

## ONE BODY RECOVERED, TWO OTHERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN DEBRIS OF HART COAL CO. SHAFT

### "Windy Shot" Blamed For Explosion and Fire Trapped Nine Miners in Un- derground Workings

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—One miner is dead and two others are believed to have perished in the explosion in the Hart Coal corporation mine near here last night.

Rescue teams today recovered the body of Paul Wheeler and are continuing their search for Tom Chinn and William Joyce, all white, who are believed to have lost their lives. All of the six others who were imprisoned by the blast have been rescued.

No estimate was placed on the damage to the mine. The tippie and air fan apparatus were damaged to such an extent that mining engineers said it probably would be two weeks before the mine could resume operations.

Coroner Ernest Watts held an inquest into Wheeler's death today and said it was due to a gas explosion, the cause of which is not known.

Witnesses declared the force of the blast threw a pillar of flame 100 feet into the air from the mouth of the shaft. The tippie was partly wrecked and the cage jammed in the shaft. This caused an accumulation of debris in the shaft and hampered efforts of rescuers to reach the men imprisoned under ground.

The explosion prostrated high tension electric lines which crossed the mouth of the shaft, adding to the difficulty of rescue workers and throwing this place in darkness for an hour.

"Windy Shot"

## 1924 Six Kentucky miners trapped after mine explosion rescued

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