

RESCUERS ARE UNABLE TO FIND SIGN OF LIFE

Disaster Occurs in East Brook-
side Mine Near Pottsville,
Pennsylvania.

DEATH LIST MAY BE
AS HIGH AS FIFTY

Bodies of Victims are Being Re-
covered.—Fire Boss Fatally
Burned.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug.
2.—At least thirty anthra-
cite mine workers are be-
lieved to have been killed to-
day in an explosion of gas
in the East Brookside mine
of the Philadelphia and
Reading Coal and Iron
company at Tower City,
twenty miles from here.
There were two explosions.

Seven bodies were recov-
ered after the blast.

One of the men rescued
alive estimated that there
were thirty-six men at work
when the accident occurred.
The explosion was caused
when men driving a tunnel
drilled into a large pocket of
gas.

Three men badly burned
were rescued, but two of
them are not expected to
live.

Officials at headquarters
of the Reading company
here are reticent and be-
yond admitting that there
was an explosion said they
know nothing of it. It is re-
ported that Superintendent
Lawrence is among the
dead.

Five colliery ambulances
and all the doctors in that
region are at the mine.

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POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 2.—A large number of anthracite mine workers are reported to have been killed in the East Brookside mine of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company at Tower City, about twenty miles from here. Estimates of the reported dead run as high as fifty.

There were two explosions. Two bodies were recovered and the rescuers reported the finding of five other men dead and not a sign of life in the mine. A fire boss was taken out fatally burned.

Until the company officials look over their rolls it will not be known how many men were in the mine. Many of the miners, however, do not work Saturday afternoon.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 2.—Telephone message to this city are to the effect that Howard and Harry Hand, aged 18 and 20 years, are the only ones known to be dead but that five men have been located at the bottom of the shaft and efforts are being made to communicate with them. Fire Boss Schoffstall was taken from the mine terribly burned and may die. No signs have come from any of the men in the mine that they are alive.

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