

SEVEN LIVES SACRIFICED

Miners Tossed From Bucket
By An Explosion and

WERE CRUSHED TO DEATH

While Descending a Mine
Shaft With Lighted Gasoline
Lamp and the Accumulated
Gas in the Mine Was Ignited
With Awful Results.

Bluefield, W. Va., July 21.—As a result of an explosion in the Dixon mine at Huger, in the east end of the Tug Riverfield at 8 o'clock Tuesday, night, Wallace Mitchell and four miners, Ernest Jones, Palmer Harris and Robert Harris, brothers, and John GEmore are dead, and Bill Crouse and Langdon Whiteside will die from burns and shock.

The men were going on duty for the night and had started down the shaft in a bucket. They had gone about half way down when the explosion occurred.

The first five men named were blown out of the bucket and down to the bottom of the shaft, where they were later picked up. Their bodies were crushed almost to a pulp.

The explosion was caused by the men having a gasoline lamp in the bucket while descending, the light igniting an accumulation of gas.

The safty lamps are ordinarily used in entering and it is not known why the men carried the gasoline lamps.

1906 Dixon-Pocahontas Shaft explosion
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