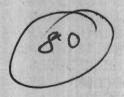
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They spoke in whispers outside bitter heart Colliery,
near Charleroi. The mine was on fire; more than 270
men were below. Rescue gangs were hurried to the main
shaft, hurrying with no thought of danger to the aid of
their comrades cut off from escape, many of them more than
3,000-feet below the surface. Women tried hard to believe
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There was still hope. Quickly mobilised were hospital staffs, on the scene some time before any injured miners were brought up. The bodies of eight dead men were recovered, named all killed by sufficiation, not burns. Seven were rescued alive. Soon after eight in the morning a hopper bin seal down the shaft, short circuiting electric cables and starting the fire.



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After long hours at the pit head hope faded. It was feared that this would be the worst mining disaster Belgium had ever known.