

THE TERRIBLE MINE TRAGEDY IN MARCINELLE.

270 mineworkers are buried alive at 765 meter. They are blocked by a wall of flames.

While the men were working at 975 meters, a chariot derailed, cutting an electric cable which caused a short-circuit, setting fire to the gallery. The fire took a rapid extension and a few minutes later the cable of the lift brake through, melted by the raging fire.

Rescuers with gas-masks tried to get down in the mine, but they had to turn back, their heavy rubber boots melting on their feet.

Only 4 mineworkers were saved from the mine up to now. Several victims were brought out of the mine by the rescuers.

In the evening King Baudouin and several members of the government arrived at the place of the tragedy.

About 250 mineworkers are still blocqued in the mine and ^{there} ~~the~~ remains only a very small chance that they will saved alive.

