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Kempton, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Fifteen men were killed and five seriously injured by an explosion of dust in mine No. 42 of the Davis Coal and Coke company here today. All the victims were foreigners. Fifty-one miners were rescued. The exploration of the workings was completed late today and all the bodies recovered.

### Did Not Interfere With Working of Cage.

The explosion occurred shortly after the men had entered the mine. The blast, however, did not interfere with the working of the cages in the main shaft and the men not within range of the explosion hurried to the foot of the shaft and were at once brought to the surface. Rescue parties composed of miners from neighboring mines were hastily organized and lowered into the mine. Among the first to reach the shaft was R. P. Maloney, general superintendent of the Davis Coal and Coke company, who took active charge of the rescue work. The mine was not badly damaged, according to rescuers.

### Crushed Under Fall of Slate.

The explosion occurred about 2,000 feet from the bottom of the shaft, where more than a score of miners were working. According to Maloney, all the victims were crushed under a fall of slate.