

MONONGAHL, Dec. 7.—(Special.) At 3:30 o'clock this morning eleven bodies had been brought from mine Nos. 6 and 8 and placed in the temporary morgue.

At midnight the following were taken out of No. 6:

FRED COOPER, Fairmont, married.

JOHN HERMAN, Monongah, single.

LONNIE HINERMAN, Monongah, single.

At No. 8 in addition to Stanley Orbon taken out at opening of the mine, Francisco Loria, single, of Monongah, was taken out dead.

At 2 o'clock this morning near No. 8 Howard Preston, colored, of Monongah, was taken out, and also four Italians, names unknown.

At 3:20 the body of Charles Honaker, single, was brought from No. 6 to the morgue.

A fan was brought from a mine near Shinnston and at 2 o'clock was working at No. 8.

President C. W. Watson in a brief interview stated that he had nothing definite to give out as to the cause, but from the small amount of smoke, he judged it was caused by dust, which ignited from a small pocket of gas, or a blown-out shot. He referred to State Mine Inspector Paul's report of the last year, which stated that there was a small amount of gas in these two mines, but that law was being complied with.

He added that these two were the model mines of the region and money had not been spared to make them such. Mr. Watson explained that the two mines were connected for the purpose of giving more openings.

MONONGAHL, W. Va., Dec. 7.—General Manager Lee L. Malone, of the Fairmont Coal Company, in an interview at the scene of horrors, stated that there were 450 men in the mine at the time of the explosion and that he was of the firm belief that all were dead.

Mr. Malone said that the cause of the explosion was as yet unknown and the mine officials could not account for it. He pointed out that there was nothing particularly strange about there being an explosion in both mines at once, one immediately after the other, as the two mines are on the same side of the river instead of opposite sides, as first reported, and explained. An explosion of such force in the one would cause a tremor in the other.

FIRST SCENES

Are Wild Ones And Grow in Intensity As Extent Becomes Known.

MONONGAHL, Dec. 6.—Tonight thousands of people are gathered at the Fairmont Coal Company's mines—No. 6 and 8, aghast at the horrors of the explosions in these two mines this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Men, wives, children, sisters, and other relatives of the ill-fated miners, in fact, the entire town of several thousand people are crowded about the mine openings anxiously awaiting the work of the rescue parties.

ty, but without even the slightest hope of seeing any of their loved ones alive.

DEAD BODIES PILED UP
Relay parties bring no word of encouragement, to the contrary their only report is the finding of dead bodies piled up in the mine pits in heaps of twenty, indicating that when the explosion occurred, many of them rushed to the openings and perished on the way—overcome by gas.

A revised estimate of the number employed in the two mines at the time of the explosions, as given out by mine and company officials places it at 450, and all are believed to be dead.

INSPECTOR TAKES CHARGE
As soon as the explosions occurred the general manager's office at Fairmont was notified and with all possible speed steps were taken to go to the rescue. The explosion threw the town into a state of horror and not until company officials headed by General Manager L. L. Malone arrived upon the scene did there become any organized or systematic effort to cope with the terrible situation. Accompanying Mr. Malone and other officials were a number of physicians from Fairmont. Deputy State Mine Inspector Laure rushed to the scene and took command of the rescue work.

RESCUE WORK DIFFICULT
As soon as the men could be organized for a plan of action forty rescuers began the work. The fans were started in No. 6 at noon and the rescuers went into the mine in pairs of two, relieving one another at short intervals, as the gaseous and dust matter made it perilous to remain any length of time beneath the ground.

TWENTY BODIES FOUND
For fully two hours nothing but wreckage, such as blocks of coal, mine timbers and machinery rewarded the search, but at 4 o'clock in mine No. 6 twenty bodies were found in a heap a short distance from the opening. These were not brought out at the time as the purpose of the searchers was to find if any survived the awful disaster and to bring them out first.

WRECKAGE TERRIBLE
No. 8 mine was badly wrecked at the mouth on the river front, the wreckage of coal cars, four railroad cars, coal and other equipment being blown into the river, but the mine was not closed, and, after the fans were started, after some repairs had been hastily made, the rescue party began its long siege of work of attempts to enter the mine.

The opening at No. 6 was speedily roped off and placed under guard so as to restrain the thousands of people from rushing into danger and from interfering with the search.

ONE LIVE MAN RESCUED
At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a most distressing scene took place at Mine No. 8, when Peter Orbon, a Polander, was taken from the wrecked mine by rescuers. They found him sitting on the dead body of his brother, Stanley Orbon, some distance from the opening. Crazed with terror, he could give no intelligent account of his experience or whether or not others had been killed near him.

Orbon was not gotten from the main part of mine No. 8, but from an opening on the hill side, where he and his brother were at work.

