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**UNITED STATES RESCUE
FORCE RUSHED TO SCENE**

**Seemingly Not Known Whether
Other Men Entombed in Deep
Mine are Alive or Not.**

(By United Press Leased Wire)
Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-
four men were killed in a gas ex-
plosion at the Gates, Pa., mine of
the H. C. Frick Coke company near
here early today.

Sixteen have been brought to the
surface.

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Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Nine
bodies crushed by a fall of slate fol-
lowing an explosion in the Gates
mine of the H. C. Frick Coke com-
pany at 2 a. m. today had been
brought to the surface at noon.

Authoritative accounts said 23
were in the mine at the time of the
explosion.

The explosion occurred about a
mile from the main entrance which
is located 23 miles from here.

The dead were removed to a mor-
gue in Masontown.

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Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Six
bodies were reported to have been
recovered from the explosion-wrecked
mine of the H. C. Frick Coal
company at Gates today while
searching parties were digging their
way toward 21 men believed en-
tombed.

The workings, 250 feet under
ground, are a good distance from
the two main shafts of the mine and
the fact that neither entrance was
damaged led searchers for the U. S.
bureau of mines to believe that
the explosion was near the center of
the mine.

Occurs Before Day Force Arrives

In normal times, 1,000 men are em-
ployed but today when the explosion
occurred, officials estimated that
about 40 men were in the mine, the
regular day force having not re-
ported for duty.

A relief train from Brownsville, 15
miles from Gates, was on hand to
render first aid as the imprisoned
men are liberated.

The rescue car of the U. S. bureau
of mines was rushed to the scene.
Doctors and nurses armed with
medical supplies and blankets were
sent from Brownsville.

Large Crowd Gathers

A large crowd of women and chil-
dren, families of mine workers,
gathered about the mines, ready to
identify bodies of husbands and
relatives.

The U. S. bureau of mines report-
ed the accident was caused by an
explosion of gas. Beyond that, the
bureau said it had no further details.

Plant officials said they had no
details of the accident.

The mine is located at Gates, Pa.,
about ten miles from here.

The local undertaker received a
call for 30 "rough boxes."

Known as "Gas" Mine

Scotdale, Pa., Feb. 2.—Officials of
the H. C. Frick Coke company here
today said that only 21 miners were
in their Gates mine when an ex-
plosion occurred there early today.
Their information was that five
were known dead.

The workings at Gates were
known as a "gas" mine, officials
said, but they had no definite in-
formation as to the cause of the
disaster.