

After the fire, miners from the area gathered to form rescue teams, especially Welshmen.

The disaster was called "A Welsh Tragedy" because 69 of the victims were of Welsh heritage, many of whom were recent arrivals from Wales.

Lewis Sylvan Jones, Wilkes-Barre Coal & Iron Co. Empire Shaft mine boss and one of the "original 23" of A.I.M.E. in 1871, was a volunteer foreman of one crew of the recovery party.

