

Nine Killed and Five Injured, Three Probably Fatally, in Local Mine Explosion. Another Man Missing, Cut Off From Searchers By Fire

Nine men are dead and five others are badly burned, only two of them being expected to live, as the result of an explosion of gas in the Red Ash vein of Prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. Another man is unaccounted for, and it is believed that he may be buried under some of the debris that fell after the explosion. If he is in the mine he is probably dead, as the place where he would be is cut off from the shaft by a fire which started after the explosion. The accident occurred shortly after noon yesterday. Mine rescue crews were rushed into the mine through the Oakwood shaft, and before 4 o'clock, all of the bodies, but the one still missing, had been recovered.

The dead are:

David Owens, 22, runner, 60 West Thomas street, Miner's Mills.

Patrick F. Gavin, 19, runner, 605 Miner's road, Parsons.

John Hudjo, 18, nipper, 27½ Sheridan street, Miner's Mills.

August Welgas, or Thomas Wallace, 22, mule driver, 807 North Washington street, Wilkes-Barre.

John S. Severnak, 20, mule driver, 573 Grant street, Parsons.

Thomas Barsyczin, or Thomas Bardeski, 42, miner, 62 Johnson street, Wilkes-Barre, died in hospital.

Bruno Letenski, 19, door boy, 12 Lewis street, Miner's Mills.

Michael Mehilo, 18, driver, River street, Port Bowkley.

John Lacowitz, 44, miner, Port Bowkley.

The injured in City Hospital are:

Louis Seyka, 31, miner, 47 Johnson street, city, critical.

John Kowalewski, laborer, 14 River street, Midvale, critical.

John B. Belash, laborer, 47 Johnson street, city, critical.

Frank Kabilka, 30, miner, 11 Henry street, city.

Frank Metzo, 21, driver, 695 North Washington street, city.

The man unaccounted for is:

Daniel Sowchak, laborer, 863 North Pennsylvania avenue, city.