

NINE BURNED TO DEATH IN MINE

Fire Follows Gas Explosion in
Mine Near Birmingham.

Accident Occurs in Property of
Railway Fuel Company.
Cause Undetermined.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 23.—Nine men are dead from burns in a fire at the Parrish mine of the Railway Fuel company, nine miles south of Jasper, following a gas explosion in the mine this morning. Three died in a hospital here tonight, and seven others suffer injuries.

The dead: R. A. Rochelle, George Bell, H. Kyles, Reuben Phillips, Dora; Lee Chamblee, Parrish; R. F. Chapman, Double Run, Ga.; Charles Lamb, Double Run, Ga.; Ulos Bentley negro, Parrish; John Jordon, negro, Parrish.

The injured: James Summer, J. H. Garrison, W. E. Perry, W. H. Martin, Earl Eaty, Blueter Johnson, Columbus Peoples. The last three are negroes.

The badly injured men were taken to Birmingham hospitals on a special train immediately after the accident. Special trains with surgeons and first aid equipment were rushed to the scenes in answer to an emergency call to the Birmingham offices of the fuel company.

According to the miners who escaped injury, 206 men went into the mine this morning when operations were resumed following a shut down of more than a week, and when the first squad of workmen progressed about half a mile within the drift a terrific blast occurred, with flames racing along the corridors, making escape impossible and burning to death those nearer the scene of the explosion which tore timbers from their moorings but did not choke the draft.

Rescuing parties were immediately organized and fought their way into the wrecked mine, removing the dead and injured.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined.