

# NINE BODIES ALREADY BROUGHT OUT OF MINE; 20 MORE MAY BE DEAD

**Explosion in Gates Mine of  
H. C. Frick Coke Co., at  
Gates, Pa., Trapped Men  
in a Room Far From the  
Mouth of the Mine To-  
day**

**EXPERIENCED  
FEAR THAT ALL  
HAVE PERISHED**

**Feverish Efforts Are Being  
Made to Reach the Place  
Where the Men Were  
Caught By Explosion, a  
Mile and a Half Away  
From Shaft**

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—The bodies of nine miners, killed in an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here to-day, had been brought to the surface at noon from the entry, one and one-half miles from the foot of the shaft where the accident occurred. Twenty men, it was stated, were still in the mine, and experienced miners, working feverishly to reach them, expressed the opinion that all were dead.

## ITALIAN CABINET VOTES TO RESIGN

Government of Premier Bonomi Will  
Go Out, Says Semi-Offi-  
cial Report.

Rome, Feb. 2 (by the Associated Press).—The Italian government of Premier Bonomi has decided to resign, the semi-official Stefani agency announces.

The cabinet council met this morning to discuss the situation created by the attitude of the Parliament, says the statement and as a result the government's decision to resign was reached.

The democrats upon which the government had counted 150 votes, had passed to the opposition over night, while the Fascisti and nationalists maintained their strong opposition. The catholic party remained firm for Premier Bonomi, however, as did also his own small group of reform socialists.

With the reassembling of the Italian Parliament to-day several questions confronted the Bonomi ministry. A sharp dispute had arisen over the government's attitude toward the Vatican, while some sections of Parliament condemned the government for the fact that Italy had been left out of the Pacific pact framed at the Washington conference. Suspension of the Banca Italiana di Sconto was another thorn in the government's side.

## POOR CONSTRUCTION OF THEATRE BLAMED

For Collapse at Washington Causing

## CROWDS WATCH NEAR VATICAN

To See the Nature of the  
Smoke Signal From  
Sistine Chapel

**DARK SMOKE MEANS  
NO CHOICE MADE**

**Cardinals Go Into Secret  
Assembly to Elect  
Pope**

Rome, Feb. 2. (By the Associated Press).—The conclave of the Sacred College to choose a successor to Pope Benedict XV began its sittings to-day. The 52 cardinals who are in Rome went into seclusion last night and when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the court yard of St. Damaso was closed they were cut off from communication with the outside world until their task was done.

The balloting is not expected to consume more than two days, and the next pope, in the consensus of opinion in Vatican circles, will come from among the moderate section of the Sacred College. Neither the "irreconcilables" nor the "peace party" which favors closer relations with the Italian government is understood to have a chance to elect its candidate, the moderates holding the balance of power.