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DEAD NUMBER SEVENTY OR EIGHTY

Rescue Party Working Frantically in
Hope of Saving Some: Two of Rescuers
Give Their Lives

Sydney, July 25.—The worst explosion in the history of the Cape Breton coal fields occurred at 7.30 this morning in No. 12 colliery of the New Waterford district. An official estimate places the number of dead at sixty-two. These include thirty native miners, twenty-two Newfoundlanders and ten foreigners.

About 270 men were in the mine at the time and colliery officials express surprise that the loss of life was not greater. Up to a late hour this afternoon only a small number of bodies had been taken up. The greater number will lie where they are till tomorrow.

Great crowds of people, including weeping women and children still surround the pit mouth. General Superintendent Tongue and a group of officials who were early on the scene went through the colliery this afternoon and report the workings and ventilations are in normal condition.

May Reach Eighty.

There was no sign of fire and it is inferred from their report that the damage to the pit is small. Work is expected to be resumed within a short time. Hiram Donkin, chief inspector of mines, is expected at the scene of the disaster tomorrow. The explosion occurred between No. 6 and 7 landings about 2,100 feet down the slope but as how it happened officials are reticent or profess to be unable to say. Forty or fifty men were working at No. 6 landing when the explosion took place and though there is fear that all will have been killed either by the explosion itself, or by the deadly gas fumes the rescue parties are making strenuous efforts to see if any can yet be saved. Men working at No. 7 when the disaster occurred are among the badly injured and some are believed to be among the killed. Some of the men from this landing, however, are known to be among the saved but with those believed dead at No. 6 and those killed or suffocated in other parts of the colliery the death list is expected to run close to eighty. Rescued miners were driven temporarily insane by the explosion and the gas which swept through the mine. In some cases they had to be put under restraint in order to protect them from their own violence. St. Anthony's schoolroom and the parish hall have been fitted up as temporary emergency hospitals and scores of the injured and gassed men are now being treated there by doctors from different points and by nurses from Glace Bay, Dominion and other places.

Officials Gassed.

Angus R. McDonald, manager of the colliery with Superintendent Alex. MacEachern, led the rescue work and its supervision and Manager McDonald was himself overcome by the gas on one of his trips down the pit and was brought to the surface in a semi-conscious condition. He is now partially recovered. Superintendent Alex. McNeill, No. 2 colliery, who hastened to take part in the rescue efforts was also overcome and at the time of telephoning he is unconscious. Deputy Mine Inspector McIntosh is also among the many on hand helping to get the situation under control. Down in the mine shaft some bodies are reported to have been discovered with heads and limbs blown off and others mutilated in various ways. A rescue party which reached No. 6 landing where the explosion took place found the bodies of twenty-two men and another party reaching No. 7 found seven more. Among the English-speaking miners who are known to have been working at No. 7 are John D. McKay, Thomas Durham, George Delaney, Michael Curry, Joseph Steel, Thomas Murphy, Archie Cameron. It is not yet known whether these men are living or dead but there are grave fears that the worst has happened. Mr. McKay, one of the best known miners of the district, was treasurer of the local branch of the Amalgamated Mine Workers.

It is now believed that the explosion was caused by the first shot fired when the men went into the pit this morning. A heavy fall of coal is reported to have taken place at No. 7 landing blocking the way to the landing. Rescue parties going to the landing have had to approach it by another route than that usually used.

Two Rescuers Suffocated.

Heroic work is being done by scores of volunteers and two of the young men who went down into the pit this morning on rescue work have been suffocated and now lie dead, Jack McKenzie of New Waterford, a son of Daniel McKenzie, and Philip Nicholson. Dr. D. J. Hartigan has been among those working to save any of the pit who might still be living. Dr. Hartigan was down in the mine with a rescue party this morning and was partly overcome by gas but

rescued by the other men. He is now recovering from his injuries.

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PLAYED TWO ROLES, SPY AND ANARCHIST

Former Head of Russia's Fighting
Socialists is Prisoner in Germany

Betrayed Colleagues—Was Hunted by
Revolutionists and Reported as As-
sinated

Copenhagen, July 26.—Berlin newspapers received here report that Eugene Azeff, who eight years ago was the head of the Russian fighting socialists, is among the Russian civilians interned in Berlin. Azeff fled from Paris after Vladimir Bourzef, a Russian revolutionist, had charged him with being a police spy in order to escape the vengeance of the revolutionists and became a wanderer, traveling under various names. When the war broke out Azeff was in Germany and was interned, according to the report. Later he fell sick, and was removed to a hospital and finally appealed to the Russian prisoners-of-war committee for assistance.

