

Eight Men Believed Killed In Explosion At Shannon Branch

Eight Miners Trapped About Eleven O'clock Last Night; Later Explosion Endangers Lives of Officials.

Welch, W. Va., May 14 (AP)—Eight men were believed to have been killed in an explosion late last night in the Shannon Branch mine of the Central Pocahontas Coal Co., about three miles from here. Twelve others, late reporting for work, were near the shaft when the explosion occurred and escaped safely. A later explosion while company officials and state mine department inspectors were in the mine endangered their lives, but they made their way out safely. They held out no hope for the eight men caught by the first blast.

The first explosion which trapped eight workers far back in the mine came soon after eleven o'clock last night. It was followed by two smaller blasts during the night and shortly before four o'clock this morning a fourth explosion came while the state officials and company heads were about two miles back in the mine. The men caught in the first explosion and believed to have been killed were Kelsey Kuva, Harry Lebling, Lester Burk, and Earl Dockey, white and Howard Maxwell, Joe Gudger, Will Smith and Will Griffin, negroes.

The party included W. D. Lee, state mine inspector and P. H. Gillie, safety director of the state mine department and General superintendent C. M. Gates. Superintendent D. C. Martin and mine foreman L. R. Stover in their investigation they were unable to determine the cause of the explosion but from their observations believe they were local and that the damage to the mine was comparatively small. After they emerged it was decided to make no further effort to enter the mine until late today when it was thought it would be possible to recover the bodies of the men in the mine.

FIFTY PERSONS DROWN

Madras, India, May 14.—Fifty persons drowned yesterday in the foundering of a launch which was caught in a terrific gale off Gutala. The launch was on its way from Mahjahmundry to Palavaram.

Mrs. Snyder and Gray Prepare for Trip to Sing Sing

New York, May 14. (AP)—Sentence of death hanging over the heads of Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Jud Gray have effected them in antipodal manner it was revealed today. Gray perusing his Bible in jail in Long Island City sees himself "one of the best examples of what whiskey lust and sin will ultimately lead one into" he is described as resigned to his doom. Mrs. Snyder sees herself a victim of injustice and is prepared to fight against the death sentence. Gray and Mrs. Snyder began today arranging for their trip Monday to Sing Sing's death house. They are under sentence to be electrocuted the week of June 20.

Government Wants Building Experts

Washington, D. C., May 14.—The United States Civil Service Commission states that it has not received enough applications for positions of architects and engineers to meet the needs of the Supervising Architect in connection with the \$165,000,000 public buildings program recently authorized by Congress.

Examinations are open for assist-