

FIRE DEMON YIELDS BEFORE RELENTLESS WORK OF MINERS

ALL DANGER PAST AT BUNKER HILL-- BENTZ IS MISSING

NO CHANCE FOR FIRE TO
BREAK OUT AGAIN—RESCUE
MEN BUSY.

Company Mined 600 Tons of Ore
Yesterday—Men to be Returned to
Work as Rapidly as Possible—
Some Water Trouble.

KELLOGG, Oct. 9.—The fire in the Bunker Hill & Sullivan is fast turning into history and this evening had ceased to be the source of worry for the company. There is still a little smudge in the timbers, but with water on all four sides it can scarcely be conceived that it could flare up again and cause any additional trouble.

The one thing now engaging the attention of the rescue men in the mine is the fate of Frank Bentz, the pumpman. His dinner bucket was found Tuesday on the No. 12 level, but nothing else to indicate where he might be, has been discovered.

While the rescue men who were in the work Tuesday were certain the man could not have lived in the gas which penetrated the bowels of the mine, there was a new ray of hope, a faint one, today. Joseph Astin, the chief engineer, reported that there was a considerable amount of the compressed air which was pumped into the mine which could not be accounted for and his theory, backed by some of the men, is that Bentz may have followed a pipe line and gotten into one of the drifts where he opened a valve and thus has been able to secure an abundant supply of fresh air.

Searchers Are Busy.

All this afternoon a crew of men headed by Mose Eva and Joe Trounce worked through the lower levels for the man, but found no trace. It is argued that if he were still alive in the mine he might be reached by rapping on the pipes, these being good sound conductors. Not a sound has been heard. The other possibility is that he has been drowned in the No. 13 level, but there is nothing floating on the surface of the water to bear out this theory.

Mine Produces Ore.

That the worst of the trouble is over is indicated by the fact that the mine produced 600 tons of ore yesterday, chiefly on the Sullivan side, about one-half of the normal output. This was hauled out to the mill and it is again in operation.

"We will soon be back to normal conditions," said Manager Stanly A. Easton. "The fire is virtually over and we will start putting more men back at work at once, more going in tomorrow and still more the next day. The rescue parties are still hunting for poor Bentz and it is hard to frame a theory as to what has become of him."

Mr. Easton was back at the work of directing the fire fighting at 2 o'clock this morning, having taken a short rest. He worked throughout the day at the mine.

No. 13 Level Flooded.

The No. 13 level is completely flooded and Mr. Easton stated last night that it would probably be a month before it could be pumped out. When the pumps stopped the water rose rapidly and at noon today was within 150 feet of the No. 12 level. The big electric pump at 12 has been started and there is no possible danger of the water inundating any of the upper levels. No. 13 was the least important in the mine, a thousand or two feet of cross cuts being the principal workings there. The fact that this part of the mine will be closed down for a month will mean absolutely nothing in cutting down the mine's normal output.

The pumps on No. 13 level are many feet under water and cannot be touched. They include two electric pumps and three air operated pumps. Two big pumps have been ordered to be installed at No. 12 level and these will eventually drain the mine.

The mine management feels happy over the fact that in fighting the fire there were no casualties, save that of Bentz, if he be lost. The work was hazardous and the men showed excellent judgment, the train-

ing in such work proving a big asset.

Mine Rescue Car Coming.

Word was received this evening that the mine rescue car was at Tekoa and that it would arrive in Kellogg tomorrow. While the work is practically finished the men with the car may be able to lend valuable assistance in effectually stamping out the last trace of the fire.

The gas is far less troublesome than it was and all day the men were able to work underground without the aid of the helmets. During the morning a thorough search was made through No. 10 level and there was little gas found and not enough to be dangerous. The rescue parties are working slowly and are taking no chances with gas, but have found nothing to bother them greatly. Fred Porter, master mechanic, was down to the No. 12 level and farther, early this morning and reported the gas not nearly as bothersome as it has been.

The work of getting the skips into place, the electric hoist put into working order and the men back of work will be the chief work for tomorrow. The electric hoist was not

WOULD COMBINE USE OF
BELL TELEPHONE CO.
AND WESTERN UNION

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—In his annual report today President Vail of the Western Union Telegraph company advocated the combined use of the telegraph company and the Bell Telephone company.

ODD FELLOWS ARE PREPARING FOR A RECORD GATHERING

NEAR 1000 ARE EXPECTED TO
IN WALLACE MONDAY FOR
GRAND LODGE SESSION

Special Train Will Bring Big
Idaho Delegation—All
Railroads Offer Extra Rate
ments.

With arrangements made for accommodation of the large number ever brought to this city, the program of entertainment for the Wallace stands now ready to receive members of the Odd Fellows, Daughters of Rebekah and this city Monday for the annual grand lodge session. The point to an excellent gathering and it is the in charge of arrangements for the meeting will be seen it is well attended.

Present prospects guarantee the right to believe of visitors who will number exceed 900 and possibly 1000 mark and it is large that the attendance that they are

Special Train
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