

EIGHT KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Occurred In Robindale Mine
Eight Miles West Of
Johnstown.

Johnstown, Pa., March 30.—Eight men are known to have been killed as a result of an explosion of gas in the Robindale mine of the Cone-maugh Smokeless Coal Company at Seward, eight miles west of here today. Ten hours after the blast, six charred bodies were recovered and hope for the recovery of the others known to have been in the mine at the time was abandoned.

The dead included John Waddell, superintendent of the mine; H. H. Yocum, electrician; George Watson, a motorman; Thomas Hoover, a cage man and four foreign miners. Thirty men are regularly employed in the mine but because of a strike declared yesterday, only four reported for duty today.

The other dead were: Sam Verbun, George Kolardish and Mike Belowich, miners. The explosion occurred about 1,000 feet from the mouth of the mine. The workings were badly wrecked, heavy steel beams used in the overcast being bent and twisted. The tibble was destroyed and the fan put out of commission. The mine began to fill with water shortly after noon retarding rescue work but the pumps were started and the water was finally removed.

One hour after the explosion, the first aid crew from the plant of the Cambria Steel Company was on the scene. Mine Inspectors Thomas D. Williams and Nicholas Devens along with five men from the Pittsburgh station of the United States bureau of mines, also assisted in the rescue work.

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