

## FIFTEEN MEN KILLED IN ALDERSON MINE EXPLOSION

Atoka, July 1.—The cause of the Rock Island Coal Company mine explosion at Alderson, Okla., wherein fifteen men were killed yesterday morning, is a complete mystery to Ed Boyle, State Mine Inspector, and other experts, after an entire day spent examining the slope where the blast occurred. They know that gas caused the disaster, but where it came from is a puzzle.

There was not a trace of gas in the section today, nor was there the day before the explosion, yet the death of the men without their having moved fifteen feet in most cases, due entirely to lack of oxygen, proves a complete, slow combustion which took all the oxygen from the atmosphere, Mr. Boyle says.

Work can be resumed tomorrow in the destroyed affected part of the mine. It requires nothing more than ventilation, as the destruction by the explosion was very limited.

The list of the dead follows:

Billy Burns, married.  
Andrew Bruski, married.  
John Wallock, married.  
John Passet, single.  
John Bolden, single.  
William Grisley, married.  
Steve Kincaid, single.  
Sherwood Wilson, married.  
Anastasio Soviano, married.  
Babe Booth, married.  
John Pathrick, married.  
John Cannon, married.  
Pasque Cantives, married.  
F. Romerz, married.  
Roy Shields, married.

Funeral will be held tomorrow and Thursday, some in charge of lodges, but most conducted by the local union.

All the other imprisoned miners have been rescued.