

LITTLE HOPE IS HELD OUT FOR THREE HUNDRED MINERS IMPRISONED IN BURNING COLLIERY.

Only Airshaft Has Been Hermetically Sealed in Order to Stop Flames in St. Paul, Ill., Mine—Women and Children Form Pathetic Group at Shaft's Mouth—Rescuing Parties to be Sent Down.

Cherry, Ills., Nov. 15—Before nightfall it seemed probable the fate of the 300 men entombed in the St. Paul mine through a fire which started Saturday, will be known. This morning it was the plan of the state mining officials, who have taken charge of the mine since the fire on Saturday last, to raise the cover of the hoisting shaft and lower a cage of rescuers to the third vein where, if alive, the men now 400 feet below the surface are waiting. Late last night the air shaft, the only opening besides the hoisting shaft, was hermetically sealed. From the time the descent to the second vein was made by men in buckets, a force of laborers worked until near midnight covering up the entrance with layers of heavy plank and sand. Atward the opening of the hoisting shaft on the top, lies a pile of planks three feet high and tons of sand made the entrance practically airtight.

WOMEN REMAIN ALL NIGHT AT MINE

All night a few anxious men and women surrounded the openings of the mine. The women complained bitterly as the sealing of the shaft seemed to cut off all the air. If it was true that the air would be shut off, mining officials declared that the men, if alive, would not be effected by the total sealing except that it would probably put an end to the fire still smouldering in the timbers and leave more necessary oxygen for the men.

NOT PROBABLE ANY WILL BE FOUND LIVING

David Ross, Secretary of the State Labor committee, who arrived here yesterday, declared last night it was extremely improbable any one would be found living. Richard Newsam, President of the State Mining Board said it would be a miracle if any one was spared.

Yesterday's attempts to send men to the bottom proved futile, because they could not reach a foothold at

the entrance of the galleries from the bucket in which they were lowered. Under the direction of James Taylor, State Mine Inspector, and Mr. Newsam, the regular cage will be lowered to-day. It fits the shaft like a piston and the persons it will carry can step from it into any gallery entrance.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOR RELIEF ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Fanny Buck, wife of J. P. Buck, Chief Clerk of the mine, has organized the women of the little town of Cherry into a society to extend relief and comfort those needing it.

There is no destitution. A party of nurses from Chicago who arrived last night to-day turned into comforters of the families probably bereft. Throughout the little hamlet are scattered cottages in various stages of completion. Families of men entombed are living in the small houses, many still needing glass for all the windows. It seems likely that many of the cottages never will be finished. Undertakers from other towns have been notified for removal of numerous bodies. President Earling, the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, will share the burial expenses of the more needy families at least and offers of aid have come from the more prosperous inhabitants of Cherry.

The Knights of Pythias, the most important organization in town, had a membership of 75 last week. To-day there are only six members. The Rest are in the ill-fated mine either dead or dying.

Football Victim

Washington, Nov. 11—Football has claimed another victim in Archie Christian, the eighteen-year old half-back of the University of Virginia team, whose injury in the game with Georgetown University Hospital this

morning. The body was taken to Richmond for interment.

Social and Personal.

Miss Sullivan of Nelson is visiting Miss Mary Craig.

Mr. James Gillis, of Redbank, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Crammond and Miss Craig were in Chatham Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Irving spent Sunday in Chatham the guest of her sister.

Miss McGregor and Miss Lingley were visiting in Chatham last week.

Mrs. F. P. Sawyer of Reading Mass. is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Murphy.

Mr. Wm. McEachern and son Willie have returned from a shooting trip on Barnaby River.

We are pleased to learn that Hon. J. P. Burchell has fully recovered from his long and severe illness.

Mrs. T. J. Sawyer returned to her home in Reading Mass., after spending a couple of weeks with her parents.

Miss E. Gray, teacher of the Buie School, who has been seriously with typhoid fever, is able to be downstairs.

Mr. Matthew McCarron chief train despatcher left for Moncton this morning, he was accompanied by his little son Carmel.

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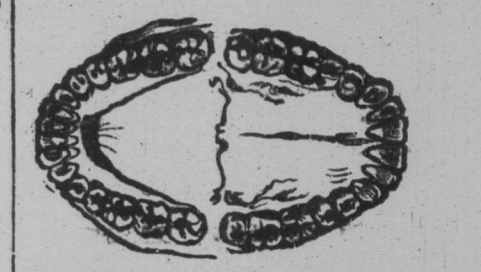
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I.R.C. TIME TABLE.

The I.R.C. change of time table went into effect on Sunday, Oct. 17th, is as follows:

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Night freight, No. 39,	4.20
Maritime, No. 33	24.10
Local express, No. 35,	14.15
Way freight, No. 37,	13.00
DEPARTURE—SOUTH	
Maritime, No. 34,	8.20
Way freight, No. 38,	14.10
Local express, No. 36,	11.05
Night freight, No. 40,	2.20
INDIANTOWN BRANCH	
Blackville dep.	9.05
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