

Two Heavy Explosions of Gas Wreck Interior of East Brookside Colliery

BODIES OF TWO BOYS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

Fire Boss Fatally Burned; Others in Mine Are En- tomed

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Tower City, Pa., Aug. 2.—Two explosions of gas in the East Brookside mine operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, near Tower City, this morning at 11.30 o'clock, resulted in the death of at least fifty miners, it is believed. Two boys, Howard and Harry Hand, were taken out dead.

The two ahd boys are aged 18 and 20. hey are frightfully burned. he other miners are entomed in the mine and every effort is being made to communicate with them to reach them. Five men are trapped at the bottom of the mine shaft.

There are no signs of life in the mine and it is feared the death toll will be at least a half hundred.

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It is not known how many were at work in the mine but it has bee nestimated as high as fifty.

Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 2.—Seven dead have already been recovered from the East Brookside colliery at Tower City where two explosions of gas occurred this afternoon and one of the men rescued alive estimates that there were thirty-six at work when the accident occurred. It is believed by the miners at the ill-fated colliery that the list of dead will reach at least thirty.

he explosion was caused when men driving a tunnel drilled into a large pocket of gas.

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

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