

FIVE KILLED IN EXPLOSION AND SEVEN ARE HURT

**Dynamite Used In Blasting at
Glass Sand Company Lets
Go Prematurely**

EARTH ENTRAPS MEN

**Investigation of Accident Will
Be Made By Officials
During Today**

(By The Associated Press)

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va.,
June 7.—Five men were killed in a premature explosion of dynamite and seven injured, two seriously, when engulfed in a slide of sand which followed the blast at the sand pit of the Berkeley glass sand company, near here late today. The men killed were Irvin Henry, George Walls, Emory Miller, Romanis Dawson and George W. Miller.

The dead men were residents of Berkeley Springs.

Ordinarily the men who work at the base of the sand bank have ample time to find a place of safety, for a signal is given that a blast is about to be set off at the top of the bank. In this instance because of the premature explosion there was no warning and the workmen were trapped by the quick onrush of earth.

The men buried in the sand were quickly removed by other employes and taken to a hospital.

Company officials and county authorities who made a preliminary inquiry said a further investigation of the accident would be made tomorrow.

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SIXTH VICTIM DIES

Blast in Virginia Sand Pit Claims Another Life.

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va., June 8.—(AP)—A premature explosion of dynamite in a sand pit claimed its sixth victim today with the death of Oliver Moon. Three men were killed instantly and two others died from injuries. The blast occurred late yesterday at the Berkeley Glass Sand Company plant. Physicians feared Phillip Norris, one of the six workmen injured, would die.

The men were tamping dynamite into holes preparatory to the final shot of the day when a charge exploded prematurely.