

Kills Three Instantly, Injures Three Others So Bad They Die in Hospital—One Victim Recently Qualified as Mine Foreman

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Six men are dead as a result of a gas explosion in the Woodward No. 3 slope of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company at Westmoor yesterday. Three were killed instantly and the remaining three died within a few hours at Nesbitt West Side Hospital where they were taken as fast as modern methods could convey them.

The dead are:

Ernest Hilton, Short street, Edwardsville. Miner. Single.

Benjamin Williams, 20, 105 Zerbey avenue, Edwardsville. Miner. Single.

Frank Yerma, 37, 26 Pulaski street, Kingston. Laborer. Married. Wife and children in Europe.

Stanley Busha, 35, Ash avenue Kingston. Miner. Married. Wife and seven children.

John Litwok, 17, 16 Pulaski street, Kingston. Single. Door boy.

Joseph Glukowsky, 32, 27 Woodbine street, Pringle Hill. Miner. Married. Wife and four children.

Burned Beyond Recognition

Those instantly killed were Hilton, Litwok and Glukowsky. All these men were burned almost beyond recogni-

o'clock before the first man was brought to the surface. He, as were the two others instantly killed, was taken from the shaft at the Woodward breaker. The injured were taken from No. 3 shaft at Westmoor. Those injured received first aid in the mines and their wounds were re-dressed when they reached the surface, and then they were immediately rushed to Nesbitt West Side Hospital.

They were all horribly burned and they died one after another within a few hours after they reached the hospital.

Qualified As Mine Foreman

Ernest Hilton recently passed the examination for mine foreman and would have soon taken up his new duties. He was recently engaged to be married and the ceremony was to take place within a short time. He was a popular young man in Edwardsville and his home was filled with mourners last night.

Busha had a wife and seven children dependent on him for support and Glukowsky had a wife and four children. Frank Yerma leaves a widow and family in Europe and was saving

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