

# NINE MEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

## Chief of First Aid Leading Rescue Party Is Overcome By Gas

Johnstown, Pa., May 24.—An explosion of mine No. 1 of the Valley Smokeless Coal company near here late today 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 tonight as a result of being overcome by gas while heading a rescue party. Phillips had penetrated the workings for the second time when he was overcome.

The mine was not in operation today and the victims had received permission to do what work they could to earn extra money. The explosion took place about 2,000 feet from the entrance.

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