

## ANOTHER VICTIM DIES.

### Mt. Lookout Roll of Dead Numbers Nine.

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Another death has resulted from Tuesday afternoon's explosion in the Mt. Lookout colliery, bringing the number of dead up to nine. Joe Deslerro, aged 30 years, of Sixth street, Wyoming, who was in a very critical condition when taken to the hospital, lingered until 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when he passed away. His body was taken to his boarding house in Wyoming, and the funeral will be held tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Three of the other victims at the hospital are still in serious condition. They are Peter Orlanski, William Dombroski and Joe Bureski. These men are suffering greatly from external and internal burns. While their death is not expected immediately, yet comparatively little hope is entertained for their recovery. The physicians and nurses at the hospital have their hands full, caring for all of the burn cases, but in the very nature of the injuries the worst must be expected to come within the next week. This is indicated by the fact that Mike Novak, a man brought in from the Mt. Lookout last Friday, suffering from burns received in an explosion of gas, was in a worse condition last night than any of those brought Tuesday. A week is sometimes necessary for the crisis to come in a serious burn case. The best of care is being given all the men. Indeed the highest praise is due the management of the hospital for the efficiency with which the force of physicians and nurses have handled the large number of cases that were rushed to the institution within a couple of hours' time. There was a great demand for old muslin for bandages, but the friends have responded handsomely to the call for muslin, for which Mrs. Castro desires to return thanks. Yesterday a large number of lady friends of the hospital were busily engaged at the hospital preparing bandages, and other ladies are expected to continue the work tomorrow.

Interest now centers in the coroner's inquest. Acting under instructions from Coroner Dodson, Deputy Coroner John Oberdorfer, of West Pittston, viewed the bodies of the dead and made the preliminary arrangements for the holding of an inquest. The jury has not yet been selected, neither has the time been fixed for the inquest to be held. Coroner Dodson deemed it wise to wait a few days until the funeral of the victims were over and definite word had been received in regard to the condition of those most seriously burned. It is likely that the sessions of the jury will be held in the Exeter town hall. Coroner Dodson declares that it his purpose to make a searching investigation into the causes leading to the explosion.

Mt. Lookout colliery has not been in operation since the explosion occurred. The officials were ready to start the colliery this morning, but few of the employees put in an appearance and it was impossible to mine or prepare any coal. A large number of the employees will not go back to work until the funerals of the victims are over. The funeral of Pasquella LaPorta was held this morning from his home in Wyoming, and was attended by a large company of Italian friends. That of Arthur Smallcomb took place this afternoon from the family home in West Pittston, interment being made in West Pittston cemetery.