Azeff at the time the disclosures were made against him was reported to have played the double role of Russian socialist and spy for the Russian secret police for eight years. He is said to have facilitated the arrest of hundreds of revolutionists, disclosed dozens of plots against high officials and even to have been the organizer of assassinations. Among the high personages whom Bourzef charged met death as a result of his machinations were Grand Duke Sergius and M. von Plehve, Russian minister of the interior. After the revelations of Bourzef it was asserted that Azeff was being hunted by the revolutionists, who had sworn vengeance on him. In 1910 Azeff was reported to have been assassinated in Wiesbaden.

Concluded "Separate Peace"

Russian Regiments Actually Made Terms
With Hindenburg

Russian newspapers which arrived on Sunday in New York indicate that the offensive begun recently on the Russian front was undermined by an insidious German influence operating right in the Russian ranks, and actually causing the general of the regiments to conclude a separate peace with Hindenburg. These conditions, reported by Krensky himself to the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates, explain the events of the last few days when certain Russian units in Galicia, among them the 607th Mylov Regiment, voluntarily quit the trenches and gave the Germans an

opportunity to develop a successful attack.

It was to prevent such occurrences that Krensky, according to the accounts contained in the Retch, had to remain at the front almost constantly during the last month. Despite his popularity with the great mass of the Russian soldiery, and the eagerness of most of the soldiers to follow him into battle, Krensky appears to have been unable to eliminate entirely the disaffection in certain quarters of the front where the "Bolsheviki" or extremists, were agitating separate peace.

With the exception of those isolated sections of the front, Krensky found the Russian army loyal to the revolutionary government and eager to fight the war to a victorious end. On returning after his tour of the front, where he worked hard to re-establish discipline and organization, the war minister, now premier, announced to the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates that he had great faith in the offensive possibilities of the Russian army and in the loyalty of the soldiers.

He did not close his eyes, however, to the fact that in certain quarters of the front the soldiers were irresponsible and rebellious to authority. He reported that he encountered a regiment on the Galician front that, despite his urgings and appeals, deliberately laid down its arms because it had already concluded a written peace with von Hindenburg on the basis of no annexations or indemnities.

"When I asked the soldiers what was to be done about it," the war minister declared, "they replied 'That is your own business. So far as we are concerned, we are through. We have concluded peace with the enemy.'"

"I have frequently been asked," continued Krensky, "what steps should be taken with such demoralizing elements in the army, and my reply has always been that I am minister of war of the Revolutionary government and that liberty of speech and thought was sacred to me from whatever source it emanated. But I shall not permit any undertaking hostile and destructive to the security of the government, such as insurrection compared to the present attacks upon me. Strength lies in justice and in a free respect of the will of the nation, and the duty of the majority. And I feel certain that the army and navy will do their duty and render themselves obedient to the will of the majority."

Krensky denied that Lenin was responsible for the separate peace negotiations which were undertaken with the enemy by some regiments. Lenin, he admitted, was stirring up a lot of radical ferment in the ranks, but he was not a party to the peace negotiations. Krensky declared that the source of the negotiations had not been definitely located, excepting that it was generally identified with German agents who attached themselves assiduously to the more radical and extremist factions in the ranks.

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Worth \$5.00... For \$3.98		BOYS' BLOUSES		LADIES' RAINCOATS	
MEN'S RAINCOATS		Worth 60c... For 39c		Worth \$1.00... For \$1.00	
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MEN'S RAINCOATS		Worth 60c... For 39c		Worth \$1.00... For \$1.00	
Worth \$8.50... For \$6.98		BOYS' BLOUSES		LADIES' RAINCOATS	
MEN'S RAINCOATS		Worth 60c... For 39c		Worth \$1.00... For \$1.00	
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MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS		Worth 60c... For 39c		Worth \$1.00... For \$1.00	
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Worth 50c... For 39c		BOYS' BLOUSES		Worth \$1.00... For \$1.00	
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It is stated upon good authority that the city appointees will not be protected. The persons of the last commission—Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, Mr. E. Scully, George Maxwell and Mayor R. Hays, with M. D. Sweney as secretary. It is said that A. H. Welmore, W. Frank Hatheway or W. F. Burdett are likely to be nominated to represent the board of trade.

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