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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 Lensed Wire)
Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-four men were killed in a gas explosion at the Gates, Pa., mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company near here early today.

Sixteen have been brought to the surface.

(By United Press Lensed Wire)
Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Nine bodies crushed by a fall of slate following an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company 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 morgue in Masontown.

(By United Press Lensed Wire)
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 entombed.

The workings, 250 feet underground, 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 employed but today when the explosion occurred, officials estimated that about 30 men were in the mine, the regular day force having not reported 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 children, families of mine workers, gathered about the mines, ready to identify bodies of husbands and relatives.

The U. S. bureau of mines reported 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

Scottdale, 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 explosion 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 information as to the cause of the disaster.

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