

# EIGHT KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Johnstown, Pa., May 24.—An explosion in 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.

The miners killed, all of whom were Americans, were Edward Evans, and his sons, David and James Evans; Jacob Wolf, John Hoffman, Charles Stephen, Valentine Cheschal and C. F. Hays.

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