

SIX DEAD, 20 INJURED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—Six men were killed and a score injured, some fatally, as a result of an explosion of coal dust in the No. 1 mine of the Stearns Coal company at Barthell shortly before noon today. Of the thirty men who were working in that section of the mine where the explosion occurred, not one escaped injury. The entries were not blocked and the work of rescuing the dead and injured was unimpeded, after the fumes had been driven from the mine by the fans.

While it has not been definitely determined, it is thought the disaster was the result of the ignition of a cloud of coal dust, swept into air from the floor of the mine when one of the large fans was started.

The explosion in the Barthell mine is the second mine disaster in Kentucky coal fields within a week. Just one week ago thirty-five miners met death in the Drakesboro mine.