

## First-Aid and Rescue Work for Miners

**T**HE Fourth International First-Aid and Mine-Rescue contest, open to all miners, quarrymen, and workers in metallurgical plants, will be held at Springfield, Ill., September 10, 11 and 12, 1925, under the auspices of the bureau of mines, Department of Interior. These 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.

The first-aid and mine-rescue contests will be for international championships, and international contest cups, medals and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Proficiency of contesting teams will be determined in accordance with bureau of mines'

standards by judges thoroughly familiar with first-aid and mine-rescue work. 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. Another interesting feature 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.

More than 130,000 miners have already been trained in first-aid-to-the-injured and mine-rescue methods by the bureau of mines, and this event promises to be an important step toward the promotion of safety and efficiency in mining. Entries will close August 26. No fee is required for entering a team. Entry blanks, together with the general rules of the contest, can be obtained from the Bureau of Mines, 4800 Forbes street, Pittsburgh. It is expected that each team will provide its own equipment.

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# Rescue Team of Madison No. Nine Preparing for Meet

Carterville Herald:

The rescue and first aid teams of Madison No. 9 and 12, will leave here Sept. 8, for Springfield to take part in the national meet of mine rescue and first aid work. The men have been practicing hard and are preparing to put up a warm contest to win the national honors.

The men will be gone for several days. There are five men on the mine rescue team and five on the first aid team. An extra man is allowed to take the place of any member who may become disqualified in some way or substitute in case of illness of a regular member.

The First Aid Team is: Hugh Keil, Captain; Harry Carney, Ed Harper, Charlie Krest, Noah Halstead.

The Rescue Team is composed of: Hugh Keil, Chas. Johnson, Harry Carney, Fred Evett, Noah Halstead.

## Mine Rescue Teams Compete at Capital

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*By Associated Press Leased Wire.*

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## MINES SAFETY CONTESTS PLANNED

More Efficiency in Mine Safety  
Work Is Purpose of Inter-  
national Meeting.

Governors of 28 coal or metal mining States have been invited by Secretary of Commerce Hoover to designate an appropriate State official to attend the Fourth International First Aid and Mine-Rescue Contest to be held at Springfield, Ill., September 10, 11 and 12, under the auspices of the Bureau of Mines.

The International First Aid and Mine-Rescue Contests, open to all miners, quarrymen, and workers in metallurgical plants and in the petroleum and natural gas industries, are held annually under the auspices of the Bureau of Mines, with the cooperation of the American National Red Cross, the National Safety Council, and various mine operators' association and miners' organizations. Contests for international championships in first aid and mine rescue methods are conducted, and various cups, medals and prizes are awarded the winners. The Congressional medal, given annually to the team of miners adjudged to be most thoroughly skilled in first aid and mine rescue practice, will be awarded at the meet. Another interesting feature of the contest will be the bestowal of medals offered annually by the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association in commemoration of notable deeds of heroism performed by miners in succoring their comrades in time of peril or disaster.

Practically 140,000 miners have been trained by the Bureau of Mines the first-aid-to-the-injured or mine-rescue methods, and this event is expected to assist materially in furthering the Bureau's training work and its general campaign for safer conditions among the million miners of the United States. In addressing the different Governors, Secretary Hoover pointed out that experience has proved that these meets are among the most effective agencies in promoting safety in mining and metallurgical industries, and that they are heartily supported by these industries through sending first aid and mine rescue teams from States as wide separated as Virginia and Washington and Minnesota and Texas, to compete in the contests.

The states concerned in addition to Illinois are: Washington, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Montana, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Dakota.

# MINE RESCUE CONTEST WON BY BELLEVILLE

## Capture Highest International Honors At Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 13 (By Associated Press)—Highest honors in the international mine rescue and first aid contest were awarded to Mine Rescue Team No. 2 of Belleville, Ill., here tonight. The winning team had a score of 92.4 and was captained by D. Stuart, Belleville.

The second prize in the mine rescue contest was awarded to Team No. 8, representing the Superior Coal company of Gillespie, Ill., under Captain James Struthers. Third prize was given to the team from Cumberland, Wyo., captained by Lyman Feran.

Team No. 7 of Zanesville, Ohio, working under Captain Curt Nagler won high honors in the first aid contest with a rating of 99.04. The Clinton, Ind., team under Captain Timothy Golden took second place in first rating 89.99 and Great Falls, Mont., team under Captain Leon J. Derauleau, third with a rating of 98.76.

The silver cup was presented the Belleville team winning all high honors in the meet by the national safety council. Other trophies won by this team are:

The congressional bronze medallion for permanent possession; a silver cup from the Rocky Mountain industry to be held until next meet; a silver cup from the Rocky Mountain News, and Denver Times to be held until the next international contest; the Concordia Electric company; the "Colliery Engineers" silver cup; and the gold medals of the National Safety Council.

The Joseph A. Holmes challenge trophy to be held until the next national or international meet was awarded to the Southern Coal Coke & Mining company of Belleville. This trophy always goes to the company organization whose first aid team has the highest average rating in both first aid and mine rescue.

The Zanesville, Ohio, team by taking honors in the first aid contests won a congressional bronze medallion, a silver cup given by Illinois coal operators and mine workers, and the "Colliery Engineers" silver cup.

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# Mine Rescue Contest Opens

(By the Associated Press.)

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 10.—The first-aid and mine rescue meet opened at the state arsenal today with 66 mine teams registered and four more teams expected. The morning was taken up with registration and oral examination in the use of first aid and mine rescue equipment. Nearly 1000 miners, visitors and men prominent in safety work throughout the country were here and this number is expected to go above 1,500 when the contest gets under way.



# INTERNATIONAL MINE RESCUE CONTESTS IN SPRINGFIELD

## Congressional Medal Will Be Awarded to Most Skillful Team

(By United Press Leased Wire)  
Springfield, Ill., Sept. 9—Representatives from many states of the union are expected to attend the fourth international first aid and mine rescue contest to be held in this city September 10, 11 and 12, under the auspices of the bureau of mines.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover has asked the governors of twenty-eight coal or metal mining states to designate an appropriate officer to attend the exhibition, open to all miners, quarrymen and workers in metallurgical plants and in the petroleum and natural gas industries. A congressional medal, given annually to the team of miners adjudged to be the most skillful in first aid and mine resource practice will be awarded here. In addition, medals offered annually by the Joseph A. Holmes Safety association in recognition of notable deeds of heroism performed by miners in saving their comrades in time of peril or disaster, will be publicly bestowed.

It is estimated that the bureau of mines has trained 140,000 miners in first aid or rescue methods and the coming event here is expected to assist materially in furthering the training department of the bureau, as it has been found that such gatherings are among the most effective agencies in promoting safety in mines and metallurgical industries. Teams are expected here from states as far west as Washington and as far south as Texas.

## RESCUE CREWS IN MINE COMPETITION

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 10—(A.P.)—International first aid and mine rescue meet convened at the state arsenal here today with sixty-six mine teams registered and four more teams expected.

The morning was taken up with registration and oral examination in the use of first aid and mine rescue equipment.

Nearly a thousand miners, visitors, governors' representatives and men prominent in safety work throughout the country are here and this number is expected to go above 1,500 when the contests get under way.

William B. Wilson, former secretary of labor, will be the chief speaker delivering addresses Friday at Lincoln's tomb and Saturday at a banquet.

International honors in the form of cups, medals and prizes will be awarded the teams finishing in the different competitions.