

6 MAY BE DEAD IN COLLIERY

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 9.—Six mine workers are believed to have been suffocated and one mine foreman was seriously injured in a fire in a stope of the Hollenback colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company in this city which was discovered this afternoon and which had not been extinguished at a late hour tonight. But one body of the half dozen known to be in the region affected had been recovered up to midnight, as the smoke kept the rescue corps from reaching the victims. 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 said tonight that their investigation indicated that no explosion of gas had occurred but that the stope was a particularly gaseous one in which none but safety lamps were permitted.

This is the second disaster in a colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes Barre company in this region within the last month, seven 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 tonight, making an investigation.