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Wilkes-Barre, March 9.—Six mine workers are believed to have been suffocated and one mine foreman was seriously injured in a fire in a slope of the Hollenback colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company in this city, which was discovered at 1:30 this afternoon and which had not been conquered at midnight.

But one body of the half-dozen men known to be in the mine affected, had been recovered up to midnight as the smoke kept the rescue corps from reaching the victims. No list of the names of the six victims had been issued by company officials to-night, but word was sent out at midnight that the bodies would probably be reached within an hour. Thomas I. Evans, foreman and leader of one of the rescue corps, received burns about the hands and injuries to the back while endeavoring to reach the men who are believed to have been suffocated by smoke.

Company officials to-night said their investigation indicated that no explosion of gas had occurred, but said that the slope was a particularly gaseous one in which none but safety lamps was permitted. This is the second disaster at colliery of Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Company in this region within the past month, seven men having been killed and two injured in an explosion of gas in the Lance colliery at Plymouth on February 8. State mine inspectors are in the workings with the rescue corps to-night making an investigation.

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