

BLOWOUT SHOT FATAL TO 5 IN DILLTOWN MINE

Four Workmen Killed In-
stantly — Fifth Dies
Later in Hospital

INSPECTION IS MADE

Belief Expressed Accident
Was Result of Pow-
der Explosion

INDIANA, Pa., March 20.—Four men were killed instantly, one was fatally injured and three others rendered partially conscious from shock by a "blowout" shot in a section of the Dilltown Smokeless Coal company mine No. 1 at Dilltown, near here, at 7 o'clock this morning.

The dead:

Joseph C. Kidar, aged 37, married and having two children.

Stanley Kidar, aged 35, married and having one child.

John Suscane, aged 35.

Dominick Colangelo, aged 40, married and having two children.

Paul Caranche, aged 25, single. The latter died after being taken to the hospital.

There is some question as to what actually caused the accident, some holding that it was an explosion of gas accumulated in a pocket, while the general belief is that it was the result of a powder explosion, no gas having ever been known to be prevalent in the mine. The mine is owned by O. M. Hewitt.

As soon as the accident was discovered by a workman, Foreman Charles Harrison rushed rescue workers into the mine and the dead and injured were removed. State Mine Inspectors Thomas D. Williams and C. N. Crocker, of Johnstown, visited the mine later in the day and conducted an investigation.

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