NO BODIES TAKEN OUT
At 6 o'clock no one had been taken from mine No. 8, except Orbon. He was sent to Fairmont to a hospital and it is reported that he died shortly after arriving there.

At No. 8 the explosion wrecked the boiler and fan house completely, throwing them half way over the river. W. H. Boyce, engine house and fan foreman, was caught in the wreckage. His back was broken and other serious injuries received. He was taken to Cook's hospital at

CLARKSBURG MEN AMONG VICTIMS

Fairmont where he died later. Joe Newton, colored, at work on the bridge across the river, was caught in the wreckage of the bridge and seriously injured. At first he was missing but was found later on the bridge more dead than alive.

SOME OF THE DEAD
At mine No. 8, Charles Honaker, coupler, was coupling cars just inside the mine, and his dead body was blown into the river and has not been recovered.

George Bice, a member of the rescue party at mine No. 8, was overcome by afterdamp, brought to the surface unconscious and died shortly afterward.

A man named Stuart of the rescue party was also overcome by the afterdamp. He was brought above unconscious, but soon revived and will doubtless recover.

At 6 o'clock but one man, Orbon, had been taken out of either mine, but arrangements were being made at that hour to bring up the dead bodies, twenty in number, found at the bottom of the pit in a pile. The rescuers are still at work at this mine, under the personal direction of Assistant General Manager Frank Haas, of Fairmont.

MINE OFFICIALS CAUGHT
General Mine foreman Donlin of this mine was in the mine at work, and it is thought he perished.

John T. McGraw, general mine foreman at mine No. 8, is also believed to be among the dead.

General Superintendent J. C. Gaskill, of Fairmont, is directing the rescue work at this mine, and at 6:30 o'clock was arranging to start the fan there preparatory to the searchers going into the mine. Up to that hour no entrance had been made in the mine beyond 100 feet.

INSPECTOR ON THE SCENE
Deputy Mine Inspector F. E. Parsons, of Clarksburg, and General Superintendent John Brooks, of the Clarksburg Fuel Company, are leading the rescue work at this mine, and are assisted by Superintendent Albert J. Ruckman, and John Brennan, superintendent of the West Fairmont shaft, with a squad of some twenty men.

Te afterdamp at Mine No. 8 was very strong and men ventured into the mine at their own peril until after the fans had been going a few hours.

Fred Shaver was the first man to enter mine No. 6 after the explosion and he reports the following surely dead:

WADE COOPER, motorman, Fairmont, married.

JOHN HERMAN, driver, residence not given.

BARNEY HINDMAN, brakeman, single, Monongah.

UNDERTAKERS AND DOCTORS
Undertakers are here from Fairmont, Shinnston, and Clarksburg, among whom are Clifford & Osborn, Sleppy & Warner, of Clarksburg, Harmer, of Shinnston, and Musgrave and Cunningham, of Fairmont, summoned at the instance of the coal company to take charge of the frightful morgue that will present itself when all the bodies are recovered.

A score of physicians are also on the grounds coming from Fairmont, Clarksburg, Shinnston, Chiefton, Farmington and other points to render services along medical lines. Among these are Drs. Fitch, Cook, Brownfield, Jamieson, Bowcock, Duereit, Carr, Yost, Sands, Hall, Alkire Nutter and Amos.

Trolley cars and trains over the Baltimore & Ohio brought great crowds of people from Clarksburg and Fairmont, many of whom have relatives in the terrible catastrophe, all anxious to learn the worst, as all hope had been abandoned that any survived and the only hope that remained was that the bodies at least might be recovered.

Of the Long List of American Miners Known To Be Dead Dozen Lived Here.

FRIENDS ON THE SCENE
Fair Capacity and Equipment Said To Be Best in West Virginia.

MONONGAHL, Dec. 7.—4 o'clock a. m.—It is given out by officials of the two wrecked mines that the number of entombed miners will reach 450.

Mine officials have these classes as follows:

Americans, 100.
Polanders, 150.
Italians, 275.
Total, 450.

The mine records, time books and other information lead to the conclusion that 450 will cover the number completely, but it is not thought the number will fall under that and there exists the firm belief with the officials that all have perished.

LIST OF AMERICANS
This list of Americans in No. 6 mines thus far learned, all of whom doubtless perished follows:

FRED ROGERS,
WILLIAM STARKEY,
JOHN MAHN,
JOHN HINERMAN,
LONNIE HINERMAN,
SCOTT SISKAN,
DENNIS SLOAN,
FRANK MOONEY,
JAMES MOONEY,
ALBERT MILLER,
JAMES MOONEY,
ALBERT MILLER,
JOHN MILLER,
LONNIE MOORE.

