

GAS EXPLOSION IN GLEN ALDEN MINE KILLS 5 WORKERS

INVESTIGATORS FAIL TO DE-
TERMINE CAUSE FOR ACCI-
DENT IN COLILERY AT
EDWARDSVILLE.

Coming to the surface shortly before noon today after a morning spent in a careful survey in the Red Ash vein of the Woodward colliery of the Glen Alden Coal company, at Edwarsville, where a mysterious explosion yesterday afternoon resulted in the deaths of five mine workers and serious injury to three others, members of the inspection party announced that the cause of the explosion has not been definitely ascertained.

An official stated that no fire followed the explosion and that the damage to the chambers near the scene of the explosion was slight. The investigation will be continued this afternoon.

Joseph Reynolds, superintendent of the Woodward mine; John Corgan, Thomas Williams and D. P. Davis, all state mine inspectors; Patrick Deviers, superintendent of the Truesdale colliery of the Glen Alden Coal company, and George O'Hara, an inspector for the company, made up the inspection party that spent hours in the mine this morning.

W. W. Inglis, president, and Shelby D. Dimmick, vice president and general manager of the Glen Alden company, also visited the mine this morning.

Those Who Were Killed.

The list of dead follows:

Leroy Williams, aged twenty-seven, acting door tender, of 19 Green street, Edwardsville. Died at 2:15 o'clock this morning in the Nesbitt West Side hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

David R. Jones, aged thirty, bratticeman, 39 South Welles street, Kingston. Died last night at 9:30 o'clock in the Nesbitt hospital.

John Teriska, aged thirty-five, a miner, of 222 Slocum street, Kingston.

Frank Dugan, aged twenty-six, motor runner, of 527 Northampton street, Kingston.

Joseph Major, aged forty-eight, miner, of 24 Center street, Kingston.

The injured in Nesbitt hospital are:

Elmer Metzgar, aged thirty-five, miner, 193 Summit street, Edwardsville, face lacerations and head injuries.

Thomas Smith, aged twenty-one, runner, 868 West Eighth street, West Wyoming, severe burns; in critical condition.

Leo Kondracki, aged twenty-two, brakeman, 81 Zerby avenue, Edwardsville, severe body burns.

The explosion occurred 1,150 feet below the surface and about a mile from the foot of No. 1 shaft. It was fortunate that only a few men were in the mine near the scene of the accident as the majority had finished their day's work and had started for the foot of the shaft.

Find Body of Motor Runner.

Following the terrific explosion mine workers who were on their way to the foot of the shaft ran to the section of the mine where they found an electric motor off the track in a gangway and the body of Frank Dugan, the motorman, underneath the motor. It was necessary to jack up the motor to extricate Dugan's body. It is believed that Dugan had just left an empty car at the mouth of a miner's chamber, some distance up the gangway, and was preparing to quit for the day when the explosion took place. Dugan's body was frightfully burned.

John Teriska and Joseph Major, two miners, were found dead, side by side, at the mouths of their chamber about 150 feet up the gangway from where Dugan's body was discovered. There were no burns on the bodies of the miners and it is believed they were killed by the concussion and after damp.

Dr. D. H. Lalle, of Kingston, was at the head of the shaft to treat the injured as they were removed from the mine. The injured were then rushed to the Nesbitt hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

For twenty-two years Joseph Major had worked in the Woodward mine. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Sophie, Joseph, Mary, Andrew, Rose, Helen and Mitchell. The funeral will be conducted from the home on Monday morning.

Frank Dugan will be buried from his home in Kingston Monday morning. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Orent and the following brothers and sisters: Constance, Anthony, Joseph, John, Michael, Mary and Nellie. Dugan had worked at the colliery for two years.

John Teriska has no known relatives in this country. He had worked at the Woodward mine for two years. The funeral will take Monday morning.