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Arigid censorship has been clamped on the camp and the boys have evidently been cautioned against giving out any information.

District Attorney Edwin Tompkins, who is making a thorough investigation of the affair, was also refused information from those in charge of the Federal investigation. He cabled Secretary of War Woodring and was given an interview Wednesday morning with General Craig, Chief of Staff on the War Department. The District Attorney wants information from the camp officials in order to conduct a proper investigation.

Tompkins spent three days in the forests making his investigation. He has had several local investigators on

the job as well as two experienced troopers from the Coudersport Barracks.

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According to the Associated Press a party of Federal and state officials led by George Wirt, chief of the division of protection in the Bureau of forests and waters, moved into the area the night of the tragedy.

The Associated Press also states that: Wirt said that the group would attempt to determine if "slip-up in control" was responsible for the deaths.

Charles H. Taylor, acting CCC director in Washington, assigned investigators to aid Captain Alton Miller of the Indiana, Pa., district headquarters in an inquiry. T
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Rumor has it that all CCC b
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to fight anymore forest fires in
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IMPRESSIVE MASS FOR FIRE VICTIMS

More Than Six Hundred Attended Services In St. Marks Monday

St. Mark's Catholic Church was filled to capacity Monday morning at ten o'clock for the Solemn Requim Mass celebrated in memorium of the seven young men who lost their lives in the recent disastrous forest fire near here Wednesday of last week.

The entire personnel and enrollees of the Cameron CCC camp, of which the boys were members, and of the Veteran's Camp at Sinnamahoning, were in attendance as well as many people of Emporium.

Rev. Paul J. Glegerich, Northwestern Pennsylvania CCC Chaplain, sang the Mass, with Rev. Raymond J. Semindinger, Pastor St. Elizabeth's Church, Driftwood, Deacon, and Rev. William E. Franklin, Assistant Pastor, St. Mark's Church, Sub-Deacon. Rev. Joseph B. Kenney, Pastor of St. Mark's was in the sanctuary.

Following the Mass Rev. William E. Franklin gave a very inspiring sermon using as his text "Watch and Wait for you know not when your hour may come."

Memorium cards were distributed bearing the names of the seven young men who were Gilbert Mohney ,Basil Bobush, John Boring, Andrew Stefphanic, Howard May, Ross Hollobaugh, and Stephen Jacofsky, a majority of whom were Catholic.

The boys and veterans made a solemn and impressive march from the trucks to the church. Many of the boys came away with unshamed tear-stained cheeks and all hearts were heavy at the loss of their seven comrades.

More than six hundred people attended the impressive rites.