BYSE,
BYSE,
ANDY MORRIS,
THOMAS DONALD,
JEFFERSON FLAHERTY,
KIP DAVIS,
LLOYD FORD,
PAY COOPER,
SAMUEL COOPER,
HARRY EVANS,
ELBERT MILLER,
JAMES MILLER,
FRANK SHROYER,
PATSY KEARNS.

MORE AMERICAN MINERS DEAD
The list of American miners in the No. 8 mine at the time of explosion there includes the following:

DAVID RIGGINS,
WILLIAM COX,
VAN THOMPSON,
TOT MARTIN,
CLARENCE MORRIS,
CHARLES STALNAKER,
LESLIE SPRAGG,
HARRISON MARTIN,
JOHN RINGER,
HOMER PYLES,
SMITH,
THOMAS DONLIN,
CHARLES MCCAIN,
L. L. MOORE,
JOHN MORT,
CHARLES MORT,
F. E. SNODGRASS,
GEORGE SNODGRASS,
DAN HYLAND,
PATRICK LOUCKNEY,
THOMAS KILLEEN.

The following were in one or the other mine:

JOHN HANOR,
THOMAS VEVINA,
THOMAS SIRESCO.

SEVERAL CLARKSBURG VICTIMS
At least nine persons, who were former residents of this city and some of whose homes were still here at the time of the explosions, were victims of the terrible horror.

The following list is composed of Clarksburgers, who were in the mines at the time and are counted among the dead:

P. McDONOUGH,
TIM LYDEN,
PAT KEARNS,
THOMAS KILLEEN,
HENRY MARTIN.

J. T. McGRAW,
PAT LOUCKNEY,
DAN HYLAND,
LESLIE SPRAGG.
Many of the relatives of these left for the scene of the explosion as soon as they could get transportation and are anxious watchers of the work of rescue.

BIG PURE AIR CAPACITY
The fans and machinery connected with No. 8 mine for keeping the atmosphere within the mine free from dust and gas had a capacity of 240,000 cubic feet per minute and similar equipment at mine No. 6 had a capacity of 200,000 feet of cubic air per minute. Without doubt the Monongah mines were the best equipped in the state in these as well as other respects for the safety of the miners.

ALL IS GLOOM

Death-Like Stillness Possesses Town Except at Scenes of The Awful Horrors.

MONONGAHL, W. Va., Dec. 7.—Gloom possesses the entire town as never before in the history of Marion county, and, excepting the piteous cries of bereft families, resulting from the terrible mine explosion yesterday morning the town was wrapped in death like stillness last night.

The excitement of the day was no less keen, but not of the noise and demonstration of the morning, the people awakening to the awful loss of life, and being ready to offer every thing within their power to aid the work of rescue. All, with the exception of a few have given up hope and accept it as a foregone conclusion that none survive the disaster.

Relatives still cling to the ray of hope, however, that their loved ones may have been spared, and eagerly seek the reports of the searchers as they come above to get fresh air.

Hundreds of people have been attracted here from Fairmont, Clarksburg and other places in the valley, many of them having friends and relatives among the ill-fated miners and at the scenes of the horrors are seeing masses of people.

MONONGAHL, W. Va., Dec. 6.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon four bodies had been recovered from the mine explosion. There were four bodies just outside the mouth of No. 6 mine. They were terribly mutilated and unrecognizable. Shortly afterward the fans were started to running in No. 6 and it was hoped to get at the entombed miners some time during the night.

The fans were all blown out of mine No. 8 and it was the belief of some that the mine was afire.

It is estimated by officials of the company that at least 175 miners have perished in No. 8 and all may be dead in No. 6. Officials say there are at least 160 men in this mine.

The company and its employes are using most heroic measures to rescue the miners. Scenes around the mines are most distressing, women and children being gathered in large number anxious about fathers, husbands and brothers.

RELIEF FUND STARTED
Today the Telegram starts a relief fund for the families of the victims of the mine horrors at Monongah.

The Clarksburg lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks starts the list with \$100 cash and is ready to give more.

Send subscriptions to the Telegram at once.

SCENES AT MINES ARE DISTRESSING

Women And Children Grief Stricken Burst Into Tears Over No Tidings

HEROES RISK THEIR LIVES
Enter The Mines Only To Return To The Open Much More Dead Than Alive.

MONONGAHL, Dec. 7.—(Special.) The opening of the Monongah coal mine No. 6 is a few feet below the Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Company's interurban trolley line between this city and Fairmont and is situated on the north side of the West For' krive directly opposite the town of Monongah. It is one-fourth mile below the trolley station at the head of Bridge street. There is a high cliff on the north side of the river.

