

# **NINE MEN KILLED IN MINE DISASTER**

**Caused by an Explosion in Valley Smokeless Coal Company Mine Near Johnstown, Pa.**

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—An explosion in mine No. 1 of the Valley Smokeless Coal company, near here, late Monday caused nine deaths. Eight miners were killed by the explosion, and Homer Phillips, chief of the first aid department of the Cambria Steel company, died in a hospital Monday night as a result of being overcome by gas while heading a rescue party.

The miners killed, all of whom were Americans, were:

EDWARD EVANS.  
DAVID EVANS.  
JAMES EVANS.  
JACOB WOLF.  
JOHN HOFFMAN.  
CHARLES STEPHEIN.  
VALENTINE CHESCHAL.  
C. F. HAYS.

The mine was not in operation Monday, and the victims had received permission to do what work they could to earn extra money.

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