

## MINE CONTEST TO BE HELD IN W. VIRGINIA

**International First Aid and Mine  
Rescue Contests to Be Held  
in September.**

The approval of Secretary Work of the interior department has been given to the designation of Huntington, West Virginia, as the place for the holding of the Seventh International First Aid and Mine Rescue contest in September, the exact date to be determined later.

The International First Aid and Mine Rescue contests are held annually under the auspices of the bureau of mines, with the co-operation of the American National Red Cross, the National Safety Council, and various mine operators' associations and miners' organizations, with the object of furthering the work of training miners in first aid and mine rescue methods, and the consequent advancement of the cause of safety among the million miners of the United States. A feature of the meet will be the awarding of the congressional medal which is given annually to the team of miners adjudged to be most thoroughly skilled in first aid and mine rescue methods. In addition, various prizes offered by co-operating agencies are awarded. The bestowal of these prizes is based on the facility and efficiency displayed by the different teams in the solution of problems involving the performance of imaginary feats of rescue and resuscitation of miners overcome or entombed at mine disasters.

Another interesting feature of the meet will be the awarding of the medals offered annually by the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association in commemoration of notable deeds of heroism performed by miners in succoring their comrades imperiled at mine fires and disasters. The selection of the individual miners to receive these medals will be made by the directors of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association in March. It is anticipated that as many as eighty teams of trained miners, from twenty or more mining states, will compete in the contest. At the sixth contest held at Salt Lake City last year, seventy-six teams participated. Teams of trained miners from Mexico and Canada and representatives of Great Britain, France and Belgium have taken part in past meets. The first prize in the first aid events at the 1923 contest was won by a team from the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, Great Falls, Montana. The first prize in the mine rescue events was won by a team from Benton, Illinois, coal district.

# MINE CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

## Rescue Competition to Be Held in West Virginia During September.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Several thousand invitations to attend and participate in the fourth international first-aid and mine-rescue contest to be held at Huntington, W. Va., September 11, 12 and 13, have been sent out by the department of the interior. The invitations are being mailed to the coal and metal mining companies of the country, quarry operators, metallurgical plants, local unions of the United Mine Workers of America, petroleum refiners, the larger oil-producing companies, pipe line operators, the mine inspectors of the various states and to the mining officials of various foreign countries, including England, Canada, Mexico, France and Belgium. Metal mining companies operating in Mexico, and the larger coal mining companies of England and Canada are also being invited to attend the contest.

The contest will be held under the auspices of the bureau of mines, with the cooperation of the West Virginia department of mines, the Huntington chamber of commerce, the American National Red Cross, the National Safety council and various mine operators' associations and miners' organizations. It is anticipated that as many as eighty teams of trained miners will compete for the various prizes offered for proficiency in first-aid and mine-rescue work.

The department calls attention to the fact that more than 115,000 miners have already been trained in first-aid to the injured and mine-rescue methods by the bureau of mines. This event promises, it is stated, to be an important one for the promotion of safety and efficiency in mining. A large attendance of miners is expected at the contest, and it is anticipated that many prominent representatives of the industry who have taken a keen interest in the promotion of industrial safety will be present.

The contests will be for the international championships. International contest cups, medals and prizes will also be awarded. The judging of the events will be according to bureau of mines standards by judges familiar with first-aid and mine-rescue work. Entries for competing teams will close on August 27.

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# MINE RESCUE MEET IN W. VA.

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