

8 BELIEVED DEAD IN MINE AS BLAST ROUTS RESCUERS

Men Trapped Far Back in Workings — 12 Others Have Narrow Escape.

Welch, W. Va., May 14 (AP)—Eight miners, trapped by an explosion in the Shannon branch mine of the Central Pocahontas Coal Company, near here, late last night, were believed to have been killed. A second blast occurred early today while company officials and State inspectors were in the workings. They escaped uninjured.

Twelve miners, members of the regular night shift of 20, reported for work late. They were at the shaft mouth ready to enter the workings when the blast occurred. They were uninjured.

After two other minor explosions early today the rescuers decided to defer any attempt to explore the workings until late today. The eight workers trapped were far back in the mine.

1927 Shannon Branch Mine explosion
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