

Take Three Charred Bodies From Shannon Branch Mine

Welch, W. Va., May 15.—(AP)—The charred bodies of three of the eight men trapped by a gas explosion late Friday night in the Shannon branch mine of the Central Pocahontas Coal company were recovered today. Rescue crews, pressing toward the point where it was believed the other five had been working, expected to find their bodies before daylight.

Officials held no hope that these men would be found alive because of the quantity of after-damp—the deadly gas that follows mine explosions—encountered by the rescue workers.

1927 Shannon Branch Mine explosion
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