

A MINE HORROR IN TUG RIVER

Five Killed Outright and Two
More Will Die As Result
Explosion.

BODIES OF THE DEAD
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Men Going on Duty Last Night at the
Dixon Mine Carried Gasoline Lamp
in Bucket Down Shaft and En-
countered Accumulation of Gas—
Names of Victims.

Bluefield, W. Va., July 19.—As a result of an explosion in the Dixon mine at Huger, in the east end of the Tug River field, at 8 o'clock tonight, Wallace Mitchell and four miners, Ernest Jones, Palmer Harris and Robert Harris, brothers, and John Gilmore are dead, and Bill Crouse and Langdon White 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 were blown out of the bucket and fell 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 lamp ignited an accumulation of gas. The safety lamps are ordinarily used in entering, and it is not known why the men carried the gasoline lamp.

1906 Dixon-Pocahontas Shaft explosion
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