

10 IMPRISONED IN MINE

Boswell Colliery Scene Of A Gas Explosion.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—While Supt. J. G. Logan and a party of miners were investigating conditions, which had been unsatisfactory, in the coal mine of the Merchants' Coal Company, at Boswell, Somerset county, tonight a gas explosion occurred which has already cost the life of one man and may result in the death of a dozen more.

Because of the anticipated trouble the night shift was not permitted to enter the mine, and thus the lives of many men were spared. Superintendent Logan, accompanied by Mine Boss George Morris, Pit Boss John Cole and 11 foreigners, had begun an investigation and were nearly a mile back in the mine when the explosion occurred. Such was its force that a 10-ton motor was turned upside down. The mine caved in and the passageway was completely blocked with 10 men back of the obstruction.

Three badly burned foreigners found their way out and carried the superintendent, who was unconscious. He died soon after being taken from the mine. Rescue parties are working hard in an effort to rescue Morris, Cole and the eight foreigners, whose fate at this time is uncertain. Immediately upon hearing of the explosion State Mine Inspector Lowther started from Somerset to direct the rescue work.