

FATAL ACCIDENTS AND DISASTERS IN WHICH TWO OR MORE PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES

October 26, 1917—McDowell County—While returning from their work in Page No. 1 Mine of the Page Coal & Coke Company, Louis Quarrels and J. H. Toney, negroes, miners, were caught by a fall of slate at mouth of First Right Entry of mine and instantly killed.

November 13, 1917—Marion County—Samuel M. McMahon, Scotch, Company Inspector for the Jamison Coal & Coke Company, and Brice Warren, American, an Assistant, were overcome by gas in Jamison No. 7 Mine of that Company, both losing their lives before assistance could be rendered them. They were wearing oxygen helmets and searching for the bodies of three men who had lost their lives by a gas explosion in this mine some months previous to this accident.

November 4, 1917—Logan County—Harold Hamilton, Isaac Walker, J. M. Bear and Wingfield Enochs, Americans, outside laborers, were electrocuted at Proctor Mine of the Proctor Coal Company. These men, together with three others, were changing the electric wires from a temporary substation to a permanent rotary substation which had just been completed. In stretching the necessary connecting wires they allowed the line to swing to such an extent that it came in contact with the high voltage wires of the Logan County Light and Power Company, carrying 44,000 volts, killing four instantly and badly burning the others.

December 15, 1917—McDowell County—A local gas explosion caused by a door being left open, short-circuiting the air, occurred at Yukon No. 1 Mine of the Yukon Pocahontas Coal Company. At this explosion the following lost their lives:

- Frank Hail, American, bratticeman.
- Bill Hoops, American, tracklayer.
- Arthur Spears, American, tracklayer.
- Ben Johnson, American, motorman.
- Leroy Bonds, American, tracklayer.
- D. L. Turpin, American, tracklayer.
- Geo. Cloud, American, tracklayer.
- Linn Sheets, American, assistant foreman.
- Pete Hoster, Austrian, tracklayer.
- Tom Chufrane, Austrian, miner.
- Geo. Steneck, Tyrolen, tracklayer.
- Ed Johnson, Negro, miner.
- Bob Grigsby, Negro, tracklayer.
- Geo. Coil, Negro, miner.
- Dan Brown, Negro, motorman.
- Adolfus Coil, Negro, tracklayer.
- Scott Necessary, American, tracklayer.
- J. R. Johnson, American, laborer.

February 19, 1918—Mercer County—While cleaning up a slate fall on the main entry of Caswell Creek Colliery of the Pocahontas Fuel Company, Roosevelt Delaney, Negro, slateman, Janos Szabo, Hungarian, slateman, and Richard Delaney, Negro, slateman, were instantly killed, and Thomas Brown, Negro,