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Explosion- 7 killed February 8, 1916

SEVEN KILLED IN MINE.

Gas Explosion in Nottingham Colliery At Plymouth, Pa.

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Feb. 8.--A gas explosion killed seven men in the Nottingham colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes Barre Coal company at Plymouth late today. Water hampered the work of the rescuers.

[Council Bluffs, (L.A.) Nonpareil Feb. 9, 1916]

NINE MINERS DIE IN GAS EXPLOSION AT PLYMOUTH

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 8.--Nine miners were instantly killed and a number injured in an explosion of gas in the Nottingham mine at Plymouth, this afternoon. Rescuers are at work in the mine and it is feared the death list may grow. A score of doctors have been sent to the mine. The explosion occurred at 1:30 this afternoon but it was nine o'clock before the company's officials would make known the extent of the disaster.

[AMSTERDAM (N. Y.) SENTINEL FEB 9, 1916]

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS 7 MINERS.

Fatal Accident in Lance Colliery at Plymouth, Pa; Cause Is Unknown

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 8--Seven men were killed in a gas explosion in a gas explosion in the Lance colliery of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal Company at Plymouth this afternoon. All the victims were of foreign birth. About one hundred men were in the mine when the explosion occurred. They were hurled in all directions, several of the dead and injured being found scattered along the gangway. The dead are: Stanley Shusta, aged 38, married, six small children; John Lasaki, 26; married; George Gorki, 22, married; Michael Miklaonis, 49, wife and nine children; Stanley Niewodonski, 19, single, driver, and Walter Balesta, 26, single. John Subanski, aged 30, and Peter Jameski, doorboy, 16, were injured, but will recover. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

[Pittsburgh, Pa. Dispatch Wenesday, February 9th, 1916]

SEVEN MINERS KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

WILKES BARRE. Penn., Feb. 8.—A gas explosion killed seven men in the Nottingham Colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company at Plymouth late today.

[New York Times Feb., 9 1916]

Seven Miners Killed by Explosion.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 9. Seven men were killed and two injured by a gas explosion in the Ross Vein of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth late yesterday.

[New York Mail Feb., 9, 1916]

NINE DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION.

Men at Wilkesbarre Work at Great Odds to Reach Injured in Colliery.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

WILKESBARRE, PA., Tuesday.—Nine men were hurled to their death by an explosion of gas in the Ross Vein of the No. 6 slope of the Lance colliery at Plymouth early today. The death list may be larger and it is also believed that several mine workers have been injured. Working in secret and against great odds, a corps of mine officials and first aid men have been seeking for several hours to reach the injured and dead. The rescue work is slow and hazardous because the mine has been greatly damaged by the force of the explosion. Rescue parties were at once sent into the working. At the entrance of the vein it was found that coal and rock had been loosened by the explosion, causing a damming.

[NEW YORK HERALD FEB 9 1916]

SEVEN MEN WERE KILLED IN COAL MINE EXPLOSION.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 9.—Seven men were killed in a gas explosion in the Lance colliery of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal company at Plymouth yesterday afternoon. All the victims were of foreign birth. About 100 men were in the mine when the explosion occurred. They were hurled in all directions, several of the dead and injured being found scattered along the gangway. The dead are: Stanley Shusta, 38 years old, married, six small children; John Lasaki, 26 years old, married; George Gorki, 22 years old; married; Michael Miklaonis, 49 years old, wife and nine children; Stanley Niewodonski, 19 years old, single, driver, and Walter Balesta, 26 years old single. John Subanski, 30 years old, and Peter Jameski, doorboy, 16 years old, were injured, but will recover. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

[Butler, (P.A.) Citizen Feb 10, 1916]

7 KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION.

Shaft In Lance Colliery At Plymouth Wrecked From Unkown Cause.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 9.--Seven men were killed late yesterday afternoon by an explosion of gas in the Ross Vein of the No., 5 Slope of the Lance Colliery at Plymouth. The dead:

Stanley Shusta, 38, married, six small children.

John Lassasski, 26, married, no children.

George Gorki, 22, married, no children.

Michael Mikalonis, 49, wife and nine children.

Stanley Stanfsewski, married one week

Vitold Niewdonski, 19, single, driver.

Walter Balesta, 26 single.

John Subanski, 30 years, and Peter Jamseski, door boy, 16, were injured, but will recover.

Officials entered the mine for an examination at 10 o'clock last night. The cause of the explosion is unknown. All the victims were of foreign birth and several of them left large families. It is believed some of the men were killed by black damp which followed the explosion. The gas is believed to have been ignited by the naked lamp of one of the miners. Owing to the force of the blast, which badly damaged the inside workings of the mine, the rescue work was slow and tedious.

About one hundred men were in the mine when the explosion occurred. They were hurled in all directions, several of the dead and injured being found scattered along the gangway. Those who escaped the blast rushed to the foot of the shaft only to find that wreckage had made it impossible to hoist or lower the carriage.

A large rescue squad was quickly put to work and after several hours succeeded in forcing an opening through the wreckage and bringing the imprisoned miners to the surface. At midnight it was announced that all had been accounted for. Hundreds of persons gathered about the mouth of the mine awaiting news of relatives and friends.

[Harrisburg (P.A.) STAR-INDEPENDENT FEB 9, 1916]

SEVEN KILLED IN MINE BLAST.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 9.--Seven workmen were killed and two injured by a gas explosion in the Ross vein of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Plymouth.

[Chicago ILL. JOURNAL Wednesday Feb. 9th 1916]

SEVEN MEN KILLED BY MINE GAS EXPLOSION.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 9.--A gas explosion killed seven men in the Ross vein of the Nottingham colliery, Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., at Plymouth yesterday. About 100 men were in the mine when the explosion occurred. They were hurled in all directions. Several of the dead and injured being found along the gangway. Those who escaped the blast were imprisoned untill a rescue gang forced its way to them. A miner's open lamp is supposed to have ignited gas, causing the explosion. All the injured are expected to recover. The men who were killed were foreigners.

[Pittsburgh, PA. Press Wednesday, February 9, 1916]

NINE KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION.

Gas Blast Wrecks Shaft at Plymouth, Pa.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb 9.--Nine men were killed by a gas explosion in the Ross vein of the No. 5 slope of the Nottingham mine, at Plymouth. The death list may be larger and it is believed six persons were injured. Company officials say the identity of the dead is not established, owing to the fact that one hundred other employees who escaped from the mine failed to register. It is believed, however, that all of the dead are of foreign birth. Working in secret and against great odds, a corps of mine officials and first aid men are seeking the dead and injured. The force of the explosion has been such, however, that rescue work is slow and tedious, the mine being badly damaged. A body of mine gas was touched off in some unknown manner, but probably by the naked lamp of one of the miners. The blast which followed hurled men in all directions, wrecked the interior of the mine and rocked the surface. Those who escaped the blast rushed to the foot of the shaft only to find that wreckage had made it impossible to hoist or lower the carriages. A force of men were at work quickly and in about two hours the shrieking miners at the foot were lifted to the surface. The first aid teams of the mine made some effort at rescue work and reports were soon sent to the surface. Five of the dead were found scattered along the gangway. Further on two more bodies were found and it was reported that rescuers had come across the bodies of two more, besides a few of the injured.

[LEBANON (P.A.) Times Feb. 11, 1916]