

8 DIE IN MINE EXPLOSION

**EIGHT OTHERS ARE SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED.**

**100 Men Escape When Gas Blast
Wrecks Workings Near
Christopher, Ill.**

Christopher, Ill., July 28.—Eight men were killed, eight seriously wounded and a dozen slightly hurt by a gas explosion in the United Coal Mining Company Mine No. 1, one-fourth of a mile east of Christopher, Franklin county.

The explosion took place in the sixth southeast entry, where more than 100 men were working.

Rescue Corps at Scene.

The cause of the explosion is not known.

The dead are: John Parks, Everett Swofford, George Gimatis, Mike Orsega, Frank Bonaski, H. M. Dufour, Alphonso Dofour, Julius Takasch.

As soon as the accident was reported rescue corps were formed by employes of the mine and the first of the injured were brought to the surface.

Members of the State Mine Rescue Corps arrived in automobiles from Benton and took charge of the rescue work.

The injured were removed to their homes and the Zeigler hospital after receiving first aid treatment at the mines. All bodies have been removed from the mine.