

# GAS EXPLODES IN YUKON MINE; FIVE ARE DEAD

DRY FORK BRANCH, McDowell County, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Nine miners were injured and five are probably dead as the result of an explosion of local gas in Yukon mine No. 1, here shortly after 7 o'clock tonight.

After the detonation had torn coal, earth and stones from the excavation, the miners were trapped beyond rescue. Fellow workers digging like mad, recovered nine of the bodies by 9:30. The remaining five were entombed under tons of debris.

Yukon Number 1, had been known to liberate local gas for some time, but officials of the Yukon Pocahontas Coal company, the mines owners, disregarded this fact, believing that it harbored no danger for their men.

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