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9 DEAD IN MINE BLAST, 5 HURT

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 8 (AP)—The toll in the Dorrance mine explosion Monday was increased to nine with the death yesterday of John Brinkus of Kingston. Five men injured victims were reported in serious condition.

Judge Henry A. Fuller, head of the Luzerne County bench, after investigating the explosion, has launched a drive to eliminate smoking in the mines with heavy jail penalties.