At the sides of the mine opening are the power and fan houses, and from opposite the mine the cars are drawn by cable over the bridge across the river to the mine tippie on the other side of the river.

CROWD LINGERS ALL NIGHT
Through the night the vigil of a large crowd of people did not last from that during the day. Forbidden to approach near the opening because of the barriers of ropes and heavy guard, they waited on the trolley embankment anxiously awaiting above the opening and watching the work of those on the outside of the mine, who assisted the rescuing party. Here the crowd is thick with wives and daughters of the hundred entombed fifteen hundred to two thousand feet beneath the surface, and with tear-stained and drawn faces watch with unbroken gaze the opening.

PITIFUL SCENES
As the rescuers groping and dazed came from the mouth of the mine, they were besieged by anxious ones and bringing no tidings or news of the unfortunate men below there were fresh outbursts of sobbing and cries of grief went up for their loved ones. Now and then rescuers came staggering forth, gasping for fresh breath but to hear from the women gathered near the pit renewed cries of distress and sorrow.

To add further to the mine horrors the walls and moans of the wives and daughters of the entombed miners were heartrending.

FORCE OF EXPLOSION
The force of the explosion was no so great at this mine and did not cause any considerable amount of property damage just outside the entrance to the mine. A big black cloud of coal, dirt, gas, wreckage and other debris was the first warning as it belched forth to startle every inhabitant and within a few seconds the news spread like wildfire that there had been a mine explosion, and there was a big rush of people to the scene.

TERRIFIC AT NO. 8
No. 8 mine on the same side of the river farther up the river, with its opening half way up the hill did not have such an abrupt approach. It is above the trolley line a considerable distance.

At the right of the opening of this mine the power and fan houses were stationed and a bridge below spans the river. Mine cars are run across the bridge by cable.

BOILERS BLOWN INTO RIVER
The engines, boilers and fans were blown into a tangled mass of wreckage to the southwest, with a goodly part of them into the river, together with the north end of the bridge. Here the explosion was terrific, mine cars were blown out of the mine and the machinery completely demolished and scattered in pieces over a large area.

This mine is at a less accessible point than the other and for that reason there were not so many women and children gathered there, but they were collected in groups of two and three and more waiting

anxiously the result of the work of their rescuers.

FOOD IS PLENTIFUL
Everything possible has been and is being done to recover the bodies of the dead miners and to take out any who might be alive. The coal company officials have given their best energies to the work and are yet grimly at work sleepless and hungry without thought of rest until all has been done to reach any miner possibly alive and to recover the bodies of the dead ones.

The company has provided clothing, food and supplies for all who are in need and charity on every hand is being observed.

B. & O. OFFICIALS ARRIVE
Vice President Potter, General Manager Thomas Fitzgerald and Division Superintendent and other officials of the Baltimore and Ohio who had been on an inspection trip to Wheeling and New Martinsville, hearing of the horror, came in over the Short Line last night and offered their services.

PRESIDENT WATSON ON SCENE
President C. W. Watson of the Consolidated Coal Company, of which the Fairmont Coal Company is a subsidiary, with his private secretary, arrived from Parkersburg at 6 o'clock last night on a special, from a trip west, and with the other company officers and others, held a meeting shortly afterward at which it was decided that the bodies of the miners, so far as could be reached should be taken out during the night.

TRAIN RUNS WOMAN DOWN

Mrs. McWilliams, of Grafton, Meets Horrible Death, And Son Will Die Too.

Mrs. Reuben Williams and son were struck by the accommodation train west Friday afternoon near the Beaumont glass factory just west of Grafton. The woman was instantly killed and the boy received fatal injuries and may not survive the night.

They stepped out of the way of an approaching coal train by stepping upon the main track in front of the accommodation. So close was the train upon them that it could not be stopped.

The woman's body was horribly mangled, and the boy had an arm cut off and was injured internally.

BODIES STILL IN MINES

MONONGAHL, W. Va., Dec. 6.—At 8 o'clock tonight none of the entombed miners had been removed from either of the two mines at Monongah, where explosions occurred this morning. The chief efforts of rescue are at mine No. 6, where the explosion was not so terrific.

At this time the rescuers are hard at work digging debris, dirt, coal, timbers and the like away so as to get further into the mine. The efforts are to rescue any live men who may possibly be in the mine, and dead bodies are now being removed.

At No. 8 the rescue work is difficult and proceeding very slowly on account of the afterdamp.

Undertakers on the scene have converted the First National bank building into a morgue to take care of the bodies, and all the caskets possible have arrived from Clarksburg and Fairmont with a special order on the way from Wheeling.

The saloons have all been closed by order of the mayor. The great crowds still linger at the mines. The order is good.