

FIVE VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION

**Bodies Have Been Recovered
From the Catsburg Mine.**

THE FIRE STILL BURNING

**Man Whose Safety Lamp Is Thought
To Have Caused the Combustion
Badly Injured But Will Recover.**

Monongahela City, Pa., March 7.—All five bodies of the victims of the explosion at Catsburg mine were recovered about midnight, and were brought out to the main entrance. The victims are:

Robert Howery, fifty-five years old, foreman.

James Howery, his son, twenty years. John Gelder, foreman, Sunnyside mine, forty-three years old.

Isaac Eastwood, fire boss, fifty-five years old.

William McFarland, boss driver, thirty-eight years old.

John Hager and James Ternent were badly hurt, but will recover. The recovery of the bodies was attended with great difficulty and danger to the rescuers.

Side by side in the undertaking rooms of Frank Bedout on Main street lie the bodies of the five miners who met their death in the Catsburg mine. The remains are badly mutilated and the faces are burned almost beyond recognition.

Five mine inspectors went into the mine this morning with material to close the entry in hope of extinguishing the fire by smothering. It continues to burn with ever-increasing fury.

Superintendent Seddon, who was overcome by fire damp last evening while trying to effect the rescue of the victims, is himself in a serious condition to-day.

From what can be learned, John Hager, a machinist, went into the mine about noon and placed his safety lamp in one of the room entrances. At least a score of men were with him and just as Hager put the lamp in the opening a terrific explosion followed.

All the men were knocked down by the force of the explosion and many of them rendered insensible.

Hager was stunned for a minute, but as soon as he regained consciousness he crawled over the prostrate forms of the men and succeeded in getting to the mouth. He was followed by James Ternent. The other men were horribly burned about the face and hands.

Despite the fact that Hager was suffering intense pain, he crawled back into the mine and tried to rouse the workmen who were piled on the floor, but without success. He then went back to the opening and was taken in charge by a physician. Ternent and he were removed to their homes.

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